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Suspected Stalker Still at Large

Female Students Targeted in String of Local Harrassments

By Brian Thorne
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Staff Reporters

Since September, numerous female students at Sacred Heart University have allegedly been harassed by a single individual. The incidents have gone unreported until recently. The suspect, a white male believed to be between the ages of 40 and 45, has been following Sacred Heart students around shopping centers and outside residence halls, asking them inappropriate questions of a sexual nature.

Since the incident was reported to police, Director of Public Safety Linda Maloney has emailed two security alerts regarding the suspect and his vehicle to all students, faculty, and staff at Sacred Heart. The

second security alert, emailed on Nov. 11, describes the suspect as being between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 10 inches tall, medium build, mustache, and has a bald or shaved head. In other information provided in the e-mail, he drives a silver Ford Explorer with a Connecticut registration license plate number 363-RKR. The vehicle has a small red stripe detail around the body.

"We know who he is but to the best of my knowledge he has not been arrested," said Director of Public Safety Linda Maloney. Maloney explained that, because of the circumstances of the alleged crimes, the suspect is not likely to be immediately locked up. "If he is arrested, he will probably go free on bond anyway."

Bridgeport Police were first notified of the suspicious person on Nov. 8 and Officer J.

Long was dispatched to file the incident report. According to the police report, two female students reported that a man was possibly stalking them. The women stated that the suspect was following them while they were shopping at Stop and Shop located on Madison Avenue. The students stated that they immediately contacted store security and the suspect then fled from the store. He was seen by one of the students getting into a silver Ford Explorer but was unable to obtain the correct license plate number.

The two students, freshmen Alison A. from Maine and Ellen M. from New York, asked that their actual names be changed to protect their identity from the suspect.

"[The suspect] was following us around the store," said Alison A. "At one point, I looked to [Ellen's] left and he was stand-

ing there staring at us. So we headed toward the checkout. We were hiding in another aisle and we could see him checking the aisles, like surveying the area, looking for us. So we asked to speak to security."

"Suddenly [the suspect] showed up at the end of an aisle staring at us again," said Alison A. "I'm sure he overheard all the commotion we were causing. He started getting into a really fast walk and then he just broke into a run out of the store."

The same students had seen the suspect exactly one week earlier the night of Nov. 1 at an intersection on Main Street.

"[The suspect] was in an S.U.V. at the stoplight next to us," said Ellen M. "He motioned to me to roll down the window...we were thinking maybe he needed directions. So we rolled down the window. He started talking about

how he was wearing a thong and that he wanted to strip for us. We were just freaked out."

"[Bridgeport Police] have not yet contacted the individual," said Detective Sergeant Adaletta of the Bridgeport Police Department, "but we are currently working on this case."

Public Safety's security alert reports that the suspect has approached students on Old Town Road, Madison Avenue, Main Street, and the Eckhart Street area in Bridgeport and asked inappropriate sexual questions. The email also warned that another incident had taken place at the Cascades Park (part of Lake Mohegan) in Fairfield.

Jennifer Paquette, a junior from Wethersfield, also had an encounter with the suspect. Around midnight on Halloween,

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Cabinet Assesses State of University

By Anthony Franciosa
Staff Reporter

Nearly 200 people attended Sacred Heart University's Sixth Annual State of the University Address (SOTUA) last Wednesday in the Edgerton Theatre to voice their opinions, questions, and concerns to the President's Cabinet.

The objective of the event, which was organized by Student Government, was to give the

student body direct access to the policy makers of the University so they could convey their needs and heighten the awareness of the administration.

"We want the cabinet members to become more aware of the situations students are facing on campus," said CCO Vice President Colleen McCormick, a senior from Hicksville, NY.

The event began with an address from Student Government President Guy Savage, who was of the opinion that Sacred Heart was in need

of improvement. Nonetheless, he stated that problems could be corrected if the administration and the student body worked collectively to improve the condition of the University.

Savage then encouraged the students in the audience to become actively involved in Sacred Heart affairs. With this in mind, he contended that students should challenge the administration and its policies by questioning "why things are being done

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SHU Students Named for File Sharing Lawsuit

By Steve Horvath
Staff Reporter

The file-sharing issues that have dominated media discussion for the past year have landed squarely in the lap of Sacred Heart University. At least two Sacred Heart University students have been named for inclusion in an RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America) lawsuit brought against computer users who download and share copyrighted materials.

In an effort to decrease the amount of illegal downloading on college campuses this fall, RIAA has broadened its search for downloaders, naming at least 2,300 college students in a lawsuit on behalf of major record companies. In a previous lawsuit, four students were named and at least two settled out of court for an undisclosed amount of money. If found guilty, students at SHU can expect to be fined upwards of \$150,000 for each copyright infringement.

Many SHU students are unaware of the implications of file-sharing and the tracking ability of the RIAA.

"What's the big deal? I

really don't think Trick Daddy is going to starve because I downloaded 'I'm a Thug'," said Maggie Nemetz, a fifth-year Physical Therapy student from Shelton.

Some students feel that the actions taken by the RIAA are intrusive and unfair.

"What gives them the right to see what I have on my computer? I would feel violated if I was named in a file-sharing lawsuit," said Jason Quagliata, a senior from Stonybrook, NY.

The RIAA, which represents such megaconglomerates as Sony, EMI, UMG, Time Warner and BMG, has initiated a string of lawsuits based on intellectual property and copyright infringement, all under the auspices of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998. The RIAA finds file-sharers by going undercover and posing as one itself. The company signs on to a file-sharing service such as KaZaA and then tracks users who download "substantial" amounts of information. The company then presents the IP address of the user to the file-sharing service, demanding personal contact information for that user.

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Photo by Robert Trenske

The President and his cabinet address the students at the annual State of the University Address.

Fashions of "Arabian Nights" Raise Money for International Student Scholarship Fund

By **Teresa Diaz-Hennessey**
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 13, 2003 the international club put on a fashion show filled with diversity and multicultural aspects. An Arabian decorated runway, spotlight and stars, diverse music, and the night's hosts were ready at the beginning of the international club's annual fashion benefit.

"I'm really excited to be hosting this year for the fourth year in a row, and especially this year because the cause is something that is very important to me," said Lillie Orellana, a senior from Bronx, NY and the host of the show along with Ikm Morah, a senior from New Orleans, LA.

The funds from the show went towards the international student scholarship fund that was

students, and \$5 for non-student audience members.

"The fashion show is a great opportunity to get involved with. This is one of my last times to interact freely with the diversity here on campus, before heading into the real world where diversity is everywhere," said Morah.

The fashion show included over 20 models, both members of the international club and volunteers who not only modeled today's fashions, but fashions from their country.

"I think it's a great event that the club puts on, not only in fashion today, but in fashion from their traditional nationality attire, and I think that's what makes the show so unique," said the advisor of the International Club, Tina Shah, who is also the coordinator of the International and Multicultural Center.

Shah said she was very

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established in November of 2002 by the club. For international students there is no government funding provided or scholarships available besides the funding provided by the club. Money was donated through ticket sales and donations. Tickets were \$3 for

proud of the members of the club and the volunteers for putting on such a great show.

Models wore up to five different types of clothing. First starting off with casual wear, which was sponsored by Delia's and Weathervane stores. Clothes



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Jasmine Wheatley models a traditional dress from the Virgin Islands.

varied from jeans to skirts.

Next came career wear, which was sponsored by Talbots. Clothing consisted of both men's and women's suits. Modeling career wear were Guy Savage, the student body president; Jen Hradek, vice president of student senate; Paul Herman, Omega Phi Kappa's president; and members of the International Club.

Club wear was sponsored by Mande's and included clothing such as flashy skirts, boots, and hats. Among the club wear models was volunteer Mike Galdieri, a sophomore from Palisades Park, NY and a brother of Sigma Delta Chi.

"I volunteered for the benefit to spread multicultural awareness and for community service hours," said Galdieri who enjoyed modeling for the show.

International clothing that was modeled included outfits from India, Virgin Islands, Africa,

Puerto Rico, Vietnam, and more.

The benefit included not only modeling, but performances by SHU F.O.R.C.E., a belly dancing performance by Jowan Sayfadeen, and an Indian performance by Elissa M. Ramchitar.

"Elissa's Indian performance



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Enid Velez models a garment from Spain.

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Female Students Targeted by Stalker

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the suspect pulled up outside Paquette's Oakwood apartment on Madison Avenue in his gray Explorer. He then followed Paquette and her roommate to the main door and allegedly stated, "I want to strip for you."

"We ran inside, we are lucky there is a safety door on each floor so he could not follow us into our hallway. But then he proceeded to wait outside of our door for approximately 10 minutes and then left," said Paquette.

Paquette later discovered that the same person had approached her friend and allegedly made the same statement.

"If I had not found out what the individual was saying [to

other females], I would have never ever put two and two

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Jen Paquette

together," said Paquette.

At least 10 female students have come forward to Public Safety since the suspicious person was first reported to

Bridgeport Police on Nov. 8. Many of the students who have been harassed had a meeting with Maloney and Bridgeport Police on Nov. 12 in an effort to help police gather information about the suspect.

"There were ten students in that meeting, and [Maloney] said that some of [the other harassed students] weren't even there," said Alison A.

Maloney said that Public Safety, as well as the Fairfield and Bridgeport police, has increased patrols to "keep an eye out for the suspect." However, no new officer will be permanently stationed at any student housing. She said that if the suspect confronts anyone, they should call 911 immediately.

Second Sexual Assault Alleged

Mention of second incident is absent from Public Safety reports

By Brian Thorne
Staff Reporter

An alleged sexual violation involving a Sacred Heart University student was reported to Fairfield Police on Wednesday Oct. 29. Detective Sergeant Eugene Palazzolo of the Fairfield Police Department launched a preliminary investigation.

"After a cursory investigation, it was determined that there was cause to start a full investigation," said Palazzolo. "It was also determined that the actual event did take place off campus and the investigation was then

turned over to the Bridgeport Police Department. The Fairfield Police report will not be available because this is a pending investigation," said Palazzolo.

"No arrests have been made," said Detective Sergeant Adiletta of the Bridgeport Police Department.

According to Adiletta, the alleged suspect is not a Sacred Heart University student. Adiletta also confirmed that the event did take place off campus, however did occur at an off campus Sacred Heart housing facility (East Hall, Parkridge, Park Royal, or Taft).

"There will be a detective reassigned to [the case], at which time more information will be available," said Adiletta.

This is the second alleged sexual assault this semester involving a Sacred Heart

University student. The first alleged sexual assault was reported on Sept. 12 and is still

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being investigated according to the Fairfield Police Department. Unlike the first sexual assault, which was reported by an area hospital, the alleged victim reported this incident.

"[The two sexual assault cases] are not connected in any way, shape or form," said Palazzolo.

The alleged sexual assault was absent from Public Safety's reported incidents log on Oct. 29, the day it was reported to police.

As required by law, Public Safety publishes reported incidents concerning students, faculty, and staff for each day. The incident reports list dates, times, and locations of the daily Public Safety activity. Included in the incident reports is off campus legal activities that pertain to Sacred Heart students as well. The alleged sexual assault still has not appeared on any of the following incident reports to date.

"I can't comment right now...this is a pending investigation and to be quite honest, I

don't have all the specifics," said Director of Public Safety Linda Maloney.

Maloney chose not to comment when asked specifically why there was no record of (the sexual assault) in the Public Safety reports on the day it was reported to police. Also, Maloney refused to comment on whether or not an effort to keep more serious offenses, such as sexual assaults, out of incident reports, is made.

"[Female students] need to be aware of what's going on so we can better prepare ourselves for a situation that may arise," said junior Kelly Dietz from Westchester County, NY. "It is important as well for [women] who have been assaulted to know that others have been in a similar situation."

Student Government Hosts "State of the University Address" in Theater

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[and] why things aren't." In doing so, students may improve the institution, he concluded.

"Everyone in this room has the potential to truly make a difference on this campus, and to truly make this a place for the better," said Savage, a junior from Taunton, Massachusetts. "Take on the challenge of being a voice on campus, someone with ideas and opinions, someone that will truly leave their impact on this University."

Following Savage's speech, Sacred Heart University President, Dr. Anthony Cernera addressed the audience.

During his talk, Dr. Cernera confidently declared that the state of the University was "good." In regards to the University's shortcomings, he explained that the administration was actively planning various projects that will ultimately provide a solution to the problems currently burdening the institution. Nonetheless, in agreement with Savage, he recognized that these solutions were "enormous" challenges that would require the efforts of the entire University.

After Dr. Cernera's speech, the session moved to open forum, allowing the students in attendance to directly address the president and his cabinet members for the remainder of the event.

Shortly thereafter, Class of 2005 Senator Jen Paquette approached the microphone and asked what the administration was doing to increase the number of courses students can choose from.

According to Dr. Cernera, who answered the question, Sacred Heart will be able to hold more classes next semester due to the addition of eight new classrooms, which are currently being

built in University Commons. In addition, he stated that the University is currently planning the construction of a new academic building, which will allow the institution to broaden their

on campus next year. Some have suggested limiting sophomore parking while others have recommended not allowing off-campus residents with access to the shuttle service to park on on-campus,

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Dr. Gary Rose

course offerings even further.

Following Paquette's inquiry, junior classmen Meghan Mullane asked a question regarding the parking problem on campus.

In response, Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president for finance and administration at the University, told the audience that Sacred Heart was planning on building a new 5 to 6 story parking garage in South lot. Nonetheless, he realized that this did not offer an immediate solution to the problem.

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Guy Savage

According to Sr. Donna Dodge, vice president for mission and planning at the University, a sub-committee of students, faculty and staff will be assembled to come up with a reasonable way to eliminate 100-150 cars

she said. So far, no policy has been activated.

Afterwards, an anonymous Jefferson Hill resident, whose front door padlock had been broken for a month before it was repaired, complained that Sacred Heart's Department of Buildings and Grounds did not respond to work order requests in a timely enough manner.

Director of Facilities Management Michael Giaquinto, who responded to the complaint, apologized for the inconvenience and told the student that he would look into the situation. Thereafter, he asked that all students process their work requests forms on a website program called Get-It, which was recently instituted by the Department. He also told the audience that he would reissue the instructions on how to access the website and fill out the forms.

Later Student Government Representative Jason Bowsza, who recently submitted a proposal to the administration that requested the University establish a safe-ride program, asked the Cabinet if the institution planned on providing an alternative means of transportation for students under the influence of alcohol.

In reply, Dr. Cernera told

Bowsza that he had received the proposal but did not have the chance to look at it. Nevertheless, he stated that the issue would certainly be addressed in the near future.

After the meeting was adjourned, Savage stated that he was satisfied with the outcome of the event.

"I thought the cabinet and the administration responded to the student's questions to the best of their ability and I thank them for participating in the event," he said.

Vice President for Student Senate Jen Hradek, on the other hand, thought the administration could have answered the questions in a more thorough fashion.

"I felt the students' questions were constructive but some of

them weren't fully answered [by the administration]," she regretted. "When students brought up broader issues... they were answered on a case to case basis rather than addressing the overall problem at hand."

Dr. Gary Rose, who mediated the event, said that the atmosphere of the Address was placid compared to previous ones, where emotions sometimes ran high. He then stated that this may mean the administration has resolved several of the issues that used to encumber the University.

"I noticed that students weren't as anxious as they have been in the past, which is a good sign because it means the University is solving many of the issues that troubled them in the past," Dr. Rose concluded.



Photo by Robert Trenske

Student Body President, Guy Savage, and President, Dr. Anthony Cernera, at the State of the University Address.

Thanks and Giving on a Traditional Holiday

By Melissa Petsitis
Staff Reporter

As the traditional story goes, it all began when the Pilgrims left Europe and embarked on a journey in search of The New World. As they finally reached "land," they signed America's first document of civil government. The Pilgrims were soon accompanied by helpful Indians to harvest for the following summer. They all gathered together over a three-

part of the many traditions held at Sacred Heart.

"For the past four years, we've donated at least 90-100 turkeys each year to St. Charles, plus a lot of food to St. Stephen's and other food pantries," said Director of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs Phyllis Machledt. "We've also tried in the past to have some speakers on hunger advocacy issues. UMOJA have been doing the meal swap for at least four years. Campus Ministry has held several vigils and meetings on hunger."

Thanksgiving traditions have not changed much since they began almost 400 years ago. It is still a day to give thanks and share the holiday with family and friends.

"My family comes over to my house every Thanksgiving to celebrate the holiday and my birthday," said senior Danielle Vastola of Stratford.

"We have free Thanksgiving lunch for the needy at my uncle's restaurant so I work there and then we go home and have an enormous dinner and just hang out with the family," said senior Julia Paridis of Milford.

"My family goes to good ol' gram's house for a huge dinner with all of my million relatives and get drunk with my aunts and uncles," said senior Kate Swords of Westfield, MA "and listen to them tell funny stories about all the stupid stuff they did when they were younger."

Sacred Heart University has expanded their activities throughout the years to help others and the community.

"This year we've added the opportunities to volunteer at food pantries and soup kitchens in a more formal way. Sacred Heart students have long been doing some of this on their own," said Machledt.

File Sharing Lawsuit Hits Home: 2 SHU Students Targeted by RIAA

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"I don't think it's fair. I'm a huge Franky Goes to Hollywood fan, and a lot of their stuff you just can't find in the music store. File-sharing is the only way I can hear their really classic live stuff," said Jocelyn Vento, a graduate student from Norwalk.

This argument and many others have been pushed aside by the RIAA as "frivolous." It feels that any and all artists are entitled to full monetary compensation for their work. However, many SHU students feel that the RIAA is motivated less by first amendment responsibility and more by bottom-line economics.

"Of course the RIAA is gonna come after people. They don't get paid unless the artists sell records. I think it is a real shame that they go after college students instead of maybe working towards a resolution with

up a major scam perpetrated by the major record releasers, all of which are supported by and support the RIAA. Four years ago, CD prices averaged \$17, however the dawn of the MP3, a type of easily sharable digital music file, and digital file-sharing forced a decline in record prices and the average price of a CD today is \$14. The five major companies represented by the RIAA were artificially increasing the price of new releases. File-sharers subverted this attempt by finding and releasing new music before

(www.eff.org) and check their name or IP address against a database filled with red-flagged downloaders.

According to the EFF, Students who wish to continue downloading but do not want to catch the eye of the RIAA should limit the number of downloads they make at one time, or even in a single 24 hour period. Students can also eliminate any sort of public or shared folder, making their files private and technically safe from the prying of outside users. The RIAA is

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Maggie Nemetz

official release dates. After a successful class-action lawsuit against the RIAA, the companies were forced to lower CD prices and create a more competitive music marketplace.

The SHU student named in the current RIAA lawsuit was informed of the subpoena by University Legal Counsel. The University itself is not responsible for any illegal file-sharing. Under the DMCA of 1998, universities who provide internet and network capabilities fall under the heading of internet service providers and are therefore not responsible for the actual information being passed through the network.

In order to more fully inform students of the implications of file-sharing, the University has expanded its Computer License Agreement to include a four point list of information about file-sharing. Any student who wishes to find out if they are being personally tracked can log on to websites such as the Electronic Frontiers Foundation

mainly attracted to "supernode" computers. Supernodes are a kind of file-sharing hub, a megamarketplace of file-transferring. Students who are not sure if they might be considered a supernode should contact either the SHU InfoTech Dept or the Electronic Frontiers Foundation.

Sacred Heart University students who are named in RIAA lawsuits can apply for legal counsel by the University. There are also a large number of internet-based help groups willing to offer legal counsel. They can be found on sites such as www.subpoenadefense.org. Students may also receive a cease and desist letter from the RIAA, which serves as an initial and final warning to the user. Students are advised to contact the university IT department with any questions regarding file-sharing and "pirated" materials.

For more information on file sharing, turn to page 6 for editorials from Mike Trimble and Wang Cheng

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Ashley Gala

the companies like Napster and Morpheus," said Ashley Gala, a junior English major from NY.

While illegal file-sharing has become an "epidemic" in the music industry, it did serve to bust

day feast to thank God and years later, the fourth Thursday of each November was established as a national holiday.

Americans still celebrate the traditional Thanksgiving holiday each year, commemorating the original gratefulness to God that was celebrated by the Pilgrims. Almost 400 years of the Thanksgiving tradition feast is still shared among families and friends. The Sacred Heart community embraces this day of giving thanks with their traditions of helping the community.

The University has been collecting canned goods and turkeys and donating them to food pantries, such as Our Father's House Food Pantry and St. Stephen's Food Pantry, around the area as

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- Dec. 9, Westport Library

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The Ethics of File Sharing (Stealing)

This past Monday (November 10) one of our students spun the lock on her mailbox, reached inside, and pulled out an official looking letter from the University's Legal Counsel. The letter informed the student that the University had received notification from the Recording Industry Association of America that she was being accused of copyright infringement and that they would be seeking the legal means of determining her identification. This is the first step in what may become a very unpleasant and costly legal affair for the student.

If for some reason you don't already know it, file-sharing copyrighted material is wrong, illegal, and you can face serious financial consequence for participating in such activities. Maybe at first there was some debate about the legality of downloading copyrighted songs/movies/games from the Internet. The debate is over. The RIAA and other organizations that represent owners of intellectual property are taking legal action.

Where did these laws come from? Is it something new? Well for the answer to that, see the US Constitution (1787) Section 8 of Article 1, which reads (in part), "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries". If you think about it, file-sharing copyrighted material is no different than cheating, no different than plagiarism, no different than looting, or sneaking into a neighbor's house to steal jewelry or electronics. Just because "everyone else does it" does not make it right. More to the point, the fact that everyone else does it makes it even worse. Part of the foundation on which ethical behavior is based, is the concept that we don't take something that doesn't belong to us.

So, who does it hurt anyway, those record companies and movie people are rich aren't they? Well yes, some are, but the vast majority, in fact 99% of the people that make their living in those industries are no different than the rest of us. They depend on their jobs to support themselves and their families. About two and a half years ago BestBuy bought Musicland (Sam Goodies) for \$685 Million. In June of this year BestBuy sold Musicland for \$1. That is ONE THIN DOLLAR!

Selling CD's has nearly ceased to be a profitable business,

and the movie industry with their DVDs is not far behind. Local people, maybe even parents of some of our students, are affected. People who own or work in music stores in the Mall, or better yet musicians who struggle to be heard, are all affected. The music companies have lost the money necessary to take a risk on all but the sure thing. There are scores of successful musicians and actors who would not be where they are today, had the industry NOT had the money to invest in their unproven abilities. Are we being fair to all those people?

I feel great sympathy for any student who is targeted by the RIAA. I am hopeful that this editorial has made the whole issue clearer -- there must be no misunderstanding. Improper use of Sacred Heart computing equipment violates SHU rules and your right to use the system. If you are downloading copyrighted material, STOP. If you have copyrighted material on your computer that you do not own, remove it. The RIAA has software that scans a user's publicly available P2P directories, which leaves you open to snooping. Did you ever wonder how the RIAA knows how many downloads someone has BEFORE they issue the subpoena?

Software you can live without: KaZaA, Gnutella, Morpheus, iMesh, eDonkey, Grockster, Bearshare, Limewire, XoloX, Audiogalaxy, giFT, and Soulseek. If you have it, get rid of it. Instead try iTunes by Apple, where the songs can be downloaded for 99 cents. iTunes now is windows compatible. Another similar product is the new Napster which also sells songs for 99 cents. Other companies are scrambling to develop marketing models that answer needs not yet filled by iTunes and Napster. Both of these sites have over 400,000 songs online and legal arrangements with all five major record labels and over twenty independent record labels. The movie industry has plans to release something similar very soon. I believe within the next year or so, the availability and marketing of intellectual property of all types will go through yet another revolution that make access and legal ownership of these products all the more convenient and affordable.

Please see Wang Cheng's companion article and evaluation of legal online music services.

Mike Trimble
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Legal Alternatives to Illegal File Sharing

With the Recording Industry tightening up their grip on illegal file sharing and music downloading, it is time to consider going legal. If you are thinking about going back to buying CDs for \$17 at FYE you should think again. How about downloading legally your favorite songs for 99 cents and entire albums for just under \$10? In come services like Apple's iTunes and Roxio's Napster 2.0. Many of these online services are still lacking in many features but are quickly evolving to meet demand.

Napster 2.0 www.napster.com

Owned by Roxio, the new version of Napster is now a legal music download program which has a database of over 500,000 songs. You can download singles to burn to a CD for 99 cents and most albums go for just under \$10.00. You can preview 30 sec of every song. The program is fairly easy to use and provides a good interface for browsing music and good tools to organize and play your current music collection.

For an additional \$10 a month fee, you can also get Napster's Premium service which includes CD quality Internet radio as well as the ability to listen to full tracks online as many times as you want. These tracks can also be downloaded to be played offline in as many as three different computers. They are however, tethered to your Premium subscription; this means if the subscription is cancelled, the tracks will no longer play. Of course the singles and albums that you have purchased are yours to keep forever. Napster uses WMA (Windows Media Audio) format with DRM (Digital Rights Management). This means that you can use any WMA compatible music player (for a list of devices go to www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/conselec.aspx). It also means that Napster is only compatible with PC computers running Microsoft Windows XP/2000.

- File Format: WMA with DRM
- Cost per song: 99 cents
- Cost to listen to songs online: \$10
- Cost for Internet Radio: Include in above \$10 fee
- Players: Any WMA compatible device
- Compatibility: PC with Microsoft Windows XP or 2000 only

Apple iTunes www.apple.com/itunes

Apple has recently launched its iTunes service for Windows bringing to the PC world a service that only Apple Macintosh users had been privy to. iTunes provides a database of over 400,000 songs all of which are downloadable for 99 cents. iTunes also provides most albums at just under \$10 each. Songs that you purchase can be burned to a CD or copied onto an iPod player (iTunes only supports iPod and will not play in any other MP3 player at this time). iTunes also provides an extensive Internet radio selection free of charge.

Perhaps one of the most enticing features of iTunes is its built-in ability to share your music to your immediate local network. iTunes can import your current music collection and make it available to everyone with an iTunes player on the same network. Whereas you cannot download songs from a friend via iTunes, you can certainly listen to their collection.

- File Format: AAC
- Cost per song: 99 cents
- Cost to listen to songs online: N/A
- Cost for Internet Radio: Free
- Players: iPod only
- Compatibility: Apple OS X or Microsoft Windows XP/2000

Rhapsody www.listen.com

Recently acquired by Real Networks, Rhapsody provides an online music collection of over 450,000 songs. For a flat \$10 monthly fee, you can listen to as many songs in the collection as you desire in addition to having access to Internet Radio. To burn a song to CD will only cost 79 cents per song.

Rhapsody is a purely online service which means you have to be connected to the Internet in order to listen to music. While online you can create play lists and organize your favorite songs into a song library. You can burn entire play lists or single songs. Of course you can always burn songs to CD and then rip those tracks to MP3 format to use with your MP3 players.

- File Format: Online streaming or CD
- Cost per song: 79 cents (requires \$10 monthly subscription)
- Cost to listen to songs online: \$10
- Cost for Internet Radio: Include in above \$10 fee
- Players: N/A
- Compatibility: Microsoft Windows all versions
- More Information: <http://listen.com/faq.jsp>

Other Services

- eMusic www.emusic.com
Large collection of independent musicians and labels in open MP3 format
- Basic: \$9.99 per month/40 song download
- Plus: \$14.99 per month/65 song download
- Premium: \$19.99 per month/90 song downloads
- FullAudio MusicNow www.fullaudio.com
- Premium: \$4.95 a month;
- Full Access: \$9.95 a month. Permanent downloads, 99 cents each with Full Access
- MusicNet on AOL www.aol.com/ (For AOL users only)
- Basic service, \$3.95 a month
- Standard, \$8.95
- Premium, \$17.95
- MusicMatch: www.musicmatch.com
- Songs for 99 cents

Contributed by Wang Cheng

SET Responds to Advertising Concerns

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm an executive board member of the Student Events Team, the student government branch that programs the majority of events on campus. I'm responding to the article entitled "SHU Gives Short Notice" concerning notification of events to the students.

While in addition to working very hard to program the number of events that we do, we work equally as hard to advertise the events, and the same can be said for a number of other organizations on this campus, all a SHU student has to do is open their eyes. "The Heartbeat" is produced every month and in it is a calendar displaying every event scheduled for the month, including the time and location. In addition, various bulletin boards throughout the academic building advertise upcoming events including but not limited to: the SET board, the Commuter Life

board, the Student Government board and the International/Multicultural board.

All of these boards are located between FLIK and Hawley Lounge, where a majority of the students travel each day. And yes, emails have gone out saying "Comedian at 10:10pm tonight!" at 9:30pm, however this has never been the only notice of that comedian (or whatever event it may be); it is simply a reminder to the students that are sitting in their rooms around their computers that there is an event to come check out.

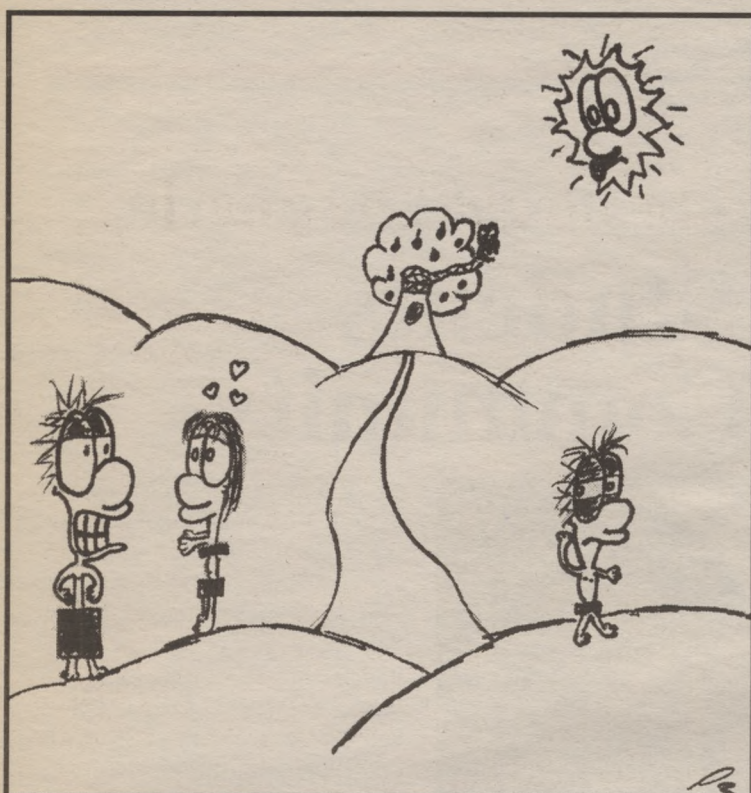
Also note, most of the events planned are not intended solely for the entertainment of the students living on campus, they are open to all full-time students. I myself am a commuter, as are many of my friends, but when there is an event that I'd like to attend I am willing to drive back to campus if I am not already here, as are my friends. As for next semester we do plan on

holding more events during more convenient hours for commuters, the problem is, in the past when we have had events during the day, attendance has been low.

Therefore if commuters want events during the day, they NEED TO SHOW UP. Also for the record, a copy of "The Heartbeat" is sent out to every freshman commuter, every month. If any other commuters would like a copy sent to them, if they can't find a copy in the hallways, all they have to do is contact myself at J-Prevelige@SacredHeart.edu or Tom Wuestkamp, we are both up in the Student Activities office.

Furthermore, if anyone has any better suggestions on how to advertise for events, or has any ideas for events in general, and would like to help, the SET meetings are open to everyone and are held at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings. Please feel free to join us.

Jason Prevelige, Class of 2004, 371-7956



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Let's Talk About Sex... Columns

Dear Editor:

On April 8, 2003 the University of Mississippi's student newspaper, The Daily Mississippi, ran a sex column titled "Morning or afternoon—any time's good for a 'nooner'" by sex columnist Sumer Rose. The columnist closed the article with the line, "So screw class, go home and screw instead."

Within a few weeks controversy over the column turned into national news. The entire staff of The Daily Mississippi came under fire for running the sexually charged article and Ralph Braseth, director of the student media center at the University of Mississippi, almost lost his job. From raunchily risqué to innocently informative, the sex column is still a hot topic amongst college newspapers.

More recently, several editors of the Spectrum, staffers of the Prologue, and members of WHRT radio attended the ACP/CMA National College Media Convention in Dallas, Texas. I sat in on such sessions as Finding Feature Story Ideas on Your Campus, Private Colleges and the First Amendment, and, of course, Everything You Always Wanted to Know but Were Afraid to Ask About Sex Columns.

The two speakers at the sex column session, Braseth and Scott Koskoski of Washington and Jefferson College, discussed the good and bad implications, the dos and don'ts, and shared their experiences regarding sex columns. I went into this session fully expecting to hear about sex, but I was surprised by how many other sessions included talk about the sex column.

As I walked to the first amendment session, I thought to myself, "I hope this session isn't too boring." I was in for a surprise when I found most people in the session were curious about how much they could get away with in their sex columns and not have their paper pulled by their schools. One particularly enthusiastic student from Wagner College showed all of us in the session their newspaper's first attempt at a sex column and informed us how it succeeded in having them shut down. They stopped running a sex column and now have their paper back, but it was certainly not a unique cautionary tale.

Even the session called Headlines that Sing and Sell relished in the sex talk. The presenter showed us countless headlines that accidentally contained sexual connotations in them, including one about the Beavers playing a team with a quarterback named Peters and another about a student being excited over her father

receiving a head job (which was intended to mean a promotion). Even the picture accompanying the job article was sexually suggestive, showing a girl with her mouth wide open in an "O".

It seems more and more universities and colleges are running sex columns in their student newspapers. These articles include relationship talk, information about sexually transmitted diseases, and, yes, down and dirty sex chatter. As you may have noticed, the Spectrum does not run a sex column. However, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University, and the University of Connecticut's student newspapers all run weekly sex columns. Fairfield University and Quinnipiac both have a "He Said/She Said" column in which one male and one female writer have a go at a single topic each week.

The University of Connecticut takes a little different perspective with their "Sex in the UniverCity" column. The authors simply go by A&E, their first names being Alyson and Emily.

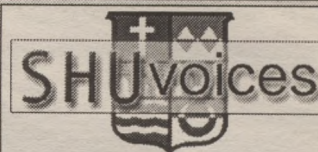
Alyson notes, "We both met at the first meeting [for the Daily Campus] and talked about how our friends always come to us for advice. Therefore, we thought an advice-type sex column would be a very interesting and important thing that most students would like to read (and adults as well)."

They cover all different topics not just having to do with sex, but also involving issues of dating and relationships. "Hook-up Hide-a-ways on Campus," "Can guys and girls really just be friends?", and their two part series asking "What does every guy need to know about girls?" and "What does every girl need to know about guys?" are among their favorites and the columns that have received the most feedback.

Alyson and Emily even provide an e-mail address at the end of the column, which is specifically for sex and relationship related questions and feedback. So far, Alyson reports that the feedback, both positive and negative, has been very helpful.

As I discussed the subject with other editors of the Spectrum and heard countless tales of woe and triumph in the world of college newspapers and the sex columns, I began to wonder what all this meant for SHU. Are we behind the times by not having a sex column or have we simply been fortunate enough to keep the dignity of our newspaper by not running one? Almost two weeks later and I still can't decide.

—Contributed by Katie Carroll, Spectrum Features Editor



Compiled by
Robert Trenske

What do you think about the Spectrum possibly starting a sex column?



"I think it would be an interesting idea...do you need a writer?"

Crystal Cassetori
Senior
Cayman Islands



"We think that it would be good as long as it was educational. Otherwise this is a Catholic University and we should uphold the values of the University's Mission."

Regina Dempsey / Brianne O'Sullivan
Senior / Senior
Pearl River, NY / Naugatuck, CT



"We think this sex column will enhance our quote on quote EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES"

Chad John / Jean (JP) Louis
Senior / Senior
Mount Vernon, NY / Norwalk, CT

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Sacred Heart's ESL Students Exchange Stories with Community

By Deborah Carrara
Staff Reporter

3030 Park Avenue in Bridgeport is a residential building inhabited by senior citizens of many diverse backgrounds. These seniors own one or two bedroom apartments and have the added convenience of living in a community filled with activities focusing on them and their enrichment.

With a calendar that is filled with activities that range from fitness training, to presentations, to computer lab time with lab instructors, the residents somehow even manage to find time to enjoy outings to concerts, museums, movies, and theater. One of the presentations that the residents enjoyed this past Friday was the last of three cultural exchanges with students from Sacred Heart University.

Yolanda Forman, a 92-year-old and eight-year resident of the building, has served as the resident's association president for the past two years.

"I'm not always available to enjoy activities that are scheduled, but I do go to the cultural exchange session whenever I can. The students that come here bring us stories and samplings from their countries and we share our experiences with them," said Forman.

"One gentleman's language skills have progressed so well," continued Forman. The "gentle-



Photo by Deborah Carrara

Sonya Schopick, a resident of 3030 Park Avenue, is one of the members of the local community who has benefited from the ESL's cultural exchange program.

man" she is referring to is Payam Zarrinpour, an ESL student from Iran, who is also one of his country's national wrestling champions.

"Years back, when people came to America, there weren't opportunities like [the cultural exchange]. Coming to America, the people didn't have the benefit of this kind of interaction," noted Forman. Friday morning's visit involved four students that are currently enrolled in Sacred Heart University's English as a Second

Language (ESL) Program.

Katrin Seidel, a 26-year-old student from Germany, has been in the United States for nine months now. She is an au pair for a family in Fairfield County and enjoys presenting glimpses of her heritage with the residents.

"This week I told them a legend about a fountain in my home town of Nuremberg," said Seidel. "I also enjoy hearing what they have to say. I was talking to a woman who told me about how she immigrated to America years ago. It was interesting to hear the

different circumstances and how it happened."

Sonya Schopick, resident of 3030 Park Avenue and editor of the resident association's newsletter, "3030 Happenings", also looks forward to visits scheduled by ESL.

"It's great for everybody. The kids have the opportunity to talk with us and the residents are happy to do something for them. In conversing with them, we see that others realize that old people have so much to offer the young," said Schopick.

It's hard for Schopick to hide her genuine feelings for the students she has come to know. "They are so darling. The kids are so nice," noted Schopick. "Many of them don't understand how we (the residents) enjoy independent living and are confused as to why we don't live with our children and their families. Our cultures can be so different."

Ruth Blumberg, an instructor in the ESL program, regularly schedules social and cultural activities that focus on language and cultural enrichment for the students, giving them a close-up view of American traditions and culture.

"Everyone really enjoys themselves. This morning (Friday), Ruti Oliveira, one of our students from Brazil, brought some music and was teaching everyone how to do the Samba and Audrey Ballu brought some of her books from France. It was really a lot of fun," said Blumberg.

The next few visits to 3030 Park will be after the upcoming holiday season, and some of the residents already have it on their calendar.

"I'm really looking forward to the next session in January," said Yolanda Forman. "It'll be nice to meet more of the students from Sacred Heart." More information about the ESL program at Sacred Heart University can be found at <http://loki.sacredheart.edu/cas/english/efl>, or by calling the department directly at (203) 371-7837.

SHU Students Become "Best Buddies"

By Faith Bailey
Contributing Writer
Special to the Spectrum

Imagine never being able to have a friend. Think about how lonely it would be. You would have no one to talk to, or go out with for fun. No one to call when you really need somebody there. That's what a lot of people with intellectual disabilities faced on a daily basis not so long ago until Best Buddies International was developed.

Best Buddies is a non for profit organization that enhances the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing

opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. They have helped mainstream the people that were once living in horrible conditions at the various institutions around the country. From the 70's on, de-institutionalization took place and many people that were once forgotten about were forced to live in the public eye.

One way to help the intellectually disabled to get mainstreamed was to give them opportunities to work in the community and make friends. Best Buddies has played a big part in this process by getting colleges and universities involved in a mentoring program with people that live in a group home. They call once a



Contributed Photo

Kurt McCloud and his buddy John at Clasp Home in Westport celebrating Halloween.

week and meet up to go out twice a month to have fun.

At Sacred Heart we have revived a chapter that was strug-

gling and made it into a success. We have 16 matches and many part time associates. Best Buddies also works along with Zeta Iota

Llambda to spread awareness about disabilities in general.

So far we have been having a lot of fun. We initially met our buddies at our Halloween Party on October 25, 2003 where we painted pumpkins, ate and trick or treated in the dorms. We are going to celebrate Thanksgiving with our buddies on Thursday the 20 and Sunday the 23. When we get back from our Thanksgiving break we are going to have a movie night to end the semester.

Next semester we will be celebrating Disabilities Awareness month and having our own SHU Special Olympics. For more information, email f-bailey@sacredheart.edu.

Ten Step Guide to Finding A Career

By Vanessa Rubino
Staff Reporter

Waiting to send out those resumes? Think that the spring is the time to start looking for a full time job? Think again. Many Sacred Heart seniors don't realize that now is the time to begin planning for the days after you accept your diploma. With an increasingly competitive job market, it makes sense to think ahead and start networking. A few helpful pointers can improve your chances of distinguishing yourself against other job seekers.

Following these ten simple steps will help you increase your chances of finding a first job that can lead to a rewarding career. Christine Davin, Assistant Director of Career Development, lends a few helpful tips that can help Sacred Heart seniors as they prepare for job searches.

1. Complete an internship before graduating.

"Having internship experience is vital, as employers look much more favorably upon candidates who have experience within the field. Students should try to complete at least three internships prior to graduating from SHU," says Davin.

2. Create a professional, error-free resume to present and send out to employers.

"Before the interview process, candidates should have polished, professional resumes and cover letters that contain proper formatting and grammar (no spelling errors)...use action verbs for resume bullets rather than saying "Responsible for" or "Duties included," says Davin.

3. Prepare for every interview. Research the company or business that you are applying to and be willing to ask questions.

"Everyone should have interview preparation before going on their first series of interviews for an internship or full-time job. Without formal preparation, the likelihood that candidates will be aware of all aspects of interview etiquette is slim," notes Davin, who is experienced in helping students learn proper interview skills. The Office of Career Development provides Sacred Heart students with workshops that can help.

4. Be specific about your skills.

"Candidates also need to be able to provide specific examples to questions. Just stating that one possesses strong leadership skills is not enough—you must provide tangible examples of how you have demonstrated these leader-

ship skills within various aspects of your life (school, previous employment, activities, etc.)."

each individual with whom they interviewed," says Davin. "Candidates must again follow-



Photo by Robert Trenske

In the midst of a poor economy, students can never be thinking about their career perspectives too early.

offers Davin.

5. Dress to impress.

"In order to make a positive first impression, candidates should dress professionally (business suits) and carry themselves in a mature, professional, positive manner," says Davin.

6. First impressions stick. So make sure that you present yourself as professional and confident. Don't be afraid to sell yourself to employers.

"One interviewing tip for students is that the first couple of minutes of the interview is critically important because first impressions often stick, therefore, poor first impressions are often difficult if not impossible to overcome," says Davin. She also points out, "A smile and a firm handshake when greeting the interviewer goes a very long way."

7. Send resumes to places that you are interested, even if they are not advertising a position.

"Be creative when searching for organizations/positions to send applications to—remember, roughly 60 percent of open positions are not advertised, so send lots of resumes and cover letters to organizations for whom you are interested in working and follow-up to assess their hiring situations," says Davin.

8. Follow-up with employers after interviews. Be persistent, but not annoying.

"After the interview is over, it's critical that candidates send out a thank you letter to

up subsequent to their thank you letters if they do not hear back from the employer as to whether they are being considered for the position."

9. Keep in touch with business professionals and co-workers from your internships. Be proactive in your business relationships. Remember that many recruiters turn to interns when looking for candidates.

"Don't assume you'll be called in for an interview even if you have excellent qualifications and a quality resume—candidates need to take it upon themselves to contact employers and ensure that their application was received, reiterating their interest in the position and in coming in for an interview," says Davin.

10. Be Positive!

"A positive attitude is critical within this process, as it is easy to get frustrated or discouraged. This will most definitely affect your ability to productively search for jobs and your negativity/lack of enthusiasm will be apparent when speaking to employers via telephone, email, or within an interview," states Davin.

Following these simple tips can make job hunting much easier. The familiar expression that the early bird gets the worm applies to searching for a job as well. By beginning now, you can avoid the rush of students trying to find positions in May. Use your winter break to begin this process and by the time spring break is rolling around, you'll have plenty of prospects.

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it's usually in the wee hours

sometime in between the rising of the sun
and the beginning of my morning

that you come to mind

usually e-mails are drafted
and redrafted but never sent
numbers are dialed but phone calls are never placed
feelings are felt but never actually conveyed
because of insecurities surrounding rejection

but it's you--it's you
that transcends boyish dreams and collegiate crushes
there's hints of sincerity that i rather not keep to self
but know that i should

but i'm a liberal
and i've never really believed in censorship of any sort
so i put fingertips to keyboard keys
and think to myself "i'll try again"

because i'm drawn to you like conclusions

when asked why
i stutterly reply:
it's the darkness of your hair
the dimness held in your eyes
and the glow of your freckles
that peak through the window
of my patternized-mundane
allowing me to live at all
visions of your face accompany me
wherever i travel along this tragic journey called life

you are the embodiment of the hope in my daymares
and the frightening satisfaction
that i seek in my nightmares

you make me question my own commit
so i attempt to ignore you
like a distant memory of a hurtful past
but you come back
you always come back like...air
you ever surround me
refresh me enable me

u sustain my existence

most thoughts come to shape around your lips
scented with the softness of your breathe,
felt with the warmth of your character,
heard with the grace in your walk
and seen by the voice held in your intelligence

suddenly reminding me
that my day has not yet begun
until you smile over at me
calling the sun into action,
the flowers to yawn awaking,
and the birds to sing

making me feel so completely uncomplete

u puzzle me and complete me
in so many ways
on so many levels

and for that i thank you

~Brandon M. Graham

2 Pac Resurrected In New Film and Soundtrack

Matt Philipp
Staff Reporter

The legend of murdered rapper/actor Tupac Shakur continues with the first ever authorized biography film, "Tupac: Resurrection." Many films have been released in the past about Shakur, but this is the first with the backing of his mother, Afeni Shakur, who also served as executive producer. The film and its soundtrack were both released last week.

"Tupac: Resurrection" is entirely narrated by Tupac himself. His past interviews were investigated extensively and put together to tell the story of his life in his own words. Audiences are able to see what Shakur was really like. The film hints that he wasn't the thug that some portrayed him as, but was a well-spoken charismatic man who thought he was more of a poet than anything else.

The film begins with the story of Tupac's family, mainly his mother Afeni, who was a former high-ranking member of the Black Panther Party. She was pregnant with Tupac while

in prison and gave birth to him soon after her release in 1971. Tupac explains how many of his views and ideas were influenced by his family's involvement with the Panthers.

Shakur was born in New York, but spent his high school years in Baltimore. There, he attended an elite school for the performing arts. Never-before-seen footage from the rapper's early years shows a lanky Tupac taking ballet classes and an especially humorous segment features Shakur dancing with classmate Jada Pinkett (future wife of Will Smith).

"Tupac: Resurrection" also follows the rise of Shakur with the Digital Underground and how he got his first record deal. The film covers his 1994 shooting and robbery attempt in a Times Square recording studio and

many interviews with MTV's Tabitha Soren, shown throughout the film, explain Shakur's



Photo courtesy of MTV.com

Tupac is the subject of the new, unique documentary "Tupac: Resurrection."

feelings on the East-West Coast feud.

One big surprise in the film occurred when it was revealed that Janet Jackson asked Shakur to take an AIDS test before filming a love scene in the film "Poetic Justice." The rapper goes on to explain why he decided to not take the test.

Tupac always felt he would die a violent death. He didn't think that he would be alive very long, so he wanted to do as much as he could with his life. He recorded hundreds of songs, many of which still have yet to be released. Several of his songs talked about his death and even his "I Ain't Mad at Cha" video portrayed him in heaven after being shot to death.

"Tupac: Resurrection" concludes in the same place where Shakur's life ended: Las Vegas. Shakur was in a car with Death Row Records headman Suge Knight when he was fatally shot in a drive-by shooting. The crime still remains unsolved.

The "Tupac: Resurrection" soundtrack contains fourteen tracks, four of which were previously unreleased. "Runnin'

(Dying to Live)," produced by Eminem, features verses from both Tupac and the Notorious B.I.G. Current rap star 50 Cent is featured on "The Realest Killaz" another previously unreleased song. Eminem is featured on "One Day At A Time" along with Tupac and the Outlawz. Eminem also produced "Ghost."

Other songs on the soundtrack were released at various times throughout Tupac's career. "Same Song" from the Digital Underground is featured as is "Starin' Through My Rear View" from the "Gang Related" soundtrack.

Tupac has been dead for nearly a decade now, but he still remains a tremendous influence in hip-hop. His political and social awareness heard in interviews and in his lyrics have yet to be matched by any rap artist. Many new rappers aspire to be like him, but there will never be another Tupac.

In the film, Shakur says that the only thing that can kill him is death, but his music will live on forever. As a testament to this claim is one glaring fact: that Tupac has sold more records since his death than while still living, proving that his music will truly live on forever.

Cult Hits Find Mainstream Appeal at SHU

SHU Students Reveal Favorite Cult Films!

Patrick Scalisi
A & E Editor

Just this past summer, Entertainment Weekly compiled a list of the top fifty Cult Film Hits of all time. One week later, EW released a second list of the top eleven Fan Cult Hits. Now, we at the A&E section of The Spectrum want to know what cult hits make SHU tick. At the end of September, we introduced the SHU Cult Hits reader response article. We challenged readers to send in their favorite cult hits so that we, too, could compile a list of SHU's Cult Favorites. Reader response was excellent and the following list was brought together expressly from your reactions. Without further ado, here are SHU's Top Cult Hits:

"Donnie Darko"—quite possibly one of the biggest cult hits of recent years, "Donnie Darko" has captivated cult audiences again and again. "Donnie

Darko" has great cinematography and great acting," notes junior Guy Savage. Hailed as an incredible achievement, "Donnie Darko" taps some of the best talent from three generations of actors, including Jake Gyllenhaal, Drew Barrymore, and Patrick Swayze. For those curious about this cult hit with a rapidly growing fan base, now is the time to check out the film that will have you reeling.

"Drop Dead Gorgeous"—a hilarious look at beauty pageants in a small Minnesota town, "Drop Dead Gorgeous" is funny from start to finish. Moreover, the film is full of actresses who have now made it into the big time, including Kirsten Dunst and Denise Richards. "Drop Dead Gorgeous" is a highly underrated, hysterical film with an all-star cast," says senior Crystal Cassetori. Check it out to see all your favorite girls before they became mainstream stars.

"My Blue Heaven"—before "L.A. Story" or "Father of the Bride," there was "My Blue Heaven." A suburban comedy about a mobster in the witness protection program, the Steve

Martin-Rick Moranis duo gets big laughs every time. "It's hysterical and I don't think it gets the recognition that it deserves," says junior Mike Haynes. Check it out to see two of the greatest comedic actors of all time together in one great film.

"Office Space"—a bomb at the box office, but a hit with teenagers everywhere, "Office Space" made a bigger pop culture impact than anyone originally expected. From its thoughts on work, cubicles, and Michael Bolton, "Office Space" is highly quotable and worthy of many repeat viewings.

"PCU"—this college favorite is not well-known among the main-stream crowd, but is certainly a cult hit with college students everywhere. Set at a fictional college in Connecticut, PCU follows the visit of a perspective freshman as he encounters the beauties and perils of college life. Explains senior Nicole Andreazza, "PCU is one of the best college movies ever. One quote sums it up, 'That's the beauty of college these days: you can major in GameBoy if you

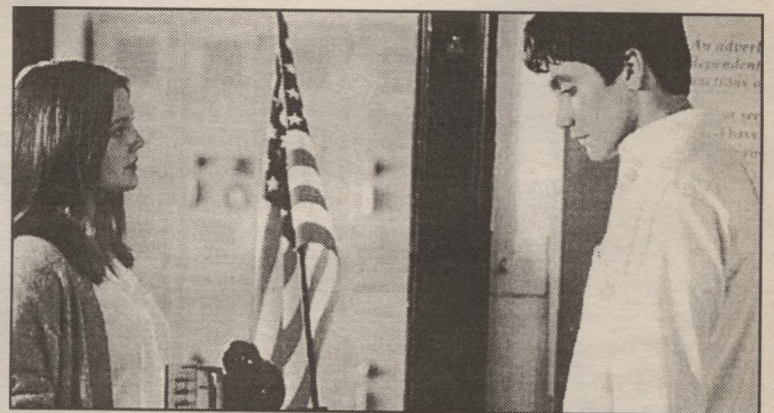


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Barrymore (left) and Gyllenhaal are two of the stars in the cult favorite "Donnie Darko."

know how to [BS]."

"Rad"—long before the X-Games made BMX biking a mainstream sport, there was a little-known 80's movie called "Rad." "Anyone who has ever rode a BMX bike in their life has seen this movie and absolutely loves it," explains Alex Kantarelis, a junior. "It's definitely up there in my top three movies ever." "Rad" is the story of Cru Jones, a BMX biker with a fierce determination to win. Staring young actors Lori Loughlin and Talia Shire, "Rad" is a must-see for bike fans.

"This is Spinal Tap"—The film that put director Christopher Guest on the radar, "This is Spinal Tap" is a hysterical look at the fictional rock'n'roll band Spinal Tap. The mock-u-mentary follows the band through their trials and tribulations and remains one of Guest's top films of all time. "Spinal Tap is oh so good...and it's funny!" jokes senior Grace Henderson. With the recent release of "A Mighty Wind," now is the time to check out some of Guest's earlier work as well.

"Rise of the Machines" Doesn't Rise to the Challenge

Jess McCann
Staff Reporter

No, the "Terminator" is not back in his best form, but the third installment in the sci-fi franchise certainly does showcase a rise of the machines. There's plenty of testosterone to be had, not to mention all the trucks and cranes that are added as a destructive touch, but in the end, "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" falls far short of expectations.

The Terminator (Arnold Schwarzenegger) as we know him returns from the future for a third time to try and save humanity again. "T3's" plot remains very similar to the last two "Terminator" movies: Arnold still loves sunglasses, still arrives naked at a bar, still steals clothes from some punk, and still nabs a motorcycle. Once again, all of this amounts to a seemingly never-ending quest to stop and destroy the TX (Kristanna Loken), a new robot bent on killing John Connor (Nick Stahl).

T3 takes place ten years after the previous film and features a slight twist of new material as

a 22-year-old John Connor is introduced to audiences. Connor is, once again, the only hope



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

Despite being a summer hit, "T3" didn't live up to its hype.

for humanity in a future where machines wage war against humans. (If this all sounds oddly familiar, see also "The Matrix" as well as its perspective sequels.)

Now, it is once again the Terminator's job is to protect Connor and Kate Brewster (Claire Danes) in what becomes

a very predictable film. The entire story seems to replicate itself directly from the previous "Terminator" movies and there are few surprises.

As such, the "Terminator" films have always been known for their action factor as well as Schwarzenegger's witty humor. However, this time around, audiences are greeted with more action to compensate for everything else.

The film was made on a reported \$170 million budget and is barely watch-able. It's obvious that most of the budget went into developing killer special effects, rather than a good plot. Sadly "T3" can barely even compare to its predecessors.

"Rise of the Machines" is exactly that: an action-packed movie with bigger, better killing machines and almost no story. It's a good thing that Schwarzenegger will be devoting more of his time to the State of California, rather than to making any more "Terminator" movies. Otherwise, his career would have really come to an abrupt end.

Middle-Earth Thrives at Sacred Heart

Nadia Korovesi
Staff Reporter

Every student has heard about J.R.R. Tolkien and his famous masterpiece, the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. Next semester, however, the English department of Sacred Heart University will be offering a literature course studying the work of the Oxford scholar entitled "Studies in Fiction: Tolkien." Dr. Roberta Staples, who will be teaching the course during the spring 2004 semester, was kind enough to share her thoughts on the new and exciting class.

"I'd like to give a broader exposure to fantasy, and Tolkien's work is wonderful!"

ject matter, which is the literature and its relationship to its source in Anglo-Saxon literature—and Tolkien was the Anglo-Saxon scholar at Oxford University. So you cannot do the *Lord of the Rings* without first doing *Beowulf*.

"We will also look at the languages, since Tolkien is also an inventor of languages such as Elvish, the language of the Orcs, the language of Mordor, and the language of the Dwarfs. There is a lot of linguistics going on in the text. We will also study the characters and their relation to one another, the action, and the epic nature of Tolkien's writing."

As is evident, Dr. Staples is extremely excited and enthusiastic about the new course.

"It is a dream for me to teach this course," she explains.



Photo by Robert Trenske

Dr. Staples is the driving force behind the "Tolkien" course that will be offered during the Spring 2004 semester.

says Staples. "At the same time, the third movie in the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy is coming out in December and so I figured that now was an appropriate time."

This is not the first time that such a course has been offered at Sacred Heart. Dr. Staples, herself, had taught a similar course a few years earlier.

The current course will cover not only the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy but will also include *The Hobbit*, as well as the Anglo-Saxon epic *Beowulf*. Staples explains that the course will attempt to cover a good deal of material.

"We will start with *Beowulf* then go on to *The Hobbit*, and then we will read the Trilogy," Staples elaborates. "Each book of the trilogy is...going to take a little time. Part of our work will also involve screening the first two movies that are on DVD, and we will combine both and look at the actual text versus what the movie has done with it."

The goal of the Tolkien course goes beyond just reading the books and will delve deeply into the world surrounding the author himself.

"First of all," Staples continues, "the students will have to come to an awareness of the sub-

"Tolkien is just a brilliant writer. The depth of the books is not regularly found in any writer and in many of the fantasy writers. That is why Tolkien has not gone out of fashion and has achieved such a following."

Unfortunately, the course will not be offered regularly but the English department will try and include it more often in its electives. Staples also let out a bit of a surprise for other avid fantasy readers.

"Someone has already asked me to do a Harry Potter course," she proclaims excitedly. "The problem is that we do not have all the books yet, but they are circulating a petition that will have to be accepted by Dr. Curtis. I would love to do a Harry Potter class."

For the fans of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the beloved books and movies, and to really understand Tolkien's significance in the world of English literature. As Staples says, "The *Lord of the Rings* can teach students not only about the text but also its connection to its Anglo-Saxon roots and is simply an example of...a romance epic of the 20th century. And we do not have many of those..."

When A Man Loves A City

Jayde Levesque
Staff Reporter

Best known to most people as a pop singer/songwriter, Michael Bolton has teamed up with the Westfield Trumbull Mall for the seventh annual "Westfield Works Wonders." The charity event is host to over 250 local, non-profit organizations and, invited to perform for event goers, Bolton was an integral part of this year's fundraising efforts.

There is little question as to why "Westfield Works Wonders" chose Bolton for the event. A Connecticut native himself, Bolton is known to be a dedicated, charitable person, as well as the famous pop singer behind hits like, "When a Man Loves a Woman" and "Time, Love, and Tenderness." In addition to his performance, Bolton appeared on behalf of his own charity—the Michael Bolton Foundation—which serves the Greater New Haven area.

On Sunday, November 16, the doors of the mall closed to shoppers at 6 p.m. and reopened for event goers at 6:30 p.m. Although only charging \$5 for tickets, all proceeds from the event went directly to the non-

profit organizations present. Donations from both the Michael Bolton Foundation and members of the community also went to charity.

In addition to Bolton's performance, raffle prizes were given away, including a trip to

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Florida, several door prizes, and a photo with Santa.


Bolton established The Michael Bolton Foundation in 1993 and, since that time, has been devoted to helping communities in need. His platform, according to a 1993 press release, is aimed at women and children "at risk from the lethal effects of

poverty, and emotional, physical, and sexual abuse." The foundation is his primary concern although he does support other charities as well.

Having grown up in New Haven and being a self-proclaimed "city-kid" himself, Bolton understands the adversities faced by children in a city environment. The Michael Bolton Foundation provides support to women and children dealing with homelessness as well as counseling for emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. The central focus is creating "safe space" for New Haven's youth. The "safe spaces" are run by a youth board that utilizes the arts to provide an environment designed to foster self esteem, leadership skills, and more.

Michael Bolton, one of the many celebrities putting his fame to good use, uses his artistic talents as an inspiration. Claiming many accolades in his lifetime, Bolton has also sold more than 52 million albums in his career and still continues to make music. Many of the songs performed at "Westfield Works Wonders" can be found on his newest album, "Vintage," in addition to some of his old favorites.

PIONEERS



Sports Shorts

Compiled by Katie Atkins
Sports Editor

Field Hockey

Senior Julie Messenger (Hinsdale, NH) was selected as a member of the 2003 STX/NFCHA Division-I All Midwest Region Second Team.

Messenger played in all 19 of the Pioneers games this season and led the team in goals (13), assists (7) and points (31). Those totals were each good for second overall in the Northeast Conference. Messenger earned All-NEC honors for the fourth time in her collegiate career when she was selected as a member of the All Conference First Team. Messenger was named NEC Player-of-the-Week twice this season, September 2 and October 20. Messenger also became just the second player in NEC history to earn all-conference honors four times in her career.

In her collegiate career Messenger has played in 79 games and scored 42 goals with 17 assists for 101 career points. She ranks first all time in games played (79) and is tied for first in career assists (17). She ranks second all time in career goals, career points, assists in a season (7) and points in a season (31) (Contributed by Sacred Heart Athletics website)

Men's Ice Hockey

Junior Kevin LaPointe (Quebec, QC) was named Sacred Heart University Athlete of the Week for the week ending November 16 for his performance against Army over the weekend.

The native of Quebec, QC made 50 saves on the weekend and allowed just two goals, while having a shutout streak of 11:36 against the Black Knights. LaPointe made 28 saves and allowed just one goal on Friday night in recording his first win of the 2003-04 season. The following night LaPointe made 22 saves in recording his second straight win. LaPointe lost a shutout with just 1:11 remaining in the third period on Saturday night. LaPointe was also named Atlantic Hockey Co-Goalie of the Week along with Frank Novello of American International (Contributed by Sacred Heart Athletics Website)

Women's Swimming

The Sacred Heart University women's swimming team fell one game below the five hundred mark after falling to Seton Hall University 140-83. The Pioneers failed to place first in any of the events of the day.

Freshman Krystina Eikeseth (Staten Island, NY) led the Pioneers to their only second place finish in the 200-yard butterfly. Eikeseth also finished the day with a pair of fourth place finishes in the 1000-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke.

Fellow freshman Angela Koenig (Harrison, NY) helped the Pioneers stay alive with a third place finish in the 200-yard backstroke and a fifth place finish in the 200-yard freestyle.

The Pioneers look to get back on track when they host CW Post Saturday November 22nd at the Wheeler Recreation Center at the University of Bridgeport.

Hank's Final 4 Predictions

By Hank Gargiulo
Sports Columnist

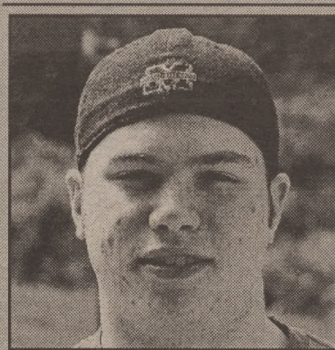


Photo by Robert Trenske

If you are a regular reader of my column, then you probably already know this, but once again, I am a moron. Apparently my "A" key likes to stick so instead of having a well thought out statement, I look like a chump. We all know it is Division I-A football that needs a playoff, not I-AA, let the insults fly.

Now that business is taken care of, let's get to the good part, my well thought out, intuitive analysis of the upcoming NCAA Basketball season, or something close to that. We'll start with the number one team in the land, the Uconn Huskies, who will take on our very own Pioneers this Saturday.

"So the Carmello Anthony-less Orangemen are done right? Wrong!...This was definitely not a one-horse show last year and these guys will be out there every game trying to prove that"
Hank Gargiulo

Top to bottom the Huskies have it all: the experienced point guard in Taliek Brown, the explosive scorer in Ben Gordon, and the defensive standout and preseason player of the year Emeka Okafor.

They also have the wild card freshman in Charlie Villanueva not to mention a deep bench to keep everyone fresh, which is

key for the Huskies if they plan to press and run like coach Jim Calhoun has made known, and for their sake they better play like the UConn team that played the second half against Yale and not the first half.

Staying in the Big East, we'll check in on defending National Champions Syracuse as the Orangemen try to repeat the success they had last year, and why not, their best player is only a sophomore.

And oh, that's right, he's in the NBA. So the Carmello Anthony-less Orangemen are done right? Wrong. They still have a lot of talent in upstate New York with guys like Hakim Warrick, who was close to averaging a double-double last season, and two super-sophomores in the back court in Billy Edelin and Gerry McNamara. This was definitely not a one-horse show last year, and these guys will be out there every game trying to prove that.

One team that really intrigues me is North Carolina. I still don't understand what happened to them last season. They started out 5-0, which included a win on the road at Kansas. They rebounded from a couple of losses before disposing of Uconn in a close game, then they played Maryland.

That loss sent them into a five game losing streak, of which they never recovered, and ended the year unranked and 6-10 in conference play. On the bright side, they have as much talent as anyone in the country with guys like Rashad McCants, Raymond Felton and Jawad Williams, all of whom are consistent scorers and should keep UNC in the top 25 through the season.

Then we have the Duke Blue Devils, those perennial championship contenders that everyone loves to hate. It amazes to me how Coach K. consistently gets the top talent in the country into his highly prestigious academic school, and graduates a tremendous percentage of them.

Like them or not, you have to take your hat off to them. This year they once again have the talent to cut down the nets in March. They are lead by seniors Chris Duhon and Dahntay

Jones, and are going to rely heavily on freshman sensation Loul Deng, who is being talked about as being the next Carmello Anthony, though he won't have to shoulder nearly the burden Anthony had to last season.

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Now you may be asking yourself, "why did he pick only four teams to talk about?" and the answer my friends, is that this is my pre-season Final Four prediction. I know its two ACC and two Big East Teams, but I like to live on the edge like that. It's still a little too early to give you an exact final game, but these four teams have as good a chance as anyone to be there.

Some other teams who can make it to the big dance are Kansas, Missouri, and the rest of the usual suspects. But instead of focusing on them, lets look at some mid-majors who you can always count on for some March Madness fun. The top of this years mid-majors is definately Gonzaga.

The 'Zags are good enough to start the year ranked 12 in the nation (though that will probably drop since they lost to 18 ranked St. Joe's) and have enough talent to back it up. Other mid-majors to watch include Northern Illinois, Creighton, and Butler, though you can never really tell what these guys will do.

So now we all get to sit back, watch the season unfold, then come back in March and laugh at how horrible my picks are, at which time, I get to reassess the college landscape, and reform my picks as I see fit. Have I ever said that I love my job?

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Pioneers Finally Achieve Victory

By Nick Brown
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Men's Ice Hockey team finally tasted victory as they defeated Army on the road by a score of 4-1. The Pioneers were led by junior Kevin LaPointe (Quebec City, QC), who had a hat trick in the game.

SHU continued their winning ways the next night with a 5-1 win over Army to complete the weekend sweep.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, the Sacred Heart University men's ice hockey team traveled to Postdam, New York to compete against Clarkson.

The first goal was scored by the Golden Knight's Chris Blight and assisted by Matt Nickerson. The second goal came when Rob McFeeters and Chris Brekelmans fed Tristan Lush to it a 2-0 match. Before the end of the second period, Sacred Heart University would bounce back to score.

At 13:44, Marc-Andre Fournier (St. Nicholas, QC) would score with help from fellow senior teammate Konn Hawkes (Watrous, SK). Hawkes put up his first points of the season with this assist. Also, the Clarkson match was his first season debut.

At 50 seconds Mac Faulkner scored when Chris Blight and Matt Nickerson assisted him.

The early third period goal brought the match to 3-1. At 6:00, Clarkson would strike again as they hammered in another goal to make the score 4-1. The loss brought the Pioneer's season to 0-4 as they struggle to achieve victory.

The Pioneers traveled to Northford, CT on Friday, Nov. 7, to battle Quinnipiac in a weekend series of games. On Friday Sacred Heart showed fabulous efforts as they took the ice.

Early in the first period a critical save by Kevin LaPointe (Quebec City, QC) fired up the squad as they continued to play an intense game.

The first goal in the match came from the Pioneers as Peter Giatrelis (Hamden) put the puck past Bobcat goaltender Justin Eddy to make the score 1-0. The goal was Giatrelis' first of the season and was assisted by Todd Spencer (Brentwood, NH). The second goal in the match came when Peter Ferraro (Pleasantville, NY) wrapped a goal around the net to beat Eddy, making the score 2-0. The goal was assisted by Erik Roos (Milford) and Chuck Metcalfe (Edmonton, AB).

After it seemed as if the Pioneer might skate away with a win, the Bobcats answered back with a goal from Craig Falite to bring to score to 2-1. Craig scored the final goal of the second period as he beat the Pioneer defense to close out the period in a score of 4-2. Sacred Heart had

lost the lead but still desired to win the match as they regrouped before the third period.

The Pioneers cut the Bobcats lead down early in the third as Rocco Molinaro scored off a Barclay Folk (Westbank, British Columbia) assist two minutes into the period. SHU scored again with a goal from Marc-Andre Fournier (St. Nicholas, QC) to tie the game at 4-4.

However the Bobcats answered with a goal two minutes later to end the Pioneers hopes of winning as the game ended in a heartbreaking score of 5-4. Sacred Heart's record fell to 5-0 but as they prepared to play the Bobcats again on Saturday.

The first period ended with the Bobcats leading 1-0. Early in the second period Quinnipiac scored again with a goal from Craig Falite to make the score 2-0.

After the Bobcats' second goal, Sacred Heart bounced back with a goal from Erik Roos (Milford). The score came just 25 seconds after the Bobcat goal and was Erik's first unassisted goal of the season.

The game ended in a score of 4-2 as the Pioneers record fell to 0-6.

The Pioneers, now 2-6-0 on the season, will be in action this Friday night as they take on Bentley at the Milford Ice Pavillion at 7 p.m.

Volleyball Closes Out Season with Back-to-Back Losses

By Nick Brown
Staff Reporter

On Sunday Nov. 9, women's volleyball traveled to Moon Township, PA to compete against Robert Morris. Throughout the three games, both teams displayed aggressive play, but in the end Robert Morris triumphed by scores of 30-12, 30-19 and 30-15.

The victory kept Robert Morris' winning season alive where as the Pioneer losses ended the season on a discouraging note. The Pioneer's record fell to 3-27 on the season and 2-5 in league play after the Robert Morris match.

During the match, Robert Morris seemed to have the upper hand as junior Rachel Leitch and freshman Janette Schneider dominated the opposition with 10 kills each. Schneider, who recorded 10 kills in 15 attempts, maintains the highest hitting percentage on the squad with .667. Leitch trails Schneider with .400 hitting percentage.

With these high averages Robert Morris is certainly a force to be reckoned with in the NEC. In addition to these two superstars, senior Darcey Miller also managed to record eight kills a .467 attack percentage, 33 assists and 5 digs to defeat the Pioneers. With this kind of competition, SHU certainly had their work cut out for them in this match.

Despite the loss, SHU showed signs of life through

some of their veteran players. Senior standout Lauren Lamb (West Bloomfield, MI) has been a superb leader in this heartbreaking season and has managed to produce some big numbers throughout the fall. Furthermore,

Lamb has earned player of the week honors on two separate occasions recently. In her match against Robert Morris she managed to record eight kills and a block. Another senior leader Meghan Eaton (Colorado Springs, CO) also contributed to the match as she produced 14 digs.

Junior Jillian Frey (Meriden, CT) did her part as well with 10 digs in the match. The Pioneers kept their heads held high as they prepared for their final match against Long Island at home.

In Fairfield, CT on Nov. 16, SHU took on Long Island in their final match of the season. The game would be the last for seniors Lauren Lamb, Caitlin Azderian (Sebastol, CA) and Meghan Eaton. The three said farewell to Pioneer volleyball as they geared up to compete in their final match.

Despite grand efforts to achieve victory, the Pioneers lost their final match by scores of 30-13, 30-19 and 30-17. The loss brought the Pioneer's record down to 3-28 on the season and 2-6 in the NEC. SHU leaves this season in defeat but will return in action next season with some new faces and a fresh start in 2004.

THE PIONEER SCHEDULE

Friday, November 21

Women's Basketball	vs UMass	Fairfield, CT	7:00 PM
Women's Ice Hockey	vs Cornell	Milford, CT	3:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	vs Bentley	Milford, CT	7:00 PM

Saturday, November 22

Men's Basketball	at Connecticut	Hartford, CT	12 noon
Women's Swimming	vs CW Post	Fairfield, Conn.	1:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	at Holy Cross	Worcester, MA	7 PM
Men's Cross Country	at IC4A Championships	Bronx, NY	
Wrestling	at Body Bar Invitational	Ithaca, NY	
Women's Cross Country	at ECAC Championship	Bronx, NY	

Sunday, November 23

Women's Fencing	at Haverford	Ithaca, NY	10:00 AM
Men's Fencing	at Haverford	Ithaca, NY	10:00 AM
Women's Ice Hockey	at Boston U ex	Boston, MA	3:30 PM



Photo by Robert Tremble

The women's volleyball team ended a disappointing season with a three-game loss to Robert Morris.

Women's Bowling Strikes it up in North Carolina

By Loren Aversa
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Women's bowling team had an intense weekend while traveling to Greensboro, NC to participate in the tournament known as the Triad, the first NCAA invitational of the season.

The Pioneers bowled in NCAA matches Friday evening against both Fairleigh Dickinson and Southern, finishing 1-2 in a three game series, and finished 4-1 on Saturday and finished 3-2 in the baker style matches on Sunday. The Pioneers went 7-3 for the tournament, placing them in fifth.

Despite the slow start during Friday evening's, SHU was quick to pick up the pace going 4-1 on Saturday, defeating Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Bethune Cookman College, Central Missouri State University, and only losing to North Carolina A & T.

The Pioneers finished Saturday in the following order; junior Erin Gore (Woodbridge, VA), junior Nicole Peloquin (Enfield), senior Katie Atkins (Fairless Hills, PA), and freshman Chrissy Onderdonk (Albany, NY).

"We had many matches on Saturday where we were down at the beginning and really pulled together at the end of the match. By beating some quality teams such as Florida A&M, Hampton University, and Bethune Cookman College, we proved we can compete with many of the top teams this season," said sophomore Erin Gore (Woodbridge, VA).

On Sunday, Nov. 16, day two of the Triad Tournament, the Pioneers brought the road trip to an end, finishing 3-2 in baker matches. A baker game is a game in which five team members bowl two frames each. For example, the leadoff (first bowler) bowls the first frame and the sixth frame.

"At times this weekend the matches were very intense. Several of the matches came right down to the tenth frame to see who would win or lose," said junior Carolyn Rich (Little Falls, NY).

In the best of five baker matches (first team to win three games), the Pioneers successfully defeated Texas Southern University, University of Wisconsin, and Morgan State University, and lost to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Southern University.

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"Well, baker matches are very intense and exciting. We bowled against a couple of the top teams in the nation. Not only does bowling involve skill but it also involves a bit of luck. So, that's why baker matches can get very intense when things are going well," said junior Cynthia Zagorski (East Patchogue, NY).

Overall, the Sacred Heart Women's bowling team finished in fifth place in the Triad Tournament. The individual averages were as follows: Gore, who finished with a 207, Peloquin, who finished with a 204, Katie Atkins (Fairless Hills, PA), who finished with a 200, and Chrissy Onderdonk (Guilderland, NY), who finished with a 193.

The Pioneers will be back in action on Nov. 27-28 when they will be forfeiting their Thanksgiving break to travel to St. Louis, Missouri to compete in the Team Match Games, one of the biggest tournaments of the year.

Online Fantasy Leagues are all the Rage, Even at Sacred Heart

By Greg Maurice
Staff Reporter

As of recently, online fantasy leagues have begun to be utilized by a lot of Sacred Heart students. In online fantasy leagues, you are the general manager of a team and you are playing other people online. They give you a certain amount of "money" for you to draft and to sign real life professional athletes.

You score points based on how the players in your teams perform in real life. As a general manager, you use your own salary cap to build the best football (or basketball, baseball, hockey, etc.) team you can afford.

"This is a good way for me to see if I have good enough decision making skills to be a general manager in the NHL"
Joe Sousa

If one of your players is in a bad slump, or if he gets hurt, you can cut him or trade him and pick up another player to join your team, provided you can afford him. It is advised to manage your team wisely, though you have a limited amount of moves and transactions you can make.

It's very consuming because you have to check the website everyday to check your team statistics and to see how you can better manage your team compared to the other general managers in the league.

"I play it because it makes me feel like I am in control and it makes me feel happy when my players do good. I always tell my friends that I would be a great general manager if I was rich. This is a way for me to see if I have good enough decision making to be a general manager in the

NHL," says junior Joe Sousa from Providence, RI.

Most people play online fantasy games because it's very competitive but also addictive. Other people play it because there is big prize for the winner of the league, you can win as much as a million dollars (typical prizes for individual leagues are about \$350). It's also a place for you to make new friends. There is a way you can talk to other general managers.

Most of the leagues are available at no cost and are typically played just for fun. But some require you to pay a fee (around \$50), which goes into the prize fund. Small weekly prizes and a bigger end of the season prize are given out based on an individual's points.

"My friends think that I am addicted to online fantasy games but I think it is because I like to compete and I love sports. It's like a dream comes true. I always get mad when I watch sports on television and I always critique the general managers. By playing fantasy games online, I get to make moves with a lot of money and I can create the best team of my preference," said senior Angel Rodriguez from Philadelphia, PA.

"I started playing online fantasy games because my roommate told me about it and I see how much fun it is when he argues with his friends. He has met a lot of friends from Sacred Heart University through fantasy games. He was in a league with ten random students from Sacred

University. Now, I see them everyday because they always arguing about their teams. It seems fun," said junior Sylvester Kaar from Hayward, CA.

"I am a big fan of European soccer, but they do not show a lot of soccer games in the United States. It's a way for me to compete against people all over the world and it's a way for me to

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keep stats of my favorite players. One other big reason that I enter an online soccer fantasy league is because I could win a lot of money if I win the league. It's always good to win money when you do something that you adore doing," said Paul Elumeze from Bronx, NY.

There are a lot of websites that offer fantasy leagues and they have ones for collegiate and professional football, soccer, baseball, hockey and basketball. You are only to participate in a league when the sport is in season and online fantasy leagues for soccer, basketball and hockey are in progress right now.

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Online fantasy leagues can prove to be addictive, but it is essential to keep up with your team in order to come out on top.

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Women's B-Ball Looks to Be a Strong Force This Season

By Megan Pompey
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart's three seniors: guard Ashley Kohl (Palmyra, PA), forward Kate Maher (Waterford, Ireland) and guard/forward Shannon Quinlivan (Albany, NY) have been elected captains of the women's basketball team for the 2003-04 season.

"These three will have a big challenge ahead as they will be counted on to provide the leadership required to lead a group of seven underclassmen this season," said head coach Ed Swanson.

"Each has shown, as unanimously chosen by their teammates and coaches as captains, that they epitomize what we look for in leadership on and off the basketball court," added

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Kohl played in all 28 games in 2002-03 and found herself in the starting point guard role 13 games into the season. She responded by leading the team to 18 wins on the season, the second highest total in school history. Maher was one of the Pioneer's most tenacious defenders in 2002-03, often playing injured throughout the 28-game schedule.

The junior forward cracked the starting lineup in 10 of the last 11 games last season, and led a Pioneer defense that held teams to just 55.0 points per game and 36.9% shooting from the field over that stretch. Quinlivan missed the first two games last season recovering from a pre-season ankle injury, but rebounded to become a solid role.

Senior Ashley Kohl is back at the point for her last season. Kohl started last year coming off the bench at shooting guard and took over the starting position when junior guard Allie Bagnell (Newtown, PA) was lost to injury. She returns to the court after missing most of last season because of a knee injury.

"The key is how Allie can come back, Kohl played very well last season when she had to move to the point. Getting Allie back healthy now will allow us to see where everyone else is going to fit in," said Swanson. Sophomore guard Nicolle Rubino

(Port Jefferson Station, NY), last year's second leading scorer has a tight grip on the starting two-guard spots as she looks for a carry over of last season's success.

Rubino averaged 12.3 points per game last season and was at the top of the team with 53 steals. She also showed she could light it up from beyond the arc, hitting 43 three pointers last season. She also has proven to be an asset at the charity stripe, knocking down 76.5%, second on the team last season.

"Nicolle is coming off an outstanding freshman season, we look forward to her continued progress this year," said Swanson. Three of the Pioneer's incoming freshman will play at the guard position and not only bring depth and versatility but will be counted on to contribute this year.

Much heralded freshman guard Amanda Pape (Stamford) will look to step in and push the upper classmen for playing time early. She enters SHU off an outstanding high school career where she was selected as the Gatorade Female player of the Year in Connecticut and ranks second among Connecticut's top-scorers in girl's high school basketball history.

"Amanda can give us some easy buckets from the two spot," said Swanson. "She's a great finisher who we are hoping can give us some instant offense," he added.

Joining her are freshmen guard/forward Mary Rush (Waterbury) and guard Kerri Burke (Saugus, MA). Rush at 5-10 could also see time at small forward, while Burke will push for minutes at the point this season. Mary is a very versatile, strong athletic player who can play at the two or three positions," stated Swanson.

"Kerri is going to push for time at the point. She is the kind of player who can score inside and create for herself," said Swanson. Seniors Kate Maher and Shannon Quinlivan are ready to fill the void of the seniors who graduated.

Maher averaged 5.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game and grabbed a total of 147 rebounds on the season, her highest total in her three years in the program. Maher also improved her passing last season, handing out a career-high 60 assists.

Defensively, she has grown into one of Sacred Heart's and the conference's most feared defenders. "Kate proved last year she can be our four out there. She's a great defender and rebounder and can really run the floor and pass.

We will be looking to her to pick up her scoring this year," said Swanson. Quinlivan rebounded after an injury to become a solid role player off the bench for SHU.

She averaged 3.3 points and 2.4 rebounds per game and turned in a career-night against Robert Morris, coming up with

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a season-high 11 points to go with seven rebounds, six assists and five steals, all career-highs. Junior forwards Colleen Duggan (Newington) and Colleen White (Richboro, PA) also return to the lineup this year. Duggan will look to become more of a presence in the middle of this season.

A solid defender, she was second in the NEC in blocked shots last season with 26 swats for a 1.2 per game average. Coach Swanson and the Pioneer's will be looking for more of a scoring punch and added rebounding from the junior center as she averaged 3.5 points and 3.3 rebounds per game last season.

The addition of three six foot-plus players this season should go a long way to giving Sacred Heart a big inside game. Freshmen forward Aleisha Mott (Ansonia) 6-2, forward Jasmine Walker (Amityville, NY) 6-1, and forward Colleen Bray (Green Oaks, IL), 6-1, are ready to join the mix and be a force in the paint this season.

"The addition of Jasmine, Colleen and Aleisha will put pressure on our returnees for minutes and bring depth and size to our lineup," commented Swanson.

The Pioneer's begin their season with two home games starting on Friday, Nov. 21 when the Pioneer's host the University of Massachusetts Minutewomen and continuing on Tuesday, Nov. 25 against the Lafayette College Leopards.

From there, SHU will get on the road for the Thanksgiving holiday as they take part in the Maryland Tournament with Louisiana-Lafayette, Maryland-Eastern Shore and the host Terrapins.



Photo by Susan Magnano

Senior captains Kohl, Maher, and Quinlivan will head up a group of 7 underclassmen this year, including three 6+ foot newcomers.



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The women's basketball team kicks off their season tomorrow when they host the University of Massachusetts.

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Pioneers Conclude Season with Loss to Wagner

By Bryan Fogle
Staff Reporter

The Pioneers traveled to Wagner College in Staten Island this past weekend with high hopes of finishing off their 2003 campaign on a high note with a victory.

Unfortunately for Sacred Heart (6-5, 3-4), the Seahawks of Wagner had different plans. Thought it was a well-fought battle throughout the entire contest, Wagner (6-5, 3-4) came out on top with the 24-16 victory over the Pioneers.

Playing in his final game as a Pioneer, senior quarterback Joe Kroells (Burbank, CA) put up a valiant effort to help lead Sacred Heart to the victory.

Kroells threw 32 passes, completing 13 to six different receivers for a total of 162 yards. Of these 13 completions, one was a 16-yard touchdown strike to senior wide receiver Marlon Ward

(Revere, MA). He also carried the ball 15 times for 32 yards.

Of late, freshman quarterback Dan Ammel (White River Junction, VT) has been playing very well given his playing time. Sophomore defensive lineman Rob Kinsley (Fairfield) states, "he has done better then I had thought he would and I think he will do very well in years to come."

Senior running back Jason Bonadies (Southbridge, MA) carried the workload again for the Pioneers, gaining 54 yards on 19 carries including a 9-yard touchdown run with 9:26 remaining in the fourth quarter.

That touchdown would be the first of the two Sacred Heart touchdowns in a span of approximately 1:30 in the quarter and also was his thirteenth touchdown run of the season.

The second of the touchdowns was the pass completion to Ward from 16 yards out from Kroells. Freshman wide receiver Alvin Franklin (New Haven) and

junior tight end Mike Peshler (Hopkington, MA) split six catches with Franklin gaining 36 yards and Peshler 27. Ward ended the game with two catches total-

ing 38 yards and his touchdown.

Also with two catches were junior wide receiver Nick Savino (Newtown) who had 28 yards, and junior running back Jason

Healy (New Milford), his going for 27 yards. With one catch was junior tight end Glenn Kelloway (North Andover, MA), with six yards.

Senior kicker Greg Tonzola (Denville, NJ) began the Pioneer scoring with a 26-yard field goal with 9:44 to go in the second quarter. Sophomore punter Dan Wahlen (Clinton) punted the ball 10 times for a total of 390 yards including a 60-yard bomb as well as two inside the 20-yard line.

The defensive numbers were once again pretty well rounded, led by junior linebacker Dave Morson (Ocean, NJ) with nine tackles. Junior defensive back Britton Keel (Franklin, MA) and sophomore defensive lineman Dave Mihalov (Bridgeport) both had eight tackles. Freshman linebacker Rolando Garcia (Bronx, NY) had seven tackles putting forth a solid effort.

With this loss the Pioneers conclude their season at 6-5 overall, with a 3-4 record in the NEC.



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The Pioneers, whose season ended this past Saturday, ended their 2003 campaign with a 6-5 record overall and a 3-4 record in the NEC.

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Enduring the Cold at Regionals

By Ashleigh Bepko
Staff Reporter

This past weekend, the men and women's cross county teams competed in the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships at Franklin Park in Boston, MA. With a strong showing from the men, who turned in their best ever team performance, finishing in 25 place overall. The women ended up placing 27 out of the 36 teams that competed.

"During the race this past Saturday it had to of been of the coldest days so far this season. The thought of running a 10k race in such brisk weather with only a singlet and shorts could have intimidated anyone," said sophomore Rob Gill (Braintree, MA).

"But I knew as I was on the line with my teammates that we were not going to let anything get in the way of our best season ever! And we didn't," he added.

Finishing first for the men's side was senior Mat Uzinski (Oceanside, NY), who came in strong at the 107 place with a time of 33:01

"We ran the best team race in Sacred Heart history, left it all out on the course and made a

big name for ourselves. We know how hard we worked and wanted to prove it on race day. I was very happy," said Uzinski.

The next six guys to come across the line all posted their career-best in an NCAA Regional. The first of them being sophomore Tyler Arnett (Clinton Corners, NY) in 145 place and a finishing time of 33:4.

"I know my team has the ability to pull through for coach and for ourselves. We have heart!" Christina Mendoza

"We were trained to peak at Regionals and it definitely showed. It was the best team race of the season and we finished three places better than we ever have in school history," said Arnett. "With only one last meet for the seniors, we're planning on having an even better race next weekend at IC4A's. We're going to send the seniors out with a bang," he added.

Following Arnett was sophomore Robert Howard (Levittown, NY) with a time of 33:45 and

a 151 finish overall. Next was sophomore Rob Gill in 152 place and just two tenths of a second behind Howard at 33:46.

The next two to finish were senior Andrew Renna (Danbury) and freshmen Timothy Larson (Smithfield, RI), who were in 170 place at 34:23 and 181 at 34:35 respectively. Rounding out the top runners for the men was senior Joe Zalak (Middle Village, NY) in 182 place with a time of 34:38 "We had some great individual performances from the younger guys," said Zalak. "That helped us finally make a mark for ourselves in DI regionals. It's nice to see the fruits of our labor," he added.

For the women's team, senior Katie Wrinkle (Medford, NY) crossed the line first for the women Pioneers. She was in 58 place with an overall time of 22:49 on the 6k course. Following Wrinkle was fellow senior Suzanne Neglia (Andover, NJ), who was 155 over all with her best time of 24:09. Next to finish for the Pioneers was senior Christina Mendoza (Union City, NJ), who was 161 at 24:13.

"The team in general had a tough race this weekend. We were not able to perform the way we know we can," said Mendoza.

"Every team has a bad race sometime however, the important thing to do is to look ahead and learn from our mistakes. We have a great opportunity next weekend to run a great race and I know my team has the ability to pull through for coach and for ourselves! We have heart!" she added.

Sophomore Erin Kulasewski (West Warwick, RI) also had her best time for Regionals and finished 185 overall with a time of 24:42. Following her was freshmen Kathleen Duffy (Monroe), who was in 194 place with a time of 24:52.

"We didn't do as well as we all had hoped for but we all tried our hardest," said Duffy, "We were disappointed with our finish but are having positive thoughts for our next race"

Rounding out the top runners for the women's team were senior Erin Roche (Stony Point, NY), who also had her best regional time, and finished 216 with a time of 25:23, and freshmen Anne Duffy (Monroe) in 221 with a time of 25:35.

Both teams are back in action this Saturday at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx. They will be competing in the ECAC/IC4A championships.