

## Pulitzer Prize Winner Speaks at SHU

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David Shipler has been hard at work for a long time. After graduating from Dartmouth College in 1964, he joined the New York Times as a reporter in 1966. He worked as a reporter for the New York Times for the next 22 years in many different capacities, and then embarked on the next phase of his life, as an author. It is in this profession he found his life's work, but it was a long road that brought him there.

In the late '60s and 1970s, Shipler served as the Times correspondent in Southeast Asia and he worked in Moscow as a correspondent and bureau chief. He also served as bureau chief in Jerusalem and won awards for his coverage of the Lebanon War. His final assignment with the Times, ending in 1988, was as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent in the paper's Washington Bureau.

His work in Moscow and Jerusalem allowed him to gain the necessary knowledge to write his first two books and both were critically acclaimed bestsellers. *Russia: Broken Idols, Solemn Dreams*, published in 1983, earned him the 1983 Overseas Press Club Award for best foreign affairs book of the year. His masterpiece, *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land*, explores perceptions and relationships between Arabs and Jews in Israel and the West Bank. For this he won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize.

Following his work at the Times, he

acted as a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and in 1997 published his book, *Country of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America*. For his efforts in race relations he was recognized by President Clinton with an invitation to attend the first town meeting on race in Akron, Ohio, in Dec.

and open to the public, and drew a large crowd of students, professors, and other interested people from the community. Wearing a tan blazer and sporting a large grey beard he spoke for just over an hour, fielded questions, and engaged in a book signing. His talk focused on poverty and how it is handled by govern-

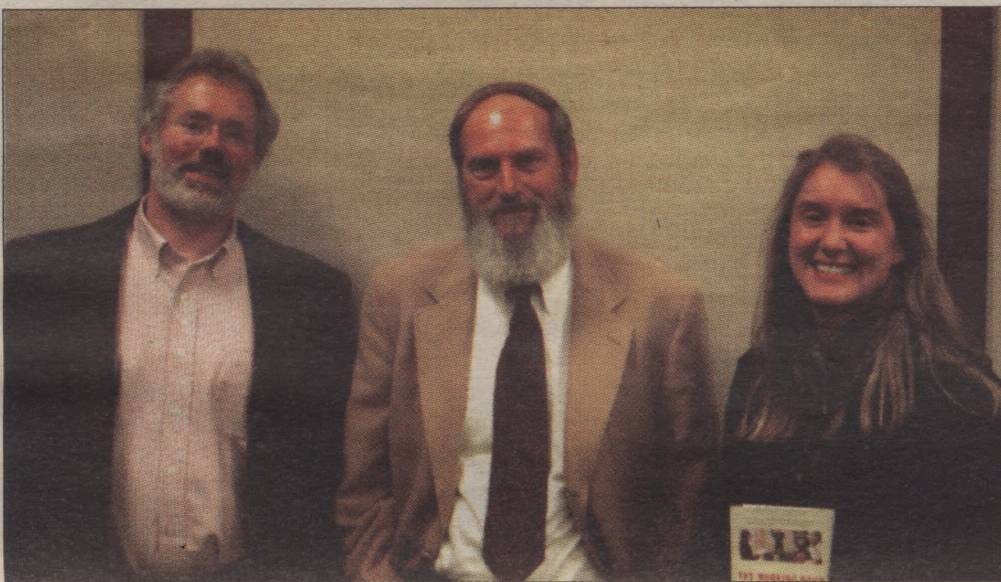
the government, Shipler said, to utilize the well of generosity in America to help those suffering in poverty.

"There is a spirit of giving and sacrifice that exists in America that's not being tapped into by our political system," he remarked. America is constantly attempting to improve the quality of life in countries around the world, but there are those in this country who are still suffering, and their cries are going unheeded.

"I have this naïve notion," he said, "that Republicans with some of the pieces in their pockets and the Democrats with other pieces will sit down and spill the pieces out together...and they'll assemble the jigsaw puzzle to get the full picture of the families who work hard but are still on the low side of the poverty line." For this to occur, there will have to be more lectures like this one, in order to create a forum of discussion. Hopefully, discussion will lead to action.

Shipler's talk seemed to strike a chord with his audience. Many people brought books to be signed, and the question and answer session at the end had to be cut short due to time constraints.

The lecture was the highlight of Sacred Heart's Hunger Awareness week, capping a series of events designed to bring information to the surrounding community. The University was honored by such a distinguished speaker, and his talk was considered a huge success. He is currently at work on another book, on civil liberties.



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Dr. Reid, David Shipler and Noelle D'Agostino of Campus Ministry.

1997. Also during this time, he taught at Princeton and other American colleges and worked as writer-in-residence at the University of Southern California. He has written four books, and is considered an authority on foreign affairs.

On Nov. 18, Shipler conducted a lecture on his most recent book, *The Working Poor*, in Sacred Heart's Mahogany Room. The lecture was free

ment and society as a whole.

"Poverty is not a problem, but a cluster of problems that interact and reinforce one another," said Shipler, who traveled the country for years while doing research for the book. He bolstered his lecture with stories of the people he met, and read an excerpt from his book about a single mother struggling below the poverty line. It is up to

## Real Rules from Road Rules

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"Sacred Heart, you're lucky you have someone who loves to gossip." Those were the words of Shane from Road Rules. On Nov. 16, Sacred Heart was lucky enough to have Shane and Kendall from Road Rules speak in the auditorium.

Shane spoke first. He was very passionate in reaching out about diversity. He made a statement about Road Rules saying that, "it's about bringing people together who are vastly different." He then spoke out about homosexuality. He said, "I know I didn't choose to be gay, I was born with it... I first realized I was gay when I was five years old."

As Shane blindly went onto the show, he admitted to having many stereotypes. "What I learned on this show was that I was the one holding the stereotypes, not the people who were creating them for me." He advised the audience to use college as he used Road Rules. "Use college as a learning experience to seek things outside the box... you can learn more from someone who is different from you, than you"

As the crowd cheered and laughed with Shane, they thoroughly enjoyed his



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Shane and Kendall from MTV's Road Rules talked about their experiences on the popular television show.

advice. He then joked about not giving Kendall any speaking time. So she began.

Her first comment about the show was, "we were very vulnerable at the beginning, we were all alone and forced to start new friendships."

Something that seemed to be very important to Kendall was respect. Someone from the audience asked, "Do you believe

in change in a relationship?" Kendall's response was "It can but I would never recommend it."

Someone asked what Kendall would be doing if she hadn't been on the show. "I originally wanted to be an actress but was waiting tables and working at the Gap in Chicago. I became a teacher and I just did the Road Rules thing for fun, to kill some time...but then I made it. This experience really gave me the fuel to go try to pursue acting again."

Both Kendall and Shane enjoy being noticed when they go out in public. However, Shane said, "The other day, I had just gotten my hair cut and no one was really noticing me, and it felt really good."

To try out for Road Rules go to [www.burim-murray.com](http://www.burim-murray.com) ("casting").

## CCJU Hosts Nostra Aetate Awards

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Sacred Heart's CCJU or Center of Christian-Jewish Understanding, hosted its annual Nostra Aetate Awards Ceremony and dinner on Wednesday Dec. 1, at Park Avenue Synagogue at 50 East 87 Street in New York City.

The Nostra Aetate Award is named for the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, which is known by the Roman Catholic Church since 1965 and paved the way for unprecedented progress in Jewish-Christian relations over the next 40 years.

The evening began with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the presentation awards. The Nostra Aetate Award Ceremony is presented each year to an individual and organization that are known and respected for their commitment to inter-religious dialogue, under-

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## Zogby Teaches SHU Students the Significance of Polls

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On November 17th in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, the College of Arts and Sciences presented the third lecture in the 'Democracy and the American President' series. At 2 p.m. Shawnta Watson-Walcott presented the lecture entitled, "Polls and the 2004 Presidential Election."

Watson-Walcott is the Director of Communications for Zogby International, the public opinion research firm that publishes the Zogby Poll. Before working with Zogby, Watson-Walcott served in a variety of political posts including Program Officer for The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, and Political Director for the Rainbow/Push Coalition.

After speaking briefly on Zogby international, Watson-Walcott went over polling definitions before she got into the crux of her speech.

Tom Martilla, a freshman from Huntington, NY said, "I thought the fact that she gave the audience definitions of key terms that deal with polling helped keep us interested. This way she did not have to pause her speech to explain to us what something such as 'interactive samples' meant, and she could keep the flow of her presentation."

Watson-Walcott spoke about all of the broken rules in the 2004 election. "There are a couple of tried and true rules that usu-

ally hold true for elections."

One of the rules that didn't hold up in this election was that if people think the country is going in the wrong direction the incumbent can't win. Another was that the undecided voters will break away from the incumbent and lean towards the challenger. Once 33% of the exit polling data is collected we can usually determine who the winner is. This was not true in this year's election.

The crowd favorite was the rule of the Red Skins. "If the Red Skins lose their last home game, the President will not win."

Watson-Walcott said that there were six constituencies in this election that were critical: union voters, women, Catholics, African Americans, Hispanic, and the younger voters (ages 18-29). Kerry needed to get as much support from the six constituents as Gore did in 2000, plus one.

She said, "We did not see the massive turnout [of young voters] and the surging support of John Kerry that we thought we would."

Watson-Walcott ended her presentation with speculation on the 2008 election.

Jennifer Binns, a sophomore from Wethersfield said, "I thought that this lecture was very important to attend. I learned more about the election from a different point of reference. I've never thought about what role the polls play, even though they are mentioned all the time."

## SHU Crew Team Makes Big Waves for Thanksgiving

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Sacred Heart's Women's Crew Team has proved that teamwork isn't only for the water this Holiday Season. Last Sunday, the crew team made the single largest student-athlete donation to the Connecticut Food Bank. Gathering donations from peers, parents, friends, employers and not to mention, themselves, the women raised enough funds to feed approximately 600 people on Thanksgiving.

"This crew has a lot of heart. They prove it on the racecourse and it shows in this effort as well," said Coach John Turner.

Led by Head Coach John Turner and Assistant Coach Alessandra Fischetti, the women of the SHU Crew team went to Stop & Shop in Shelton in order to make their purchase of 100 frozen turkeys. After raising \$843.75 on their own, a private corporate donor matched their efforts, allowing a grand total of \$1700 to be donated, adding cranberry sauce to the already generous contribution.

"In addition to helping their neighbors, the women of SHU Crew set a great example for others with their compassion and

commitment," said Nancy L. Carrington, Executive Director of Connecticut Food Bank.

The Connecticut Food Bank not only serves Fairfield, but also Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham counties. Last year, they were able to feed an estimated 250,000 people with 12.4 million pounds of food that they distributed to 500 charitable food programs.

This year in addition to making waves for others, SHU Crew's roster of 34 competitive women has earned gold, silver, and bronze medals for their efforts in national regattas.

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## Public Safety Cracking Down on Student Parking

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Forget illegally parking on city streets, what becomes more of an issue for Sacred Heart University students is campus parking. Public Safety has increased enforcement on parking regulations, due to an increase in violations this academic year.

"Since my first year here, Public Safety has regulated where students are allowed to park, but this year they are being more strict, and actually following through on their threats," said Mike Accetta, a junior from Narragansett, RI.

Due to many violators, Public Safety officers are now stationed sporadically in the parking lots to ensure the rules are being followed. There is an East Hall officer that oversees the lot and punishes any violators. The faculty lot is guarded throughout the day, and cars are turned away when the lot is full.

"When the lot gets full, people begin parking along to side of the curb, obstructing the traffic flow," said Eric McPherson, shift supervisor for Public Safety. "Each lot now has heavy enforcement because we care about safety and the University."

Students purchase decals designating what lot they are allowed to park in. Commuters, including residents of Taft Commons, Park Ridge, and Park Royal, have the option of parking in the commuter lot, library lot, or North lot. Jefferson Hill, South lot, and North Lot decals are limited to that specific lot, and are not permitted to park anywhere else on campus. The faculty lot is very restricted and the lot at Curtis Hall has also been restricted to staff since October 2001.

"If you're not allowed to have your car on campus, don't bring it," said Jack Fernandez, director of Public Safety. "And if you do have your car, park where you are supposed to."

"Everyone assigned a decal is guaranteed a spot in that lot, but when people begin to park illegally, others lose their spot," said McPherson. "Also, the lanes in front of Public Safety must remain clear for maintenance vehicles, and in case of the need for emergency services."

"Sometimes you drive into a full lot where you're supposed to park, and there are vehicles parked there illegally, taking your spot," said Catherine Callan, a sophomore from Wappingers Falls, NY. "Public Safety sometimes tickets or boots a car, but they still sit there forever."

A Jeep Cherokee had been parked in the faculty lot for some time with no decal permitting it to do so. Another car in the J-Hill lot was booted with numerous amounts of tickets, yet still taking up a spot.

"This was a concern for some people," said Fernandez, "but both cars had parked there before decals were issued, and then broke down. Public Safety was working with the owners of the vehicles to solve the problem in the best way."

"At my last school, there was no Public Safety enforcement on parking," said Inara Coleman, a junior from Poughkeepsie, NY. "Here, there is no other way but to regulate. Before decals were in effect, there were never any spots and now there are, so obviously Public Safety is going about it the right way."

Public Safety can and will ticket or boot illegally parked vehicles. They have the ability to identify owners of vehicles that are not registered, and will take necessary actions to penalize violators.

"Everyone needs to understand that we are responsible for enforcing parking," said McPherson. "We are here for the University community and are just doing our job."

## Operation Christmas Child a Huge Success

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The Christmas season has just kicked off, and, as the success of Operation Christmas Child illustrates, many SHU students are already showing their Christmas spirit. Operation Christmas Child, a program sponsored by the International Christian Ministry and Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoeboxes to impoverished children around the world. Those who donate to the program fill a shoebox with toiletries, clothing and toys. This year over 100 boxes were distributed to SHU students.

Program coordinator Mindy Miserendino, assistant professor of psychology, was pleased with the outcome. "This year I counted 138 boxes, many

of them oversized and over stuffed. Additionally, people contributed numerous bags of items [with] which we made up at least 10 more boxes, and many people contributed money for shipping costs or to buy additional needed items."

Thanks to the generosity of the SHU community, this program has expanded, and will hopefully continue to grow each year.

Miserendino appreciates all of the effort put out by SHU students and employees. She stated, "My heartfelt thanks to the Sacred Heart community who participated in this wonderful outreach; they've really made a difference in the lives of (at least) 138 children!"

That's what Christmas is all about.



# CAMPUS NEWS

## SHU Unwraps Christmas Week

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Jingle bells and holiday spirit fill the halls of Sacred Heart as the holiday season begins. Christmas Week kicks off tomorrow night with a variety of events throughout the last week of classes.

"This is my favorite time of the year," said Katie Gabriel, a junior from Wappingers Falls, NY. "The week is jam packed with so many exciting things to do, it just gets me more anxious for the holiday."

The class of 2006 sponsors the semi-formal tomorrow night at the Italian Center in Stanford for only \$20 a ticket. Non-SHU students are also welcome to join the festivities for \$50.

"As far as Christmas Week goes, we really tried to make it more convenient for commuters and daytime students to enjoy along with the rest of the full-time students," said Kelly Imhof, a junior from Huntington, NY.

On Sunday, students, faculty, and staff gather around at 5 p.m. for the Christmas tree lighting. Sacred Heart's band and music department will perform Christmas songs while everyone enjoys hot chocolate and cookies provided by SET and Flik.



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SHU's Christmas Week kicks off this Friday December 3rd.

"Christmas Week has been a tradition for 10 years that SET has always done, and they have now incorporated other clubs," said Tom Wuestkamp, coordinator of Student Activities.

Omega Phi Kappa fraternity and Nu Epsilon Omega sorority co-sponsor the jingle jam ball with SET on Monday.

"This event is so much fun," said Greg Maurice (senior, Snellville GA), president of OPK. "You won't find one person without a smile on their face."

The Outpost Pub puts on a Christmas party full of dancing and decorations

following the jingle jam ball.

"Every night is filled with something exciting to do, and plenty of free stuff for the upcoming holiday season," said Imhof.

The Money Tree Game Show starts at 10:10 p.m. in University Commons on Tuesday. The trivia game has many random,

great prizes, including the chance for students to walk away with up to \$100 in cash.

"The trivia game is a great idea because during the holidays there's always that desperate need for cash," said Jackie Hull, a sophomore from Seymour.

Santa Claus comes to town on Wednesday for the most popular event in the previous years. Students line up to take pictures with St. Nick at 1 p.m. in the dining hall. Before heading back to the North Pole, Santa stops at the North Hall

coffeehouse for more pictures. There is also Christmas karaoke in Holy Grounds as well as decorating of stockings and ornaments.

Next Thursday night marks the last Bingo of the semester, with the grand prize being the largest of all. There are many prizes, giving students a chance to win extra gifts for themselves, or others.

"All of these events let you take a break from the final exam stress that hits everyone during this time of year," said Dave Morson, a senior from Ocean, NJ.

Next weekend is movie weekend, with *Elf* and *Anchorman* playing at numerous times throughout Friday and Saturday.

Next Sunday, the last day of Christmas Week, there is a trip to the Palisades Mall at 3 p.m. This presents students with the opportunity to begin their Christmas shopping.

"Christmas Week continues to be a tradition and we don't want it to fall by the wayside. Therefore we organize many Christmas themed events," said Wuestkamp.

"Overall, the week was thoroughly planned out and coordinated to add something new and exciting to get the students out of the dorms from writing papers and studying, and have a good time," said Imhof.

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## SHU Teaches Leadership

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Staff Reporter

While it seems some people are born to be leaders and others followers, there are always times these roles reverse and it is important to be prepared for the change when, and if they do.

On Nov. 20, Sacred Heart University held its second leadership conference of the year. With the hard work and effort of the Student Life Office, students were presented with a day of learning of fun, with the intent to lead and succeed.

From 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. students were given the opportunity to partake in numerous workshops where they learned different aspects of leadership.

Junior Aisling Clancy (Rego Park, NY) said, "even though some of the classes I took were crowded, I think I took away a lot from going. My favorite class was 'The rules according to Bob.' It was kind of a short session, but very informative and it gave us the opportunity to ask questions about other things."

The conference offered a varied assortment of classes ranging from "CHA-CHING," where students learned the basics of budgeting and fundraising, to "Self Esteem and Success." The later class taught the importance of building a positive self image and having confidence in yourself, both of which are vital tools for a good leader to possess.

Classes were also arranged in categories separating the level of leadership students placed themselves in. Some classes were designed for all leaders, while others were specifically targeted at experienced leaders, and still others for emerging leaders. The idea of this being that no one be overwhelmed nor under-

achieved by their activities.

The overall goal of the leadership conference was to offer each participant the chance to learn a little bit about their own leadership styles and to leave with a greater understanding of what it takes to be a better leader.

Junior Beth Mcfadden (East Quogue, NY) said, "truthfully I was not looking forward to going at all, but when I got there I learned a lot from the classes I went to. My favorite was the one where I got to color because it took me back to my childhood and away from the everyday stresses of college life. I would definitely recommend going to all students because it was well worth it."

Aside from taking workshops the leadership conference also consisted of a presentation by guest speaker Tracy Knofla who has been involved with such seminars for the past 20 years. Her upbeat persona and explicit ability to keep students involved where key factors in understanding the importance of possessing skills to be the ideal leader.

Although a few classes may not turn everyone into an automatic leader, sacrificing a few hours to learn the basics can surely be said to be time well spent.

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## CCJU Hosts Awards

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standing, and reconciliation.

This years recipients included the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal and charitable society of Catholic men on whose behalf Supreme Knight Carl Anderson accepted. Also recognized was the Claims Conference, an organization that works to secure compensation and restitution for survivors of the Holocaust and heirs of victims, on whose behalf Rabbi Israel Singer accepted. Mr. Joel Siegel, Entertainment Editor of the ABC network program Good Morning America also accepted an award.

The CCJU is an educational and research division of SHU. It recognizes the commitment of these individuals and the organizations promoting understanding, peace and mutual respect between religions. The CCJU brings religious leaders of the future, and provides related services and resources for communities in Connecticut and surrounding areas.

## Over 1,000 SHU Students Register at TheFacebook.Com

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Sacred Heart University is now officially part of the rapidly growing online community called The Face Book, which allows users to find and contact friends from colleges around the U.S. and Canada.

Although TheFaceBook.com has been available for many universities around the country for several months, it wasn't only until Nov. 24 that SHU was officially added to the online index. In less than five days, over one thousand Sacred Heart students have registered, with the nationwide number rapidly approaching one million users. The exact numbers were given over an email interview by Chris Hughes, a Co-Founder and Press Guy for thefacebook.com "You may want some statistics. There are currently 975,830 registered users for the site nationwide and 1,120 at Sacred Heart."

The Face Book is an online directory that allows college students to connect by adding friends or sending messages to each other. Upon registering, the student can also input from what high school he or she graduated as well as list specifically which courses he or she is currently enrolled in. The students can then search their own school or the entire college directory for friends by name, age, high school, and so on. As Chrissy Pedrena (junior, Brooklyn, NY) said, "It's really addictive, and it allows you to be a stalker without getting weird statements from friends about how you somehow stumbled on a guy you had a crush on in 9 grade."

On the first day back after Thanksgiving break, snippets of conversations revolving around The Face Book could be heard all around campus with students asking each other questions such as if they knew about it, if they had registered yet, how many people they had in their "Friends" list, and so on.

Marielle DiBella, a freshman from Park Ridge, NJ said, "the Face Book is great because it allows me to connect with old high school friends I had lost contact with!"

Although other similar websites have been around for longer such as myspace.com or friendster.com, the fact that the Face Book is specifically dedi-

cated to college students it has helped make it a trend amongst the SHU population. Many of the students interviewed shared the same opinion as Rebecca Lineberry (junior, Middletown) when

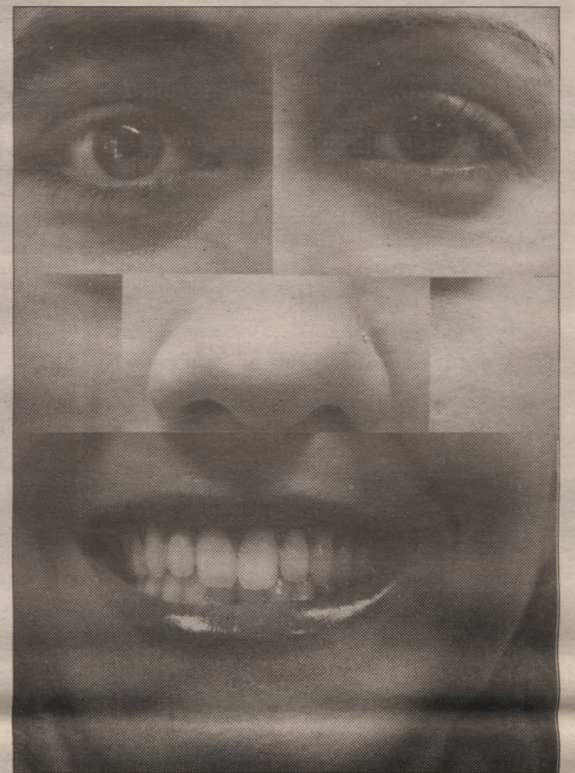


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Thefacebook.com offers the opportunity to see pictures of your high school and college classmates.

she said, "it has become in so little time something of an addiction I used to hear all my friends from other schools talk about it and I had no idea what they were talking about.... now I've been using it for less than 24 hours and its already taking me over..."

On the other hand, some of the students interviewed weren't as enthusiastic of The Face Book and feel that it is somewhat overrated. For example, Rodhmir Labadie (junior, Stamford) said, "I heard so much about it that when I eventually went online to check it out I was a little disappointed, it wasn't what I was expecting."

In any event, The Face Book is ideal for those who want to get in touch with high school classmates, friends at other universities, or even to meet new people at Sacred Heart.

With almost one million users registered so far, the community is expanding at a phenomenal rate and is rapidly becoming as popular a means of communication as text and instant messaging.

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# BEYOND SHU

## Eager Holiday Shoppers Brave Long Waits For Big Discounts

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The nation's retailers threw open their doors before the sun rose Friday, tempting early risers on the first shopping day of the holiday season with super specials and free coffee.

The deep discounts and refreshments were a bid by merchants to ring up their holiday sales fast on the day they dub Black Friday. And they're keeping their fingers crossed that, in an improving though still challenging economy, the crowds will keep coming throughout the next month.

At the Orange Park Mall in suburban Jacksonville, Fla., several hundred people cheered outside J.C. Penney as the doors opened at 5:30 a.m. They scurried to get out of the unseasonably cold 40-degree weather.

Phyllis Renninger, 52, waited with her 22-year-old daughter, Katie, for struggling KB Toys to open up at 6 a.m. The women had a piece of notebook paper with a detailed game plan of the stores where they planned to shop.

"Hopefully we'll get some good

deals," Renninger said, adding she wanted to spend less this year "but get more."

Eight women in Coleen Baker's family fanned out across the mall with walkie-talkies and cell phones, snapping up a microwave oven, digital camera and CD players. "I've already saved \$70," Baker said around 6:30 a.m.

By the time Wal-Mart's store in Hamburg, N.Y. opened at 6 a.m., 1,000 people had formed a line that spanned the entire store front, despite temperatures of 31 degrees.

"It's our tradition," said Ruth Pompeo, of Lackawanna, N.Y., who was in line with her 11-year-old niece.

Many of the particularly big discounts on the day after Thanksgiving are limited, so dedicated bargain hunters come early. At a Wal-Mart in Alpharetta, Ga., a supply of discounted personal video players sold out in just 12 minutes.

Seeking to avoid such a scenario, Uttim Karki drove two hours to be outside a BestBuy in Little Rock, Ark., by 1 a.m. - and found 10 people ahead of him. Store employees there passed out doughnuts and coffee to more than 300 people in line by 5 a.m.

In South Charleston, W.Va., several hundred shoppers braved temperatures in the 20s to stand in line for Kohl's to open its doors at 5:30 a.m.

"We're here for the \$159 (portable) DVD player," Tammy Tucker, visiting from Concord, N.C., said from close to the front of the line. "I'm worried it's going to be a bit of a fight to get one."

At least two chains - J.C. Penney and Sears, Roebuck - opened their doors a half-hour to an hour earlier than a year ago to lure early risers. KB Toys Inc., which sought bankruptcy protection this year, extended early bird specials all day long instead of having them end at noon.

A cold snap prompted Toys R Us in Columbia, S.C., to let in shivering customers an hour earlier than the advertised 6 a.m.

While Karen Dawkins, 39, was at the Toys R Us, her mother was making the rounds at Circuit City and her sister was at Target - so she planned to wrap up all her holiday shopping Friday.

Farther north, in Manchester, Conn., Claude Samson, 35, had lined up at 3 a.m. in front of Wal-Mart. He filled two carts full of toys and cooking supplies after the

store opened at 6 a.m.

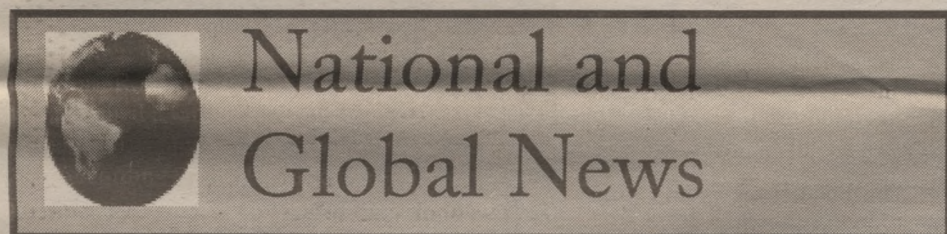
"I think it's a little crazy and there's probably a simpler way of doing this, but at the same time, you are saving so much," he said. "When you are saving \$30 or \$40 on a gift, you're going to do what you have to do."

Things weren't going as well in the cold and rainy Midwest. In Bismarck, N.D., only about 100 people were in line at Wal-Mart by 4:30 a.m., a half hour before opening, compared with several hundred last year.

"Last year, they broke down a door trying to get in," said Mary Lou Horning, a Wal-Mart employee who has been through a half-dozen Black Fridays.

The Washington-based National Retail Federation projects total sales, excluding restaurant and auto sales, will increase 4.5 percent for November and December. That would be less than the 5.1 percent gain of a year earlier.

"To me, shopping is a sport, so this is sort of like the ultimate Olympics," said Katie Dziedzic, 33, who snapped up a \$30 DVD player at 6 a.m. at the Wal-Mart in Manchester, Conn.



## National and Global News

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** Iraq's most feared terror group claimed responsibility Sunday for slaughtering members of the Iraqi security forces in Mosul, where dozens of bodies have been found. The claim raises fears the terror group has expanded to the north after the loss of its purported base in Fallujah. Meanwhile, insurgents attacked U.S. and Iraqi targets in Baghdad and in Sunni Arab areas. Iraq's deputy prime minister, Barham Saleh, said sticking to the Jan. 30 election timetable would be a challenge, but delaying it would bolster the insurgents' cause.

**MONTROSE, Colo. (AP)** A corporate jet taking off from near a ski area crashed through a fence and burst into flames Sunday, killing at least two of the six people on board and seriously injuring three others. Sheriff's officials said two people were dead, but a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said three had died in the crash at Montrose Regional Airport, which serves the Telluride Ski Area.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** The U.S. military death toll in Iraq rose by at least three Monday and the November total is approaching the highest for any month since the American-led invasion was launched in March 2003. At least 133

U.S. troops have died in Iraq so far this month - only the second time it has topped 100 in any month. The deadliest month was last April when 135 U.S. troops died as the insurgency flared in Sunni-dominated Fallujah, where dozens of U.S. troops died this month.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** The Supreme Court questioned whether state medical marijuana laws might be abused by people who aren't really sick as it debated Monday whether the federal government can prosecute patients who smoke pot on doctors' orders. The stakes are high on both the government level - 11 states have passed medical marijuana laws since 1996 - and the personal.

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)** Facing a relentless tide of opposition protests, embattled President Leonid Kuchma said Monday that a new election might be the only way out of a spiraling crisis that threatens to split this former Soviet republic into a pro-Russian east and a pro-Western rest of Ukraine. Kuchma warned that "we cannot in any instance allow the disintegration or division of Ukraine," and Secretary of State Colin Powell said he had telephoned the Ukrainian president to express concern about reports of a possible splintering of the country.

## Connecticut News

Tom Hays  
Associated Press

More than a year after a Connecticut college student mysteriously turned up dead on a Brooklyn street, police arrested a teenager they say shot the victim during a night of partying.

Antonio Russo, 18, of Brooklyn, was to be arraigned on second-degree murder and first-degree robbery charges. He was among several people who attended an after-hours house party where Mark Fisher, a former football player at Fairfield University, was last seen alive.

At a news conference, District Attorney Charles Hynes said investigators "believe the primary motive was robbery," but he refused to elaborate.

Because other people could still be charged, officials wanted to withhold "details about how the silence was broken or how detectives put the pieces of the puzzle together," said Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

Law enforcement sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said friends of Russo have told investigators that he privately made statements implicating himself. Police also suspect another man at the party was an accomplice, the sources said.

An attorney for Russo - who was arrested at his grandmother's home in Brooklyn - said his client was innocent.

"I believe he'll be exonerated," said the lawyer, Neil Ruskin.

Fisher, 19, of Andover, N.J., went to the party at about 2 a.m. on Oct. 12, 2003, with a woman he met for the first time that night at a Manhattan bar. Police officers

responding to a call of shots fired discovered his bullet-riddled body at about 6:30 a.m., dumped on the sidewalk.

What happened during that four-hour period became the focus of an intense investigation focusing on Russo and other partygoers. As months passed without an arrest, investigators complained that the case was plagued by uncooperative witnesses who had hired attorneys.

Police concluded that sometime before dawn Russo had accompanied Fisher to a neighborhood market, where the victim withdrew \$20 from an automatic teller machine. A short time later, after the pair left the Brooklyn home again on foot, Russo allegedly shot Fisher five times about a block and a half away, authorities said. No weapon was recovered.

Russo raised suspicions by cutting his hair short and traveling to California shortly after the killing, authorities said. But his lawyer said he merely was visiting family there.

"He went out there and came right back," Ruskin said. "What does that tell you?"

Fisher was a sophomore in the university's Dolan School of Business and was active in intramural sports. He played for the university's football team in 2002.

The victim's parents, Michael and Nancy Fisher, had put up \$90,000 in reward money - in addition to \$10,000 from the city - for information leading to an arrest of their son's killer.

Asked if anyone was eligible to collect the reward, Hynes replied, "I don't think so."



# Perspectives

## A Memorable Night For A Senior

Dear Editor:

Last week a group of 200 or so seniors had the pleasure of going to Mohegan Sun for a memorable night of gambling and drinking. But for all of us, it was more than just breaking sins that made the night memorable. We didn't just laugh at old stories or rehash old memories. No, we wrote ourselves new stories, created new

planning special events for our final year of college. But you still work hard for us and you do everything you can to make our senior year the best one. I just wanted to let you all know that you are doing a great job. Be proud of yourselves. Everything you guys plan has been great and senior year has truly been a memorable experience thus far. And remember, although the rest of us may not always show it, you are



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memories, reconnected with old friends, and made November 19 a night that we will always remember. In a word, it was amazing and in a lifetime it will never be forgotten.

But, to be honest, I'm not sure of who was even responsible for the trip. I know there was a Tom involved, a Danielle and Kristen too. But as for everyone else, I'm clueless. I would just like to say "Thank you" to these unknown people who made that night possible. The hard work you all put in is far too often overlooked and that's sad. You spend your free time helping people like me who could care less about

appreciated and we are thankful for all that you do.

As for the seniors who didn't go on the trip, please don't make the same mistake next time. Pretty soon this year will be over and we'll all take our separate ways. As much as we try not to think about it, when the summer begins, our college life ends. Before that day though, let's make the most of what we have and live out every night like it's our last... because, pretty soon, it will be. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Michael Galvin

## Season's Greetings from Flik

The Management and Staff at Flik would like to take this time to address the concerns brought forth in last week's editorial. The anonymous writer made a lot of accusations towards Flik's services and prices that are unfortunately not factual. As always we appreciate any feed back and ideas given to us for our improvement, but we do wish to clear up any misleading speculations circumstances.

Flik's goal is to serve a wide variety of delicious, high quality food to the students and faculty of Sacred Heart, at reasonable prices. We make a conscious effort to purchase products that peak in industry standards, while still striving to maintain competitive prices. As a student was recently purchasing two "Bundle Meals" for dinner to take home, she informed a Flik employee "where else can I get good food for a great price." Many factors play a part when pricing our meals. As we all know yearly inflation from our vendors plays a part in our prices as well as the support of our 100 plus employees that work for us here at Sacred Heart. Any loss due to food waste is mainly derived from unpaid food being left on the floors and countertops because of a quick mind change. Everyday Flik employees throw out a large amount of food filled plates and containers. Our Chefs keep a daily production log to ensure that we make the right amount of food in order to

prevent any waste on our behalf. Not to mention the loss due to items and food that is stolen daily from our premises. All of these facts play a role in Flik's decisions on pricing.



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We at Flik value and appreciate any feedback on how we're doing. A monthly meeting is an opportunity for anyone to sit in on and ask questions as well as make suggestions. We encourage all to join us. Happy Holidays.

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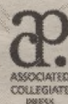
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My little brother, tasting macaroni and cheese while I spent time at home during Thanksgiving break.



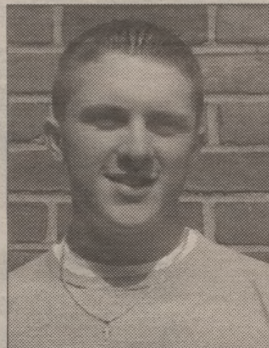
# He Said... She Said...

## Phone Conversations: How Long Is Too Long?

Robert Roy  
"He Said" Columnist

The length of a couple's phone conversation depends on their type of relationship. If they use their phone conversations to sustain their relationship then long phone conversations are essential. A long distance relationship will require longer conversations. If the couple talks once or twice a day, no more than a half hour for each session is plenty. A short distance relationship should not require long conversations. When the couple see each other every day, there is no need to speak for more the 10 to 15 minutes on the phone.

Never stay on the phone just for the sake of staying on the phone. If there is nothing to talk about, then get off the phone. When couples stay on the phone and there is nothing to talk about it will almost always lead to fighting. We all know the drill. There is a lull in the conversation and with both sides desperate to speak; the past is always relived. Most of these conversations will lead to retelling mistakes either he or she has made. Now, a fight has started and it all stemmed from staying on the phone for no



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reason. When the conversation has run out, accept the fact that there is nothing to talk about and hang up the phone.

Avoid boring, repetitive conversation. For example, "how was your day?" Followed by, "what did you do today," trailed by "what are you doing tomorrow?" This repetitive conversation is pointless and gets the conversation now where. Lastly, do not make him stay on the phone if he wants to hang up. He will not make an effort to converse and this will lead to the silence. Thus the process of fighting because there is nothing to talk about will commence. Overall, let's make the phone conversations short and sweet, 15 minutes to a half hour is ample. Besides talking in person is always much better than talking on the phone.

Athena Soriero  
"She Said" Columnist

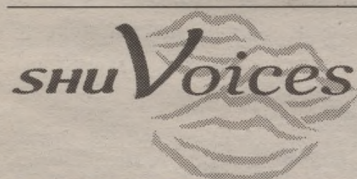
Incessant gabbing on the phone is usually a trait often attributed to girls. However, as much as they hate to admit it, when hung up on the right girl, guys are just as bad, maybe worse. Either we've been that person or lived with that person who spends more time on the phone than the operators down at 411, how much "keeping in touch" is way too much?

Here's a list of tell tale signs your compulsive chatting is out of control. First, you find yourself recapping every worthless moment of your day, sharing the autobiographical details of your life, and reciting whole term papers all over the phone. People recognize you only as "the phone girl/boy"; because you either sit or pace up and down the dorm halls chatting away without acknowledging the people living around you. You talk with your cell phone plugged into the wall because a battery life just isn't long enough. You consider talking on the phone with your significant other an exciting alternative to going out on the weekends. People think you're a wrestler because you have a mean case of cauliflower ear. Your roommates go to class



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and upon their return, you're still engaged in the same conversation. Your cell phone service provider shuts you down in fear your phone has been stolen; due to the mass amount of minutes you use in such short periods of time. Phone bills and calling cards have drained your bank account. You can eat, read, drive, write term papers, brush your teeth, use AIM, drop a deuce, and watch TV without ever having to hang up. Late night convos have caused you to develop raccoon eyes, as well as a new respect for vampires. Receiving a busy signal is the only way your mother reassures herself you're still alive. Finally grades, personal hygiene, loved ones, and having a good time all come second to the priceless moments of your life spent on the phone.



## What do you think of "www.thefacebook.com"?



"Oh my God! I hate it!!"

Bridget Steckis  
Shoreham, NY ~ Freshman



"It's dumb. There's no point. I'm really not in the mood for it."

Francesca Mollano  
Nanuet, NY ~ Senior



"I wanted it because everyone else had it. I'll be over it soon."

Alison Phorylo  
Monroe ~ Senior

## The **CARTOON** of the week



The Spectrum Cartoonist/ ALYSSA FERDINANDO

## SHU SENATE REPORT

As the year 2004 is coming to an end, so is the fall semester. Senate has been working really hard all semester and has accomplished many of the goals it has set out for in September. Student Senate recently co-hosted Holiday Bingo with the Student Events Team to get out and be introduced to even more people. Many students attended this popular event, not to see Senate, but just to win some nice prizes. But whether these students were out to get a straight line, "x," jail bars, or even four corners bingo, they were given a chance to see who their class representatives on Senate are; something most of them would not have gotten to otherwise.

Senate committees do not have very much to report this week. Spirit, Tradition, and Athletics Committee attended its first basketball game with the SHU ZOO. However, their application to become a Sacred Heart University club has not been reviewed yet. By the beginning of the spring semester, all should be set with the group so they will be recognized to hold both on campus fundraisers and events as the official SHU ZOO.

On Nov. 20, all committees took in valuable information at the Lead and Succeed Leadership Conference. One particular session focused on how to attract and maintain members. It was the most interesting one because of its useful suggestions on the different methods of gaining the attention of outside students. This class gave several senate members a new outlook for their ideas to think about over the winter vacation and carry out next semester.

Within the past week, Senate has also been working within itself to become better for the student population. Once a month, every Senator has a one-on-one with the VP of Senate, Todd Dixon, to communicate goals held and missions accomplished. By talking about goals with Senate's VP, each and every Senator has the chance to both share new ideas for the student body as a whole, and suggest different ways on how the committees and their weekly meetings run. Keeping an open mind is one of the ways this group maintains a successful operation. Between sixteen Senators, a VP, and an advisor, there is not only a well-rounded outcome, but also a very colorful plan of action for the future. Just a reminder, please do not hesitate to come to the Senate with any new ideas, questions, or even comments.

- Contributed by Erin Maurer.

**Come voice your  
opinion at a  
Senate Meeting!  
Thursdays at  
7:40 p.m. in the  
Faculty Lounge**



# —Arts & Entertainment—



[Above] Bowling for Soup poses backstage before their ear-shattering show at the pit center. [Right] Fans crowd the stage as the band begins its set, making sure that the on-site security earns its salary. [Below] Lead singer Jaret Reddick decides to channel his inner rock star.



## Bowling for Soup Strikes at SHU

Alex Kantarelis  
Staff Reporter

"We started by drinking beers, and writing songs. Three months later we recorded our first album. We've been on the road for the better part of the past eight years and here we are."

If you believe Bowling for Soup bassist Erik Chandler, it is easy to understand how the band arrived at Sacred Heart University on Thursday, Nov. 8. Just after 9:30, the masterminds behind such hits as "1985" and "Girl All the Bad Guys Want" took the stage at SHU's William H. Pitt Center where they played a hilarious set of punk rock mixed with constant jokes.

"They rocked it out, and I can't hear anything anymore," said freshman Daniel "Hawaii" Kardos from Honolulu, HI.

Our Finest Hour from North Haven opened the show and brought a blend of rock and metal that got the crowd fired up for the night. Closing their 30-minute set with a climax of energy, the lead singer injured his knee and was carried off the stage only to leave in an ambulance.

This was only a small taste of things to come, as Bowling for Soup was just minutes from stepping onto stage. As the lights went out, the crowd of over 500 let out a cheer that shook the walls of the Pitt Center.

After taking their instruments, the band spent at least five minutes joking with the crowd before starting the music, warning everyone that they wouldn't play well that night because they weren't drunk.

Playing songs from their seven albums, the band maintained a fun atmosphere with their stage presence and kept the crowd involved by starting chants and by calling Sacred Heart the best college they have ever played at.

Bowling for Soup got their start ten years ago, in Wichita Falls, TX. After heavy touring across the country, the band landed a deal with Jive Records and released

their major label debut, 2000's *Let's Do It For Johnny*. Two years later, the band got together for 2002's *Drunk Enough to Dance*, which sold over 300,000 copies and earned them a Grammy nomination for the hit "Girl All the Bad Guys Want."

The nomination opened many doors for the band and changed their lives.

"It was one of those really surreal moments in your life. None of us actually believed it, we all just thought it was a joke," said guitarist Chris Burney backstage while munching on a bag of Dorritos.

The nomination lead to the release of *The Hangover You Don't Deserve*, the band's most dynamic album to date. Singer/guitarist Jaret Reddick worked with many co-writers including members of Fastball, Sugar Ray, and SR-71.

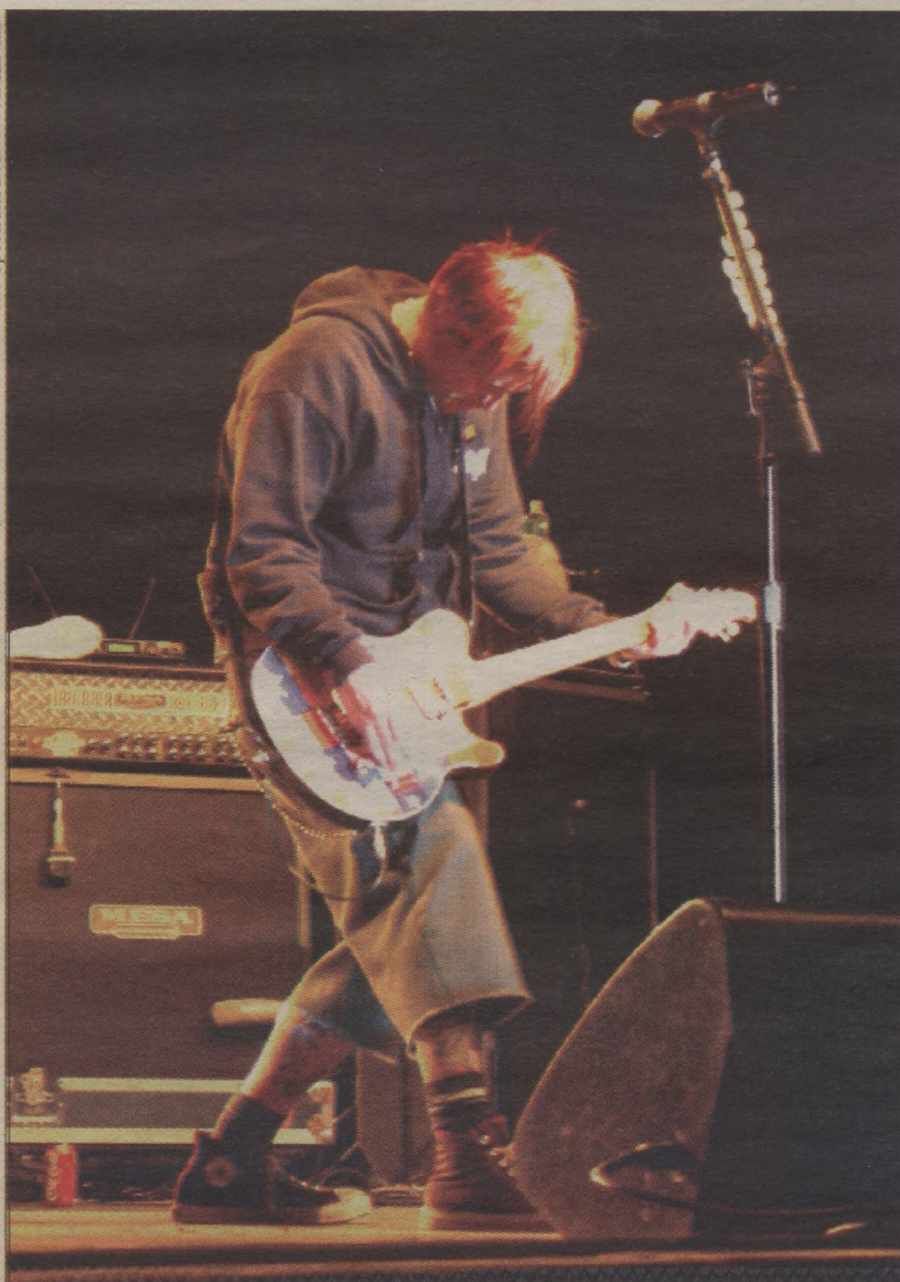
Even with a Grammy nomination under their belts, the band hardly takes themselves seriously. During the show they poked fun at everything from hecklers in the crowd to themselves. While on stage, Reddick said, "We know you're all here for '1985' and 'Girl All the Bad Guys Want.' We'll play them at the end of set, so you all have to stay until the end."

This attitude has lead to criticism, as many people believe the band is not very serious. Burney's only response to such pundits is this: "Hey, I'm the one getting paid for this." Reddick later added that he responds to criticism by saying, "We've been doing this for a really long time, ten years now. So how's your band doing?"

The band kept things interesting with a cover of Britney Spears' "...Hit Me Baby One More Time," and a medley of other covers, including Snoop Dogg's "Drop It Like It's Hot," and the Gilligan's Island theme.

After just over an hour, the band left the stage, with fans still screaming for more. All in all, the band put on a great performance and night was well worth the \$2 ticket price.

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# Laughing Stock of the University

Bridget Madden  
Staff Reporter

"Most people don't realize the many different effects that humor can have," said Dr. Sandra Young of the Sacred Heart English Department. And to prove her point, Dr. Young and her Advanced Composition (EN 375) students are participating in a humorous class experiment this semester as the class studies the rhetoric of humor.

The rhetoric of humor is the study of the language of humor: its concepts, theory and philosophy. This also includes humor's influence on different audiences. The goal of Dr. Young's Advanced Comp. class is to compose five papers throughout the course of the semester and eventually to have each student write his or her own stand-up comedy routine. The first paper was an argumentative study in which students philosophized on how and why the two genders find certain jokes funny.

"This class exposed me to a lot of types of humor because everyone has a different sense of humor," said Terrance White, a senior from New Haven.

The second paper was based on the analysis of a comedian such as Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld or Eddie Murphy. Students were challenged to explore the various components that make up these comic personas.

"[This class] is harder because it is easy to determine what makes you laugh, but it is hard to determine why it makes you laugh," explained Brian Thorne, a senior from Fairfield.

As such, the third assignment gave each student the opportunity to write humor for him or herself. The class presented skits that included ideas about the world of Instant Messaging, crazy mothers and obsessive families. Each individual stand-up was a two to four minute presentation in which the theme was meant to drive the force of the performance. Brian Garnder, a former SHU student living in Fairfield, acted as the MC for the event and was responsible for presenting the students with feedback.

"There is no censorship so it allows us to express how we feel, and who we really are we get to act out," said Kacy Lansing, a senior from Naugatuck.

For their final assignments, Dr. Young's class was required to first analyze a comic strip such as "Garfield" or "Ziggy" and then examine the psychology of a pre-1960 comedy film such as "It Happened One Night" or "Some Like it Hot." Students were also required to purchase a stand-up comedy book to guide them through the class. Other in-class exercises include story telling, where a student starts a story and it goes around the room and the next person picks up where



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Dr. Sandra Young (center) yuks it up with her EN 375 class. Young's Advanced Composition students are studying the rhetoric of humor this semester and each will present a comedy routine in the Faculty Lounge on Friday, Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m.

the previous left off.

"Humor helps people heal," says Dr. Young of her inspiration for the class. "People in hospices and hospitals are visited by comedians in order to raise their spirits and make them feel better."

In other words, why should a college course be any different?

This is Dr. Young's first experience teaching this style of Advanced Composition as she prefers to teach a different style of class each time. All of the students expressed a liking for the relaxed environment, and found it to be an obvious advantage for their individual performances.

## ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

### On-Campus Events

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

• The improvisational team Chicago City Limits will perform their Christmas show "Revenge of the Reindeer" for one night only at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. The show is a compilation of sketches, song parodies and on-the-spot audience suggestions. Tickets are \$15 and the show begins at 8:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

• The Paul King Orchestra will present "Holiday in the Miller Mood" at 3:00 p.m. at the Edgerton Center. The big band ensemble will feature musical arrangements of classic Christmas songs. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for general admission.

### National News

• NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol was injured on Sunday when his corporate jet crashed in southwest Colorado. Ebersol was dragged from the plane by son Charles, who also survived the tragedy. Ebersol's younger son, Edward, is still missing.

• Actress Julia Roberts gave birth on Sunday night to twins Hazel Patricia Moder and Phinneaus Walter Moder. Though the babies are both two months premature, Roberts's publicist has reported that both mother and children are in excellent health.

• In other pregnancy news, Bridget Fonda announced Sunday that she will be having her first child with husband Danny Elfman. Fonda is the star of such hits as "Jackie Brown" and Elfman most recently composed the score for the superhero sequel "Spiderman 2."

- Compiled by Patrick Scalisi

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- Critic Deja Kreutzberg's take on "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"
- Laura Day's review of the new Supergrass greatest hits compilation
- A look at the failings of the hybrid format DualDisc
- And much more!

Be sure to check the online edition of "The Spectrum" every week for extra coverage that you may not find in the print edition of the paper.



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# Features

## CREATIVE CORNER

### A Moment Passed

Colleen Mitrano  
Features Editor

The sound of halting brakes.  
The slow screeching and the car inches forward.  
The feeling of my heart pounding.  
The overwhelming sensation to catch my breath.  
My hands begin to get clammy as I grasp the steering wheel.  
The sight of a red and white sign with the words STOP on it creeping closer.  
I stop.  
I look left, then right  
My heart races there is no one coming I have to turn.  
My foot slowly lifts off the break, I move forward.  
Down the street my car drifts.  
Images flashed through my head.  
Children playing on swing sets, family barbecues, everyone is happy.  
Then flashes of everything I love in boxes, thrown all over the yard.  
The images of a house with moving trucks, everything must be taken away.  
Taken to where ever my family and I end up.  
Down the street the car and I go.  
I see the brown house.  
The grey house,  
The brakes slam!  
I jerk forward and stop. The next house is it.  
I take deep breaths in and out, in and out.  
I decide to go forward.  
To see the place I loved.  
To see the place I grew up long ago,  
Emotions now reaped out of my heart.  
My foot lifted off the brake.  
I inched towards the beige house.  
There it was on the right.  
Standing; it resided the same way it was before.  
Except with no children laughing,  
Only a blank building,  
A lost impression in my mind.  
An image I thought would provoke emotion, now left emptiness.  
A solid motionless moment passed.  
My heart relaxed, I breathed normal.  
I went by the house that once was mine.  
I looked at the place that once brought joy, and realized now it brought nothing.  
I drove away from the house, towards the future, now knowing that everything would be fine.  
Because the past really is in the past.

## Harry Potter Flies Into Sacred Heart

Lindsay Brophy  
Staff Reporter

The Harry Potter novels have swept the nation and Sacred Heart is not an exception. The highly anticipated class of The Harry Potter Novels will debut next semester under the mentorship of Dr. Roberta Staples.

All over the world people of all ages are reading the Harry Potter Novels which quickly will be on their way to becoming classics.

The reading age for the Harry Potter Novels is said to be ages 9-12. The question of whether the material for the class will be relevant on college level is a question that many have.

"In this class students are not going to be reading simple literature, adolescent literature because that is certainly not the approach the class is going to take. We're going to take the gloves off and really look at what works and what doesn't work and why. It's going to be a really good experience in defining the terms and seeing how popular culture and popular literature fit into the rubric of literature," said Dr. Staples.

The Harry Potter Novels class seems like it will be a very interesting one. Not only will the class read all five novels of the Harry Potter collection, but the students will also be reading and discussing some other pieces on fantasy. Some of the works include an essay by the author of "The Lord of The Rings" trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien which is titled, "On Fairy Stories," as well as "The Child in the Shadow" and "Why are Americans Afraid of Dragons" written by esteemed fantasy and Science Fiction writer Ursula LaGuin.

"This is fantasy, and so it's in this particular venue that we want to be examining

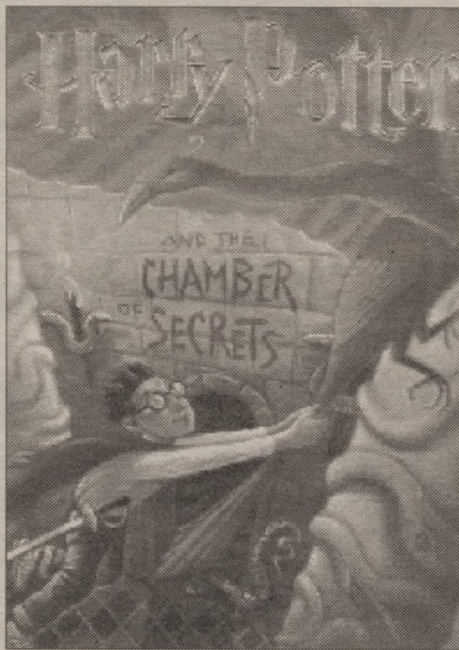
for all ages.

"Children are much more receptive to and open to fantasy than adults. Adults are fearful of fantasy, [they are afraid that] they don't look grown up when they read it. But fantasy is such an incredibly rich area and, until the 18th century, fantasy was a part of the main stream; it wasn't separated. It wasn't certainly considered 'children's literature.'" Dr. Staples said.

"When you look at fantasy, it's just that children, as I said, are more receptive and open and they're willing to understand where adults are genuinely fearful. And so I think I would like to bring in some of these areas because the Harry Potter books have developed a readership with young people. As you get on in the books, characters die. There are some really tough issues going on that are the kinds of issues an adolescent deals with... but not just adolescents. I'm finding some very interesting thematic threads in there and so we're going to look at the writing. How is Rowling as a writer? I know that there are going to be great differences, in her writing and in any fantasy writing compared to J.R.R. Tolkien, that we will find in the development of the characters," said Dr. Staples.

The Harry Potter Novels class is sure to be an interesting one that is full of fantasy, witchcraft, and wizardry. The author of the Harry Potter novels, J.K. Rowling would be proud.

Dr. Staples added, "It's a wonderful opportunity. We don't have the whole series finished but, with what we've got, it's a wonderful opportunity to look at something that has not yet gotten the credentials of being a literary classic." However, it is soon on its way.



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The book jacket for J. K. Rowling's, the second book in the Harry Potter Series.

fantasy literature and then looking also at the Harry Potter books," said Dr. Staples.

Students taking the class will have the opportunity to view all of the Harry Potter films that have been made so far.

When Dr. Staples was asked about whether she will be viewing the films in class she responded, "Absolutely, absolutely! Well, of course we'll have to see the movies."

If you feel that fantasy is not for adults, then this is a class for you to take so you realize that fantasy is and should be

## The Magic of the Holidays

Eugene Stacy  
Staff Reporter

The holiday season brings to mind fond memories of family gatherings, happiness, and love. This is what many SHU students are anticipating, as they prepare to head home for the holidays. For some, their first thoughts are not always holiday related.

"I like the snow, definitely the days off, and nights spent with the family. Yup, definitely the days off!" said Peter Barakos, a junior from Meriden.

Others have different thoughts. Chris Larsen a junior from Toms River, NJ, said "The first thing that comes to mind is spending time with my girlfriend, Kate."

The traditionalists associate the holidays with images of tinsel and bright lights. Some students have a tendency to get more excited than others.

"The first thing that comes to mind when I think of the holiday season is Christmas, and we all know what Christmas means. Presents! Oh, how I love getting presents," said Monica Concha, a sophomore from North Babylon, NY.

"Every year I pick my Christmas tree out and fight with my parents about how I think it will fit in the house, when every year it never does," said Jessica Stagg, a freshman from Oakland, NJ.



AP Photo/MIKE SALSURBY

Santa Claus, an essential element of Christmas.

Special holiday memories can bring a slight grin to student's faces, as they reminisce on holidays past.

"I didn't find out that Santa didn't exist until I was 14 and let me tell you, that was the worst day of my life. Not to mention, I was embarrassed because I still thought he was real," said Concha.

On a more serious note, other students

call to mind a few magical holiday experiences.

"The cold weather, snowfall, Christmas trees, and chimney fires all bring back memories of when I was a kid. My brothers would help my dad set up the train set underneath the Christmas tree, while my sister and I would help mom decorate the house and bake Christmas cookies," said Kristen Lewis, a junior from Trumbull.

"Waking up in the morning and seeing all the gifts under the tree, snow outside, and just feeling so lucky and happy," said Liz Lancevich, a sophomore from Garden City NY.

The real meaning of the holidays is the heart felt love that Sacred Heart University students exhibit for others.

"The holiday season to me means that everybody forgets the discrimination and hate we have towards each other. We celebrate together the holiday season and the New Year together in harmony and peace," said Stagg.

"A time in the year when you think less about yourself and more about the people around you. It's about showing people you care about them by giving gifts or just being around them," said Emily Lupica, a sophomore from Warwick, RI.

No matter what age, people find that the holiday season always makes individuals feel just a little bit brighter.



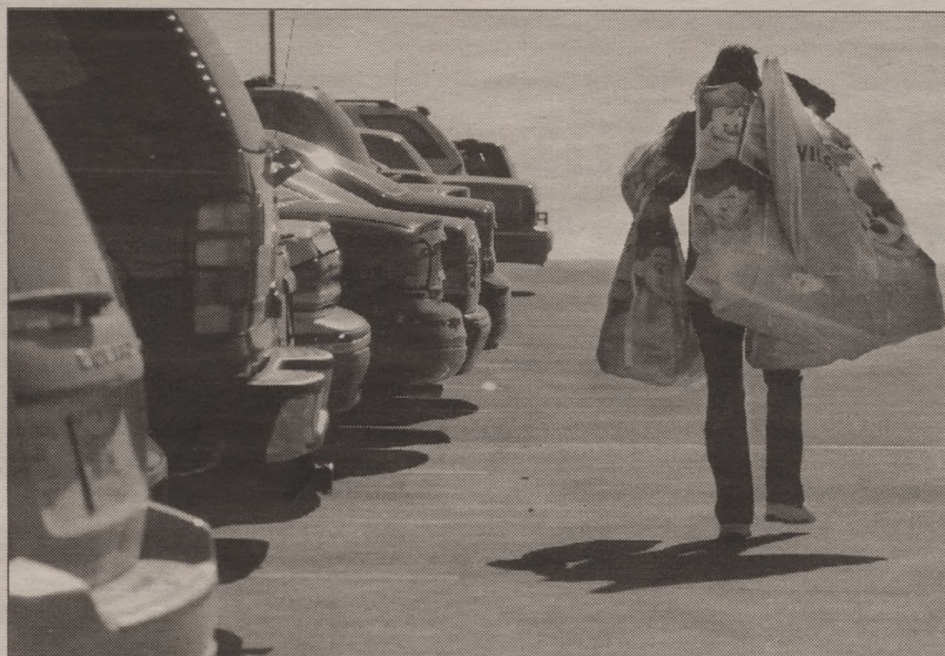
# Don't Find Yourself Caught in the Commercialized Part of the Holidays!

Meghan Parisi  
Staff Reporter

Once again it's that time of year. Christmas time is when most think of the smell of pine surrounding their homes, the beautiful colored lights that outline the neighborhood houses, buying and receiving presents, and gathering with family to once again eat till your belly's are completely filled. But most of all we forget the true meaning of why we celebrate this special holiday with family and friends. We tend to forget that the birth of Jesus Christ is the reason for which we are celebrating and coming together to honor and remember all he has done.

Each year, Americans seem to register the same complaint that the holidays have become too commercialized. We spend too much money, get stressed out, find ourselves in debt, don't spend enough time with the people we love, and the meaning of the holiday season is lost in a frenzy of television commercials and newspaper ads. Both as Americans and a Catholic University we should make an effort to reconnect with the true joyfulness of the holiday.

Many Americans feel pressured to have a more elaborate or expensive holiday than they would like. From buying the hottest toy out on the market to the newest most expensive piece of technol-



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**A woman carrying numerous bags after shopping on "Black Friday."**

ogy out. We get so caught up on buying items and spending money rather than taking in the true spirit of the holidays.

Many feel that they've failed their family if their holiday table doesn't look like Martha Stewart's, or if they don't go into debt buying expensive gifts. But that's not what is important during this season.

"By having holidays so highly commercialized, such as Christmas especially, it seems that people unfortunately forget why we commemorate the day in the first place. It becomes all about the gifts and receiving. Yes, presents are great, but that's not what it's all about," said Nicole Bozek, a sophomore from Brookfield.

When most children think Christmas they envision hot wheels, Barbie dolls and candy underneath the tree. But it is pretty obvious that not only children are subject to the holidays being commercialized, adults have become victims as well. Which leads parents to raise their children this way. More parents have to instill in their children that Christmas is a time

to remember Jesus Christ and all he has done for us.

Christmas celebration doesn't simply start on the 24th of December with Christmas Eve and end on December 25th with Christmas Day.

The holiday season starts right after Thanksgiving. It begins four Sundays before Christmas with Advent and

ized it is not even viewed as a religious holiday anymore. It seems to be another excuse for parents to buy their children presents. More than ever before, non-religious people are now celebrating Christmas which is a prime example that we are celebrating the wrong purpose of the holiday season," said Tony Alaimo, a junior from Biddeford M.E.

Sure we can still enjoy going out shopping, looking at Christmas lights, enjoy giving those special gifts to those around us and seeing the smiles on their faces. And we can also still enjoy the anticipation of Christmas day with family and friends, but participating in this season of hope with scripture, prayer, and song makes Christmas much more meaningful and personal. It can not only serve to strengthen our faith, but can help our family bonds in a very intimate and wonderful way. We should come together and allow the joy of the Christmas season be a genuine celebration and a remembrance not only of our faith but of the many traditions of our family and ancestors.

"Because Christmas is so commercial-



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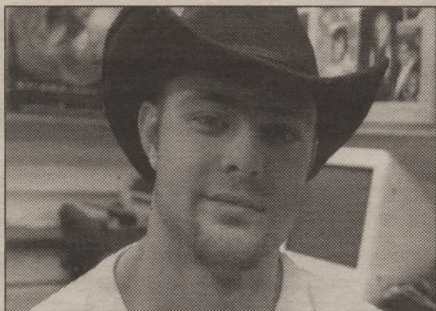
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# BEYOND SHU

## A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That



Bryan Fogle  
Sports Columnist

Welcome back everyone, I hope that all of you had a great Thanksgiving and ate well. I personally had a very boring one, but it gave me much time to think of things to write about. So many things happened that are noteworthy in the three sports that are playing now: the National Football League, National Basketball Association, and the American Hockey League. Well to tell you the truth, not much happened in the AHL, but it is the only hockey going on so I will do what I can with that. I couldn't come up with one solid idea to write on, so here is a little bit of everything.

For all of you who do not watch any television, there was a tremendous brawl a few weeks ago between the Indiana Pacers and the defending NBA champion Detroit Pistons. The play began with Ben Wallace of the Pistons going up for a high-percentage shot and the official rap artist of the Pacers, Ron Artest, fouled him relatively hard.

The foul was not hard enough to

make the refs call it a flagrant, but Wallace took exception to the foul and gave Artest a shove causing a brawl on the court between the two teams. As the referees were sorting out the technical fouls and ejections, an object came out of the crowd and hit Artest on the Pacer bench.

Artest, as if having a momentary loss of whatever marbles he has left, ran into the crowd and started to throw punches and tackle anyone he could get his hands on who he thought threw the object. Many of his Pacer teammates followed Artest into the crowd, led by young gun Jermaine O'Neal.

The absolute brawl made its way back onto the court and continued for several minutes. The security officials on the premises along with the referees and NBA officers on site decided to call off the rest of the game. The fight caused at least nine spectators to be sent to the hospital and one of them had serious injuries. None of the players involved suffered any major injuries.

The aftermath of the fight saw three Pacer players suspended; Ron Artest, Jermaine O'Neal, and Stephen Jackson. Artest is done for the season, Jackson will sit out 30 games, and O'Neal will not be playing in the next 25 games. This brawl reminded many people of an incident in 1995 when the Vernon Maxwell of the Houston Rockets went into the crowd and punched a fan, he received a 10 game suspension.

According to ESPN after the NBA players union looked to reduce the suspensions to 10 games for everyone, only O'Neal and Jackson have a chance to see playing time in less than their original

suspensions state.

My thoughts on this whole situation you might ask? Well, first off, the fan who started it all by throwing something should be punished severely, but no matter what, the players who went into the crowd should be suspended as much as possible. It is entirely unacceptable to go into the crowd in any sport.

All I need to say is that I am glad this wasn't an NFL game where someone threw something at a player to have him go off in into the crowd. Then again, I don't think football fans that can afford those seats close enough to the field are stupid enough to throw something.

Speaking of football and brawls, the next day the University of South Carolina Game Cocks took on the Clemson University Tigers. A game that was supposed to be a memorable one for USC legendary head coach Lou Holtz, turned out to be memorable for a different reason. The entire game built up until the fourth quarter when things boiled over. The two teams had a bench-clearing brawl on the field and things got ugly. Gee, I wonder if the Pacers/Pistons mix-up had any bearing on this? You will never know now, will you?

Continuing on to the NFL, can anyone stop Peyton Manning? I mean the guy is by far the best quarterback in the league, but can someone put a little pressure on the man? His offensive line gives him about four and a half days to make each pass, and he takes advantage of this.

After 12 weeks, Manning has thrown for 3,196 yards, 41 touchdowns, and a passer rating of 126.6. On Thanksgiving

Day, Manning threw for SIX touchdowns passes. At the rate he is going, he will break Dan Marino's record of 48 in week 14.

The other big story that is important to us New York football Giant fans, Peyton Manning's younger brother Eli made his first start in the NFL. Needless to say, he is now 0-2.

Welcome to the NFL Eli, I feel bad for you. If you played for a team that had an offensive line you might have a win or maybe two. Unfortunately the Giants offensive line couldn't open up a running hole if there was no defense and couldn't stop the pass rush of my Pop Warner team. Stick with it Giants fans, Eli will begin to win and one fateful day, the Manning quarterback legend will begin in New York.

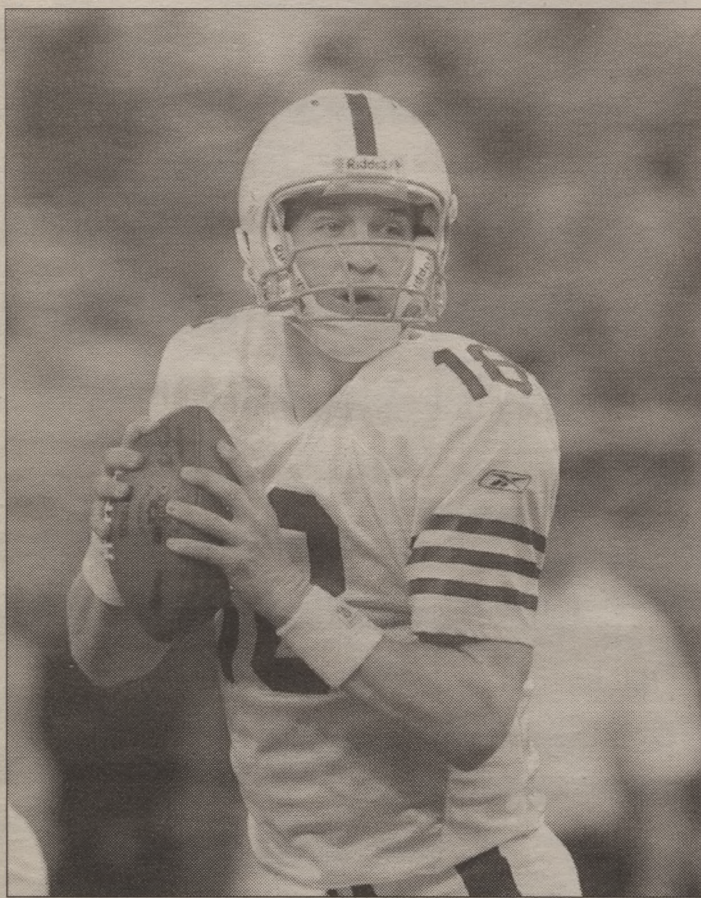
On to hockey, minor league style. The Philadelphia Flyers AHL affiliate, the Philadelphia Phantoms set an AHL record with a 17-game winning streak. Last season the team I work for, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, set a league record with a 20-something game unbeaten streak. That means that they either won or tied every game in that given streak, a very admirable streak in itself.

The Phantoms WON 17 consecutive games not were unbeaten in 17, WON 17. They had no tied, just wins. The streak did however end the following night when the Syracuse Crunch defeated the Phantoms. Thank God for the AHL, not only would there be no professional hockey if the AHL wasn't playing, but I would also be out of a job.

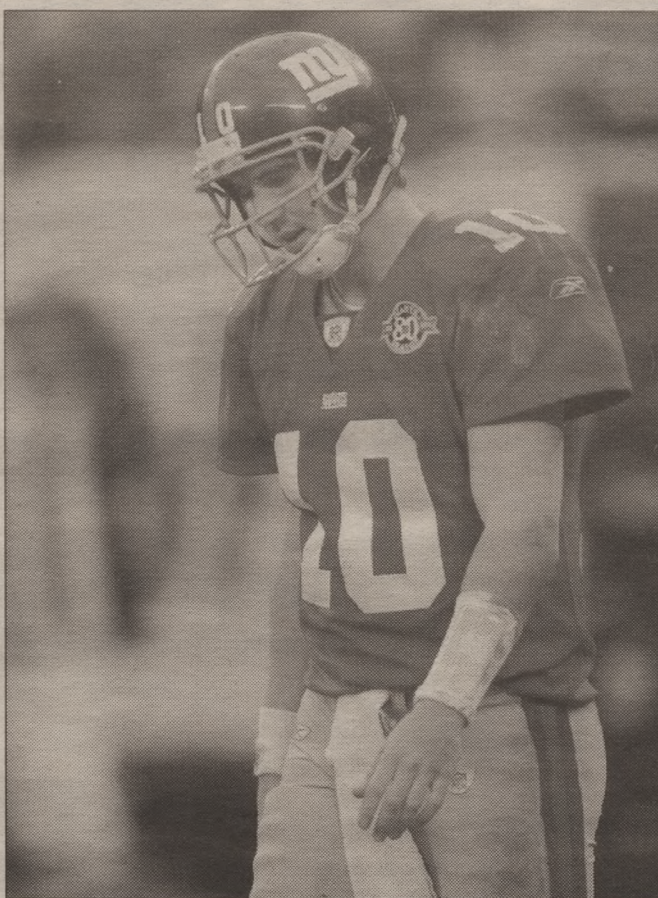
One final word that I will elaborate on in next week's issue, the Sacred Heart University men's JV ice hockey team finally won a game. For a group of guys that works our tails off every day on the ice, we always seem to come up short. Finally last Saturday all of our hard work paid off when we became a team and played a complete team game and pulled out a 5-4 win over Springfield College.

Most of you probably don't even know nor care that Sacred Heart does have any junior varsity teams. Just to let you all know, we do have one here at SHU and just because they are not the varsity teams doesn't mean that they have bad players by any means. Every JV team works hard and goes out in all of our games and tries our best to get some recognition. My column next week should be about all of the school's teams that are below the radar and go unrecognized barring some historical or catastrophic event in the world of professional sports.

*Would you like to make comments on what the sports columnist said? Would you like to suggest a topic or ask a question? Feel free to send an email to N-Kelly@sacredheart.edu*



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Peyton Mannings is having a historic season as he looks to smash Marino's TD record while his brother, Eli, limps his career off to a 0-2 record.



# CAMPUS SPORTS

## The Saga Does Continue for SHU's Flag Champs

Naiara Azpiri  
Contributing Writer

The Sacred Heart intramural flag football champions, The Saga Continues, defeated the Fairfield University intramural flag football champion in a closely contested match 42-41, last Saturday Nov. 20.

The game kept all spectators alert as the teams went back and forth the entire game in order to keep the other team from having more than a touch-

down lead.

Defense proved to be the key to the game for the players from Sacred Heart as Matt Looney's interception for 40 yards set up the first touchdown of the game. Later in the game there was another crucial defensive play as well, this time by Jake Pelletier.

The Fairfield University team was making a final drive down the field and managed to push the opposition out of bounds at the one-yard line on the last play of the game. This gave



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A player from the Saga Continues rushes the ball against Fairfield U.

The Saga continues the win of 42-41 in the first annual SHU vs. Fairfield U. Championship game at Campus Field.



The "dream team" of Sacred Heart's flag football league, The Saga Continues proves they are the real deal against all competition after their 42-41 win in the Fairfield Feud.



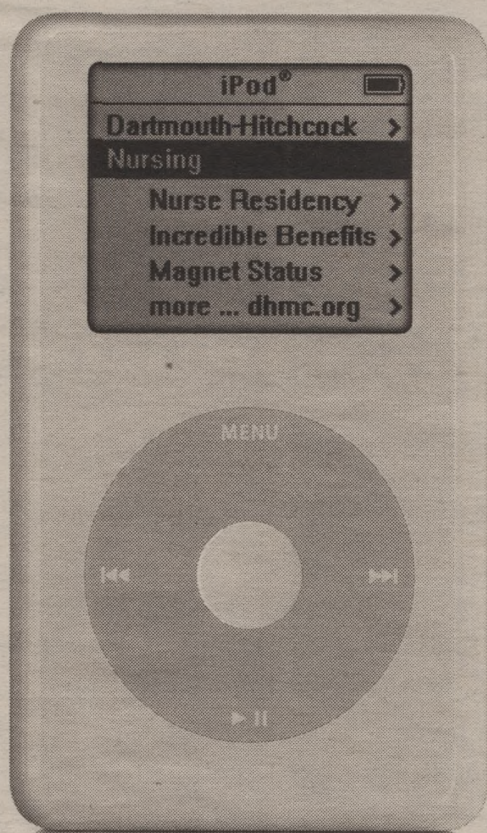
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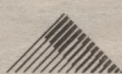
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# CAMPUS SPORTS

## Starting Slide for Men's Basketball

Ed Napoleoni  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Men's Basketball team started their season last week, getting off to a 1-3 start.

They started their season at home against Albany, dropping the season opener 85-67. Albany, who never trailed in the game, got off to a quick 5-0 lead in the first quarter. By the middle of the first half, the Great Danes had extended that lead to 26-15.

A 7-0 run by the Pioneers got them back within four at 26-22 with 6:47 left in the half, thanks to a three-pointer by freshman Drew Shubik (Stoystown, PA) and four free throws by junior center Kibwe Trim (San Juan, Trinidad).

Albany was too much for the Pioneers as they pulled away again with a 12-3 run to end the first half, sending them into halftime with a 45-32 lead. They put the game away early in the second half as they outscored the Pioneers 10-3 in the opening minutes of the half, boosting their lead to 20 points at 55-35. SHU would never get back within 18 points the rest of the contest.

Trim lead the Pioneers with his 17 points and six rebounds, while guards Shubik and freshman Luke Granato (Rocky Hill) scored 12 points apiece.

Next up for the Pioneers was a struggling Army team, as they traveled to West Point, NY on Nov. 22. That trip did not go to waste, as the Pioneers were able to even their record at 1-1 by defeating Army 67-53.

Leading the Pioneers to victory was Trim, who scored a team-leading 16 points and a season high eight rebounds. The Army squad did not give themselves a chance as they turned the ball over an astounding 14 times in the first half alone. SHU was able to capitalize scoring 13 of their 29 points off of the turnovers.

Sacred Heart then traveled to Bethlehem, PA on Nov. 24 to take on Leigh University. SHU was plagued by horrendous defensive rebounding in the first half as the Mountain Hawks scored 24 points off of 18 offensive rebounds.

The Pioneers, who trailed by 16

points midway through the second half, showed some poise on the road, putting together a clutch 10-0 run to bring them within three points at 55-52 with 27 seconds left in regulation. SHU was then forced to foul with time running out. Junior Joe Knight nailed a pair of free throws for Lehigh with 22 seconds left to put his team back up by five and the Pioneers weren't able to get any closer.

Trim once again lead all Pioneer scoring with his season best 21 points and game high 10 rebounds and led the team in scoring in each of the first three games.



The Spectrum/ DANYA JIMENEZ

The Sacred Heart opened their season at home, losing against Albany, 85-67.

SHU then stayed in PA to take on the Penn State Nittany Lions on Nov. 27. The Pioneers fell for Penn State 69-61 in a game which they led at the half. This is the first game all season in which they went into the half with the lead and lost the game.

The Pioneers took a 30-29 lead into halftime as both teams shot poorly from the field. SHU shot a terrible 31 percent (12-39) while PSU shot an absolutely horrendous 25 percent (10-40). The Nittany Lions took advantage of five Pioneer turnovers in the opening three minutes of the second half. The Pioneers came up on the short end after a hard fought second half, dropping to 1-3 overall on the season.

In upcoming Pioneer Basketball action, SHU will be in Maryland on Saturday, Dec. 4 to take on Mount St. Mary's at 12 p.m.

## Rocky Road Stretch for Women's Hockey

Joe Finis  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Pioneers women's ice hockey team has almost reached the halfway point of their season. They have had a long run of road games lately, with mixed results coming from their last three.

The Pioneers traveled to Worcester, MA to take on the Holy Cross Crusaders on Nov. 17. The Crusaders gained the advantage in the first period, scoring their first goal at 11:36 and following up with a power play goal less than four minutes later. Their lead was cut short when freshman Katelin McLaughlin (Hingham, MA) scored a power play goal off an assist from freshman Shannon Murphy (South Boston, MA).

After a scoreless second period, the Pioneers evened the score at 2-2 in the third when sophomore Michelle Panella (Morganville, NJ) scored a shorthanded goal. The game headed into a tie until junior Jessica Felt (Killingworth) scored a power play goal, assisted by freshman Karly Schulte (Davie, FL) at 17:39, giving the Pioneers their first lead and final goal for the game. The 3-2 victory over Holy Cross gives the Pioneers their first win on the road this season.

"We knew exactly what we had to do, but more importantly, we had complete confidence that we could finish the job," said Schulte.

The Pioneers then traveled to Neumann College in Aston, PA for a two game series with the Neumann College Knights. On Nov. 19, the first game saw the Pioneers fall to an early 2-0 deficit less than nine minutes into the first period. Things did not improve much when the Knights scored a power play goal at 8:06 into the second period and brought the game to 3-0. It was then that the Pioneers needed a goal most and freshman Devon Gaslin (Augusta, ME) came through with an unassisted goal to put her

team back in the game.

"I think a few people on our team realized we were getting beat by a team we should be [beating]...so some of the girls really picked it up, which led the other girls to step up as well," said Gaslin.

Murphy netted a power play goal late in the second period for the Pioneers, bringing the game to 3-2. Shortly past the halfway point in the third period Murphy again scored, assisted by Schulte and McLaughlin, and evening up the score. A scoreless overtime resulted in a 3-3 tie, and a three goal comeback for the Pioneers.

"We just played our game and worked as a team to come back and tie it," said Felt.

The next day, the Pioneers returned to the rink for another game against the Knights. Sacred Heart jumped out to an early lead with their first goal at 1:26 into the game scored by McLaughlin and assisted by Panella and Murphy.

The Pioneers then fell back on their heels as they watched the Knights pile up four goals in a row to put the game at 4-1 early in the second period. McLaughlin scored a power play goal off an assist from Murphy at 5:14 in the second period, but Neumann answered later with a shorthanded goal to once again give The Pioneers a three-goal lead at 5-2.

The Pioneers did not call it quits here, as McLaughlin earned a hat-trick early in the third period off another Panella assist. It would not be enough though, as Neumann scored the final goal, bringing the final score to 6-3.

"We just were not ready for the game," said McLaughlin. "We started off strong...we just did not play our best."

The Pioneers are currently 1-1-3 on a road trip that has had them see action so far in MA, NH and PA. They will conclude this six game road trip against Rhode Island in Kingston, on Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.

## Pioneer Schedule

### Friday, December 3

Men's Ice Hockey	vs Mercyhurst	Milford, CT	7:00 PM
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### Saturday, December 4

Men's Basketball	at Mt. St Marys	Emmitsburg, MD	12:00 PM
Women's Basketball	at Mt St Marys	Emmitsburg, MD	5:00 PM
Women's Swimming	at Yale Invit	Fairfield, CT	1:00 PM
Women's Hockey	at Rhode Island	Kingston, RI	4:00 PM
Men's Hockey	vs Canisius	Milford, CT	7:00 PM

### Sunday, December 5

Wrestling	at Northeast Duals	Clifton Park, NY	9:30 AM
Women's Track	at CTC Relays	New Haven, CT	11:00 AM
Men's Track	at CTC Relays	New Haven, CT	11:00 AM
Women's Hockey	vs Conn College	Milford, CT	7:00 PM



# CAMPUS SPORTS

## Kansas Ain't Home to SHU

Caitlin Dour  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart women's basketball team beat Yale for the sixth consecutive time and won their first road opener since 1996 by the score of 66-53.

The Pioneers began the first half strongly and were leading 32-16 at halftime after a 17-0 run. Junior Nicolle Rubino (Port Jefferson, NY) led the way with ten points in the first half. She finished with a team-high 18 points as well as five rebounds, two assists, two steals, and a block.

The offense built the lead to as many as 29 points in the second half. Sophomore Kerri Burke (Saugus, MA) also had a good night with 14 off four-of-nine shootings from the floor. Along with that, Burke grabbed five boards with two assists and two steals.

Senior Colleen Duggan (Newington, CT), who came off the bench, had 13 points on five-of-seven from the floor, as well as three rebounds and a block. For the game, the Pioneers shot 40% and were out-rebounded 41-35.

The second game of the season took place on Wed. Nov. 24, the team traveled to take on the University of Kansas Jayhawks. This marked the first time

in program history that Sacred Heart University faced a team that was from the Big 12. In the end, the Pioneers lost with a score of 59-48.

Both teams had trouble with their offense in the first half, but the Pioneers led at halftime 29-25. The Jayhawks came out strong in the second half and hit three of their first four shots, which gave them the lead once again.

The Pioneers went cold and sophomore Amanda Pape (Stamford) had a pair of free throws, which were their only points until the clock hit 11:53. It resulted in a 14-2 run for Kansas in which they shot five-of-nine from the floor and built an eight-point lead.

With over six minutes to go, Sacred Heart went on one last run with Duggan hitting three-straight shots and a free throw. The Pioneers managed to cut the lead down to four points with a score of 52-48.

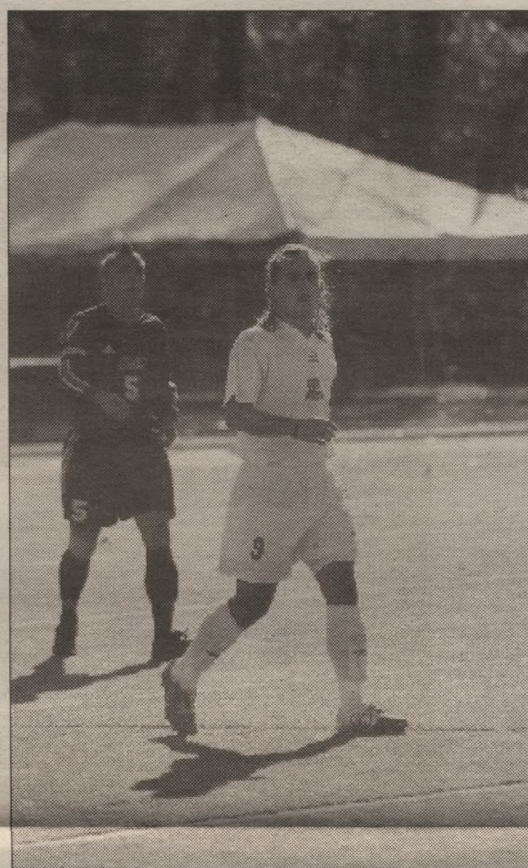
The Jayhawks closed the game with a 7-0 run, which earned them their first win of the season. In the game, SHU guard Rubino led scorers with 16 points, four rebounds, and three steal and Pape finished with seven points.

The Pioneers record is now at 1-1 and will be in action again on Dec. 4 against Mount St. Mary's in MD.

## Taking Home Honors

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uted to field vision, skillful passing and knowing what he's going to do with the ball before it comes to him.



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Although only seeing action in ten games Ricart Mendes made his presence felt with 13 points.

On field practice and the vigorous training workout he engages in will improve what he lacks, and pretty soon,

there won't be much left to work on. An elite player that is committed to taking his game to the next level is what the Pioneer soccer team, who already has shown signs of improvement in the off season, desperately needs.

"I also realize that I need to work on things such as my speed, and upper body strength," said Mendes.

Such a humble and unselfish attitude is rare in star competitors, and that is just another credential to add to his lifelong trophy case. Back in Brazil, he possesses many awards such as numerous MVP honors that were achieved while playing in indoor tournaments in Brazil. Another honor was being selected this year to play for both an Under-20 and Under-23 league.

The spirited Mendes plans to turn professional after college, preferably in Italy to play with his brother, but will warmly welcome any invitations from other countries.

"That is my ultimate goal, but I am getting a degree in case I get injured and I am no longer able to play," said Mendes. "If playing professionally falls through, then I want to coach little kids in soccer either here, or back home in Brazil."

This ambitious and talented star seems to have it all figured out already as only a sophomore and with his plan in place to be the best player he can be one thing is certain, Pioneer soccer team is on the rise.

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## Sky is The Limit for Brazilian Soccer Star

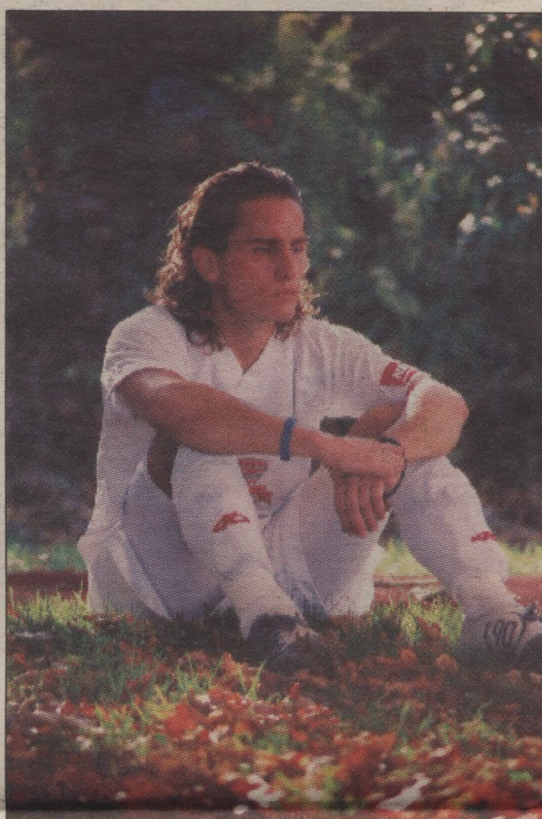
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Contributing Writer

Imagine you are Ricarti Mendes. While living in a new country, you deal with the pressures of success while being an extremely talented individual with a passion for soccer. Although your work ethic is strenuous to your body, you still get up to run sprints.

This year Mendes, a sophomore midfielder and forward for the Sacred Heart University soccer team became the second player to be named to the men's all-conference team in SHU history. This prestigious honor is only the beginning of achieving a goal set long ago.

At five-years old he first began playing soccer in his home of Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil. His father, who played professionally for the country, influenced his decision to develop such an infatuation for the sport. He idolized his brother, as well, who now plays on the national team for Italy.

In Brazil, there are no extracurricular activities such as traveling high school sports teams so talented players



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Ricarti Mendes put a lot of work into his game to become a more physical player.

are forced to participate in the amateur or professional leagues. Those two high-status leagues boast a lot of the superlative players in the area, thus making playing time, in most cases, a scarcity for young players.

"There are a lot of great players down there, and it's very hard to get playing time," said Mendes, a Communication and Technology major. "If you play well one game, you will play the next. If you don't do well, you will not travel with the team the next game. Its very tough, but I held my own, and did well."

After several years of solid play in his native country, the 5'7" flashy dribbler heard from Sacred Heart University, and earned himself a scholarship by being recruited.

Coming to a new country brought on all types of obstacles such as communicating by utilizing a second language, leaving home, and learning the American way to execute in soccer.

"In Brazil, it is more of a finesse game and more fancy dribbling is found in the game," said Mendes, "where as in the United States, it is a lot more physical and they hit a lot quicker."

It took him his whole freshmen year to adapt from a skillful mindset into a bulldog mindset. A hard work ethic and many practice hours taught him the valuable lesson of how to play tough and he became a complete soccer player.

Coming into this past season, he was touted as a prospect to watch, but his season was cut short due to an unfortunate sprained ankle injury, which kept him out of all but ten games. His loss was the main reason for the team's dismal 1-15 record.

"Soccer is a team game, and it was little mistakes that took us out of games," said Mendes. "I try my best to be the best I can, but it was a team effort, and we just weren't a team this season."

Despite coming off an injury, he found a way to score five goals, assist three, and compile a total of thirteen points. Those great stats can be attrib-

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## Hockey Weekend Full of Ups and Downs

Lissa von Brecht  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Men's hockey team had a weekend full of not only turkey but of games as well, including a tournament in Troy, NY just one day after Thanksgiving.

The team began Thanksgiving week in Milford in a game against Atlantic Hockey rival, Quinnipiac. Scoring started early about five minutes into the first period when Pierre-Luc O'Brien (Nicolet, QC) rallied off a rebound from Bernie Chmiel (Pittsburg, PA), this goal putting SHU in the lead from the beginning. The Bobcats of Quinnipiac answered back later in the first period to tie the game.

Sacred Heart ran the score to 4-1 with goals by Peter Giatrelis (Wallingford), Zach Dehm (Trumbull), and Alexandre Parent (Boisbriand, QC). Quinnipiac scored again in the third period, but it was not enough to hold off the Pioneers. With 31 seconds remaining, Garrett Larson (Rycroft, AB) sunk a goal into an empty net, ending the game by a score of 5-2.

On Friday, Nov. 26, the Pioneers headed to Troy, NY to take on the Air Force Falcons and the Robert Morris Colonials. Air Force defeated SHU in the



The men's hockey team looks to improve their 5-8 record against Mercyhurst on Friday in Milford at 7 p.m.

first round of the 54 Annual Rensselaer/Bank of America Holiday Hockey Tournament. The win did not come easily as the game went into overtime.

The Falcons opened the scoring about five minutes into the first period. The Pioneers answered back in the second period on a power play goal by O'Brien,

evening the score at 1-1 until Air Force took the lead again later in the period.

With a goal by Larson, SHU finally tied the score again with just 4:02 remaining in the final period and led the game into overtime. The Pioneers had several chances to end the game, but were unable to capitalize. The Falcons ended the game



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with just 6:41 left in the overtime, making the final score 3-2.

On Saturday the 27, the SHU Pioneers played a tournament consolation game against Robert Morris. The Colonials scored the first three goals of the game all in the first period. Early in the second period, SHU finally cut the Colonial lead to two with a power play goal by Parent, but it was not enough. Freshman Nick Kary (Wetaskiwin, AB) scored with just 6:52 into the third period by the Colonials won

4-2.

The Pioneers fall to 5-8-0 (5-1-0 Atlantic Hockey) after this week's games. The men's hockey team will take on Mercyhurst in a league game at the Milford Ice Pavilion on Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.