

## SHU Hosts Discussion on “Catastrophe Ethics”

BY HUNTER SANCETTA  
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On Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the Martire Center Theatre, Dr. Travis N. Rieder, Associate Research Professor at Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics, gave a presentation on his new book titled “Catastrophe Ethics: How to Choose Well in a World of Tough Choices.”

Rieder has a PhD in philosophy from Georgetown University, a master’s in philosophy from the University of South Carolina and a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Hanover College.

His research interests include ethical and policy issues concerning opiate use, public health, sustainability and climate change. He has investigated ethical concerns in opioid prescription practices and public health sustainability.

Some of his significant publications include “Toward a Small Family Ethic: How Overpopulation and Climate Change Impact the Morality of Procreation” and pieces in health affairs and bioethics, as well as the American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience.

Rieder has visited SHU’s campus once before to discuss the release of his previous book, “In Pain: A Bioethicist’s Personal Struggle with Opioids.”

Over 50 students and faculty attended the talk to learn about the topics of Rieder’s book.

The audience was taught how to engage in ethical reasoning during a time involved in massive threats, a statement that served as the framework for both the presentation and book.

Rieder’s ethical journey, as it relates to bioethics, started with his choice to switch from cow milk to almond milk. In this transitional stage, he joined a

group of nutritionists at Johns Hopkins. These colleagues explained how harmful almonds are to the environment as well.

Later, Rieder discussed electric cars, how solar power is used to charge them in Maryland and how having a child can be incredibly taxing on the environment. All this information came in preparation for the Rieder’s Road Map.

This outline features the following stages: the problem of causal inefficacy, the puzzle is everywhere, traditional moral philosophy, less traditional moral philosophy and how this helps the puzzle.

Other topics mentioned throughout the presentation were the carbon cycle and its complexities as well as nihilism, which describes the impact of the top one percent of corporations on the environment, as opposed to the majority of humankind.

Due to the negative outlook a nihilistic approach could bring in the face of climate change, Rieder says adopting this mindset is a direct rebuttal to such a philosophy.

“I thought the whole talk was incredibly insightful. Students need to hear about the reality surrounding the climate. While we may not be directly affecting it, we have a moral obligation to do the right thing,” said junior Chelsea Cuseo.

“There is no single thing that you must do. But you could always do more, and it would be good if you did. Thus the work is never done,” Rieder said.

At the event, Rieder was asked to identify the hardest aspect of writing his book.

“I think it is the hate mail,” said Rieder.



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Dr. Travis N. Rieder celebrating the birthday of his book “Catastrophe Ethics: How to Choose Well in a World of Tough Choices,” at a bookstore in Baltimore.

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## Inside SHU’s AI Policy

BY ALANNA PARRILLO  
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Have you ever used an artificial intelligence (AI) software? Sacred Heart University’s new concentration in the Master’s of Business Administration (MBA) focuses greatly on the impacts and uses of AI.

Recently, the university offered students interested in the MBA Program the ability to specialize in AI training. Students participating in the program will learn about the future of AI in the workforce as well as the legal and ethical implications of using AI.

These students will follow a curriculum that blends AI with business and management principles while gaining communication skills to manage and lead teams through AI initiatives.

“An AI certificate and AI concentration in an MBA program equips future business leaders

with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate in a rapidly changing technology-driven business landscape,” said Nadene Koliopoulos, a director in the Jack Welch College of Business and Technology (WCBT).

“The certificate and concentration is ideal for business professionals interested in gaining a broader perspective of the new kinds of challenges with the application of AI in business practices.”

As for the policy on use of AI for academic assignments, the university maintains a strict academic integrity policy.

According to the SHU academic policy, the university standards, “...require independent work by a student, except for those contexts where professors have specified forms of permitted collaboration with other students or with external sources, such as artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots.

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## Women’s Soccer Breaks Records

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Lined up for a free kick on the left edge of the penalty area, Sacred Heart University senior Miriam Shomstein sent a shot into the top right corner, barely getting it above the goalkeeper’s hand, for a goal against Fairfield University on Oct. 18.

Shomstein’s goal would be the deciding score in the Pioneers’ win over Fairfield. The win marks the first victory for the Pioneers against Fairfield in program history.

“Every year we play Fairfield, the game comes down to who wants it more. It is irrelevant who has played better throughout the season prior to this game,” said sophomore Shea Kelleher. “Coming out with a win this year over them was a great feeling and I know that every year when this game comes around, the games will only grow more intense.”

The Pioneers have posted a 3-10-3 record thus far in their first season as a part of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). The women finished with a superior record of 6-9-4 in their last season in the Northeastern Conference (NEC).

“For women’s soccer, the MAAC is a

very strong conference. It’s probably in the top half of the division I conferences in the country,” said Head Coach Matt Micros. “The competition level is very good; there’s no weak teams.”

Adding to their losing record, the Pioneers fell short in a conference game against Merrimack College on Oct. 23. Despite the 1-2 loss, graduate student Grace O’Hara was breaking records. With an assist on Kelly Medeiros’ goal, O’Hara has set new career records for SHU in both career points and career assists.

“I am so grateful to have been one of Grace’s teammates during this time in her career where she has broken numerous records,” said Kelleher. “Seeing someone like her work as hard as she does everyday and always show up with a positive attitude, not only motivates me to do better, but also motivates everyone around us too.”

In the Pioneers’ 10 losses, five have been by one goal, while the remainder have been by two goals. Micros believes non conference games and injuries play a part in the close losses.

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The end of the talk was met with many questions from the audience, especially pertaining to why this topic should be so prevalent and what making a difference looks like.

“Some people think it only matters morally what you do if it makes a causal difference. It can matter what you do even when not making a causal difference. It matters to be a leader,” said Rieder.



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Travis Rieder signing a copy of his book while at a bookstore in Baltimore.

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Tracy Deer-Mirek, Sacred Heart University

Students taking class in the AI Lab at the Jack Welch College of Business and Technology.

If no form of collaboration has been specified, students must assume that none is permitted.”

Professors are now left with the decision of whether or not they will allow their students to use AI in their classes. Some professors are more open to it while others aren’t.

“I teach a class called Democratic Technologies [CM 224] and AI is the latest and greatest one of those, that’s for sure. In the class we analyze the uses of AI, and we also use it to craft several projects,” said Prof. Gregory Golda, clinical instructor in the School of Communication Media and the

Arts (SCMA).

“Generally, students see some time-saving benefits to it or they’re able to expand into fields where they felt they had no talent before like drawing or musical composition. So, in that regard it does democratize art and music and other fields. But the core issue is reliability, quality and theft,” Golda said.

Unless stated otherwise by professors, students who use AI in their coursework are considered to be cheating and/or plagiarizing and will face the appropriate disciplinary action.

Although AI can be harmful and unethical when used to plagiarize or cheat, the usage of AI in an educational setting is beginning to evolve and proving to be beneficial to students.

For example, AI can be used by students to develop study outlines, generate practice questions, summarize notes, and spell check papers amongst other uses.

“As a biology major, I use AI to come up with different practice questions or quizzes for my different science classes,” said senior Jillian Bradley. “I also use it to help me come up with different problem-solving strategies for my physics class.”

AI usage is also evolving in workplace settings. According to Microsoft’s research and statistics, regarding the usage of AI in the workplace, it was found that “75% of knowledge workers use AI at work today, and 46% of users started using it less than six months ago.”

Additionally, Microsoft found that, “Users say AI helps them save time (90%), focus on their most important work (85%), be more creative (84%), and enjoy their work more (83%).”

## Launch of Inclusive Excellence Advisory Council

BY SAMANTHA MADIGAN  
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The Office for Inclusive Excellence at Sacred Heart University announced the formation of the 2024-2025 Inclusive Excellence Advisory Council (IEAC) on Oct. 17. This group advocates for diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging within the SHU community.

The new IEAC was announced by Maurice Nelson, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at SHU, in a university-wide email.

“The SHU Office for Inclusive Excellence (OIE) is committed to antiracism, anti-oppression, and embracing and celebrating diversity as necessary components for institutional excellence,” said Nelson.

As a representative group, the IEAC is dedicated to fostering a “psychologically and physically safe environment that supports a culture of antiracism and anti-oppression.” It is composed of 15 voting members including undergraduate students, professors, department heads and more.

There are also several ex officio members on the IEAC, including Nelson. Rob Johnson, Executive Director of Multicultural Affairs, and Kyle Humphreys, Manager of LGBTQ+ Affairs, are also ex officio members.

The Sacred Heart Pioneer Plan describes equity as, “different from equality in that equality implies treating everyone as if their experiences are the same. Equal treatment results in equality only if everyone starts with equal access to opportunities. Equity recognizes that each person has different experiences and circumstances based on their identities and experiences, and it intentionally

allocates the resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome.”

“I feel as though SHU is a more inclusive school than most. However, there is always room to grow. I feel through this council, there is a chance for SHU to become a safer environment for people in the queer community and other multicultural groups,” said Lexi Louros, President of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA).



Daniel Passapera, Sacred Heart University

Maurice Nelson, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer in SHU's office for Inclusive Excellence, speaking at a National Coming Out Day event on the Upper Quad.

The IEAC was created due to a growing need for advocacy on DEIB issues in higher education. As colleges across the country are becoming aware of such a necessity, SHU designed this council to unite different voices across the university.

Faculty, staff and students participating aim to ensure that all perspectives are heard and represented.

The mission of the IEAC is to make a diverse and inclusive environment essential to education and for SHU to provide a precedent for inclusive excellence in higher education.

The council will assist in developing a comprehensive plan that addresses the specific needs of the university community. By providing secure platforms for sharing experiences, the IEAC will also pursue meaningful conversations with all SHU students.

By committing to its mission and vision, the council seeks to create an environment where every member of the SHU community feels valued and empowered in a safe environment that supports a culture of antiracism, anti-oppression, anti-discrimination, and all DEIB issues.

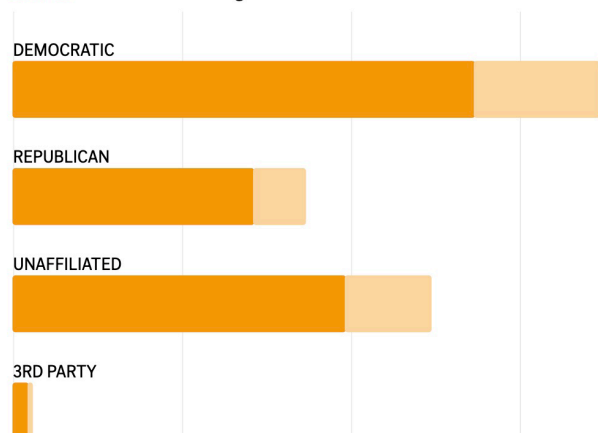
“SHU’s ongoing commitment to improve Inclusive Excellence stands out as a distinct part of our institution’s Catholic identity. On this journey, we are stronger together. Inclusive Excellence calls all Pioneers to action and to put in the work,” said Dr. Charlie Gillespie, Assistant Professor of Catholic Studies and Director of Pioneer Journey.

“This plan will give us the tools, provide the guidance and inspire the courage for us to seek excellence in how we practice what we value.”

In addition to the IEAC, the OIE also has several cultural identity clubs that students can join, as well as numerous upcoming events.

For more info on the OIE and its upcoming events, visit <https://www.sacredheart.edu/offices--departments-directory/inclusive-excellence/>.

Voters in Connecticut have cast 310,500 early in-person and 78,797 mail-in ballots in the 2024 general election.



## Last Look at Presidential Polls

BY LAUREN KEHRLE  
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This bar graph, courtesy of the Associated Press, depicts the current lead of Democratic candidate Kamala Harris in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election among Connecticut voters. As of 12 p.m. Oct. 28, a total of 310,500 early in-person votes and 78,797 mail-in ballots have been cast across the state.

According to Nate Cohn, the New York Times Chief political analyst, as of Oct. 28, “Kamala Harris’s lead over Donald Trump in the national polls is starting to get very slim. Overall, she leads by less than one percentage point, according to our polling average. It’s her smallest lead since mid-August. Even so, the state polls haven’t seemed to lurch toward Trump, even as the national polling has. The battleground states remain extraordinarily tight, with no candidate holding any material lead in the seven states likeliest to decide the presidency.”

# Features

## SHU Goes Green with More Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

BY SKYLAR AMIRAULT  
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Are you an owner of an electric vehicle? The addition of nine electric vehicle chargers on and off campus can help.

On Thursday, Oct. 17th, Sacred Heart University announced their new charging stations for electric cars on campus. The charging stations are located in the parking garages at West Campus and Park Avenue.

Gary MacNamara, director of public safety and government affairs, said the charging stations are located in different parking garages around campus. Before purchasing the West Campus building in 2016, the facility was owned by General Electric (GE).

“There are seven at West Campus, three in the West upper garage and four in the East garage. There are also two in the south garage at the Park Avenue Campus. We had not received requests for chargers before we purchased the GE property, but community members quickly started using them, so we saw there was a need,” said MacNamara.

United States Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm said there has been a significant increase in the number of electric vehicles sold in just one year, according to Energy.gov.

“Today, I’m delighted to celebrate a milestone for American consumers and manufacturers: In 2023, more than 1.4 million electric vehicles were sold in the United States - 50% increase in one year,” said Granholm.

Associate Professor of Biology Suzanne Deschenes said the addition of the stations is a positive step. By utilizing the stations, harmful emissions are not being produced.

“EV charging stations are a step in the right direction, and hopefully we can build on this momentum in future to adopt green energy and additional sustainable practices,” said Deschenes.

Deschenes said the demand for electric vehicles is high, and the installation of the stations at SHU supports the use of EV’s.

“The EV charging infrastructure in this country is still not extensive enough to support demand, so SHU is helping to expand it and encourage



Joshua A. Bickel, AP News

A 2023 Ford Mustang Mach-E charges, Friday, March 8, 2024, at an electric vehicle charging station in London, Ohio.

more EV use,” said Deschenes.

A part of SHU’s mission, the Laudato Si Initiative stresses the importance of environmental justice and being ecologically conscious.

“Having these chargers on campus is also in keeping with our status as a Laudato Si’ campus,” said

MacNamara.

Junior Marissa Livadhi, a Tesla owner, said the new charging stations save her time and are conveniently located. Livadhi said she no longer has to drive to other parts of town to charge her car.

“I usually have to drive 15-20 minutes to go and charge my car in Fairfield, so having more of these charging stations makes it more convenient,” said Livadhi.

Granholm mentioned the shift happening with transportation, resulting in increased electric vehicle sales.

“These developments are part of an inevitable shift toward a thriving electric transportation sector – a shift that American automakers and battery manufacturers are already carrying forward,” said Granholm.

Students, staff, and faculty can scan a QR code located on the machine to receive information about prices, as well as how to charge the car.

“The stations are used frequently. Members of the community who drive electric or hybrid vehicles appreciate the convenience,” said MacNamara.

*Sara Haseney contributed to this article.*

## Readying Physical and Cyber Security Measures For Election Polling Places

BY AP NEWSROOM

IRVINE, CA / ACCESSWIRE / October 28, 2024 / Allied Universal®, a leading provider of security solutions for the government sector, provides critical security planning and mitigation recommendations for polling places for this year’s presidential election in its recently released special report titled Physical Security During an Election: Expect the Unexpected and Prepare for it All.

According to Allied Universal’s experienced team of security and intelligence professionals, a wide range of security measures should be planned, reviewed, revised as needed and then reviewed again prior to and on election day at polling places for the much anticipated 2024 Presidential election.

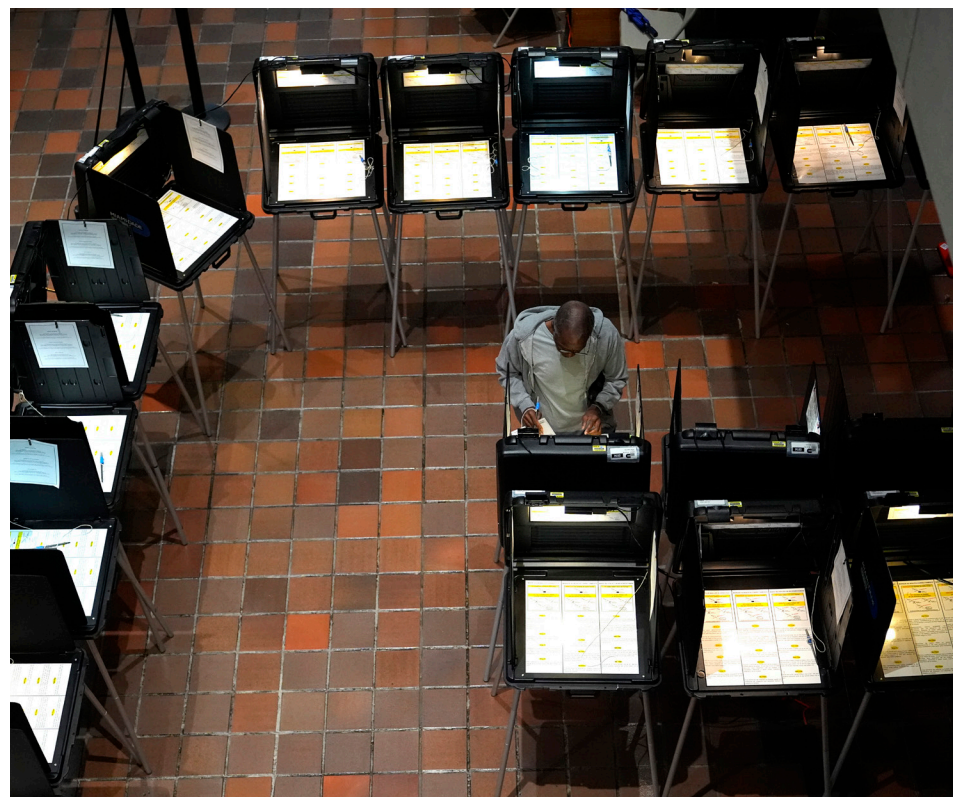
The Allied Universal report leverages intelligence and expertise from the company’s more than 60 years of experience in the security industry as well as insight from its team of veteran intelligence and security experts. The report identifies potential physical and cyber security threats that could impact the safety of the voting public and polling place volunteer and managers on Nov. 5.

“Presidential elections are pivotal events for our country that draw significant attention from the public, the media and bad actors. The politically charged atmosphere of this year’s election heighten the potential for security issues,” said Allied Universal Global Chairman and CEO Steve Jones. “By outlining potential security considerations, threat mitigation techniques and insights on contingency planning, our hope is that polling place organizers and security personnel find the report a valuable tool offering suggestions and examples that support deployment of comprehensive security strategies.”

In addition to security of polling places, the report addresses security strategies and tactics for the remainder of this election year events including the presidential inauguration. Potential security issues are addressed in the report and include civil unrest, active shooter, crowd control, insider threats, infrastructure attacks, cyber threats, domestic extremism, and the spread of misinformation. Mitigation approaches are also included in the report.

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A person votes on the first day of early voting in the general election, Oct. 21, 2024, in Miami.



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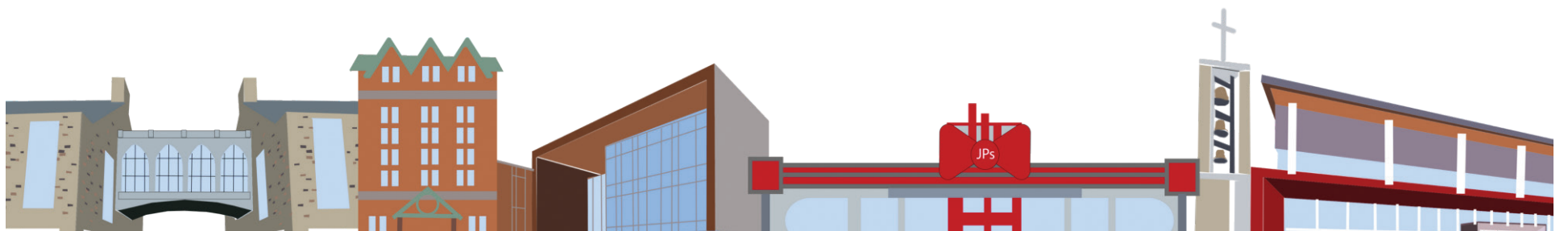
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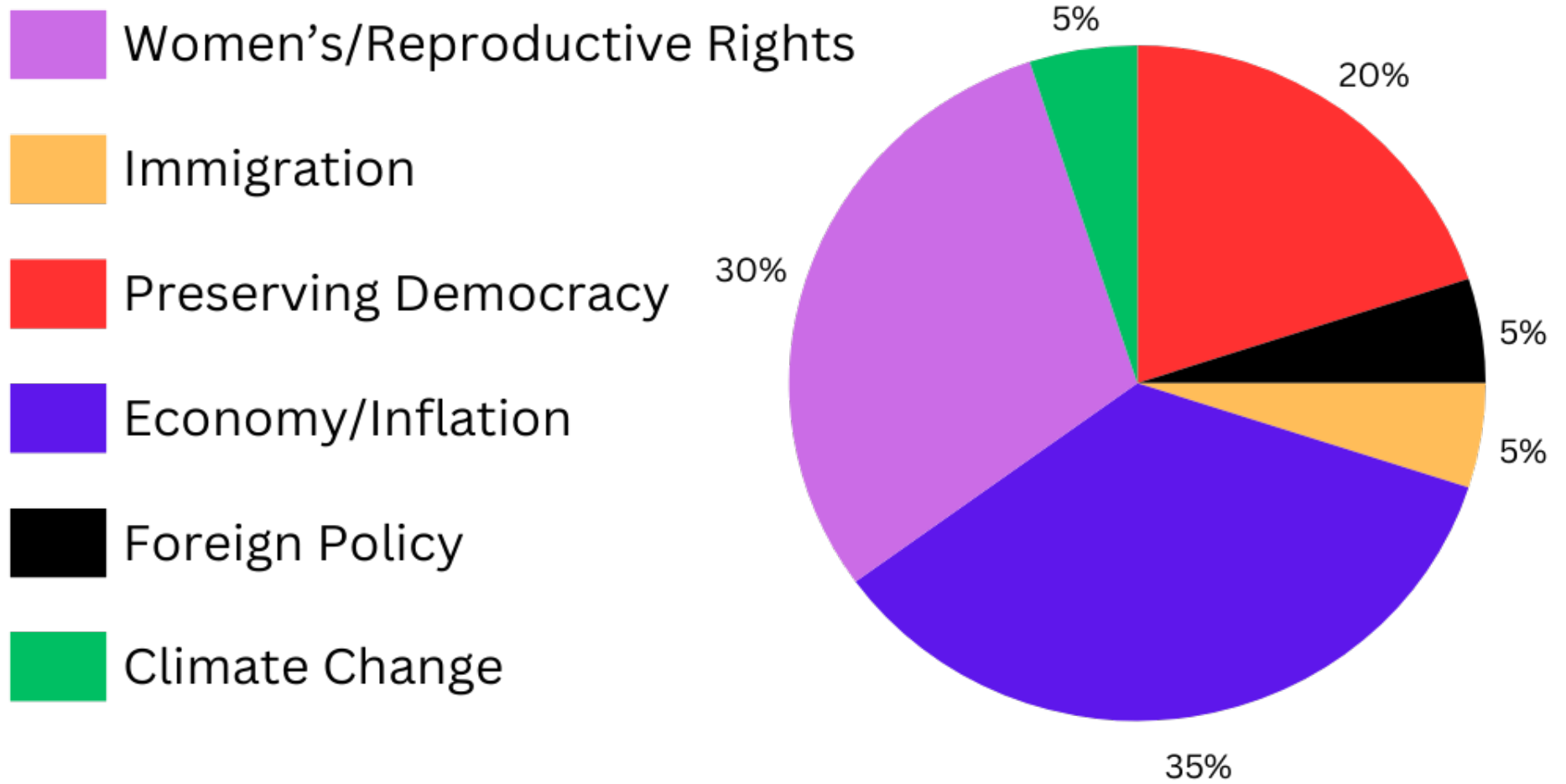
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## SHU Opinions: Important Issues In The Upcoming Election

BY SPECTRUM EDITORIAL BOARD

On Monday, Oct. 21, Spectrum sent out a survey to the SHU community, asking responders to share their number one issue in the upcoming election. Due to limitations from the survey provider, Spectrum was only able to access a portion of the responses. This chart presents a look into civic engagement on campus, highlighting the issues that Sacred Heart students and faculty are passionate about.



## Halloween Candy Tierlist!

BY SPECTRUM EDITORIAL BOARD

What is your favorite Halloween candy? This tierlist from tiemaker.com ranks the Spectrum board's top sweets to receive this spooky season!

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A	
B	
C	
D	
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Choir Performs at Carnegie Hall

BY JENNA REYNOLDS  
Staff Writer

When junior choir member and Co-Recruitment Chair John McCaffrey gazed out into the audience, he was met with a breathtaking sight: four tiers of balconies filled with an almost sold-out crowd, buzzing with energy.

“During the performance, I looked out and saw the audience members in the balcony really getting into it. They were dancing, cheering and smiling. Their enthusiasm is a moment I will remember forever,” said McCaffrey, who’s also a member of the Sacred Heart University Choir ensemble 4 Heart Harmony.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, McCaffrey and members of the 4 Heart Harmony group traveled to Carnegie Hall to accompany professional violinist Alexander Markov in the finale of his show “Baroque to Rock.”

“That is not something I ever thought would happen. When you’re little, you dream of performing at Carnegie Hall, never imagining that dream would come true, and now it has,” said sophomore choir member Luanna Da Rocha.

Markov invited the Sacred Heart Choral Program and the choir from the LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts to perform his original upbeat piece, “Let’s Have Fun,” during the finale.

“It was a real honor to share the stage with Markov. His enthusiasm was infectious and encouraged us to match his energy,” McCaffrey said.

Markov is a classically trained violinist who studied in Moscow and now resides in the United States. He has a passion for both classical and rock music and composes songs combining these two genres.

His show, “Baroque to Rock,” with renowned concert pianist Christie Julien began with Vivaldi and progressed through different musical eras, ultimately leading to rock and roll.

Markov changed his costumes and violins for each performance to reflect the style and era of the piece. The show opened with a performance from the Baroque period, during which he wore a costume appropriate for the time and played a period-accurate violin.

Markov also displayed his custom-made violin on Tuesday night, crafted

entirely from gold. Sophomore Callixtus O’Neill, a choir member and Co-Production Chair, noted that, unlike the average four-string violin, Markov’s gold violin featured six, producing an elevated sound.

“A couple of weeks before our performance, Alexander came to 4 Heart Harmony’s rehearsal to show us what he does to really immerse ourselves in the show. He was so nice, and he made the music feel alive,” said junior Victoria Grillo, a choir member and fundraising chair.

4 Heart Harmony is an elite chamber choir ensemble composed of tenors, basses, altos and sopranos—a mix of male and female vocalists. While the opportunity was available to any member of the program through audition, the members of 4 Heart Harmony primarily took part.

“The dress rehearsal didn’t hit as hard because there was no audience, but during the actual performance, when you see all of the people watching you,

it is just the most unreal experience,” Rocha said.

During the finale of “Let’s Have Fun,” the lights went out and the choir began to hold a note that lasted over a minute. In the meantime, Markov performed a violin solo. As the hall was enveloped in darkness, Markov’s violin shone with red LED lights, making it the only visible thing to the audience. After about thirty seconds, he set that violin down and picked up another, this time covered in white LED lights.

“Markov was running around the stage as we held the final note, playing. If you’re familiar with Star Wars, his violins made it look as if he was holding red and white lightsabers in the air; it was just electric,” O’Neill said.

“Almost 3,000 seats. When you hear three thousand people clapping for you, you just have to smile because it truly is the coolest thing. You can’t even describe it.”

McCaffrey is optimistic that “Baroque to Rock” is just the start of an exciting chapter filled with incredible opportunities for the Choir Program at Sacred Heart University.

“Things are only going to get better for the Performing Arts Program, this is only the beginning,” McCaffrey said



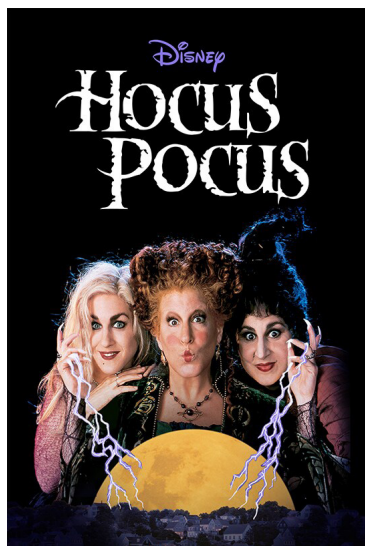
Jessica Balogh, Arts and Entertainment Editor  
‘4 Heart Harmony’ on the stage of Carnegie Hall as a part of the “Baroque to Rock” performance alongside international violinist Alexander Markov (center).

## Spooky Vibes for This Halloween

If you’re looking for some Halloween-themed entertainment, the Spectrum has you covered! We’ve compiled a list of movies, shows and songs to fill your Halloween fix.

### MOVIES:

1. Hocus Pocus
2. Beetlejuice
3. Halloweentown
4. Carrie
5. Scary Movie
6. Coraline
7. It
8. The Conjuring
9. American Psycho
10. Casper
11. Ghostbusters
12. Halloween



Disney Movies

### SHOWS:

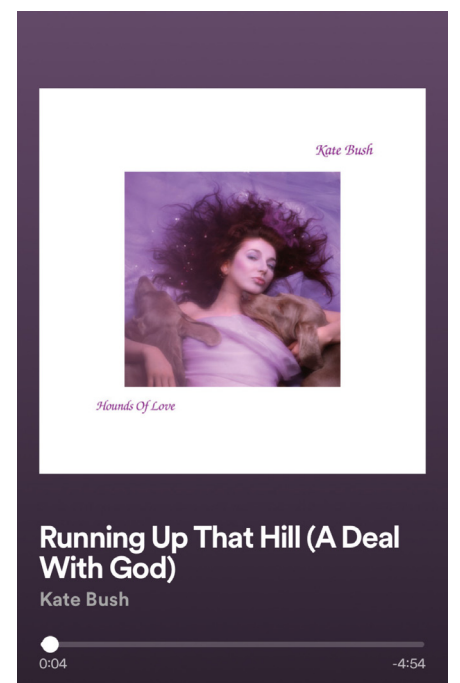
1. WandaVision
2. My Babysitter’s a Vampire
3. Goosebumps
4. The Walking Dead
5. Stranger Things
6. The Last of Us
7. American Horror Story
8. Agatha All Along



Netflix

### SONGS:

1. Halloween by Noah Kahan
2. Thriller by Michael Jackson
3. Magic by Selena Gomez
4. She Wolf by Shakira
5. Zombie by The Cranberries
6. Somebody’s Watching Me by Rockwell
7. I Put A Spell on You by Nina Simone
8. Haunted by Taylor Swift
9. 1979 by The Smashing Pumpkins
10. Witchcraft by Frank Sinatra
11. Heads will Roll by Yeah Yeah Yeahs
12. I Want Candy by Bow Wow Wow
13. Psycho Killer by Talking Heads
14. Running up That Hill (A Deal with God) by Kate Bush
15. Time Warp by Little Nell, Patricia Quinn, Richard O’Brien
16. bury a friend by Billie Eilish
17. Monster Mash by Bobby “Boris” Pickett, The Crypt-Kickers



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# Sports



## Men's Ice Hockey Skates into a New Season

Greg Vasil, Sacred Heart University

**BY ANDREW DAYTON**  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Oct. 11, the Sacred Heart University men's ice hockey team began their season with a two-game series against Colgate University. The games were in Hamilton, New York, and took place at the Class of 1965 Arena.

The Pioneers lost their season opener 6-5 in overtime but won their second game in a shootout after finishing in a 3-3 tie. Graduate student Matthew Guerra scored the winning goal in the shootout and had his first career goal as a Pioneer in the second period.

"I am really proud of their effort so far," said head coach CJ Marottolo. "I think we have a team that can compete against anybody in the country."

Juniors John Driscoll and Felix Trudeau also each scored a goal in the tie. The goal was Driscoll's first as a Pioneer, and Trudeau finished the weekend with three total goals and was named Atlantic Hockey America Forward of the Week.

This is the second consecutive year that Sacred Heart will be playing at the Martire Family Arena for a full season. Last season, the Pioneers ended with an overall record of 14-19-3.

One difference is that there are ten first year players and eight transfers on the team this season. During the previous season, there were eight transfers but only five first year players.

"I think our leadership group with Hunter Sansbury and John Jaworski have done an unbelievable job with the new and returning guys," said Marottolo. "They are respected not just within the hockey community but the Sacred Heart community."

After their first series against Colgate, Sacred Heart took on University of Massachusetts the following weekend for two games. The first game started on Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at Mullins Center in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The Pioneers started the series with a 4-3 win. According to BVM Sports, this was a significant upset over UMass, who was nationally ranked 15 at the time.

"We found a way on the road, which is not easy to do in college athletics," said Marottolo. "It gives our guys a belief that we can go toe-to-toe with the best in the country."

Junior Reid Pabich and first years Charles Tardif and Paul Minnehan each contributed with goals of their own in the win. All three goals scored were the players' first as Pioneers.

"It was pretty cool," said Pabich. "Coming out hot and winning was definitely big."

Junior defender Mikey Adamson scored the deciding goal against his former team, which led the Pioneers to their first official win of the season.

According to the league office, Adamson is tied for the team lead with five points, two goals and three assists, through the first four games. He became the second Pioneer in two weeks to be given Atlantic Hockey America honors as he was named Atlantic Hockey America Defenseman of the Week.

"It is obviously special," said Adamson. "None of this could be accomplished without my teammates and coaches."

On Saturday, Sacred Heart had their home opener against UMass at 7 p.m. The Pioneers lost 6-1, and the lone goal came from Adamson, who had his second goal in as many days.

The Pioneers began conference play in the Atlantic Hockey America with a two-game series against Holy Cross at the Martire Family Arena. The first game was on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

The Pioneers lost the first game 2-1 in overtime. Sansbury scored in the first period for his first goal of the season.

Sacred Heart will return to the Martire Family Arena to play Bentley on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

## Women's Volleyball Sets Up for Success in MAAC

**BY JOHN HEINZE**  
Co-Assistant Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University (SHU) women's volleyball team is getting hot in the stretch run of the season. On Oct. 19 and 20, SHU notched wins over Rider and Saint Peter's University, respectively, to improve their record in conference play to 5-4, ranking 6th in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) standings.

"This is an outstanding group of athletes," said Head Coach Rob Machan. "The road has been a difficult thing for us but coming home and being able to sleep in our own beds and not being on a bus I think really helped them get recentered."

Home court advantage will take a new meaning for SHU, as they unveil their newly renovated William H. Pitt Athletic and Convocation Center. Prior to its opening, home games were played at Notre Dame Prep.

"We were really excited, and I think it's going to be nice to finally have a place to settle down and have some fans," said senior Camryn Luginbuhl.

Luginbuhl has played a pivotal role in the team's recent hot streak. In their Oct. 19 match against Rider, she accumulated a program record 30 kills.

"I can't do it without everybody, I think our passing really carried and then Gaby [Zovko] getting me a lot of one on ones was the main reason I got that many kills," said Luginbuhl.

Sophomore Gaby Zovko, a setter for SHU, also put up historical numbers against Rider. Zovko assisted on 51 of the team's 73 kills, tying the program record for assists.

"Our passing started off so strong," said Zovko. "That just makes my job so much easier when the passing is on. I can really feed any hitter I want and give them the best opportunities to score."

SHU has showed resilience in their wins, going on big runs to come back from early deficits. Their match with Rider was no exception. In the first set, SHU was down 23-19 before going on a 4-0 run to

tie it up and eventually win the set. In the fourth set, SHU was tied 12-12 and went on a 9-0 run to take the set.

"We have grit, we're fighters for sure," said Luginbuhl. "I think our mentality coming into conference was we wanted to beat every team in this conference and kind of show who we were, and I think we're doing a really good job."

This past weekend gave the Pioneers their first opportunity to play home games at the Pitt Center. SHU rode the momentum from the Rider and St. Peter's matchups and beat Marist on Saturday, before losing to Siena in three sets on Sunday. Despite the loss, the Pioneers maintained their sixth place ranking in the MAAC and will look to continue their resilient season through the final stretch of the season.

"Everyone on the team wants to compete; we want to work hard and that's shown in practice," said Zovko. "We do so many competitive drills in practice, and it really resonated in the game, and it was just so exciting to see."

Going forward, SHU has seven games left to make moves in the standings. The MAAC Championship tournament will take place Thursday, Nov. 21 through Sunday, Nov. 24. SHU's next game is today against Fairfield University at 7 p.m. in the Pitt Center.



Greg Vasil, Sacred Heart University

The SHU women's volleyball team playing against Siena College in their first game at the renovated Pitt Center.

## Women's Soccer Breaks Records

**BY SEBASTIAN DEGOLIER**  
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"We've scheduled really competitive out of conference games. We knew the out of conference schedule was going to be tough," said Micros. "We've had a series of injuries this year like we've never had in the past. We've had eight kids that are out for the year with

injuries."

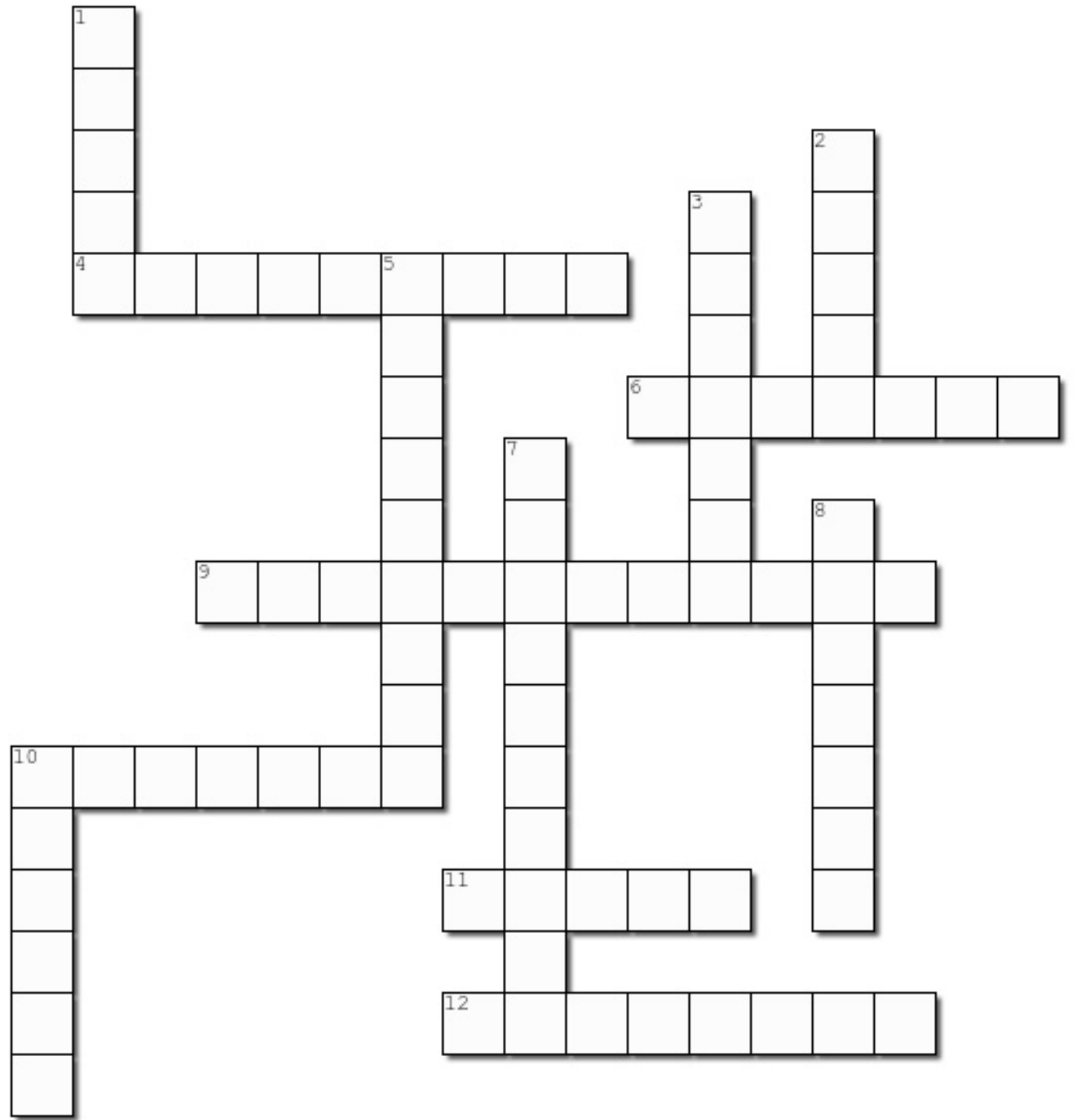
Despite the team's record, the Pioneers still have the opportunity to clinch a playoff spot by either having two wins in their last two games or a win and a draw.

"There's definitely some pressure on us knowing that we have to win these next two games, but it's also helped motivate us," said junior Morgan Borvadi. "We were in the same situation last year with making playoffs and we pulled it together to do so."

The Pioneers will try to keep their playoff hopes alive, playing their final game of the 2024 season against Saint Peter's University on Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Park Ave Field.

# Editorial

## Halloween Crossword



### Across:

- 4. Human-like structure designed to deter birds from crops
- 6. Attire worn, typically a disguise of sorts, in celebration of Halloween
- 9. Phrase used by children to request Halloween candy from strangers
- 10. Round, orange fruit that can be carved, painted or made into pie
- 11. Wicked \_\_\_\_\_ of the West
- 12. Human bone structure

### Down:

- 1. Pointy teeth that vampires have
- 2. Spooky (allegedly) mythical creatures
- 3. Month in which Halloween is celebrated
- 5. Yellow, white and orange treat associated with Halloween
- 7. Cleaning tool used as a flying device in some spooky films
- 8. Festive activity often available at pumpkin patches
- 10. Color commonly associated with Halloween alongside orange



- Answer Key:
- 1. Fangs
  - 2. Ghost
  - 3. October
  - 4. Scarecrow
  - 5. CandyCorn
  - 6. Costume
  - 7. Broom
  - 8. HayRide
  - 9. TrickOrTreat
  - 10. (Across) Pumpkin
  - 10. (Down) Purple
  - 11. Witch
  - 12. Skeleton

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