Building a dream for everyone

By Jim Heffernan
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart is helping to build a kid’s dream: a sandcastle. The difference with this sandcastle is that it is not made out of sand. This one is made out of wood.

It’s called “The Sandcastle Playground Project” in Fairfield. The sandcastle will be built in the Henry Rowland Park at Jennings Beach.

The Sandcastle Project’s manpower is 100 percent local volunteers, and provides a great chance for Sacred Heart students to connect with the Fairfield community.

“This is a playground for the whole town,” said Phyllis Machleit, director of Service Learning at the University.

Designed to replace the aging and unsafe equipment currently at the site, the sandcastle will provide an innovative, safe play space for all children of Fairfield and a gathering place for families. It will contain equipment intended for children ages 1 to 12 and will be handicapped accessible.

The playground is to be built over the course of six days, and the construction is scheduled for Oct. 1 through Oct. 6. Each day consists of three-hour work shifts, running approximately from 9:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Sacred Heart will participate in building a new playground at Jennings Beach. Photo by M. Herrmann

Counseling Center stresses need for confidentiality

By Kristyn Mulry
Staff Writer

The Counseling Center, destroyed over the summer by a fire in the Park Avenue House, has been confronted by many problems this semester. The Center was forced to relocate its remaining resources to the Residential Life Office.

Along with the relocation, came many problems. The most important of these issues relate to confidentiality, inadequate space for office use, and lack of space to store materials for programs and student assistance.

Presently, three counselors and one intern work to guide students. Each of the three counselors need their own area to counsel students to ensure confidentiality.

Faculty members volunteered their offices for use by the Counseling Center. Although grateful, Sr. Anne Nadeau, director of the Counseling Center, expressed that privacy in such a setting cannot be guaranteed.

“If the faculty member forgets something, they should be allowed to go back in to get it. Then the student’s privacy is violated,” Sr. Anne said.

The Counseling Center is mandated to ensure confidentiality and files must be locked. In addition, said Sr. Anne, there is an ethical obligation to provide the quality of service to which students are accustomed.

According to Dean of Students Larry Wielk, a permanent location for the Counseling Center is being sought.

“If this can not happen, we will be forced to discontinue our services until a new location can be found,” declared Sr. Anne.

The possibility exists that Career Services, headed by Mitch Holmes, will be moved to an unidentified location that does not need construction. The Counseling Center would then be moved to the first floor of South Hall, the present Career Services Office.

With the location of the Center in Residential Life, there has been a drop in students looking for counseling.

“RA’s have referred people, but they don’t want to come in where there is a crowd, even to see their white colleague,” said Sr. Anne.

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Pitt Center to lack pool

By Erin E. Harrison
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center’s completion date is set for sometime this spring with an anticipated completion cost of $18 million.

The 143,000 square foot complex will include several multi-purpose facilities such as a 2,000-seat basketball arena, four basketball courts and an aerobics/swimming and fencing room. The center will also house the Athletic Department offices, classrooms, locker rooms, fitness center and Hall of Fame. It will lack, though, a swimming pool.

The planning team for the Center includes Don Cook, director of athletics; Jim Banquero, vice president for planning and enrollment; Mike Giaquinto, director of facility management/construction; Dr. Michael Emery, director of physical therapy; Dr. Paul Madonan, vice president of finance and administration and consultants.

The cost of a pool is about three times per square foot, than that of the rest of the facility due to its required plumbing and maintenance.

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Commuter issues addressed

Since first-year commuter students and some upperclassmen use laptops, it’s become an issue of where to put them during breaks,” said Rembish.

“There’s a petition being sent out. It’s definitely being considered now, but the quicker people sign up, the quicker it will happen,” said Commuter Council vice president and first-year student Marilena Monaco.

Monaco, along with first-year students Amy Ninnoms and

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Grant awarded to university worker

Sacred Heart's Peter Duval, of the Institutional Development Office, was awarded a $5,000 grant by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. Duval, a grant writer for the University, plans to use the money to underwrite a series of short stories based on his family.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, Duval has been published in literary magazines including The New Review, Grains, and Descant.

The Commission annually awards $100,000 in grants, supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, to writers, playwrights, and composers.

Finance department welcomes new member

James Sheehan has been named the Assistant Vice President of Finance. John Young has been appointed as the Assistant Vice President of Financial Development on a part-time basis.

Young will be responsible for capital financing. Sheehan’s duties will include accounting, purchasing, student accounts, budgets, and payroll.

Prior to Sacred Heart, Sheehan was employed by Appalachian State University. He has also taught classes and been involved with business organizations, as well as the community.

Minority fellowship program established

The National Research Council will award approximately 20 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships to ethnic minorities.

The program is designed to provide a year of continued study and research for recent doctoral recipients who show high promise for future achievement in academic research.

The deadline for application is Jan. 3, 1997. For additional information, contact the Fellowship Office at TJ 2039, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave, Washington, D.C. 20418.

Vans moved for space

By Stacey Shepperd Staff Writer

Due to the construction of the new athletic complex and the placement of temporary classrooms, parking has been a continual problem at Sacred Heart. Where to park the eight university vans was the most recent predicament.

Student Activities uses four of the vans, and the Athletic Department uses the remaining four. Previously, these vans were parked in the Faculty/Staff Lot in front of the University. The 174-space lot became overcrowded because the vans occupied too much space.

As to whether or not complaints were made about the position of the vans, William O’Connell, director of Public Safety, said “I received a few.” The vans were parked straight into the spaces, instead of at an angle, causing a potential accident situation.

For the safety of the vans and the convenience of the faculty and staff, Public Safety moved the vans to the North Lot.

“We just thought it was a better place to put them,” O’Connell said.

With the vans parked in their new spots, Public Safety is able to adhere to its parking regulations as stated in the Sacred Heart Student Handbook.

“These regulations are designed to ensure safe movement of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, reduce the potential for accidents, injuries or property damage and to seek adherence to Connecticut State Motor Vehicle Laws and SHU policies,” reads the Handbook.

By moving the vans, Public Safety has proven that their top priority is safety.

Counseling: student privacy at stake

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make an appointment,” said Sr. Anne.

Wielk pointed out that privacy should not be a major issue if the Center moves to South Hall.

According to Wielk, “There are enough entrances and exits that it would not be known if people were going to the Counseling Center or just to visit a resident in the building.”

In addition, the presence of the Counseling Center next to Health Services in South Hall are the most affected by this situation.

“They are going through a great transition and adapting to a new lifestyle,” Perera explained. “They must feel a sense of betrayal when their privacy is so compromised,” she added.

Many of the resources found within the Center at the Park Avenue House will not be available at the new location.

Access to literature, for instance, will be “limited at best,” said Wielk.

Wielk added, “There was not any preparation for a fire. Things couldn’t be planned and we couldn’t find suitable sites during the summer.”

Commuter: non-residents have a voice

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Stacey Sheppard, are working together to produce the debut issue of SHU Commuter News, a newsletter about issues which affect commuters.

Despite slight differences between commuters and residents, Rembish pointed out that they can both be equal in involvement.

“I don’t think people realize how involved commuters are on campus, but they are,” Rembish said.

Nine commuter students participate on campus for the Commuter Assistant Program. The program is in its second year at the University.

Senior Rob Carroll, a business major from Fairfield, enjoys taking part in the program.

“When I started [as a freshman], I did know some people. But if I didn’t, I would have probably gone to class and gone home,” he said. “Going to college is hard enough without having to worry about making friends.”

Rembish also spoke about an upcoming survey to discover what needs commuter students have.

Fifty students came to the first of the monthly breakfast clubs, held last Tuesday.

Commuter Life also provides an Emergency Locator Service, which tracks down a student on campus if needed to be reached. Students interested in joining the Commuter Council are welcome to attend meetings held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Ma-hogany Room.

Sandcastle: providing a safe play space

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About 2,000 people are needed to build, serve food, and provide child care in an atmosphere reminiscent of an old-fashioned barn raising.

When the idea of the playground was first introduced, rumors surfaced that people in the area didn’t want it because it would bring in so-called undesirables. “Children are children, it doesn’t matter your race or color. They still need a place to go,” said Brian Merwin, a freshman international business major from Bellmore, NY.

People from the playground project have discussed the park with residents currently living within close proximity to the playground and all residents, despite rumors, have responded favorably.

Many people are still needed to volunteer. The Sandcastle Committee provides supervisors for construction, food and necessary tools. Work gloves and transportation to and from the site can be obtained from the Sacred Heart Service Learning Office.

To get involved or learn more about the Sandcastle Project, call Phyllis Machledt or Brian Merwin, Sandcastle student coordinator, at 365-7622.
Abortion: pill approval criticized on campus

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tee, insisted, "It's a tragic step. It means that tiny children's hearts will stop beating. And their mothers may be threatened, since we don't know the long-term side effects of this drug.

Allen added that her organization will "definitely continue to educate Americans about what is going on."

Carrano thought that the availability of mifepristone would greatly increase the abortion rate. "You're not actually having a surgical procedure done. The thought of surgery is more traumatic and might heighten a woman's caution," she declared.

"With this new alternative comes greater responsibility," said Dr. Claire Marrone, director of women's studies.

For abortion rights advocates, the FDA's approval of the pill is a major advance. Kate Michelman, president of National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, stated in Kolata's article, "We haven't had anything like this since the birth control pill."

According to Michelman, women will have the option of taking pills in the doctor's office to terminate pregnancy within the first seven weeks of the last menstrual period.

Instead of having a surgical abortion at a clinic, women will have "privacy and safety and freedom from blockades and harassment," she said.

Mifepristone induces abortion by blocking the hormone necessary to sustain pregnancy, and most patients abort the fetus within 24 hours. There is a five percent failure rate, in which cases a surgical abortion is performed.

Sheila Wheeler, director of Health Services, refused to give comment on the issue, asserting that she had no background on the issue, has never dealt with it, and never will since she is employed by a Catholic University.

Marrone insisted, "I think that it will be controversial. But most aspects of women's sexuality and women's reproduction causes controversy, and these things need to be discussed."

The pill, sold in France, Britain, Sweden and China, has been used by more than 250,000 women around the world.

Mifepristone is an abortion-inducing drug that blocks the hormone necessary to sustain pregnancy.

Regimen: Swallow three pills (200 mL) of mifepristone; 36-48 hours later, swallow two tablets of misoprostol to make the uterus contract.

Side effects: severe bleeding (occurs in 1.4% of women), nausea, painful uterine contractions, vomiting, diarrhea.

Cost: $350, approximately the same as a surgical abortion.

Health Services kept busy

Surge in sickness on campus

By Christopher Twarowski Contributing Writer

The University's Health Services Department is faring well against a recent flood of students and viruses, despite a limit on capacity, said Director of Health Services Sheila Wheeler.

"normally we would get 50 to 60 students per day," said Director of Health Services Sheila Wheeler.

"Normally we would get around 10," Wheeler added.

"We're more accessible now, but there's really not enough room to accommodate the volume of students this year."

Some ailments that have been diagnosed lately are sinus infections, bronchitis, and sore throats. All of these are caused by viruses.

How can you prevent yourself from getting sick? "Wash your hands, try to give yourself enough rest, eat good food, don't stay up all night, no drinking alcohol, and don't smoke," advised Wheeler.

For students who take prescribed medications, Wheeler said, "Certain prescriptions can be filled on campus, and the rest ordered and filled."

"I'm sick, my roommate's sick, everyone in my townhouse is sick. It seems that everyone on campus is getting sick," complained Brian Lawn, a senior business management major from Boonton, NJ.

"I had to miss a class," said senior biology major Jason McGrade, from Queens, NY. "I strongly feel that contact with other people has much to do with being sick."

So, if you have been feeling under the weather lately, perhaps you should consider a visit to Health Services.

The Health Services Department is located on the first floor of South Hall next to the multi-purpose room. The hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 371-7838 for an appointment.

A registered nurse is on call during all hours and the campus physician, Dr. Pasquale DeMatteo, is there 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Fridays. The rest of the week, he can be reached at the Fairfield Family Medical Center through Health Services.

Heart involved in the planning of the Pitt Center, including Brandeis University, Bentley College, St. Michael's College in Vermont and Boston University.

"We tried to create as much diversity and flexibility as possible," said Cook. "Swimming is a single usage activity."

In addition, a student poll was held in the preliminary planning stages of the Center and it showed that a pool is not a necessary factor in the construction of the complex.

Got a nose for news? Call Cheryl at 371-7966.

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EDITORIALS

University lacks allegiance

Sacred Heart University prides itself on its mission statement that says, "From its founding, the University has been recognized for its caring approach to students." On the Counseling Center issue, we believe the University has not been caring at all.

The mission statement also says that it welcomes "...the dignity of the human person, freedom, and the betterment of human society." How is this message being upheld? The staff of the Counseling Center is still looking for an appropriate site for their offices.

We believe that the University should seriously reconsider its level of compassion to members of our community at Sacred Heart and its allegiance to the university mission.

Get the most out of college

College is a time to make decisions about our lives and our futures. Are we taking the best roads to our intended futures? What is the quality of life that we value most? College is certainly a time for fun, but it is also a time for hard work, planning and intellectual stimulation.

It is a problem when the greatest stimulation we choose outside of class consists of gracing the bars or a party with our drunken presences. Did you originally come to Sacred Heart on an academic scholarship award? Do you still earn that award?

Remember, in the long run, we can't always use the excuse that we were protecting our health.

The Dreaded 'L' Word

Over the past couple of weeks, Bob Dole has tried to narrow the gap in the polls by calling the President the dirtiest name in the book this political season. It is the dreaded 'L' word. He's calling him a liberal.

Still, the results seem to be positive for Dole. According to a CNN/USA Today Gallup poll, Dole is within 10 percentage points of the President, and Bill Clinton's support is below 50 percent for the first time since they began the tracking poll three weeks ago. Senator Dole is claiming that Clinton isn't just a liberal, he's a "closet liberal," meaning that he would sound moderate to get elected, but then govern as a liberal.

The President doesn't seem too concerned about the labeling. He doesn't feel he qualifies as a closet liberal. He considers himself to be a moderate, or "new" Democrat.

The part of this that distresses me is that being called a liberal today is like being called a communist in the 1950s. And, the President is trying to shed his liberal label faster than a cat sheds its coat in the summer. Why?

Liberals should be proud of their accomplishments. In the 1960s, FDR's liberal ideas took the nation out of the Depression, put people back to work and restored hope. In the 1960s, liberals pushed through the Civil Rights Act and ended segregation. It was also liberals who protested against a war that sent our young men off to a place we had no business being. Of those men, 58,000 died, and countless more suffered permanent physical and emotional damage. I'm not quite sure why the President is running away from that.

President Clinton himself has endorsed many liberal ideas during his first term. Family and medical leave, gays in the military, midnight basketball, an assault weapons ban, a Health Care Reform plan that would guarantee health insurance to all Americans, and an economic plan that raised taxes on the wealthiest Americans to reduce the deficit.

These ideas are good ones. The ones which have become laws have worked. And, it would be in our best interest to see that the Democrats become laws, as well. Unfortunately, the President, rather than using these ideas as examples that liberalism still has a major role in American politics, is claiming them as moderate ideas. All but assuring the slow death of liberalism.

President Clinton seems to feel that he can't be a liberal, because he wouldn't get elected that way. And, unless his recent drop in the polls is incidental, and not connected to Bob Dole's liberal bashing, he may be right.

I think the President should put his political aspirations on the line for the good of the country. Run as a liberal.

If the country has been brainwashed so badly by conservatives that they won't elect a liberal President, they deserve four years of a Bob Dole administration with a Gingrich controlled Congress and a Senate run by Trent Lott.

After that four-year disaster, the country should be begging for a liberal President to come in and dig us out of the wreckage.

International Students fail to receive adequate scholarships from university

By Ayoma Perera

Sacred Heart has blossomed into a rich and diverse community, thriving on the unique cultures of over 120 students from 65 different countries.

Against popular belief, many of these students have made sacrifices just to be able to afford the proper and respected education Sacred Heart offers.

One such sacrifice is parents having to live apart for great periods of time with the breadwinner in the family having to work in more prosperous countries to earn enough to send their children to countries that will provide them with a recognized education.

I am one of those students who has to endure sacrifices.

According to university policy, "undergraduate students are eligible for financial assistance provided they are a citizen of the United States." According to the Financial Aid Office, this policy has been in effect from the University's inception.

There has never been the question of, for or against, arguments.

Believe me, it is time. Don't get me wrong. I am at perfect agreement with such a policy since most aid awarded to students comes from the American taxpayers' pockets.

However, it is too much to ask for a special scholarship fund to be set up for those students exhibiting academic excellence or outstanding involvement in the community?

As much as the University is providing the education, these students are enriching the University with their diversity.

The method of payment in the University is dollars, and when international students have to convert their currency into dollars in order to pay the fees, a huge proportion of their earnings is taken.

Day in and day out, I see the talents of many international students being exercised, with students bringing the uniqueness of their cultures to Sacred Heart.

Whether in the form of coffee houses or international festivities vibrant with dances, food and exhibitions.

These students same students work intensively throughout the school year to increase their scholastic levels with the major proportion of them reaching a 3.0 GPA every semester.

When one closely analyzes the allocation of funds to the many trusty funds, scholarships and financial aid available to the students of the University, it seems that international students are in one way or another subsidizing their education.

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I ask my little brother, "What time is your soccer game?"

"When?"

"Yeah, that's what I want to know.

"What date?"

Fourteen-year-olds have the patience of carpenter ants under a magnifying glass.

"Today," I say.

"I don't have a game today."

"You don't?"

"No."

"Then when are you going to the field?"

"I'm not. This is for me. For me."

Then we watch a little television. "The Simpsons" on FOX. Then "The Making of..." on HBO. Then "The Simpsons" on FOX again. After about two hours I say, "Colin, because Colin is his name, "you'd better get ready for your game."

"What game?"

"Your soccer game."

"I don't have a soccer game!"

"We watch "The Simpsons" on FOX again. Another half hour passes."

"Hey Colin."

"Yeah?"

"You're gonna miss your game."

"I told you, I don't..." Then Colin realizes how much he's amusing me, and he stops playing the game.

WEST HALL RA SEeks the whole truth

To the editor:

In the Sept. 19 edition of the Spectrum, there was a front page article written by Stacy Sheppard about the bookstore. According to this article, "There haven't been any student complaints about the bookstore disturbing dorm life, but Olson realizes that the potential for disruption is present."

My questions to Ms. Sheppard and Mr. Olson are the following: Have you talked to residents of West Hall about the situation? Have you talked to who walks on campus. Many residents of the

Letters to the editor

SEnate responds to problem

To the editor:

This is a response to the editorial in the last issue of the Spectrum regarding the problem with the inability to find privacy in the school. The Senate is happy to inform you that we are going to try to do everything in our power to correct this problem. We are currently working to find a location where students can meet with the Counseling staff in confidence. We hope this incident will not deter you from seeking help in the future.

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Voice your view...Write a letter to the editor.
Coffeehouse series attracts crowd

By Gina Norelli
Features Editor

Last Thursday evening, grasshoppers with flavoring were served in the Gallery of Contemporary Art as part of a coffeehouse series sponsored by the International Center. What? Yes, grasshoppers. And some brave souls even ate them. Mutsai Mahachi, a junior international business major from Harare, Zimbabwe and Dr. A. Harris Stone, chair of graduate education, spoke at this event. The audience, a mixture of curious students, faculty and staff, learned about Zimbabwe, a small country in southern Africa. Stone, who has been collecting sculptures for over 30 years, showed the group some of his Zimbabwean Shona pieces that are on display in the Gallery until October 17. He left the audience to interpret the pieces for themselves though. “Sculpture doesn’t need words,” he said. Stone said that most of us are natural collectors without even knowing it, and we often become interested in sculpture collecting by accident—for example, by picking up a certain stone on the beach that attracts us. “You attach yourself to it because it brings meaning to you,” said Stone. Those that create Shona sculpture believe the sculpture is already inside the slab of rock and their task is to bring that to awareness. They do this by embracing the rock (called “rock hugging”) until they are certain they have sensed what is inside. They then scrape away the excess rock to reveal the sculpture. Mahachi then spoke about Zimbabwean culture and his experiences at Sacred Heart. “It’s good that people like Mutsai can come and talk about their country and that people know other cultures go on other than the one we see,” said Britta Bengtson, a senior psychology major from Woodbury, CT. As Zimbabwean music played, those that attended had the opportunity to try some of the Zimbabwean cuisine prepared by Mahachi—stew, beans, vegetables with peanut butter… and of course, the grasshoppers with flavoring that seemed to create a stir. “I cannot touch it (the grasshoppers),” said Asami Sakamoto, a criminal justice major from Kawasaki, Japan. “I tried to touch it, but I cannot put it into my mouth,” she added. Yet Mahachi spoke easily and freely about the grasshoppers—perhaps as we would talk about eating wild turkeys. “There is a grasshopper season, after the rain season. People roast them, and they are excellent,” he said as he popped one into his mouth. How often do they eat grasshoppers in Zimbabwe? “Just when they are available. You have to trap them. It takes time and effort,” said Mahachi.

Do they eat anything else that Americans might find peculiar? “Flying termites,” said Mahachi without hesitation.

Zimbabwe native Mutsai Mahachi, and Professor A. Harris Stone, PhD. stand with a Shona sculpture. Photo by M. Herrmann

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By Corinne Waldheim

**Contributing Writer**

Getting an interview with the Assistant Director of Student Union/Activities Albert Precourt II isn’t just an assignment. It’s an adventure. It begins as a simple meeting in his office, but by the time our interview was over, we had traveled 15 miles in the SHU shuttle.

Precourt began his career at Sacred Heart as a Program Assistant in Student Activities. Three years later, he oversees the Greek Council, Shuttle Service, the Prologue, the Senior Class, Channel 6 and Intramurals.

When he applied for his job at Sacred Heart, his interviews were teeming with chaos.

During a phone interview with Director of Student Activities Denise Sunphin, he was disconnected twice. Although the conversation went well, he felt he needed another "edge on the competition." When Precourt met with his future supervisors, the confusion continued.

"There were a lot of interruptions. Then the copier wouldn’t work," remembered Sunphin. "I finally told Al that if he could fix the copier, the job was his. He has been here ever since."

"Student gratification is what keeps me here,"confides Precourt. Approval was evident last year when Precourt received the Most Outstanding Administrator award. Precourt enjoys watching and playing baseball. His favorite team is the Boston Red Sox.

Precourt claims his taste in music is eclectic. His love for universal sounds was obvious when he was caught singing a few lines of "Lightning Strikes" by Live.

Precourt also enjoys camping, but admitted that his greatest love is for his family. Student Government Vice-President Brian Rivera said, "Al is such a hard worker. He loves his job and the students he works with."

Precourt advises students, "College is a microcosm of the rest of the world. You should not limit yourself to people who are so homogeneous. Get to know as many people as you can."

Precourt, originally from Trinidad, holds an Associate in Arts Degree at S.U.N.Y. Finger Lakes, then graduated from S.U.N.Y. New Paltz with a Bachelor’s Degree in communications. At Sacred Heart, he achieved his Masters in Education.

He presently resides in Derby, CT but calls Lyons, NY his home since that is where his family resides.

"As a commuter, I wasn’t really involved," admitted Precourt.

He continued, "I became more involved when I became a resident at New Paltz."

**Career Services provides help in choosing major**

By Ayoma Perera

**Staff Writer**

Are you confused about what you want to major in? Then it’s time you took a walk to the Career Development Department temporarily located on the first floor in the South Hall Multi-purpose Room.

"We provide assistance in choosing a major and database information, the interview, the explanations," explained Eric Rutberg, assistant director of Career Development and a personal counselor.

Choosing a major and career exploration are two of the primary functions of this department. It is also an essential source for securing meaningful internship and co-op work experiences and helps students find summer and/or part-time employment and to facilitate the securing of employment or admission to graduate school after graduation.

Rutberg is mainly responsible for providing service to the first and second-year students. "Students should start declaring their major by the end of sophomore year or beginning of the junior year," said Rutberg. "A major fair is held every year that is possible for providing service to the first and second-year students. Students should start declaring their major by the end of sophomore year or beginning of the junior year," said Rutberg. "A major fair is held every year that is possible for providing service to the first and second-year students.

During the sophomore year, students are encouraged to participate in the Student/Alumni Mentor Program. Once an area of interest has been established, students are linked to Sacred Heart alumni who have careers in the same field.

"Some students choose a major for the wrong reasons," said Mitch Holmes, director of Career Development. "So this connection provides the opportunity for students to really find out if a specific field is the one for them," he added.

Some of the ‘wrong’ reasons mentioned by Holmes that students actually have told him are "My mom and dad want me to," "This is going to make me rich," "It’s easy," "My girlfriend/boyfriend/friend is that major so I’ll have someone to study with" and, especially in the case of an athlete, "It fits my schedule."

"Study what you love," encourages Holmes. "Build your self-esteem, be excited about learning, get to know the faculty and work with your advisor to find out what is best for you," advises Holmes on the ‘right’ reasons to be a certain major.

Still worrying about what to choose? Don’t! Career Services can be reached at 7975, or visit them. They’re here for you.

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The right to be different

Jane Elliott speaks out against racism

By Chris Currier

Staff Writer

Women for Women 2 is the latest CD dedicated to educating women about breast cancer.

Residents of Iowa treated Jane Elliott differently for the rest of her life. Gradually everyone in the town stopped talking to her. Some resorted to vulgar language and violence toward Ms. Elliott's family.

Elliott told this story Monday, Sept. 30, along with other stories and anecdotes about race, religion, sex, and other dividing traits existing in this country.

"We are as different on the inside as we are on the outside and we have the right to be so," said Elliott.

Students in attendance said Jane Elliott made perfect sense. They were told to rent the video "The Eye of The Storm" which goes through Jane Elliott's experiment and shows the results.

Elliott, an author and lecturer, touched her audience. If more people listened to her words, said one student, racism would be on its way to being dissolved.

Jane Elliott

'CWomen' are battling cancer with new CD

By Danielle Nolan

A&E Editor

Cancer is a disease we all come in contact with at sometime in our lifetime. Whether we ourselves are diagnosed with it or someone close to us is, we all have known someone who has been ill-fated with the disease.

For women, breast cancer is a growing concern. A lump in one's breast can be detected by an early mammogram, yet many women do not find it soon enough.

There is a lack of education about breast cancer and how to prevent it.

Women for Women 2 was released on Sept. 17. It is a new album dedicated to helping victims of breast cancer and educating those who do not know how to protect themselves.

The various artists and songs make Women for Women 2 a good listen. Although the middle of the album is a bit lame, the beginning makes up for it.

The illustration of the album is fitting. With butterflies and daisies surrounding the cover, the inside of the album and the CD itself, the album attracts one to look inside. It has many facts and motivational sayings about breast cancer.

"I found out that being good to yourself means getting regular check-ups and mammograms," said Tina Turner.

The album includes special liner notes listing breast cancer facts, information and resources. A portion of the proceeds will benefit NABCO.

Women for Women was the first all-female album made to increase breast health awareness.

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The Brady Bunch is back

**By Mike Nimmons**  
Staff Writer

If the dose of seventies nostalgia in "The Brady Bunch Movie" was not enough, there is plenty more in this summer's "A Very Brady Sequel."

The same cast has returned, giving us a great deal of seventies flavor and Brady humor. While this movie was by no means a good film, it was definitely entertaining for "The Brady Bunch" fans. The sequel, like its predecessor, had a somewhat weak plot.

In "A Very Brady Sequel," Carol Brady's presumed dead ex-husband returns to retrieve the horse statue which he supposedly died on. This man turns out to be a fraud who is simply after the horse due to its value. The movie progresses with his attempts to obtain the horse and the various situations it leaves him and the Bradys in. The plot was not strong (not that many people expected it to be). However, there were a variety of different parodies and jokes which poked fun at the original Bradys. Among them was Greg's so-called ultimate pick-up line, "Hey groovy chick, you're really happening in a far-out way."

Anyone who is a big fan of the Bradys will get a kick out of the way all of the definitive moments in Brady history were tied together.

Also, there were things like Cindy's lisp, her doll, Kitty Car- ryall, and Jan's jealousy of "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia" and her pretend boyfriend, George Glass.

The sequel also featured Greg and Marcia's fight over the attic as a bedroom, Alice's pursuit of Sam the butcher and extremely brief appearances by cousin Oliver and the Brady's dog, Tiger.

In addition, there were many distinct features of the Brady episodes in Hawaii such as, the tiki statue, the spider and Greg's infamous surfing accident. Also included were the inescapable attraction of Greg and Marcia and the identities of Mr. and Mrs. Brady's former spouses, Jeannie, of the classic TV series "I Dream of Jeannie," and Gilligan, of "Gilligan's Island."

This was by no means a good film. It might even be a stretch to say it was decent. In other words, if you do not like the TV series, or even the first movie, then do not see "A Very Brady Sequel."

If you do like the Bradys, then you will find this movie "really happening in a far-out way."

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Institute for Medieval Studies opens with "Monty Python"

**By Alicia Y. McKinney**  
Contributing Writer

"Monty Python and the Holy Grail" will kick off the Institute for Medieval Studies' five film series, Monday, Oct. 7 at 4:45 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge.

"Monty Python" was chosen to start the series because of its humor and slapstick style, but it also sends a serious message about historical representation, said Dr. John B. Roney, associate professor of history and coordinator of the Institute for Medieval Studies.

"When we study history we are so serious. We never recreate the past as it really was," Roney said. "We serve it up, just like a feast, so our palates are happy and we remember it the way we want it to be and that's farcical."

He added, "Monty Python especially illustrates this notion."

The film series, one of three components of the Institute for Medieval Studies, includes "The Seventh Seal," "Name of the Rose," "Robin Hood," and "Lion in Winter" with a discussion following each free screening. A "pilgrimage" to the Cloisters, on Saturday, Nov. 2, and a Medieval Feast on Sunday, Nov.

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Women's soccer to face rival UMass-Lowell

By Jennifer Gilbert
Contributing Writer

The women's soccer team is coming off a 1-0 loss to Bentley College and a 7-1 trouncing by Division II national champion Franklin Pierce College.

On Oct. 5, the Lady Pioneers hope to improve their 2-3 record when they square off against the UMass-Lowell River Hawks at Campus Field with a start time of 12 p.m.

Offensively, look for sophomore forward Karen Bagley (Whitman, Mass.), senior midfielder Meredith Carr (Natick, Mass.) and sophomore midfielder Kristin Ferguson (Westfield, Mass.) to lead the Pioneers.

The River Hawks should be on the lookout for defensive player Jill DiMaggio, a sophomore from Staten Island, N.Y.

Coach Dave LaLiberty says "This game is definitely winnable."

He stressed that "everyone on the Pioneers schedule is someone to be respected."

"We need to come out strong offensively and defensively. If we do, then we'll be happy with the results," added LaLiberty.

Senior captain Meredith Carr agreed with LaLiberty's predictions. "It is a league game, so it is a very important game for us to win."

Carr said the UMass-Lowell team should be "a good match for the Lady Pioneers and the game should be exciting. Our team is well prepared and has been practicing hard. I think we'll come out on top if we give it our all."

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Sports in brief

Moore & Montano named to All-Tournament team

Despite dropping three out of four matches at the Quinipiack Invitational Tournament, the women's volleyball team (5-8) found solid play from freshman middle hitter Tricia Moore (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) and freshman setter Jill Montano (Floral Park, N.Y.)

The two were named to the All-Tournament team as Sacred Heart reached the quarterfinals before falling to Merrimack College 15-5, 15-11, 12-15, 13-15, 20-18. Moore is among the nation's leaders in skills and hitting percentage.

Sciamanna solid for Pioneers in college golf debut

On Sept. 24 the Pioneers headed to Shattuck Golf Course in New Hampshire to compete in their first tournament of the season. They finished fifth out of six schools. Sciamanna led Sacred Heart with his fifth place individual finish of 62 total golfers.

Women's tennis advance to 3-4 with impressive wins

The Lady Pioneers received strong efforts from senior second singles player Melissa Kiely (Point Pleasant, N.J.) and freshman Monica Grassi (Wildwood Crest, N.J.) as Sacred Heart improved to 3-4 with a 9-0 victory over the University of New Haven on Sept. 23 and a 4-3 win over Molloy on Sept. 26.

Kiely, who won her last four matches, avenged her loss to Molloy's Marisa Ortega last year with a 6-2, 6-4 win. Grassi improved her singles record to 6-1 on the season with an easy 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Molloy's Leslie Lowski at fifth singles.

Men's soccer drops third straight game to fall to 4-5-1

Coming of their 4-0 loss to Keene State the team squandered its two games played this week as Sacred Heart fell to Stony Brook; 2-1 in overtime on Sept. 25 and was shut out Saturday at Franklin Pierce, 7-0.

Freshman James Hook (Islip Terrace, N.Y.) added to his team-leading five goals with the Pioneers' lone goal of the week in their loss to Stony Brook.

Women's soccer struggles in games this past week

The Lady Pioneers lost both games played this week as Sacred Heart dropped its third straight with a 1-0 loss at home to Bentley College on Sept. 26 and a 7-1 drubbing at the hands of defending Division II national champion Franklin Pierce College in Ridge, N.H. on Saturday.

Freshman Amy McCauley (Islip Terrace, N.Y.) notched Sacred Heart's only goal in the two contests. She leads the team with four goals and one assist.

Sports Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 3
Women's tennis at Stonehill, 3:30 p.m.
Field hockey at Bentley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4
Women's volleyball at SCSU Tournament, New Haven, Conn., TBA
Saturday, Oct. 5
Football at Stony Brook, 1 p.m.
Women's soccer vs. UMass-Lowell, 12 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. UMass-Lowell, 2 p.m.

Cross-country at Fairfield U.; Invitational, 10:30 p.m.
Women's volleyball at SCSU Tournament, TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 8
Women's soccer at Southern Connecticut State, 4 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. A.I.C., 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9
Women's tennis vs. Quinipiack, 3 p.m.

Athletes of the week

Dave Galligani
Galligani, a senior from Bethlehem, Penn. on the Pioneer football team caught eight passes and set a school record 159 receiving yards. He also had two touchdowns in Sacred Heart's 19-14 loss to UMass-Lowell.

Lauren Wiggins
Wiggins, a freshman field hockey player from Norristown, Penn. talled a hat trick in Sacred Heart's, 4-1 triumph over UMass-Lowell. The win avenged three consecutive losses to the River Hawks.
A disturbing incident oc-
curred this past week that has compounded the issue of pro-
fessional sports officials under-
minating athletes.

Robert Alomar of the Bal-
timore Orioles spit on an ump-
ire's face, causing some to call for a ban.

The acting commissioner of
baseball took swift action on Alomar, suspending him five
regular season games. How-
ever, Alomar appealed the sus-
pension, claiming that he
wouldn't come until sometime next sea-
son. Under the appeals rule of
Major League Baseball, Alomar
was permitted to finish out the
team's remaining two games.

Ironically, he hit the game-win-
ning home run the night af-
ter the incident, clinching the
Orioles' first playoff spot since
1983 when they won the World
Series.

Alomar is the same player who put out the final week of last
season because he wanted to protect his .300 batting average.

After Alomar's spitting in-
cident, he told the media that the umpire has been bitten in other
games, since his son died two
years ago.

Alomar is not much of a
person to be embarrassed to associ-
ate with this guy. If playing with
him is the only way they are
going to win, they shouldn't win
at all.

What is truly disturbing
about this ordeal is, Alomar only
gets a five-game suspension which won't take effect until the
first five games of next season.

So what? This so-called adult
spits in a umpire's face, and little
is being done about it. Superior
has missed that. Alomar did.
that it, all we need to know, now
pass in him appropriately.

I really would like to know
what the world of sports is com-
ing to. This sort of thing is hap-
pening in just about every pro-
fessional sports arena in America
today.

We look at the NFL, for ex-
ample. Next week will mark the
return of two athletes who were
suspended five weeks for pled-
ging guilty to drug possession
charges. Michael Irvin and Bam
Morris will begin play for the
Dallas Cowboys and Baltimore
Ravens, respectively. The NFL
Commissioner's Office had a
chance to make a real statement
to all players. The statement
should have been, "You do drugs and get caught, you will miss an
entire season."

Whether these athletes like it
or not, kids are watching. Guess
what fellas, you are role models!
You only have to look to the
stands and see those five-year-
old prospective players wearing
a Michael Irvin jersey. These
guys get paid a lot of money, so
they have a year-round responsi-

ability. The only way to make them
pay attention is to take the honor
of playing at the professional
level away from them. The NFL
wants to fine every defensive
player for hitting a quarterback

too hard, but they won't suspend
drug users from playing for more than five
games.

Unfortunately this is the way
things are going in professional
sports these days. Instead of
focusing on the pennant race, or
how good Ohio State looked this
past weekend, we have to talk
about some bum spitting in an
umpire's face.

The acting commissioner of
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Alomar for the playoffs.

An injustice was done by
Alomar. Justice was not served by
the commissioner.

Lady Bowlers ready to roll over competition

Cortine Waldheim
Contributing Writer

After attending two National
Championships in three years, the
Sacred Heart women's bowling
program is laying the groundwork
for another exciting season.

The program originated in
September of 1993. Former Ad-
missions Officer Bob Cotter or-
ganized the team and the nu-
cleus of Sacred Heart's bowling
began with Student President
Begley Kregling to coach.

"A lot of people have come to
Sacred Heart specifically to bowl
and I anticipate our best year ever,"
said Kregling, currently a mem-
ber of Team USA.

The team has grown at a
steady pace since 1993, but this
year marks its biggest turn-out.

On Thursday, Sept. 19 the women
held try-outs for the 1996-97 sea-
son. Fifteen women, including six
returning members, took their first
steps at obtaining a spot on either
the A or B teams.

The ladies were allowed fif-
ten minutes of practice and four
games. Christine Anania, Jessica
DeVellis, Lisa Laursen, Kristy
Newman and Christine Hackley
were among the top scoring first-
year students; Anania of Bristol,
RI said, "I really like the team and
the girls are very personal."

Returning seniors Jennifer
Swanson and Cortine Waldheim
remain as the only members of
the original team.

"Bowling for Sacred Heart has
been a unique experience,"

stated Swanson, an accounting
major from Shelton, CT. This
past summer Swanson became the
first woman to win a New En-

gland Bowling Alliance title.

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Even though Sacred Heart's
bowling program is still young,
they have accomplished a lot in a
small period of time. They made a
team for the first time in a
season, clinching the
league's remaining two games.

They have a year-round respon-

ability to all players. The statement
shocked the entire league.

In only her second year, Jen Swanson
has led the team to a high average for the Na-

tional competition.

Last year, the women im-
proved once again; taking first
place in the Allentown Invitational.

The Pioneers won on clinch-
ning their second consecutive bid into the National Championships in


League of Kansas City, MO. The ladies fin-
ished the 1996 season in seventh place.

With a busy season ahead,
including tournaments in Atlanta,


And St. Louis, the SHU bowlers
plan to make a deep im-
pression on the competition.

By Arthur T. Gercken
Contribution Writer

Despite only three team vic-
tories to open the season, the Lady Pioneer team is optimistic
about their future.

An increasing student body,
newcomers, and growing interest
in women's tennis are several rea-
sons cited by the players for the team's"positive outlook.

Desiree Bulone, a first-year
undeclared major from Stated Is-
land, NY is typical of many of
the team's recruits.

"I came to Sacred Heart
specifically to bowl, and I antici-
pate our best year ever,"
said Bulone.

"Most of the team has played
high school tennis," said
Guastelle. "In fact, Desiree came
to Sacred Heart with her champi-


ship. St. Joseph Hill Academy
teammate Jennifer Galizia.

The team is led by senior co-
captains Melissa Kiely of Pt.
Pequannock, NJ and Jeanine Da.luz
of Potsdam, CT. Other players who keep an eye on are first singles
player Maren Niemann, fourth
guiser player Ashley Aimeiti,
junior Lauren MacPhee and fresh-
man Monica Grassi.

Guastelle explained the

team's short term goals are hav-

ing an outside shot at the league
title and having a 5-0-0 season.

This would be an improvement
over their inaugural 5-7 season.

The Lady Pioneers play in the
top-flight NCAA division, which
curr-
ently has Albany sitting atop the

Northeast section of the country.

With seven out of thirteen
members currently first-year students, the Lady Pioneers are gain-

ing valuable experience which
certainly points to a bright future.

The Lady Pioneers' next
home match is Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m.
in their first ever versus Smak the
country.

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By Bob Staak

Streak on Sports

November 6, 1996

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**SPECTRUM SPORTS**

Pioneers fall prey to River Hawks

Late touchdown spoils Sacred Heart's Homecoming

By Brad Wilson

Sports Editor

With Sacred Heart clinging to a 14-13 lead in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter, UMass-Lowell was driving deep into Pioneer territory.

It was third-down and seven when Pioneer senior Chris Carroll intercepted a pass at the 15-yard line, returning it to the River Hawks' 48.

The Pioneers needed a first down to kneel out the clock when sophomore running back Terrence Washington dropped a pitch from senior quarterback Matt McGreevy.

The ball bounced straight into the hands of UMass-Lowell linebacker Tim Murphy, who darted 51 yards for the winning score in a 19-14 River Hawk victory Saturday before 1,624 Homecoming spectators.

"I'm thrilled for our kids," said River Hawk coach Sandy Ruggles. "We made mistakes and we were able to catch a break with the fumble, but we worked hard and this is a game I will never forget."

Sacred Heart Coach Gary Reho said, "You can not say one play is a game, but unfortunately, sometimes it determines a game. We can't make excuses. We have to get back to work and play as hard as we can."

UMass-Lowell (2-1) found the end zone first on a 54-yard touchdown pass from John Walsh to Dan McGreevy. "We got solid blocking from the line and were able to get our passing game on track, but we have to execute for 60 minutes and we didn't do that," McGreevy had nine completions on 21 attempts for 149 yards.

Sacred Heart's next match-up will be at Stony Brook Saturday with a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Last season the Pioneers were defeated by the Seadogs, 44-17.

**Record day for Pioneer cross country squad**

By Stephanie Smith

Staff Writer

Although the men's and women's cross country teams did not place as well as expected at the Connecticut Intercollegiate Championship last Friday, school records were set and most runners improved their seasonal or personal best times.

Mike Hernandez established a freshman record and a school record with a time of 27:50 for the five-mile course. He broke the school record by 15 seconds and the freshman mark by 30 seconds. Hernandez finished in 13th place.

Following him were freshmen John Walsh (29:10) and Dan Gallardo (29:16) in 34th and 35th places, junior Brian Young (29:36) in 39th and sophomore Rick Janocko (29:57) in 42nd. Also included in the scoring were freshman Ed Mahoney (30:07) and junior Neil McClure (30:13) in places 43 and 45 respectively.

Sophomore Carrie Demirgian broke her own school record, running the 3.1-mile course in 18:48 to earn a fourth place finish, Michelle Wesolowski, crossing the line in 11th place, set a freshman record of 19:14. Sophomore Theresa Flood clocked a 19:44 time for a 17th place finish, the fourth fastest time in school history.

First-year runners Tara Sullivan (20:38) and Liz Lento (21:06) finished in 26th and 33rd, respectively. Sophomore Lisa DeBorge (21:12) finished in 35th place and junior Stephanie Smith (21:25) wrapped up the scoring with a 38th place finish.

"Saturday the Pioneer cross country teams will compete in the Fairfield Invitational."

**Field hockey now 5-4**

By Lauren Wiggins

Staff Writer

Coming off an impressive, 2-1 overtime victory against Merrimack College on Sept. 24, the Pioneer field hockey team scored two more victories over the weekend.

Saturday they squared-off against a talented St. Michael's team and followed with a contest on Sunday against UMass-Lowell, a team that had beaten them in each of their three previous meetings.

"The St. Michael's game found Sacred Heart trailing at the intermission, 2-0. In the second half the Pioneers were able to find some life behind a goal by junior Cheryl Casey (Bridgewater, N.J.). It was not enough as they were defeated, 2-1."

Facing-off against UMass-Lowell, the Pioneers (5-4) had revenge on their minds. Not letting their three consecutive losses to the River Hawks put a damper on things, the ladies earned an impressive 4-1 victory.

They were led by freshman Lauren Wiggins (Norristown, P.A.), who tallied a hat trick in the contest.

The Pioneers' next two games will be today at Bentley College and on Oct. 8 at home against Southern Connecticut.