VOTE! Class of 2018 Elections

BY FRANK McCONNELL
Staff Reporter

Freshmen class elections are being held on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, along with four senate spots are available amongst members of the class of 2018.

"These positions are the ultimate responsibility for Student Government," said Denise Tiberio, Student Government Executive Board Advisor. "These students who become a part of student government are tasked with providing unity among the freshmen class, along with communicating information to the students."

There are many roles and responsibilities of the different members on Student Government.

"As sophomore class president, my ultimate goal would be to unite my class as a whole," said sophomore Jennifer Kiggins, President of the Class of 2017. "Student Government makes sure that there are opportunities for students to get involved, along with having the responsibility of being a voice to the students that may have any problems or concerns." St. John's University

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With the class of 2018 being the largest freshmen class to Sacred Heart history, Student Government is aiming for a high percentage of voter participation. President of the Class of 2017, "Students who vote are a part of the student government, and I think it would be a good fit for me."

"I've talked with some of the candidates, and there are a few who I think could make some positive things happen for the freshmen class,"

Any freshman interested in voting can visit stations set up in Ronaldi, Merton, and Sets Hall or online.

"I love the new parking policy because we don't have to look for parking anymore," said Linda E. McMahon staff member, Jackie Hurst. "I'm just a little nervous for the parking when the snow comes."

While Sacred Heart is almost ready to start construction in North Lot for the new residence building, there is another building that is almost completed.

The new academic building, recently named the Frank and Marisa Martire Business Hall, is ready next to Sacred Heart's main campus.

Students become a part of student government, students who won the lottery to get on campus, it's fine," said graduate student, Daniel Pepitone, who commutes from New York. "But, if you come extra early for class and to get those times or places can participate by voting online with a link that will be sent via email on the day of the election.

Different parking locations that are located off-campus are accessible to faculty and staff via shuttle routes. These shuttle routes run on a continuous loop throughout the week.

There are no candidates for the Senate position, has every intention of voting. Student Government is aiming for a high percentage of voter participation. President of the Class of 2017, "I'm not planning on voting, as of right now because I really don't know the class of the students running for each position," said freshman Michael Montemurro. "But, I would definitely go and vote if I learned more about the people running, and I agreed with what they wanted to do with their position."
This past weekend, Sept. 19 through Sept. 21, alumni and their families came back for the annual Homecoming and Alumni Weekend at Sacred Heart University. “You know that feeling when you’ve been away from home for a long period of time?” said Ashley Momplaisir ’12. “You come back and even though things have changed here and there, it’s good to be home.”

The theme of the weekend was “A Celebration of Pioneer Nation.”

The weekend kicked off Friday afternoon, with the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon in the University Commons. The honorees were nine alumni who were recognized and honored for their accomplishments in their careers as well as their contributions to Sacred Heart and their communities.

The highlight of the weekend was on Saturday afternoon for the football game against Bucknell University. At the Beer Garden and Family BBQ, family and alumni alike enjoyed each other’s company and talked about how much the school has changed and grown. “The appearance of the school has changed a lot,” said Stacy Danquah ’12. “New buildings, new statues, new aesthetics overall.”

“The school looks very different,” said Vinny Ebenau ’14.

Many students and alumni were in attendance to support and cheer on Sacred Heart football. “I have to say, overall, it was a great weekend and I do plan on coming back,” said Enjoli Bland ’14. “It’s nice to see all the people that you graduated with and to see people that graduated before you. I cannot wait to come back and see what this school looks like in 10 years.”

Although the football team could not bring home the victory, energy and pride were not lost. Everyone continued their support by cheering and having a great time. “It’s so much fun to come back and immediately feel the energy. It’s so good to see old faces,” said Kayla Crooms ’12.

To conclude the weekend, an Alumni Mass was enjoyed Sunday afternoon in celebration of alumni, family, and friends. Alumni who have passed away were honored and remembered. Also, couples that found love here at Sacred Heart were celebrated with the “Blessing of the Couples.” “Although there are a lot of new people I have never seen before, it has been nice to see some familiar faces. When it comes to school pride, SHU hasn’t changed a bit. Lots of red and white everywhere you go. GO HEART,” said Danquah.
Perspectives

Maturing through college

SAM says...

During the "Send-off Ceremony" at this years Community Connections pre-fall program, Dr. Petillo spoke to the parents and students about how different they would be when they returned home for Columbus Day weekend in October. By different, students will be able to create qualities such as responsibility, leadership and integrity and much more.

This word "different" at the time applied to the freshmen joining Community Connections, however it applies to every single person at Sacred Heart University. Becoming a "mature" person throughout college is a difficult yet reachable topic that every student at Sacred Heart University can achieve, at different times of course. In my eyes, Sacred Heart University is very successful at turning the teenagers that arrive at move in day into outstanding adults when accepting their diploma at graduation, four short years later. Through in-depth and interactive classes to attention retaining and professional after school clubs and organizations, this campus helps you learn brand new skill sets that you can use not only in the competitive job market, however in your own daily life.

This summer, I was anxiously awaiting my return to Sacred Heart University to start my final year of undergrad. One of the perks for this year, I have a house off-campus. Now, having a home comes with a cup full of responsibilities. Paying bills on time and keeping the house clean are only a few examples of what it means to be a responsible homeowner.

"With great power comes great responsibility." What may seem like a corny quote taken from the "Spider-Man" comic series actually has a gigantic meaning. I have the power and ability to be living in this home, now I must be a respectful and an appreciative tenant and pay my water bill or take out the trash every so often.

Becoming an adult is hard especially when we have many distractions in our daily lives. If we can take the initiative to focus on our surroundings, would be able to learn some tricks on becoming a more mature person and we can even discover some qualities we never knew that we had.

NICOLE says...

These short four years in college pretty much shape the person we become for the rest of our lives. Obviously the some odd years before college have shaped us too, but these first years on our own without our parents, nudging us or telling us what to do, are the big ones.

We all come to college with the same common goal; to find out what we want to do with the rest of our lives and find a career that fits us. The educational part is what everyone tends to associate college with, but if you really think about it...it's all the stuff in between classes and tests that makes college the life changing experience that it really is.

Yes, the classes and tests are crucial for graduation and success in our future. But, the late nights eating pizza with your roommates, the first dates, the nights you piece together in the morning with your friends, and the family dinners when you finally get any time to visit home, they're all part of what college is too.

The downside is that these four years fly by. I can guarantee that you all look back at your freshman year photos and cringe a little, but that's the cool thing about it. We all grow up here. No matter who you are, what your major is and whether you studied last night or went out partying, after your senior year you will be thrown into the real world and most likely be as confused and scared as you were when you were a freshman.

For me, college gave me a little push to maturity as early as my freshman year. I wasn't really responsible, I didn't think about my future, and I was immature. After freshman year, I remember how different I looked at some things. I realized how precious family was to me, how important figuring out my major really was and how hard these next four years (and thereafter) might be. We figure out how to balance school, work, friends, family and more. The stress is overwhelming and the expectations are demanding, but in the end it's all supposed to be worth it.

After this is all over we're supposed to be mature adults ready for the real world, although we might never feel ready, we'll definitely have the experience of a lifetime to help us get through whatever reality after graduation brings.
Meet the New Sorority Members

Alpha Delta Pi
Sophomore, Natalie Cioffari
"I hope that I can make a difference in ADPi. The stories I have been hearing about the Ronald McDonald house give me chills. All my sisters have done so much for our philanthropy and I really hope to do the same and make my mark that way."

Zeta Tau Alpha
Freshman, Caroline Garboski
"I’m really excited for October because it’s Breast Cancer Awareness month and that’s our philanthropy. So I can’t wait for all the events we get to do to help the cause."

Theta Phi Alpha
Sophomore, Caitlin McMahon
"It’s still the very beginning and I already feel an immediate connection, it was something I didn’t expect. I definitely think that if you’re interested in Greek life you should pursue it. It’s something everyone can benefit from. Whatever type of person you are, there’s a place for you."

Kappa Delta
Freshman, Ashley Mascolo
"I’m really hoping to get the experiences of helping out people, changing lives, and making an impact."

Kappa Phi
Sophomore, Brianna White
"I just knew. They just keep telling you that you were going to feel like home in a sorority and the second day I just knew. It was a really fun and unifying experience, probably one of my favorites at Sacred Heart. It was like a kid on Christmas eve feeling."

Phi Sigma Sigma
Freshman, Mandy Mohagel
"I signed up really last minute and figured I would just try it out. Once I got there I thought this was the best thing ever and am so happy that I joined."

Chi Omega
Freshman, Atene DiLuca
"It was really fun, but overwhelming at the same time trying to keep track of all the different philanthropies and activities. Everyone crams into one room and you sit on the envelope with your bid in it and have to wait until the council reveals themselves. Then you open your bid and run over to your sorority and everyone hugs you. It was such a rush and the anticipation was crazy."
Student Blogger of the Week: Amanda Fontaine

http://www.womenshockeylife.com/league_blogs_view_dsp.cfm?BlogId=1352&CatId=48&LeagueId=22&SubCatId=3

Sacred Heart Banding Together As A Team

A bittersweet time is among us, back-to-school time. After a short summer of work and prepping for the season. I find myself back at SHU with a bunch of familiar and some new faces around me. With the first week of classes under my belt, I feel that this year is bound to be a great. Classes seem to be what I signed up for and the whole team is motivated and in the gym as much as possible prepping for the season.

For our first team meetings, we’ve had speakers come in and speak to us on the importance of being a team on and off the ice. Being a team off the ice not only transfers onto the ice with teamwork and knowing each other, but keeps us safe. One of the speakers was a local detective who came in to speak about us.

Amanda Fontaine
Current Team: Sacred Heart Pioneers

The Caroline House in Bridgeport CT, was founded in 1955 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

The website Fontaine works out of is made up of completely of women’s college hockey players. This gives them a chance to connect with one another on an entirely new level.

Taking the reigns from Sacred Heart alumna Amanda Montgomery just a few months ago, Fontaine has already seen success. She has noticed that her follower count on Twitter has drastically gone up.

“They’re usually moms. They’ll say they easily relate because their daughters are goalies too,” said Fontaine.

People who she doesn’t even know will message her saying, “Oh my gosh, I love your blog.”

Fontaine never thought of herself as a good writer and was nervous when she was first asked to take over the blog. She never really thought about blogging until now, but she’s happy she started.

“It’s called Women’s Hockey Life and it’s pretty much a monthly update on how the team is doing. It’s a bunch of schools that give you a way to connect with other schools, teams, and what you’re all going through,” said Fontaine.

She has received a lot of positive feedback from her teammates, who really enjoy reading the blog.

“All of them say what I write is spot on, and sometimes when they read it they see things in a different light,” said Fontaine.

When a speaker came to talk to the women’s ice hockey team, the majority of the players were content on the message, but Fontaine had a very different perspective than her teammates. Her blog is a place for her to share these different ideas with her teammates and readers.

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Sacred Heart University junior Amanda Fontaine recently started writing for the Women’s Hockey Life blog.

Her blog focuses on the importance of being a team and working together.

“If we can band together in all aspects of life, we can only grow stronger as a team and as individuals,” said Fontaine.

Through her latest post, readers can see that the Sacred Heart’s women’s hockey team treats each other as a family. They will do whatever they can to make each other feel welcome.

“Starting this year we are also starting a SHU Sisters program within the athletics department. The goals for the program are to eliminate first-year isolation and enforce ‘The Power of Belonging’ in our program. Within the team, returning students are paired up with an incoming student to mentor them through the year,” said Fontaine.

Along with the excitement of her new blog, Fontaine and her teammates are looking forward to their first game of the season against Yale on Oct. 17th.

Students Volunteer at the Caroline House

The Caroline House in Bridgeport CT, was founded in 1955 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

It is an educational center for women and children with the goal of helping women excel in learning and gain confidence. Sacred Heart University has been working with the Caroline House for over 15 years.

“Sacred Heart students play a variety of roles at the Caroline House,” said Megan Houlihan, Associate Director of Volunteer & Service Learning.

These roles consist of running transportation for their Thursday morning program, weekly volunteer opportunities within the preschool programs, after school help, and ESL instruction for the women.

When working with children, Sacred Heart students primarily focus on helping them with homework and tutoring them after school. For the women, students teach them language and life skills courses.

“They really believe in educating the whole family, not just the mothers or just the children,” said Houlihan.

This opportunity is not just educational for the women and children. It is also a valuable experience for the Sacred Heart students who participate.

“I think that what our students take away from this is that they see a complete approach,” said Houlihan. “When the children are in the program the mothers are also receiving life skills classes, I think our students take away that there’s so much need at the Caroline House and that there are a lot of different opportunities for our students to help out there.”

According to the home’s website, the Caroline House has provided education and services to more than 900 women and 300 children. Students notice that their hard work in tutoring and teaching women and children has really been paying off.

“You can see the adults’ learning curve,” said sophomore Kyle Blake.

“They show how much they learned in school and they’re very enthusiastic.”

Most of the women and children speak Spanish as their native language, but many have learned English and use it to communicate with the student volunteers.

“I think seeing that the kids want to learn is what I value most about it,” said Blake.

Blake first volunteered at the house during the Community Connections pre-fall program his freshmen year. They cleaned up the garage, which was full of donated items including holiday supplies, diapers, and school supplies.

“People donate simple things like hand sanitizer for the school and stuff like that,” said Blake. “It was very eye-opening to see how many donations actually come in.”

The Caroline House is a way for students to get involved in the community and help out those in need. Sign up are available in the volunteer center or simply go in touch with Sister Peg Regan, the Executive Director of the Caroline House.

The hours are flexible and a new sign-up sheet is available each week.

“It’s one of the most amazing places to be,” said Houlihan. “When you walk in, there’s just so much energy and everyone is happy to be there. It’s truly a wonderful experience.”
Digging Through the Directory: Q&A with Dr. Christopher Kelly

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Dr. Kelly is a Professor of religious studies and has been at Sacred Heart since 2008.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in a place called Port Elizabeth, right on the southern tip of the Republic of South Africa. Beautiful place, very scenic, lovely place to visit. I left there in the mid 1970s. I moved to this country, our whole family did, I have a younger brother and three older brothers. We were living in Michigan, that's where I did my undergraduate, at the University of South Florida in Tampa, then did a graduate degree, a master's in religious studies, there, then moved to the University of Iowa to pursue my Ph.D and lived there for five or six years before moving back to Florida, because that's where all my family lived. Then I got this job and moved here.

Q: Did you always want to be a professor?
A: No, I entered college not knowing what I wanted to do. I didn't have a degree-focused; I was going to explore and take courses that I wanted to take. For me, that meant I took a lot of history classes, I loved history. I did language classes, but I always came back to religious studies classes. There was something about those particular courses, because what we do in theology and religious studies, in philosophy, in this department, is we think about the big questions, you know, the really important questions about human existence. There's nothing more important than that, really. How do you make sense of who you are and how do you respond to the situation in which you find yourself? I had the really good fortune to take a course by a man named Dell De Chant who was the professor of religious studies. And it was watching him and how good he was at what he did and how much he loved the material and loved teaching, it was from this Ramadan and the idea of becoming an academic or a professor became a possibility for me. By that time, I had acquired a lot of other skills, English, French, so I'm like, I'll major in religious studies, that's what I like, that's what I'm good at, so that's what I did.

Q: What is the biggest challenge you have faced getting to this point in your career?
A: In particular, my field of religious studies, not a lot of people know what it is that we do. They come here, they think they have to pick a course on religion so we can tell them how to live their lives, or we can give them church teaching, Catholicism instruction, what makes a good Catholic. That doesn't happen here. We teach some theology courses, but our goal is not at all to convert people to Catholicism. Our goal is to take a course on religion so we can tell them how to live their lives, or we can find myself having to defend my discipline, basically due to people's ignorance of what it is.

Q: Did you ever think about majoring in something other than religious studies?
A: Before I went to college I had this idea that I was going to join the Navy and become a naval lawyer. But as time went by that kind of dissolved.

"I entered college not knowing what I wanted to do."

That, and then engaging with students on a daily basis, which is good and bad. At the beginning of the semester, it's really good, because everyone's happy to be here. By week three, the enthusiasm has died down a lot, so it's a lot of work to get them up again, get them interested in this stuff. But nothing beats that one-on-one experience in the classroom where you can look out and every now and then you can see that something you have said has resonated, that for somebody the light bulb has gone on and they begin to look at things and think of things in a different way. And that is priceless, that makes it all worth it.

Q: Do you have any hobbies outside of work?
A: Not really, when I'm not teaching I'm a dad, kids keep me going, I don't really have a whole lot of time for anything else. I don't make model airplanes or origami or anything like that. I probably should, maybe when I get older.

Q: What is your most memorable teaching experience?
A: It was a class I taught last semester, spring of last year. I taught a honors section of a new class, it's called "Narratives of Solitude," and we read stuff about how being in solitude shapes the way you understand yourself, the universe, and everything like that. Now, that has been one of the best classes I have ever taught, because a lot of the students knew each other, there was an automatic familiarity, and everybody was on board. Everybody was engaged and active, and it was great conversation. I let the students make up their own way of dealing with the material. I gave them a bunch of choices, you can write papers, you can do exams, you can do oral exams, you can do presentations, video presentations, whatever you want to do. We talked really well, exceptionally well for that particular class. So that it wasn't like working, it was like, "let's talk." And it made a world of difference. That would be the best that I've had thus far.

Quick Hits:
Favorite Movies: Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner" and Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven."
Favorite Sport: Ice hockey. I was first introduced to the sport when I lived in Detroit, so I am a big fan of the Red Wings. I will note that back then in the mid-1980s the Red Wings sucked, so I am not a bandwagon fan. I have supported them through the bad and the good.
Dinner Dream Guests: Billy Connolly (the Scottish comedian), Rutger Hauer (the Norwegian musician).

Senior group member Declan Lynch is pleased with the success The Awkward Handshakes have had so far and optimistic about their future.

The idea for The Awkward Handshakes came "about six years ago, but the purity sizing to be so bad that nobody was interested. The name used to be 'SHU improv Troupe.' It doesn't even sound appealing, said Lynch. Although the group is gaining attention on campus, they are still working on becoming a staple in the SHU theater community.

"The reason we started up the improv group and why we wanted to continue it from the past was for the simple fact of teaching out to the community in a way that no one else could," Lynch said. Lynch went further into detail about the type of show the group performs, describing it as, "A game show, going off of different improv shows such as 'Who's Line Is It Anyway,' and making things up off the top of their mind."

Recently, The Awkward Handshakes began interacting with students and fans in a new way by starting a YouTube show, "The Round Table.

"The videos follow a casual, conversational format. So far the show has posted two episodes featuring seniors John Coletta and Abshir Aden, and juniors Jordan Rodri­ guez and Michael Gaidto.
Arts & Entertainment

TV's Biggest Rival: Netflix

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There is no doubt that a majority of college students have experienced the power of Netflix and its keen ability to draw them away from schoolwork. It enters them into a network of endless streaming television and movies, all from the convenience of an LED screen.

This phenomenon is not just a reflection of a shift in technology, but more importantly it reflects a shift in the way media is being tailored to the convenience of the consumer. The advent of Netflix has drastically changed how the American public consumes its movie and television media.

"It's the new YouTube - live streaming sites allow you to watch anything, anywhere, which is both dangerous and practical," said senior Nick Jannetti. When discussing the website, this reception seems to be common among many individuals. The public's ability to watch their favorite television shows from a variety of avenues, such as their phone or laptop, allows them to get their fix anywhere and anytime. Whether or not, this is a good thing is up for debate.

A recent article by Technadag.com discusses how Netflix's practice of releasing all of the episodes at once, otherwise known as binge watching, has affected the experience of viewing traditional television. The article brings up the critically acclaimed last season of the television show "Breaking Bad." The article also discusses the unprecedented public reception and asks whether that response would have been the same if it were released on Netflix's model.

With the traditional model, shows are released once a week, typically ending an episode with a cliffhanger to keep the audience watching until the next week. Supporters of the traditional model claim that this allows for a more colorful and focused viewing experience. Viewers can focus in more on each episode and pay attention to the aspects of a show that they otherwise wouldn't notice if they were watching a full season in one sitting.

Supporters of the new Netflix model of releasing a full season at once disagree with this view of the traditional model. Wired.com recently released an article discussing Netflix's presentation at the Internet Week Conference in New York City.

In the presentation, Netflix's chief product officer, Neil Hunt, claimed that Netflix was changing television shows by providing funding for shows that are tailored for smaller, niche audiences.

Shows can be focused more on the individuals watching their shows rather than a full audience. According to Hunt, this is something that television cannot do because of differences in funding. Traditional television requires commercial advertising for funding, while Netflix has a flat-rate subscription.

"Honestly, I love Netflix because it is something you can control rather than television where you have to wait a certain amount of time to watch your shows. Netflix also lets you pause or rewind so you do not miss anything. It is very convenient," said sophomore Christian Daley.

Regardless of which format works best for audiences throughout the world, it is clear that Netflix has already eliminated other forms of watching television, one of the primary examples of this is Blockbuster.

"When Netflix first became popular I was thinking of what was going to happen to the old movie stores, it's clear that streaming movies are much more popular than going out and buying a DVD," said senior Geoffrey Connors. With this in mind, it's not unthinkable that traditional television may go the same way. As televisions are becoming increasingly connected to the Internet, it's very possible that streaming media may become the new norm.

"Netflix is awesome, and I hope to see it continue to grow in the future," said freshman Michael Tracy.

TheatreFest Sparks Creativity Through Students

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Within weeks of preparing scripts and auditions, "TheatreFest," a student run Theatre Arts Program organization, will be holding a reading in the Little Theater on Oct. 3-5.

TheatreFest has been a part of the Theatre Arts Program, otherwise known as TAP, for many years now, however, there have been various modifications to the TheatreFest process.

This opportunity is designed for students to showcase their creativity through script writing, directing, stage managing, and acting. This is a very intense process that student writers go through as they experience many weeks of rewrites, auditions, and rehearsals before performing in front of audiences.

"Pretty much everything TheatreFest I do," said senior Lindsay Seppala, the Production Chair of TAP and Producer of TheatreFest. "I had done TheatreFest as a part of my chair position in the TAP program. I could not give up TheatreFest as my senior year; it is my favorite part of the TAP program." This year 17 scripts were submitted to Jerry Goehring, the Director of the Performing Arts Program. However, only 13 were selected to go through the audition process. Once the shows were chosen, the audition process began.

Senior Declan Lynch is the President of TAP and oversaw the entire process of TheatreFest; it is an entirely joint effort.

"There are people who make advertisements for TheatreFest, there are people who raise money for TheatreFest, and there are people who make sure TheatreFest goes off smoothly," said Lynch. Seppala is in charge of scheduling auditions, picking up monologues for the actors and actresses, and running callbacks.

The first step of TheatreFest is to hold auditions for the 13 shows. Auditions took place on Wednesday, Sept. 17 and Thursday, Sept. 18. Students were given a monologue to perform in front of the directors of the 13 shows. Directors can request the actors perform the monologue in different voices or different contexts, based on the characters they need for their shows.

"I wanted to audition for TheatreFest because I thought it was a lot of fun. Everyone was talking about it when I did the pre-fall program here for Performing Arts. I am looking forward to reading everyone's scripts," said freshman Sydney Ruggiero.

"For some people, like junior Anthony Tartaglia, TheatreFest is something they look forward to with TAP.

"I decided to come back to TheatreFest because I always grew up doing musicals and I am usually on stage singing or performing. It gives me a chance to work on myself and character development, and help audiences see me as an actor," said Tartaglia.

After two full days of auditions, callbacks are announced. The callbacks were held this past weekend. Directors, stage managers, and writers sat in different classrooms and listened to actors perform specific scenes from their own shows.

After this process ended, all the production teams gather together and create cast lists for each of their shows. The cast lists were announced last Sunday night.

From this point on directors can start working on their rehearsals. The first round of readings are when actors gather around a table on the stage. There are no costumes, sound, or special lighting—this is just a straight read-through.

Not all 13 shows make it through the read-through stage. After the read-through, audience members and Goehring will make comments on the shows, and send it back to the writer for edits. Some shows may not get past this read-through stage. If they do, they will continue on to another round, black box production.

In the black box production, actors will be given blocking and will have minimal sets on stage. These black box shows will focus on the acting and movement of the show.

After black box, shows will go through yet another editing process, and one or two shows will go on to full production. Fully produced shows are shows that have a costume designer, lighting designer, props master and scenic designer.

"I was a writer for TheatreFest and I had submitted a show called 'Airplanes,'" said junior Theresa Bertolino. "I worked on this story ever since my junior year of high school, and it was very personal to me. I really wanted to see how far the work would take me, and it was amazing to see it come to life." Bertolino was one of the two writers whose shows made it to full production. It was her "one-hit wonder," as she refers to it.

"TheatreFest is such an awesome opportunity for everyone, even if you think it is a shot in the dark. You never know what could happen," said Bertolino.
TV’s Favorite Girls Are Back
Recap of “The Mindy Project” and “New Girl” Premieres

BY KRISTEN SULLIVAN
Staff Reporter

Many fans highly anticipated the season premieres of “New Girl” and “The Mindy Project,” which aired on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Both shows ended last season leaving viewers with many questions about the show’s main couples.

“New Girl” viewers were upset with last season’s finale. Characters, Jessica Day (Zooey Deschanel) and Nick Miller (Jake Johnson), had an emotional split and did not get back together, leading to heartbreak amongst fans. “Last season, I was a little heartbroken by Nick and Jess’s breakup because I’ve been rooting for them since the beginning,” said freshman Gwen Mileti.

“New Girl” opened up their season premiere with the gang making a pact to meet someone by the end of the night. Jess and her friends have been attending wedding after wedding, yet to no avail because they are all still single. The premiere takes place at the final wedding of the summer. Love and romance are in the air, and hopefully new relationships will arise.

At the wedding, Jess finds a guy she likes and tries to pursue him. To the surprise of many, Nick chimes in and actually tries to help her get this guy to go out with her. Nick has managed to remain friends with Jess despite their recent breakup. “I was upset because I thought Nick and Jess would get back together,” said sophomore Jess Coiro. “It was bittersweet.”

This episode also featured two guest stars, Scott Reid and Jessica Biel. “I love Jessica Biel so seeing her on my favorite show made for a great premiere,” said sophomore Christina Li.

The premiere was a light-hearted welcome back into the lives of Jess and Nick, as well as their relationships with each other and their friends. As always, every scene was performed with a sense of awkward humor. “I’m looking forward to what the main plot of the season will be. Two seasons ago was the lead up of Jess and Nick getting together and this season will see the getting together and eventual breakup,” says senior Declan Lynch. “I wonder if Jess and Nick will try again or if this season will focus more on another character.”

“The Mindy Project” welcomed back Mindy and Danny, the two main characters, as a couple. In the episode, titled “We’re A Couple Now, Haters,” we see Danny and Mindy sharing some honeymoon moments and hear them talk about how they found the person of their dreams. “I was so thrilled when I found out that kiss at the end of last season meant they were really together for good. I think this will bring a lot of fun to the show,” said Boyle.

There is some drama when Danny finds out that Mindy is sharing gossip on their relationship to their work friends. However, all is resolved when they bond over their relationship and the couple works it all out.

“I am looking forward to seeing where their relationship goes and see what other surprises we’ll get throughout the season,” said sophomore Fatimah Jedayi.

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The Sacred Heart women's volleyball team swept the Hofstra Invitational last Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at Hofstra University. They had a pair of five-set wins over Fordham University and Hofstra University, as well as a four set win over Siena.

Freshman middle blocker Makayla Dole had 11 kills and took control of the game early, putting in her third double-double of the year.

"I've seen so much improvement with my team from summer to now and I have only been here for three months," said Dole.

Dole also was very excited about the Hofstra Invitational sweep, and for her efforts Dole earned her first Molten NEC Rookie of the Week award after the Hofstra Invitational.

"It was awesome to win the tournament and see how all our potential and hard work paid off. We didn't have a huge team like the other schools but we worked through it and kept pursuing it," said Dole.

A big leader and strong server, junior outside hitter Katie Direnzo had a strong seven-point run which brought the Pioneers within five points of the win against Fordham in the final set. Fordham came back with three more points, but a kill from Direnzo clinched the 15-7 win.

Even in its early stages of the season, there is lots of potential for this team going forward.

"I think that the season is going really well, we are farther ahead then I thought we would at this time because of the injuries during and after preseason," said Direnzo.

The sweep of the Hofstra Invitational gave a lot of excitement to Direnzo as well as...

"It went so well because in preseason we don't schedule that easy. We don't try to play the easy teams so going into Hofstra was very physical, and very big. We have strong, physical girls. They were very intimidating but we really worked through it and felt so good to come out on top," said Dole.

Head coach Robert Machan is also optimistic about his team in the earlier stages of the season.

"The team has been working very hard this year, a lot of girls came back in the summer, did summer school and worked out. I think we were in great physical shape," said Machan.

"We are still a young team, but we are really progressing and we are working on our team discipline and at times were very good so I think we were going to keep getting better."

Over the past weekend the Pioneers traveled to Pittsburgh for the Pittsburgh Panther Classic. Sacred Heart went 1-2 over the weekend with a sweep of Delaware on Friday night. The Pioneers dropped both matches on Saturday to host Pittsburgh and South Florida.

Sophomore libero Ana Gonzalez was named to the All-Tournament team after averaging 4.08 digs per set over the course of the three matches at Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Panther Classic was the last non-conference tournament before the Pioneers begin conference play this weekend. Sacred Heart's next matchup is against the Saint Francis Red Flash on Saturday, Sept. 27.

"I think it really helped the group to have success at Hofstra. They did it the right way though to they were very patient and very disciplined and it kind of validates the work they put in. It is a process and we need to keep working on it and we are playing some very strong teams in the next coming weeks but if we keep improving we will be in good shape," said Machan.

Copy Editor Katie Shepard contributed to this article.
Bison Stampede Over SHU
Homecoming loss breaks Pioneers winning streak

BY SHAWN SAILER
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart football team fell to the Bucknell Bison 36-20 on Saturday afternoon. The Pioneers fell to 3-1 on the season.

The Pioneers struck first when junior quarterback, RJ Noel, connected with senior wide receiver Tyler Dube on a 42 yard touchdown to give Sacred Heart a 7-0 lead. The touchdown was set up by a 23 yard third down completion from Noel to junior wide receiver, Jackson King, earlier in the drive.

"Early on I felt like we played well," said head coach Mark Nofri. "We moved the ball well, coach (Kevin) Bolis (offensive coordinator) was doing a good job mixing it up and the receivers were getting open and RJ had some time to throw."

"Defensively, the first drive we got out of it without letting them score, the momentum was our way," said Nofri.

The Sacred Heart defense continued to be stout in the early going, not allowing Bucknell to put big drives together.

The Pioneers extended their lead to 10-0 midway through the second quarter when senior kicker, Chris Rogers, connected on a 24 yard field goal. That gave Rogers the all-time field goal record in Sacred Heart history with 39, surpassing Tim Redican’s 38 field goal record from 1999-2002.

Later in the quarter, Bucknell got on the board when sophomore quarterback, R.J. Nitti, found junior wide receiver, Bobby Kaslander, in the end zone for a 65 yard touchdown to cut the Sacred Heart lead to 10-7.

Bucknell took the lead less than three minutes later when Nitti threw a 38 yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver, Will Carter, to give the Bison a 14-10 lead.

With less than one minute left in the first half, Sacred Heart senior defensive back, J.D. Roussel intercepted Nitti’s pass. That interception moved Roussel into a tie for first career interceptions in Pioneer history, with 15. The interception tied Roussel with Brian Pawlowski who played for Sacred Heart from 2000-2003.

As time expired in the first half, Sacred Heart cut the deficit to one when Rogers hit a 31 yard field goal. Bucknell held a 14-13 lead on the Pioneers.

Early in the third quarter, Bucknell extended their lead to 20-13 on a one yard touchdown run by C.J. Williams. The touchdown was set up when Bucknell junior safety, Clayton Ewell, picked off Noel’s pass and brought it back to the Sacred Heart one yard line.

Bucknell increased their lead to two scores when Nitti hooked up with Carter for a second time in the game on a 55 yard touchdown pass. The score gave the Bison a 27-13 lead.

Sacred Heart was not able to get much going offensively in the second half as Bucknell’s defense tightened up.

"They were more physical today. A lot of times I would look back and see RJ on the ground and that’s the last thing we want to see," said Dube. "They are a good, physical football team."

Bucknell extended their lead late in the third quarter on a Derek Maurer 45 yard field goal. After three quarters, Bucknell led 30-13.

Bucknell’s scoring was capped on a 19 yard touchdown pass from Nitti to Kaslander to put the Bison up 36-13.

"We had a few miscommunications on defense and we just couldn’t catch them," said sophomore linebacker Kevin Barry.

Sacred Heart got a late touchdown when Noel found Dube from 24 yards out to cut the deficit to 36-20 with a little over two minutes to play.

After a bye week next week, the Pioneers are back in action on October 4th when they travel to Delaware to take on the Blue Hens for a 3:30 p.m. start.
Pioneers Protect Their House

Field Hockey with a 4-4 Overall Record

BY MATT MATERASSO
Assistant Sports Editor

Sacred Heart women’s field hockey team is off to a fast start this season after a three game win streak before dropping both games this past weekend. The Pioneers now 4-4 overall have shown this is a different team from a year ago.

“We are really starting to put all the pieces together one at a time,” said head coach Katie Kloeckener. “It’s still very early in the year, and we still have a lot to continue to work on and build up, so that we can continue to compete down the road when we begin our conference schedule.”

Recently, two players from the team were given MAAC Player of the week awards for their impressive play. Goalkeeper Mary Altepeter was named Defensive Player of the Week, and forward Olivia Volpe received Rookie of the Week honors.

The awards were given to the two as they lead the team with a 3-0 record, defeating Yale, Saint Louis, and the Holy Cross, all within the second week of September.

“There’s a lot of leadership on the team,” said Kloeckener. “We’ve seen a lot of different players rise in terms of leadership. We can have multiple people on any given day step up to lead the team in a positive manner, that speaks a lot to the positive culture we are trying to create and sustain as a team.”

The season is just underway and the team has tough opponents coming up in the schedule, but looking back, so far this season “our most challenging opponent has been a Big 10 team, Rutgers University,” said Kloeckener. “Last time we faced them two years ago, we lost 5-0 and generated no attack. This year, we battled back from a three goal deficit to tie the game.”

PLAYERS of the WEEK

TORI KEMPER
HOMETOWN Banks, Oregon
YEAR Junior
MAJOR Sports Management
SPORT Volleyball, Outside Hitter
STATS/AWARDS Second on team in kills with 132

I LOVE THE PERSONALITIES.
WE ARE CONSTANTLY LAUGHING ON AND OFF THE COURT.

CHRIS ROGERS
HOMETOWN Cazenovia, New York
YEAR Senior
MAJOR Communications
SPORT Football, Kicker
STATS/AWARDS Broke SHU record for Field Goals made in a career with 39 and all-time PAT’s

IT’S A HUGE TESTIMONY TO THE COACHING STAFF AND THIS TEAM, THAT I’VE BEEN ABLE TO BE IN THE POSITION TO HAVE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONVERT SO MANY TIMES.