SPOTTED AT THE PRESIDENT’S GALA
Who wore it best at the annual President’s Gala?

TWEETS OF THE WEEK
@AnthonySantino
“You know a meal’s about to be poppin’ when there’s more than one kind of innuendo involved.”

@alexa_binkowitz
“For real though where’s exit 45 on the Merritt?”

@kendallgregory
“One of my books from the SHU bookstore just got delivered and there’s a fake eyelash glued to the first page.”

UPCOMING EVENTS
9-20 Constitution Day
University Commons
9-21 Volunteer Fair
University Commons
9-22 Grand Opening of the Center for Healthcare Education
9-22 Homecoming Weekend

FAKE NEWS Or Not?
America’s Clowns Claim “IT” Is Costing Them Money

The film, “IT,” was so terrifying that clowns everywhere are being fired, boycotted, and ignored. Their party packages are no longer a highly requested service. “They’re different from regular people—they’re costume characters, but no one is picking on the Santa Clauses, because that would ruin the retail business. It would ruin Christmas for everybody.”—Paul Woody, President of the World Clown Association

Source: The Sideshow

“Tweets of the Week” are taken from a public forum on Twitter. Tweets are opinions of the individual and do not represent the opinions of Sacred Heart University or The Spectrum Newspaper. If you want to see your Tweet in the newspaper, use the hashtag #shuspectrum and you may be featured.

WHAT’S NEW AT SHU:
Campus Construction Update

BY VICTORIA MESCALL
Co-News Editor

With a record-breaking number of students returning to campus this fall, Sacred Heart University is growing in both population and land use consumptions. Currently, there are four construction sites active on campus, two facilities in construction and modified off campus, and one building ready for a ribbon cutting later this month.

Students, staff, and faculty will be amazed at the finished project,” said Joel Quinlans, Director of Residential Life.

The biggest construction site currently on campus is the renovation of the formerly known Jewish Irene’s Bennett building. The building will be an upper-classmen residence hall named after philanthropist Pierre Toussaint.

In Toussaint Hall the bedrooms will mostly be double occupancy, with a handful of single occupancy dorms. The building is also said to feature an arcade-style gaming room, and a lounge with a fish tank.

Toussaint Hall will be located on a newly renovated space on campus, the Upper Quad. “It will expand the campus and provide another place for students to live and enjoy their college career,” Quinlans said.

Behind Toussaint Hall, on the Upper Quad a new dining facility is being imported. Constructed off-site and delivered ready-made, the pieces of JP’s Diner have already begun arriving on campus. The Diner is named after Sacred Heart’s own President Dr. John Petillo. The 50’s themed diner will seat approximately 110 people inside, as well as 16 outside. And the restaurant will accept dinging dollars, and will stay open until 5 a.m. on weekends.

Access to Toussaint Hall and JP’s Diner will be available through a newly constructed Amphitheatre, seating is across from the Chapel of the Holy Spirit and the lower quad, specifically where Greek Rock Row was previously located. WSHU is the on-site National Public Radio station serving Fairfield County and southeastern Connecticut. The new facility will have a brand new communication and dispatch center for the department of Public Safety. The WSHU portion will feature two full studios, four editing suites, on-air control rooms, offices, a conference room, and a rooftop deck.

In the Athletic Department, a new facility is being constructed behind Sacred Heart women’s softball’s home field, Pioneer Park. This new space will feature bowling alleys, rock climbing walls, sports simulationulators and a fitness center.

Last campus, SHU acquired General Electric’s former global headquarters, and established the site as their new West Campus. The facilities sit on 66-acres, feature 550,000 square feet of building space, and 800 additional parking spaces.

West Campus will be the home of the newly forming School of Computing, based in the fields of computer engineering, computer gaming and cyber security, as well as developing programs in health and life sciences and a new hospitality management program.

The Center for Health Care Education (CHE) is a new three story 120,000 square-foot facility located just a mile down Park Ave. from campus.

The CHE is having its grand opening on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Construction around campus will continue throughout the year.

FEATURED NEWS
NEW SORORITY AND FRATERNITY INTRODUCING SIGMA ALPHA THETAS AND BETA THETA PSI

SHU Attempts to Aid Hurricane Harvey Victims

BY BRENDAN CAPUANO
Asst. News Editor

On Aug. 25, tropical storm Harvey gained strength as a category 4 in the Gulf of Mexico, and made landfall in the small Texas town of Rockport. The city of Houston and the surrounding areas have received massive damages caused by high winds, rainfall, and flooding.

"Being from Texas, I am super familiar with the Houston area. It is 100% the poorest part of Texas," said Devon McCormick, one of Sacred Heart’s Campus Ministers. "The fact that it hit there is really devastating." Despite Sacred Heart University being thousands of miles from Houston, various student organizations have felt the need to help those affected.

Campus Ministry, the Office of Volunteer Programs and Service Learning, the Women’s Hockey team, the Criminal Justice Department, the Student Nurses Association, Greek Life, the Catholic Social Studies Department, Habitat for Humanity, and the Factory have been coming together to raise money for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The support has been unreal. To see not only Texas and the country come together like this, but the Sacred Heart community stepping up as well," said McCormick. Kendra Sherman, a junior from the state of Arkansas, Texas said, "It was really touching to come into campus ministry and see the donation jar.

Even though we are in Connecticut, it’s still important to see people are willing to help in any way."

Sherman recalled one student who stopped by Campus Ministry and said, "I don’t have much to give, but they need it more than I do." The money collected will go to Catholic Charities. According to their website, their mission is "to provide service to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same." McCormick has friends and family in Houston who were directly affected by the storm. McCormick said "a lot of people thought 'we will just wait it out, it won't be that bad,' but then it was. It was worse than people expected," she said.

According to The Associated Press, 70 deaths have been confirmed as of Sept. 6. Thousands were rescued from flooded homes and streets during and following the storm.

"One of my friends is one of those people on the boats saving people or getting bodies out of the water," said McCormick. The Houston Police Chief, Art Acevedo, took to Twitter to thank local and state individuals who helped save thousands of lives. Among those were the Houston PD dive team, Houston Police Officer Bert Ramirez who is battling stage four cancer, and the media.

"To media professionals telling Houston & TX story, thank you for your tireless efforts! You’ve saved lives. Wishing you Godspeed with Irma," he posted.

"All we can do is hope and pray, and whatever happens we will respond with love, compassion, and help," said McCormick.

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Students Awarded Catholic Studies Scholarships

BY STEPHEN MUSTIANO
Staff Reporter

The M. Theresa Martinez Catholic Studies Scholarship was created for those working towards a minor in Catholic Studies at Sacred Heart University. In order to receive the grant, students must show exemplary performance in and out of the classroom.

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Hello loyal Spectrum readers! First of all, I would like to welcome myself back to the She Said column. After a short international adventure, I have returned as an intermittent writer. The He Said She Said column will now rotate! My voice as well the rest of the Spectrum staff will dive into some of the crucial topics of our world, or at least whatever grinds our gears.

As some of you may have noticed there have also been some changes to our traditional newspaper format. Tada! And with all this revamping it only seems fitting to discuss the highs and lows of inevitable change.

As my counterpart of the week has mentioned, this is the beginning of the end for both of us as we enter our bittersweet senior year. While it will surely be filled with laughs and memories, it’s also the gateway to the rest of my life. Yikes. As a college student, the topic of a career has always been in the back of my mind. While my pipe-dream as a professional scribe will always be the ultimate goal, the time has come for me to enjoy these final moments with my beloved undergraduate forever, my time has come. And so I welcome the class of 2021. You guys are truly lucky. The campus that you walk on now is nowhere near the same campus that I came to for my freshmen year way back when. Sacred Heart has always been a place of change, growth and movement. As a respected elder in the university community, please take my advice and cherish your time here. The moment will come when you want to complain about parking and about not finding a seat at Linda’s, but do not let that taint your experience here. Sacred Heart is one of the fastest-growing universities in the country. So grow with it—grow as a person. Before you know it you too will be entering your senior year just as jealous as am I right now. With all of this change going on around me, I can’t help but use it as a way to prepare myself for the things to come. While change is sometimes scary and may be as difficult as moving thousands of miles away, it can also be something positive that opens doors for new, greater opportunities. So as my undergraduate career closes, the rest of my life begins.

It’s hard to believe, but my college days are almost over. Not a single cell in my body wants to believe it. That might sound dramatic of me, considering I’m only at the beginning of my senior year with about 200 days to go, but it’s true. I’m going so miss being in college more than I could possibly describe. I can already see a 30-year-old version of myself commuting to work (hopefully to a job I love) and saying, “No matter how good (or bad) my life is right now, I wish I could just go out tonight with my buddies at school.” But it’s not all about going out, of course. Aside from being social at Sacred Heart, I’ve learned so much in and out of the classroom that I could write a book out of my experiences if I ever find the energy for it.

It’s such a bummer to think about how I’ll say goodbye to this university in May, but there’s a part of the that envisions leaving. It’s a weird confidence, but I think I’m ready for what’s next. Change isn’t always easy, but it’s usually worth it in the long run. Right before my first relationship, I wasn’t sure if I was ready for it. When I accepted my first internship at a national news program, I wasn’t sure if I’d be competent. But when all was said and done, I enjoyed my relationship and I did my job well. Even when I accepted my first position for the Spectrum editorial board as an Assistant Sports Editor, I wasn’t sure if I’d be able to handle it. Nearly three years later, I’m still writing and editing for the paper and I’m happy I decided to take that chance.

Even the newspaper itself has evolved with new, interested members each year as well as the newspaper itself—publishing all this is a rush. Things can go wrong and there’s a lot to re-try, but SHU does it anyway. Even though the possibility of the best outcome—a stronger university—is worth taking those steps.

Whether for a university or an individual, change is often scary. We might find ourselves in comfort zones that keep us from seeing the best of what’s out there. I’m still in the mindset that college will be the best time of my life, but who knows? Maybe I’ll make a life for myself that exceeds even my own expectations and hopes. After all, everyone has that potential.

FRESHMEN VS. SENIOR

Returning to SHU

"I really like the attention detail; how everything is well prepared and well organized." - Luca Casalduch

"I love the atmosphere and people; everyone around here is so friendly." - Laura Crivei

"I enjoy meeting new people... We bond, go out to lunch together; it's just a great time doing everything." - Jared Morris

"Being out in the real world is going to be a little weird. All of the friends and connections I've made that all goes a long run. I'll remember all of the people I've met here throughout my whole life." - Andrew Kalaigian

"I am going to miss the community atmosphere here at Sacred Heart University. There is just an overall sense of togetherness we share at SHU?" - Danielle Guth

"I'm going to miss being involved in different organizations and meeting new people who have the same interests as me." - Bethany Halliwell
The Freshman Experience

BY KELSEY HOR
Co-Perspectives Editor

Did you ever feel anxious or nervous when experiencing something new? Do you ever wonder what amazing things will happen once you start a new chapter in your life? The Sacred Heart community is proud to welcome a new freshman class to walk the halls of campus each year.

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Over the past few months, Sacred Heart University has undergone many changes. While the university has expanded greatly, the plans for new residence halls and the expansion of the Upper Quad are still underway.

The newest residence hall, Toussaint Hall, named after the first African American saint is set to open its doors following the imminent completion of its renovation. It will be a modern, quad style residence hall within a short walking distance to the William H. Pitt Center, JP's Diner and Linda's.

It's anticipated that students will be able to move into the new hall sometime in November or early December of 2017. However, while waiting for these new dorms to be ready, a number of upperclassmen not having access to a car, shuttle service is one of their only options to get to campus.

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The class' initial purpose is a program to help the transition into college life for freshman year students at the university easier.

"Freshman Year Experience is similar to an advisory homeroom that basically teaches you to get around campus and is a way to learn more about the university. It's an extra course in addition to your other classes where you also have papers and projects that are assigned to students," said Williams. "The class talks about topics like roommate tips, classes, and student activities to get you acquainted to the college world."

The class aims to help students overcome the initial shock of being away from home for a long period of time, while showing them that there are other students in the same position that they are.

"The whole experience is worth it," said Chiozzi. "Finding people who end up becoming your friends is something important. It's finding people who you have similar things in common with that make the experience better."
begin their PR Campaign. They will also be hosting information sessions during these three weeks, on October 2, 11, 17, and 19. These information sessions will allow interested women to learn more aboutTheta and ask questions about their recruitment process.

They will also be hosting a series of interest events on campus, on Oct. 3, 4, and 16. These interest events are an opportunity to ask one-on-one questions regarding Kappa Alpha Theta and involve yoga, s'mores and hot chocolate, and service for our national philanthropy, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

On Oct. 20, Theta will host a recruitment event. All women interested in membership in Theta are encouraged to attend this event, as it will be an opportunity to meet Theta alumnae and members of ourEta Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Quinnipiac University, who will be visiting Sacred Heart.

On the following day, Oct. 21, anyone interested in joining Kappa Alpha Theta may participate in a 15-minute individual meeting with Theta representatives. Women interested in signing up for 15-minute individual meetings can begin to do so on Oct. 2. Finally, membership invitations will be dispersed on the morning of Oct. 22, and a Bid Day celebration will follow for the charter class.

"One of the most unique aspects of being a Charter Class member for Kappa Alpha Theta is the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for women to establish traditions, create a unique sisterhood, sign the charter, and write your own chapter legacy. Each woman has the opportunity to contribute to developing the sisterhood and serve as a leader," said Kappa Alpha Theta Educational Leadership Consultants Abbie Stanislaw and Cambria Laguna.

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity is also recruiting for its charter class this fall. Beta has 140 chapters nationally and is home to over 10,000 collegiate members. The values of a Beta member include trust, intellectual growth, responsible conduct, and integrity. Their mission is to develop men of principle for a principled life.

According to their national website, "Beta Theta Pi is known for its entrepreneurial spirit, including recognition as the 'Pioneering Fraternity'." Beta now joins a campus full of Pioneers. "With the five fraternities on campus growing more rapidly than ever before we felt it was fitting to bring a new one in for the 2017 and 2018 school year. And proudly we announced last April that Beta Theta Pi would be joining SHU IFC in Fall of 2017," said Michael Fritz, senior and Interfraternity Council President.

"Recruitment is going well so far but if there are any questions about how to rush and be a founding father of Beta, contact me at fritzm@mail.sacredheart.edu for further questions. There is no better time than right now to make your college experience great."

Additionally, if you are interested in joining, Beta Theta Pi is hosting a cornhole event for potential members on the 63's Patio on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 at 12 pm.

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**Tell Us Your Story: Jordan Velez**

BY CHRISTINA DIMAURO

Senior Jordan Velez had the opportunity to work with the New England Patriots' athletic training staff this past August.

The internship did not come easy for Velez. He began his journey last September when he applied to work for every single National Football League team. "I looked up every team's address and learned a little more about them," said Velez.

After familiarizing himself more with the teams he sent out his resume and cover letter by mail to each organization.

In November of last year, Velez received an email from the Patriots' athletic training staff stating their interest in a phone interview. Velez set up a time to use assistant professor Julie Novlan's office for the interview.

"It wasn’t until January when Velez was on his way to the airport for his Birthright trip to Israel that he heard back from the Patriots' staff. "I replied that we weren’t going to be in contact for ten days," said Velez. "They got right back in contact with me and as I waited in line at the airport I received a phone call from the Patriots." Velez was asked why he wanted to join the Patriots organization as an intern and he was soon offered the position.

During the month of August, Velez interned and worked daily with the athletic trainers for the Patriots. "I was hard, long, and very tiring, but at the same time I learned so much," said Velez.

While working with the athletic trainers, Velez had the opportunity to help with rehabilitation protocols and workouts. He also assisted in the development of treatment plans. Velez also had the chance to fly with the team to an away game versus Detroit.

"The guys are not how I imagined. They were all extremely nice and respectful and they were actually interested in my life a little bit," said Velez. "They asked me where I went to school and what I do. I thought it would only be business and 100% football, but they were actually very kind and very open."

While working, Velez learned more of the life style and environment of athletic training. "If I had questions for the athletes or my superiors, everyone would give me an answer and they were always super respectful about it," said Velez.

Velez believes his opportunity to work alongside the Patriots' athletes during precision made the experience worth it. "I met some amazing people. Not only the athletes, but the people I worked with were some of the smartest athletic trainers I've ever met," said Velez.

As for his future and working with the NFL, Velez is still uncertain. "I have no idea, but football is definitely an option I want to keep open," said Velez. "I would like to work at the Olympic level, but right now I'm just trying to focus on getting through the next semester."

Although Velez may not be sure about what his future holds, he was grateful for his month-long experience with the Patriots. "I put my best foot forward and I was lucky and blessed enough to get that opportunity," said Velez.
Bonne Vie is a new apparel company that was started by a group of Sacred Heart students. CEO Alex Guerrero is a junior at Sacred Heart with a Marketing and Management double major and a minor in Entrepreneurship and Advertising. Guerrero, who is from Long Hill, New Jersey, started the company to help bring awareness to causes that aren't given the recognition he thinks they deserve.

“Our goal is to raise awareness for causes that don’t really have it,” said Guerrero.

Bonne Vie means “the good life” in French and is the motto that the company is trying to live by.

“That’s really what we are trying to promote, whether it be an end to breast cancer or helping people through their anxiety or depression,” said Guerrero.

Guerrero and his team started working on Bonne Vie in March of this year, but didn’t release actual products until a series of hats in July.

Bonne Vie hats each display one word that highlights a specific cause the company is trying to shed light on. The three released so far are Vitae, Erro, and Amare.

The Vitae line is dedicated to spreading awareness for breast cancer, while Erro focuses on depression, and Amare on domestic abuse.

“I bought the hat that donates to the breast cancer foundation because it really hits home for me. I have someone very close to me who is fighting cancer right now, so knowing I could help donate to help find a cure meant a lot to me,” said junior Aarika Mallory.

Each of the three words has a meaning that the Bonne Vie team thinks symbolizes each issue accordingly. Vitae translates to life, something that those affected with breast cancer fight for every day. Erro means wanderer and the company feels that people suffering from depression tend to wander alone through life. Amare represents love and fights against domestic abuse.

Guerrero has a dedicated team that helps him make Bonne Vie as strong as it is today. One member is CFO Billy Gounaris, a junior at Sacred Heart.

“One of the main reasons I joined Bonne Vie was to help spread as much awareness as I could for those in need,” said Gounaris.

Bonne Vie has partnered with the National Breast Cancer Foundation, the Anxiety and Depression Association of America and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Thirty percent of the company’s profits benefit these organizations.

“We plan to make our donations even higher once we can sustain ourselves,” said Guerrero.

The Bonne Vie team specifically makes hats because they believe they are more unique than the standard t-shirt.

“You can only make a shirt so different,” said Guerrero. “But if you see someone walking around with a pink strap on their hat, you know that’s us. That unique quality helps the people wearing our stuff be unique, and it helps our brand be unique.”

In addition to working on a new line that may release in spring of next year, Bonne Vie is also creating new designs that will highlight disorders such as autism and heart disease.

Bonne Vie is working closely with Sacred Heart on a university-edition hat that will potentially launch in the spring. The hat would be available at SHU events and fundraisers on campus throughout the year.

For more information, visit @bvapparelco on Instagram or the company website, https://www.bvapparelco.com/.
**“American Horror Story: Cult” Premieres**

**BY MELIAH GUTIC**

On Sept. 5th, “American Horror Story: Cult” premiered its seventh season on FX. It was announced this past winter by creator Ryan Murphy, on “Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen” that this season would be based on the 2016 presidential election.

So far, there have been underlying themes such as insane asylums, witches and ghosts. This season will be a political theme and showcase the current political climate.

“I don’t follow politics, but seeing it in that context played really freaked me out. It was interesting to see,” said senior Alex Grobeski.

In the first few minutes, recurring actors Sarah Paulson (Ally Mayfair-Richards) and Evan Peters (Kai Anderson) are introduced. Paulson plays the character of a Hillary Clinton supporter, while Evans character portrays a Donald Trump supporter. Paulson and Evans have reappeared on screen for every season of American Horror Story, always portraying new characters.

The season highlights Ally Mayfair-Richards’ phobia of clowns and how suddenly when Trump is elected, this phobia returns and she starts to see them everywhere. It deliriates her everyday life, to the point where she has panic attacks uncontrollably, and cannot decipher what is real versus what is a delusional episode.

“Because of American Horror Story, I have a horrible fear of clowns, one that I had never had before,” said Grobeski.

Kai Anderson tries to embody Trump and finds himself to be an inspiration. In one scene, he takes Cheetos and puts them in a blender. He mixes it and uses it as a costume tool for a change in his appearance. This is a reference to our current political climate and how Trump has been portrayed.

The whole episode alludes to the difference between Trump supporters and Hillary supporters. For example, Paulson and her wife live in the suburbs with their son, Peters. On the other hand, is a blue haired, crazed man, who lives in a run-down home, and attempts to gain more Trump supporters through radical actions.

“Honestly, it was weird to see how they portrayed Trump supporters versus Hillary supporters. I’m not sure I would agree with the portrayal, but I guess that was their [the creators] vision,” said senior, Sam Sood.

“Cult” is played out just like the other seasons of American Horror Story. The scare tactics add a horror element and the clowns are sure to spook some viewers.

“In terms of seasons, ‘Murder House’ was the scarier, but this comes in as a close second—especially when the family next door gets murdered by clowns. It is kind of hard to tell after one episode, but it was still scary,” said Grobeski.

Since this season’s theme is the 2016 presidential election, it calls out viewers to look at how they have been acting during the time of the election.

The theme’s relevance to current events makes this season one of the most relatable.

“American Horror Story: Cult” airs at 10pm on Tuesdays, on FX.

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**The New Taylor Swift**

*Are You ... Ready for It?*

**BY JORDAN NORKUS**

“I’m sorry, the old Taylor can’t come to the phone right now. Why? Oh, ’cause she’s dead,” said American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift in one of her latest singles, “Look What You Made Me Do.”

On Friday, Aug. 18, Swift deleted everything from her official website and social media accounts. The Associated Press (AP) reported that it was three years to the date from when she dropped her single “Shake It Off” and announced her fifth studio album “1989,” and just a few days after her courtroom trial victory against a former radio DJ in Denver.

“I was actually shocked when she decided to delete all her social media and start all over to tell everyone she’s going ‘dark,” said senior Emily Shea. “I never saw it coming, especially from her since she’s like the queen of social media.”

The next week, Swift re-released a series of teaser videos showing different parts of a black snake—which many fans believed was related to the feud Swift had last year with Kanye West and Kim Kardashian West. “I actually love the new Taylor,” said senior Marissa Gallante. “She’s getting her revenge on the people who did her wrong.”

However, other people weren’t as impressed. “I think she knows she’s losing fame so she deleted her social media just to get attention,” said sophomore Andrew Peloquin.

Swift released the song “Look What You Made Me Do” on Thursday, Aug. 24—which is the first single from her upcoming studio album, “Reputation.” The song received mixed reviews, with some believing that Swift has strayed too far from her original country pop roots.

“I love Taylor Swift. Artists switch up their style and grow all the time and she is doing just that,” said freshman Samantha O’Donnell.

“All of the negative media attention from the past year is making it hard for her to grow as an artist and make music she wants to make, and no one deserves that.”

The AP also reported that Swift received her fifth Billboard Hot 100 No.1 for “Look What You Made Me Do” and it received the highest weekly streaming and sales sums for a track in 2017.

Her first single from this new album is really catchy and it’s such a jam,” said Shea. “I loved it when I first heard it.”

The world premiere of the music video for “Look What You Made Me Do” aired on Sunday, Aug. 27 during the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards and later became the most watched music video within 24 hours.

“I love how in her ‘Look What You Made Me Do’ video she makes fun of herself more than anyone else, which just proves how strong she is,” said O’Donnell.

After giving a sneak peak during the Florida State and Alabama college football game on Saturday, Sept. 2, Swift released her second single from “Reputation,” titled “...Ready For It?” With select United Parcel Service (UPS) delivery trucks in Atlanta, Nashville and New York advertising the album cover on the side of the trucks. “Reputation” is set to release on Friday, Nov. 10 and is available to preorder now on iTunes.

“I think her new album is going to be really good, especially because she’s building up so much hype about it with everything she’s doing to say she’s starting over,” said Shea. “I do miss her old music though and hope someday she’ll go back to writing music like that again.”

The Associated Press contributed to this story.
Summer Theatre with Sacred Heart's Repertory Company

BY JORDAN NORKUS A&E Editor

Sacred Heart University's Repertory Theatre Company presented their first-ever Summer Theatre Program this past summer. "It was a chance to fully immerse in theatre for an entire month, which is something I've never been able to do," said senior Edward Feeley.

The month-long event included 12 performances of the Tony Award-winning musical, "Avenue Q," four outdoor performances of "Macbeth," the Emerging Artist Series, and New Musical Workshops—resulting in a final tally of 24 shows done in 25 days.

"There was little to no downtime between the shows and rehearsals, which sounded stressful but wound up being really fun," said Feeley.

An average day for the cast and crew members started at 9 a.m. and ended around 11 p.m. Every day was packed with "Avenue Q" and "Macbeth" rehearsals, reading through new scripts, singing through a show, and open to the public, and having a good time.

"We slept very well at the end of the day," said sophomore Justin Weigel. "Our bodies were really fine," said Feeley.

"I had to put my head down for the day," said junior Edward Feeley, "and just immerse in theatre for an entire month, which was a blast. They worked so hard and cared so much about their work," said Robinson.

"It was a great experience for them, but also for us as we had the opportunity to work with young writers and help them in their process." When the month was over, the cast and crew felt closer than ever and were proud of what they had achieved.

"We became one giant family that put the 'fun' in 'dysfunctional,'" said sophomore Justin Weigel.

"Working with the high school playwrights was a blast. They worked so hard and cared so much about their work," said Robinson.

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"Due to the fact that over 3,100 students had RSVP'd, the Gala was held in the Pitt Center which comfortably accommodated the student body," said senior McKenzie DeGroot.

"I honestly did not even pay attention to the theme, or even notice anything that was "Under the Sea," but the transformation that they did in the Pitt was amazing. I couldn't believe it was even the Pitt," said senior, McKenzie DeGroot.

Students came dressed to impress and they did not disappoint.

"I love that the guys wear bow ties, because it's honoring Petillo and the fact that he's hosting this gala for us. And everybody loves Petillo, so I think it's great," said senior, Haily Reatherford.

In the past three years, the ladies have stood out in the common trend of the Gala: "blackout." The trend "blackout" describes the simplicity of all black outfits coordinated with jewelry and shoes to make their look unique.

"A black dress is a classic and timeless fashion piece, because it always makes a return," said senior Abby McCarthy.

Lace was another trend at the Gala and it made its way into the dress code of the evening. Like black dresses, lace is a timeless fashion piece, because it always makes a return.

"My dress had lace on the back and the rest of my dress was plain, I think it added a little something extra so it didn't look boring," said DeGroot.

The President's Gala tends to show off every one's best looks, and the students always have a blast.

"I'm super sad that this is my last Gala, but I've created memories that I'll never forget," said Reatherford.
Club Triathlon and Ultimate Frisbee Now at Sacred Heart

BY RYAN TOUHEY
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The Sacred Heart University Club Sports Department has officially instituted two more sports—club Triathlon and club Ultimate Frisbee. With these additions, there are now 29 club sport teams at Sacred Heart.

Triathlon is a combination of physical activities that include running, biking and swimming. Ultimate is a team sport which involves passing a flying disc to an end zone in order to score points. Bamych, believes that the students and get them more involved on campus.

"We (Club Sports Dept.) page what interest there is out there for our sports," said Mencio. "With Triathlon, it's more of an emerging sport in terms of people generally wanting to try new things. Sophomore and club hockey forward, Mike Bannach, believes that the direction club sports is undertaking will receive positive feedback from the student body.

"I think it's good that they're branching out more into different sports than just the traditional ones," said Bannach. "I personally like how they're going to go into Triathlon, but I think that Ultimate Frisbee is going to be a bit more popular." Unlike the other club sport teams, Triathlon and Ultimate will be operated differently. They both do not have an official head coach. Instead, the student leaders will work cohesively with the Club Sports Department in running the teams.

"It's a different method that we take with some of our newer sports," said Mencio. "There are less head coaches out there for sports that are a little bit different."

The Club Sports Department had considered bringing in Triathlon last year and Ultimate had been a club sport before. However, lack of interest led to the disappearances of both sports.

Interest resurfaced for Ultimate on Aug. 31. The Club Sports Department hosted an Ultimate event under the lights at Campus Field.

"We had a lot of students come out and the students that were involved really wanted to start a team up again," said Mencio. "We told them that if they had enough interest, we can definitely give it a shot.

Since then, those students have remained committed to their goal of gaining interest for Ultimate. One of those students is sophomore Joshua Belluche, who wanted to play the sport since he first arrived at Sacred Heart.

"When I realized that they (Sacred Heart) didn't have a team here or even for intramurals, I knew that that was something my friends and I wanted to start," said Belluche.

Belluche likes the competitive nature of playing Ultimate. The community aspect, however, is what draws him to the sport.

"I find that a lot of sports can be very competitive, but also very aggressive," said Belluche. "Frisbee isn't that and I think that's one of the reasons I really like playing."

As of now, Ultimate is only undergoing practices. They need to play at least 10 games next season in order to be recognized as an official team by the non-profit organization, USA Ultimate.

According to their website, USA Ultimate is the official governing body for Ultimate in the United States.

Students are able to register for both sports online by visiting the Sacred Heart Club Sports website: www.dospotsesy.com. There is no limit to how many students can play on one team.

Women's Rugby Kicks Off Third Season As NCAA Varsity program

BY HEATHER KELLER
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University women's rugby team began its fall season with two wins against Castleton University and Molloy College, both played at Park Avenue Field on Sept. 1 and Sept. 9, respectively.

Park Avenue Field was built through a partnership between the athletic departments at Sacred Heart University and Notre Dame Catholic High School. The turf field is regulation for soccer and rugby. The Sacred Heart men's and women's soccer teams and women's rugby team utilize this field as their home.

"As a program, we really enjoy the new field. It's regulation size for rugby, meaning it's wider than most fields we play on, so we have an advantage of conditioning and being more fit when we play other programs," said head women's rugby coach Michelle Reed. "It's an actual lined rugby field, so there is a sense of pride to be able to walk on that field and to know that it's ours and that it looks good."

Having a space of their own to build the rugby program is valuable to the team and has proven to be an advantage already as the team starts the season with a 2-0 record.

"It's nice to get wins under your belt so that once we move on to more competitive teams we kind of have a confidence about us, and know we already have experience working together in a competitive setting and not just practice," said sophomore Allie Rinaldi.

Working together and creating a bond between the returning players and the freshmen recruits proved to be vital for the early success of the program.

The program added seven new athletes to the roster this fall in hopes of continuing expansion of the team.

"Being our second year of bringing in our own recruits, it's fun to watch our freshmen really mesh with our program so well. We only have three upperclassmen so the freshmen and sophomore classes in the past two years have come together," said Reed. "The underclassmen have brought a lot to the table in terms of rugby knowledge and athleticism, and you can see it on the field."

The athletes have accepted the responsibility of making the freshmen feel welcome since the beginning of preseason. Returning athletes understand that new athletes are the future of the program. There are plenty of talented freshmen and that has made the team excited about the possibilities that lie ahead of them.

"It's been very easy to bring the freshmen in and make them a part of the team immediately. We focused on a lot of team bonding and getting to know everybody during preseason," said sophomore Kaylee Hale. "Half of our team is brand new to Sacred Heart, so if we're able to know one another and have trust we'll hopefully be able to perform well together."

The Pioneers are scheduled to face Castleton and Molloy once again later this season, but the athletes have their sights set on their match against Bowdoin College on Sept. 23. The Pioneers were defeated 99-0 by the Polar Bears in Oct. 2016, but are looking forward to a better match this season with a different outcome.

"After the game we had against them last year, we're excited to play them again and hopefully beat them this time," said Hale.

The Pioneers have a variety of goals this season, but their main goal is to execute team values and characters as a program.

"We value each human being and we invite diversity onto the team. We want people from all backgrounds and we're accepting of that," said Reed. "We know if we do that and if we have that character built into our team culture, winning will come, but first we have to start with a team foundation."
Women’s Soccer Sets Sights on NEC Playoff Return with Young Roster

BY HEATHER KELLER
Sports Editor

After five straight games on the road to start the Sacred Heart University women’s soccer season, the Pioneers were finally able to compete on their home turf at Campus Field on Sept. 7.

Being on the road after practicing on their home field for a month of preseason had its own set of disadvantages that the athletes had to work through. The team’s upperclassmen were called upon to guide the freshmen through the process of being the visiting team.

“It’s hard to start out being away because the team is just getting into the swing of things and you have to adjust to traveling, bus rides, and sitting,” said junior captain Danielle Karpiej. “After our first away weekend we started seeing progress in our games. Now that we’ve had so many away games and we’ve gotten them out of the way, we’re really excited to be able to play at home.”

Head coach Kim Banner was aware that welcoming the underclassmen players and getting the athletes comfortable with each other before the season was just as important as playing soccer itself.

“With the team being fairly young there was a lot of focus on team chemistry during preseason,” said Banner. “We also worked on toning up the basics and made sure everyone was on the same page to start the season.”

Along with team bonding, the Pioneers have been working on cohesiveness between all positions on the field to improve their overall strategy and ability to play well.

“Playing consistently well together is one of our goals right now,” said junior captain Alex Mesropyan.

The team has faced a variety of non conference opponents during the beginning of the season, as is the case every year. The team anxiously awaits the start of conference play.

“At our record stands we haven’t been able to win many games, but right now our focus is on coming together, moving forward and dealing with those losses,” said senior captain Kim McNally.

Northeast Conference (NEC) games begin for the Pioneers on Sept. 29 at Saint Francis University. The team has their sights set on growing during nonconference games and getting back to the playoffs at the conclusion of their fall schedule.

“It was such a good feeling to get to the playoffs last year. Having such a young team means that we should be able to get back to where we were,” said Karpiej. “Everybody sets little goals at the beginning of the season and putting them into practice during games is important.”

The upperclassmen and coaches have seen the excitement of NEC playoff competition in years past and they hope to provide that same experience for the freshmen this season.

“I’d like to see the upperclassmen lead by example. We have a good team returning back from last year, so I’d really like to get back to where we were and then obviously do even better,” said Banner. “There are a few freshmen who are really stepping up and we’re excited to see how it’s going to pan out in conference play.”

The Pioneers will open conference play at home on Campus Field Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. against Mount St. Mary’s.
Pioneers rush past Stetson in season opener 42-3.