Housing problems upset students

By Bruce Carlson and Wendi Plescia
Co-News Editors

A record high residential mark has been reached, overcrowding dormitories and personal space once again. Other problems continue to emerge, including the absence of dorm beds and furniture on opening day.

A total of 140 additional residents exist next to last year's count. With 1,485 resident students, Sacred Heart expanded the contract at Avalon Gates. Avalon can now house 130 students.

"Only ten more students were placed into the dormitories," said Larry Wielk, dean of students. "Soon there will be less students in West and South Hall compared to last year," he added.

The room selection process opened space in West and South Halls by attracting more students to live in Jefferson Hill. That was accomplished by distributing higher priority numbers to students willing to live with eight or nine people, explained Wielk.

"The facilities were not built with that purpose in mind. I understand the University is growing and concessions must be made, but we only go to college once and should get the full experience we pay for," said Frank Todaro, a junior media studies major from Queens, N.Y.

Two students were placed in a single room because they decided to room with each other.

"Yes, it is crowded," said Chris Hoffmann, a first-year student from N.H. The two were

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Two cars stolen from on-campus lots

By Wayne Kosminoff
Co-Features Editor

Last week on Thurs., Sept. 11 and Fri., Sept. 12, two cars were stolen from the parking lot of Sacred Heart.

One of the vehicles, a red and gray 1996 Honda Prelude, was removed from North Lot at 2:42 p.m. last Thurs. Later the following day, a blue 1992, four door Chevrolet Suburban, was stolen from the tennis court parking lot last Fri., at 7:40 a.m.

According to Officer Green of the Fairfield Police, both of the vehicles were reported missing by Kristen Leslie, dispatcher of Public Safety at Sacred Heart.

William O'Connell, director of public safety, said, "Both cars were recovered; however, both the starter systems in each of the cars were removed along with the stereo equipment." There have been no arrests as of yet, nor have any suspects been questioned for the two thefts.

One of the victims, Don Saladino, a junior from Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. said, "I could not believe it. Public Safety watched them drive off with my car. What they do is 'bull s**t.' They're more concerned about handing out parking tickets than doing their job and watching other peoples

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Network troubles cause frustration

By Brian Corasaniti
Assistant News Editor

Students who come to Sacred Heart have heard about the University's push to computerize the entire campus. Over the last few years, students have been required to purchase a laptop computer and have a connection to the Sacred Heart network. This year some different problems have sprung up.

The first problem many students have come across was setting up their network password. Kym Shea, a first-year student from Pawcatuck, Conn. said she waited in the Mahogany room, "two hours," have her laptop fixed. At this time, many of these students are having difficulty accessing Exchange on the SHU network from their dorm rooms.

"I think everyone is aware that there are some minor problems at this time. I do not think it has been a serious problem," stated Dr. Philip Krebs, director of instructional technology, and a proponent of laptop and network use in the classroom.

When asked about the problems in South Hall, West Hall and Jefferson Hill, George Kyrtschenko, director of telecommunications said, "There are no problems for the local area

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PHOTO: Alicia Hurley

The dedication of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center took place this past Sunday. William H. Pitt (left) is shown cutting the ribbon with Dr. Cernera, president (right).
Budget raises questions

By Brad Wilson
Associate Editor

All areas of Sacred Heart are feeling a pinch in operating budgets for the 1997-98 fiscal year. With the restructuring of academic affairs into four colleges, funds have been reallocated and directed towards various University expansions.

Deans of the colleges now control portions of departmental budgets and many department chairs feel their own budget is inadequate.

For the fiscal year, the overall University academic budget is $13,995,691. That’s $32,360 higher than last year. Dr. David Harnett, director of foundation grants and corporate giving, said that academic affairs admits that things will be constrained this year, but says the budget reductions were necessary to support new accounts.

“We’re trying desperately to manage growth at the University and for this year things will be tight,” said Harnett. We hired four new deans, 13 professors and also began Environmental Science and New Initiatives programs. We have a lot more budgets so even though the overall academic budget was higher, it had to be carved up a little more.

Last year Dr. David Curtis, who is Chair of Language, Literature and Media Studies received a combined budget of $65,000. This year the budget was chopped to $25,000.

“Expected a decrease in budget because of the new deans, but I didn’t expect anything of this magnitude,” said Curtis. “We virtually have no money to buy things as simple as white board markers.”

Domenick Pinto, Chair of Computer Science suffered a 25 percent decrease in his budget and received no new equipment.

“We were told we would be working with about the same budget as last year so we began ordering supplies and setting up conferences,” said Pinto. “It’s difficult to go backward when the University doesn’t seem to be in a physical crisis.”

Dr. Claire J. Paolinii is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, which umbrellas eleven curriculums.

“The reorganization of academic affairs into a college structure and formation of separate departments is the basic cause for reshuffling of funds,” said Paolinii. “A significant portion of the decrease is because faculty development and travel expenses are now regulated by the deans.”

Faculty development is an expenditure that allows for professors to attend conferences and workshops.

“I understand that travel and faculty development funds were relocated,” said Pinto. “But, even after you take that into consideration I’m not convinced our budget is the same. We’re so tight this year that we can not even issue students computer disks as we did in the past.”

Ted Gutowska, Chair of the Art department says budget cuts are nothing new to his program.

“Each year demand for equipment increases, but each year our budget is cut,” he said. “Our computers can’t handle new software.”

Last January, department chairs gave a budget proposal and with enrollment of full-time undergraduate student’s up, many expected budgets would be closer to their recommendations.

Dr. Pearl Jacobs, Chair of Criminal Justice received a budget of $1,250 this year, which is, half of last year’s budget.

“Last year our budget was not enough to support the program and with Criminal Justice students increasing, we expected our budget would increase as well,” said Jacobs.

This year 100% of full-time registrants are studying at Sacred Heart for the 1997-98 academic year, but only 85% of part-time and 94% of graduate students are at the University. Summer enrollment was lower than forseen as well.

“Student enrollment is increasing, however it was a little lower than anticipated in some areas,” said Harnett. “We have to budget to enrollment.”

Within the College of Business, the University has been fundning its accreditation process for the American Assembly of Colle­giate Schools of Business. Dr. Benoit Boyer is dean of the College of Business.

“The funds will be spent on priorities such as the AACSB,” said Boyer. “In the short-term its tempting to say budgets were cut, but it’s an investment for the future.”

Housing repairs cause concerns

By Bruce Carlson and Wendi Plescia
Co-News Editors

Student complaints dealing with residential hall maintenance have posed a serious problem.

“Building X a very long time for Buildings and Grounds to repair our running toilet and dishwasher,” said Dana Edwards, a junior history major from Hawthorne, N.Y. “We are waiting weeks when we should be environmentally aware of what is taking place in the world around us.”

With an increase in students living on campus, residential hall repair men remain small in number.

“There are only four work­ers consisting of one carpenter, one air conditioning/heating spe­cialist, one painter, and one gen­eral maintenance person,” said Larry Williams, director of buildings and grounds.

A budget proposal is sub­mitted every year in hopes to expand employment, but only a certain amount of money can be given. In a case where the liabil­ity is too great, or when a special­ist is needed, an outside contrac­tor will be hired, explained Wil­liams.

Once a complaint is brought to the attention of Buildings and Grounds, it is then placed in a list based on priority.

The life safety of the stu­dents is the first issue attended to on the priority list. Next includes issues concerning the safety of an individual and possessions. Issues of lesser importance are energy conservation and cosmet­ics, explained Williams.

“On the second day of school my apartment put in a request about our toilet leaking,” stated Beth Brady, a sophomore media studies major from Marlboro, Mass. “It was finally fixed two days ago; two weeks later.”

The first month of school always creates a backlog due to building damage, but the priority list will remain in effect, ex­plained Williams.

“There was a loss of power in our room and maintenance did respond right away,” stated Carmen Grace, a sophomore busi­ness major from Waterbury, Vt., and Brady’s roommate.

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WHRT seeking attention and transmission

By Gina Norelli
Editor-In-Chief

"It's like the Spectrum having no paper to print on. Or your lips moving and not being able to speak," said WHRT Station Manager Matt Fortney, describing how it is to have a radio station that doesn't transmit to its audience.

Fortney has been frustrated with the little attention that the SHU Administration has given to WHRT since the station began three years ago.

"It's been a big misunderstanding standing the last couple of semesters," said Fortney. "There has been a major breakdown of communication. I've recently spoken to Jim Barquinero and Dean Wielk and they've promised to take a more active interest in the radio station."

Part of the reason the station now does not transmit outside of

the academic building is that their sole transmitter, worth $1800, was reported stolen from a closet earlier this month. Before the theft, the station could be heard (faintly) over a one-mile radius.

WHRT has put in a purchase order for three new transmitters costing $500 each to be placed on top of the Admissions Building, South and West Halls, and Jefferson Hill.

"In Parkridge the signal is weak. In Taft, it would interfere with other radio station signals," said Fortney, who has proposed that the station be broadcast to those locations via telephone lines.

"That won't get done, if at all, until the spring semester," he said.

Dean Larry Wielk said that he has spoken about the situation with WHRT and members of the Cabinet. "Broadcasting is certainly something I'd love to see happen. It adds a certain dimension to campus life...to be able to request a song in your room and hear it played."

Some of the delays might have been due to funding as well as lack of attention to WHRT in the past. "I'm not sure if there had always been a focus on WHRT...but respect has increased for them," said Wielk.

Fortney is concerned that if residents cannot tune into WHRT soon, his disk jockeys will lose interest.

"Ten or twelve DJs might end up just doing it for the fun of it. But if nobody can hear us," said Fortney.

Nick Pascucci a senior from Waterbury who is a WHRT DJ said, "I'm just in shock over this. I hope that we can find out the problem and let everyone know that WHRT is on the air."

Joel Felicio a senior from Woonsocket RI and also a WHRT DJ said, "It's like we're working for nothing. Nobody took us seriously enough. We were overlooked and put at the end of the list. If you were to turn the list upside down, we'd be at the top."

Jefferson Hill.

Fortney is concerned that if residents cannot tune into WHRT in the future, his disk jockeys will lose interest. As for Fortney, he has big plans for WHRT.

"We're starting to iron out the kinks and the radio station staff is expecting big things. As soon as we get back on the air, that will be a big problem solved."

Exchange: Laptops still causing problems

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network.

According to him, the local area network includes South Hall, West Hall, Jefferson Hill and all on-campus network terminals.

Krytschenko states telecommunications discovered "a misdirection to where people have been plugging in the phone jack." He added that students were experiencing difficulty because they were plugging the wrong chord into the data jacks, which access the network, in their rooms.

But according to Dan Pero, a first year student from Waverly, N.Y., and a third floor resident of South Hall, few can get connected from their rooms even with the right chords.

"Nobody's (data jack) that I've heard of has been fixed. It doesn't seem like they're doing anything to fix it," he stated.

The RA's in the halls have limited information about status of the situation.

"I know as much as you do. However, we've been told that the telecommunications people have been going through the dorms checking the jacks systematically," says Lou Monaco, an RA in South Hall.

Many students, though, do think this is a serious problem and are angry things have not been fixed yet.

"I do not think they are doing all they can. I think they are taking their sweet time," stated Andrew Erhartic, a first year student from Massapequa, N.Y.

Erhartic is also critical of Sacred Heart's whole attempt to wire everything. "They are trying to do too much too soon. They are trying to throw everything into the pot and hope it will work," he stated.
New Graduate Assistants on students side

Bruce Carlson
Co-News Editor

This year, five graduate students were hired by Sacred Heart to assist Student Activities and the Student Union.

The new Graduate Assistants for the Student Union are Michael Moylan and Kim Timpany.

"We were looking to support students and make their stay here enjoyable," said Moylan.

He plans to make that possible by supervising the Game Room, Channel 6, Shuttle Service, Summer Conference, UCTV, and College Bowl, and an interleaved trivia game show.

Another Central Conn. State University graduate, Timpany, will supervise the Outpost Pub, Student Union Technical Services, and the Student Union Night Managers and Staff Development.

Timpany was the Chairperson of the Student Union Board of Governors at Central Conn. She was also on the Program Board, Student Union, Building Manager, and President's Advisory Council.

"I am excited about being at a University that is growing," said Timpany.

Hezler is also excited and wants to "have as much fun as possible."

She is from Rochester, N.Y., and graduated with an English and Irish Studies degree from St. Bonaventure College, where she captained the women's rugby team with Chris Szpila, Resident Hall Director at Taft Commons.

Hezler served as Resident Assistant for the dorms.

She was also involved in the Student Volunteer Program, Women's Shelter, and Americorps Pro gram.

She will serve the SHU community by advising Greek life, the Class of 1999 WHRT Band, Commuter Counselor, Alcohol Awareness Week, and Spring Fest Weekend.

Her goals are "to build strong relationships among the SHU community and to empower the students."

Ham attended Trinity College in Hartford. She acted as President of Activities Council and was involved in writing for the school newspaper.

At SHU her responsibilities include acting as advisor of S.E.T., Heartbeat, resource room, the University web page and booking Bucky.

"My goals are to get more people involved on campus and balance the academic and social life of the students," stated Ham.

The Long Island native and Quinnipiac graduate, Parkinson, will be a vice president and coach for the students here.

His goals include serving the students, "to be here for the students."

He served as the yearbook editor for three years and was the Director of the Social Program Board.

He was active in Campus Ministry and the Dance Company Theater Workshop.

At SHU, Parkinson will advise the Prologue, the Finance Board, CCO, the Class of 2000, and the International Club.

Hats off to class of '98

Beau Temple

Hello! Well what an exciting week it has been so far.

This past weekend we brought together the Board of Trustees, Administ ration, faculty and students at the grand opening of the Pitt Center.

We also welcomed the alumni back to SHU in the alumni games we had this weekend.

The Student Government has been working hard to serve you.

We started the year off with meeting together with our Administrative Links and the four new Deans this past Monday morning to further our goals to strengthen the communication between the students and administration.

The Greek Council is bringing girls to this you this week a time to meet the Greeks for anyone interested in rushing for any organization.

I would like to take this time right now to recognize the class of 96 officers in all of their hard work in their flax markets this past summer and into this semester.

Their success at their recent flax markets have not only given them a name but has also made the first positive changes for the Student Government.

With this in mind I would like to thank them and congratul ate them for all of their hard work and also wish them more success this year.

I am sure that their first pub night this Wednesday night that is cosponsored with SET welcoming Simple Jim will be a great success.

If you would like to find out more information about Student Government, please do not hesitate to come to the office in the Hawley Lounge.

Until next time, I wish you all the best.

By Frank Todaro
Contributing Writer

Brian J. Rivera
Student Government President

Res. Life: Overcrowdedness

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unaware the room they would be living in was a single, Hoffman explained.

We are now overcrowding. Residential Life experienced another problem the day before the residents moved in.

"We were missing three beds and mattresses, two desk chairs, a dresser, closet and screen," said Stephanie Blatchford, a first-year student in psychology/education major from Michigan.

Several RA's helped assemble bed frames and move furniture into West Hall.

"We had a list of what we needed in early July," said Cathy Raynis, director of residential life and housing services. She explained there were, "problems getting the furniture out of the warehouse."

Buildings and Grounds is not responsible for moving furniture, and no other department has that commitment, explained Raynis.

"I am very grateful for having such a wonderful staff," says Raynis.

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By College Press Service

...New York... If listening to the "Macarena" while watching "beach volleyball" is enough to give you "mad-cow disease," then take some "Prozac."

That's just a sampling of 1990s talk, according to Webster's Dictionary, which recently recognized a slew of new words in its latest edition.

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Strange new dictionary terms include 'soccer-moms, wedge'}
EDITORIALS

Farewell to two special women

With the recent deaths of two powerful women, the world is at a loss. Princess Diana and Mother Teresa both led powerful lives and touched the lives of so many. Diana suffered from bulimia and depression, but she found the strength to comfort people who were rejected by society: AIDS patients, battered women, and drug addicts. It is a shame that her life had to end so tragically. And to make matters worse, the media is out of control by trying to say that her death was a conspiracy. We believe she should just be left to rest in peace.

Mother Teresa, a woman who served the poorest of the poor passed away shortly after the Princess. She devoted her life to bringing love, peace and joy to the people that were shunned and forgotten by the world.

Although none of us actually met these two women, we were saddened by their deaths because of the influence they bestowed on society.

They left us in a time when our world is in such chaos. We believe that these two friends are now both shining down upon us looking for us to lead the way through helping others as they did.

Volunteering assists in compassion

SHU says in its mission statement that it aims to assist in the development of people..."who are among other things...compassionate in heart." One of this University's methods is to offer several diverse volunteer opportunities. Some of these are programs such as Habitat for Humanity, Sunshine Kids, and Service Learning. These programs link faces with such problems as homelessness and AIDS. Volunteering helps to make society's problems personal.

We believe that the University should continue to stress the importance of volunteering. Perhaps more professors should encourage their students to volunteer as part of the class curricula. That way, Sacred Heart will continue to develop people who are compassionate in heart.

Accepting opportunities as they come

I wasn't a great student in high school. My average was somewhere in the vicinity of a C- average. I graduated in 1994.

By BRAD WILSON

Friends from my graduating class can't comprehend how I've become associate editor of a University newspaper as well as in- terviewed with a major newspaper and television station this past summer in Albany. I can. It's from welcoming any opportunities that come my way. That, along with hard work has drastically improved my journalistic skills and furthered my career chances.

Entering Sacred Heart, I knew I was going to major in media studies, but I had no intentions of involvement with the Spectrum. It wasn't until spring semes- ter of sophomore year when I en- rolled in Dr. Ralph Corrigan's News Writing and Reporting course that I found my calling as a journalist. A gratifying aspect of the class is that select work has an opportunity to be published in the Spectrum.

One of the first articles I wrote was a season preview for the University's men's lacrosse team, in which I was also still a member of. I took great pride in that article and hoped it would be printed.

Well, it did appear in the Spectr um come Thursday morning and I was glowing. But, then I was hit with, what was to me at the time, an unbelievable opportunity. Dr. Corrigan approached me in the cafeteria and asked if I would like to write a weekly article for the lacrosse team. I accepted im- mediately.

As the spring passed, my writ- ing saw notable improvement and I decided I would continue my junior year. I figured I would continue to be a staff writer, however, my opportunities became far greater. I was offered the role of Sports Editor as well as a weekly Inde- pendent Study session with Don Harrison, Manager of News Bureau at SHU.

By MIKE DUTTON

Well hi there SHU. It's al- most time for me to depart to Seville, Spain.

While I intro- duce mys- self to you last week, I would now like to focus on the Study Abroad Program at SHU, or lack thereof.

Ever since I was in middle school I knew that I wanted to study in another country. I thought for sure that it would be the most exciting time of my life, but un- fortunately it is the opposite thus far. For those of you who do not know me, I will be the first to admit that I am quite critical and vocal, but try my damnedest to fix and address problems with any- thing, especially Sacred Heart University via editorials, Student Government, and a lot of hard work. This past summer has been one of disappointment, confusion, and anger toward the very depart- ment which would be "the best experience of my life".

While I do not know the opin- ions of all other study abroad candidates, I will speak for my- self when I say that the manner in which we were put on the back burner and ignored is unaccept- able. Having been left by former coordinator Dr. Katherine Kidd, the study abroad program and this year's candidates were left with no direction and no leader- ship. I can honestly say that I have made over 40 phone calls this summer to numerous depart- ments, the CCIS program itself (Florida) and the center in Seville, Spain, and have spent over $100 in phone calls to get answers to my questions. Having never re- ceived one letter or phone call from anyone at SHU addressing my inquiries, I was left to search and discover all of the answers myself. What ever happened to vacationing "summe r and enjoying time off?" As I leave for Spain tomor- row morning, I really only know things that I have found out MY-

SELF! With no guidance and no information, I really do not even know if there is a Study Abroad program at SHU anymore, but only know that whenever was in charge let me down. I have tracked down email and phone numbers to get answers and voice my concerns and I have offered to work to help rebuild the program and offer insights, but I have not been treated the same by far.

Oh well, for now I just plan to start with a clean slate in a new country and wipe away my stress- ful summer, hoping and expeti- ing to come back to a strong, unified, and focused Study Abroad program so that every- one has the opportunity to do what I am doing tomorrow. Sorry if I seem a little ticked off, BUT I AM!! This is Mike Dutton saying Adios until next week, in which I can confirm will be a much happier, upbeat and sanely off Study Abroad Trip #2: Read all of the above!

Are bored and want to write? Well please do at: Mike Dutton, Corrigan 15, 41013 Seville Spain. E-mail: TBA.

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Corrections:
An article in the Sept. 11 issue (page 3) incorrectly identified Dean A. Hinnen's rank. Hinnen is a full-time instructor of English.

Also in the Sept. 11 issue, an article on the renovations of North Wing (page 1) should have indicated that expansions were made as well.

The SHU Voices

What is one improvement that Sacred Heart University should make?

Compiled by Brad Wilson

Alan Lao
Junior
Warwick, RI
"It needs to provide adequate and affordable parking."

Karen Hennig
Senior
Teaneck, NJ
"It should follow through with commitments by anticipated dates."

Ryan Goins
First-year student
Bowie, MD
"The hockey team is in dire need of a rink on campus."

Laura Christy
Sophomore
Falmouth, ME
"Listen more to the opinions of the students."

If the SHU Fits
by Jeremy Staub

“Step right up and check out our University’s brand new art department! You must be under 48 inches to enter.”
ART DEPARTMENT CHAIR INSULTED BY RENOVATIONS TO ART DEPARTMENT

To the Editor:

We, the faculty, staff and students of the Department of Art & Music, find these new spaces not only intolerable but completely unacceptable. The rooms are too small, the storage inadequate and their lack of windows and low ceilings are not only psychologically depressing and claustrophobic but also an impossible space to run an Art department, especially in the light of the equipment and supplies that are used by our faculty and students.

Moving about the spaces with drawing boards, easels and other art supplies is restricted and, as a result, the ceilings are so low that the students fear of hitting the sprinklers with their large canvases and sketchbooks, not to mention attempting to negotiate the confined spaces with these fragile rooms.

The claim goes on that there is no funding for better space, (which we have been hearing for years) while building goes on all around us. In the meantime, we have to bear the indignity of attempting to function in what can only be called "storage space." It is nothing short of insulting to this faculty, staff and current students to be promised in year after year out that a solution will be found, but never is.

Ted Gutswalter
Chair, Dept. of Art & Music

APATHY, ALCOHOL TO BLAME FOR NON-ATTENDANCE OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES?

To the Editor:

As I am a member of SET, the student-run organization that runs all the on-campus entertainment at Sacred Heart, I've become very appalled at the high level of student apathy. On the previous Friday, one of the biggest unsigned bands in this country played a concert in the pub. The band, New Brown Hat, which won a much coveted spot on the H.O.R.D.E. Fest's second stage, as well as touring with nationally known acts such as Blues Traveler, played two incredible sets.

Alas, the audience was essentially myself and the pub staff. Being highly involved with the musical community, I know that nothing discourages a band more that playing a show where the band members outnumber the crowd. Of course, I couldn't expect to pull any crowd due to the pull of off-campus parties and due to the lack of run student body's ability to function socially without being inebriated.

I also hear constant complaining about the lack of things to do around here. To these people, I'd like to state that I have absolutely no sympathy. I spent a large portion of my budget to entertain myself for the evening on Friday.

So, if you're one of those people who constantly bitch and moan about nothing to do, join SET and make a difference. Or at least attend an event. You might even enjoy yourself, or at least not end up prying to the porcelain goddess at 4 a.m. or waking up with a serious hangover.

Matt Flood
Chairman of SET's Band Committee

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

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STUDENT WHO STUDIED ABROAD FEELS LOSS OF STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT SHU

To the Editor:

The loss of the Study Abroad Program at the University hurts any student that has ever thought about studying outside this country.

Last semester, I had the privilege of studying in Ireland for the Spring semester.

My time there was a continuous learning experience, not just the time spent in the classroom. Along with studying in Ireland, I was lucky enough to spend two weeks traveling throughout Europe. The Study Abroad Program gave me the opportunity to meet people and see things I would have never had if I did not go away.

In my orientation program, we were told that every semester more things are removed from the option of this opportunity.

It is wrong to take away from the ever growing population at Sacred Heart. Granted, the University loses money, but they acquire something more than a degree, but an experience.

Going abroad for four months has taught me about myself. I have learned to listen to other people, that there are other ways of doing things and different is not wrong.

Students can take it upon themselves to find a college, or university, overseas and register. However, there is no backing from the Sacred Heart community.

There is a world outside the doors of this university. It was the Study Abroad Program here that helped me to learn this.

It is an opportunity that ever student here should have access to. It benefits the school community as well as the student.

Lauren Koester

Changes to art department create dungeon-like setting

After the construction of the Science and Health Building, students in the Art Department now have the use of a brand new facility, complete with smaller rooms, less light, and ceilings low enough to require furniture modification.

Although those in charge of construction say that the Art Department has gained two classrooms and 50% more natural light, they do not realize that the art department lost Studio 1, its only workspace above ground, which contained approximately 90% of the department's natural light. How has the Art Department gained classrooms? Last year there were four studios, and this year the number of studios is the same.

Desks had to be removed due to lack of space, and easels had to be cut down to avoid damaging the new ceiling, which is only 6'10", dropped from 9' in the life drawing studio, a 5'6" model on a one foot platform is close to setting off a ceiling mounted sprinkler.

Also at issue is the loss of window space and light. In one studio, 1/3 of the existing window space is lost to the drop ceiling, 1/2 in another. Since these two studios are the only classroom in the new art department containing any windows at all, I suppose we should be grateful for them, even if they are sealed shut and cannot be used for ventilation.

With the loss of the upstairs studio and the showcase, who even knows that there's an Art Department? As one of the largest departments in the school, and with students who have been recognized on both national and international levels, it continues to come last on SHU's priority list.

A few years ago, the Art Department received a verbal offer for the space that is currently the old gymnasion in the Academic Building. This offer was later revoked, even though it would have been the perfect home for the Art Department.

Without proper facilities, the Art Department cannot perform on a competitive level.

By TARA DEENIHAN

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Le Petit Café; A little taste of France

Coffeehouse features a lot more than a good cup of coffee

By Wayne Kosminoff
Co-Features Editor

Last Thursday evening the International Center hosted their first coffeehouse of the year, Le Petit Café, in the Faculty Lounge. It was like making a journey into the center of France, without actually taking a flight.

Grace Lim, assistant director of student life for international programs, organized the event. “I wanted to give them a little taste of Paris,” she said.

The coffeehouse did just that! You could find everything from Perrier to French eclairs, complemented by the red and blue banners surrounding the stage. To complete the French decor, white tablecloths were used to bestow the classic look of a café.

Annie Royer and the French Cabaret headlined at the coffee-house. Many watched Royer, the lead singer of the band, in awe as she moved and grooved to the beat of traditional French music. She gave quite a show, as she shook her hips, tapped her feet and danced around the stage waving her arms in the air.

The group performed songs such as La Vie en Rose, C’est ci Bon and Aloette, which she playfully engaged the crowd in a group sing-along.

“Wow, it was really nice to be here. The people look happy, and seem to enjoy the music,” said Royer during intermission.

Lim commented on how she thought the event turned out, "It’s just fantastic, it seems that everyone who has come is really enjoying the show."

"I tried to make it (the coffeehouse) a little different this year then in the past, by moving the small square tables from the cafeteria into the Faculty Lounge. I wanted to give an authentic setting of a French café,” Lim added.

Some students who attended the event, commented on their experience at the first coffee-house of the semester.

Caroline Kleintoh, a first-year student biology major from Habern, Germany who attended the event on in-line skates said, “I’m enjoying myself very much, and I really like the food.”

Earl Wright, a first-year student, from Bronx, N.Y. said, “I really love the coffee. So far I had three cups. The band is really good, their music is relaxing and the performance is excellent.”

During the semester, there will be one coffeehouse featured every month. Next month, a Mexican coffeehouse will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Remember that favorite sweater you have in your top drawer, the one you bought freshman year? Maybe it was that bag of chips last night or perhaps it was the ice cream last week. Whatever it was, the sweater no longer fits, along with your favorite pair of jeans. Give them to your siblings? Have a yard sale? Or maybe just let them gather dust in the closet? But, what would you do if you had 4,000 pounds of old clothes?

That’s just the situation of the owners of Pembroke Cleaners, the oldest running cleaners in the United States.

Instead of just donating the collection to charity, Pembroke cleaners, together with The Hollow Development Corporation and Kappa Phi Sorority, are hosting The Hollow Clothes Festival and Community Fair.

The clothes for sale at this “tag sale of the century” are unclaimed dry cleaning that has been accumulating for over thirty years! Styles range from classic vintage to current fashions. However, the best part is that no item at this sale is going to be sold for over ten dollars!!

Wendi Plescia, a senior media studies major and president of the Kappa Phi sorority, commented on their involvement in the sale.

“We’re very excited about it. Our sorority’s focus is homelessness and this is a great change for us to start to become involved in the community.”

The sale itself will be held at Pembroke cleaners this Saturday. However, there is a lot to be done before everything is ready.

“We’ll be going down in groups to help setup for the sale on Thursday and Friday. We’ll also be helping to sort, press, and tag clothes before the sale. Then on Saturday we’ll be collecting donations and finishing the setup.”

The festival will be held at Pembroke Cleaners, 306 Madison Avenue, on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In case of rain, the sale will be held at Columbus School on 275 George St. A private showing is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19 from 4-7 p.m. with a suggested donation of ten dollars to attend. Refreshments will be served.

All proceeds of this sale will go to benefit the Hollow Development Corporation. This cooperative development corporation is a joint effort between the community and its residents, to help better conditions in The Hollow neighborhood in Bridgeport. For more information contact the Hollow Development Corporation at 134-6002.

Campus Happenings

Theatre Auditions

On Thursday, Sept. 18 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 19 from 5-7 p.m., auditions will be held in the Theater for, “A Night of One Act Plays.” For more information contact Rick Mc Kinnon at 365-7541.

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The hours for tutoring for the fall semester are:

Mon-Thurs 9-9
Fri 0-2
Sat-Sun 2-6

For appointments call 371-7820.

Miss Connecticut USA Pageant

On Nov. 15 and 16 the Miss Connecticut USA Pageant will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Danbury. To apply, call 1-304-242-4900. Deadline to apply is Sept. 20.

Compiled by Carmela Chisholm and Wayne Kosminoff
Give me television, or give me death

By Amanda Limbert
Contributing Writer

CLICK...CLICK...CLICK...CLICK. Sound familiar to anyone? Well, if you’re the kind of person who just happens to view your cable stations at lightning speed, you could be considered a channel surfer. (Refer to as refined television viewers for those of us that prefer to be discriminating show consuming.)

Perhaps you like to watch the telly with a touch of tea, coffee, or any other fine beverage. Some of us fancy a bowl of popcorn or maybe a pizza. Maybe you like to indulge in fried green tomatoes.

Our daily viewing habits, if revealed, can demonstrate how far one will go to indulge their strange and sometimes bizarre rituals associated with their favorite television shows.

Whether we watch our favorite programs late at night or at the crack of dawn, with family or with friends, all our television rituals have special meanings for us. For some, missing a particular showing can mean certain pain or death for those nearby.

Julie Smith, a sophomore education major, says that one of her friends has an infatuation with Jerry Springer’s talk show.

“Once she sat down in a store’s television aisle to watch it,” Julie explained, “She just kept telling the sales people that she was fine after being asked if she was taken care of. She does that in other people’s houses when she’s there, too.”

Still for others, a special snack is required to properly enjoy the occasion.

Peter Hahn, a first-year student from States Island, N.Y., simply states, “HAVE TO have a bagel...on Sunday while watching the Giants.”

In addition to compulsions stemming from watching daily shows and Sunday afternoon snack ceremonies, some people just can’t get enough of a good thing.

For the chance to relive those precious T.V. moments, tapes of shows can provide an even more interesting fixation.

“Saved by the Bell,” says Jen Mc Govern, a sophomore...

New International students have arrived

By Nicole Dennis-Lawrence
Contributing Writer

The International Center did it again! A batch of twenty seven students from all over the world were successfully recruited to pursue studies here at the university.

Some of the countries represented in this very diverse group included: Brazil, Peru, Jamaica, the Virgin Islands, the Philippines, Zambia, Ghana, France, Austria, Ecuador, Kenya, Aruba, Canada, Germany, Japan, and Taiwan. They varied from first-year students to junior status and included both graduate and undergraduate candidates.

The majority of these students are living in the residence halls and have accommodated themselves at other off campus locations.

The international students began their careers at Sacred Heart University with a three day orientation that began on Wednesday, August 27. They assembled in Hawley Lounge for an entertaining “pizza and pop” party. There they made acquaintances among themselves and met other members of the student body who were serving as volunteer orientation leaders for the occasion.

This year, the International Center team of Grace Lim and Carlos Barroso were assisted by orientation leaders Patrick Callahan, Irene McDonald, Phyllis Touch and Alex Quijano. Most importantly, they met the International Admissions team, who had worked so hard with them to make their experience at the university a reality.

As the evening progressed, many of the students shed their nervous tension in exchange for relaxed grins and chit-chat. A few parents hovered nearby to offer moral support. They too were fairly anxious and kept themselves busy taking countless pictures. However, when the time came for the group picture, all smiling and excited faces were directed at the camera.

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Batch of 1997, had arrived!

Day two started with a very personable and pleasant breakfast with the president of the university and other faculty members. Anthony Cemera Ph. D. took the opportunity to familiarize himself with the names and countries of each student and to offer words of inspiration. He maintained that one of the simple yet important philosophies that persisted in the Sacred Heart environment, was that each person is respected, regardless of their background.

He encouraged all to keep an open mind about the new experiences ahead of them and also to capitalize on the resources in place to assist international students.

Immediately following this address, students got down to more serious matters. They took their placement tests, met with representatives from various departments, toured the campus, and sampled (a first time for many) a taste of American cuisine. The International students was in...
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Next time your friend insists on driving drunk, do whatever it takes to stop him.

Because if he kills innocent people, how will you live with yourself?

FRIENDS DON’T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.
Pitt Center home to more than just athletics

The Ninth Annual Sacred Heart University Gala Scholarship Dinner and Discovery Awards, to be held in the newly constructed William Pitt Health and Recreation Center on September 20, will feature the artwork of two graduates of the SHU art department. 1996 graduate Bob Abric of Terryville and 1997 graduate Joe Bender of Ridgefield will each produce eight pieces, over 4'x8" in dimension, to be displayed at the event. They are also working on separate pieces for each of the five corporations involved, including NBC, William Pitt Real Estate, and People’s Bank. The paintings to be displayed at the Gala all follow an athletic theme, focusing on many of the sports offered at Sacred Heart, and range in size, averaging dimensions of 6x8".

"It sets an athletic tone to the event," says George Schneider, director of foundation grants and corporate events. Schneider worked with Jack DeGraffenried from the art department to hire the two former students and create the basis for their work.

Art work by SHU Alumni Bob Abric and Joe Bender

Center announces new season

Musicals like 'West Side Story' come to SHU

The Center for the Performing Arts at SHU has recently announced plans for the 1997-98 season.

"We are ready to do what we do best, and that is musicals and musical revues," said Fred Sailor, director of the center for the performing arts.

The Center is trying to incorporate more student involvement both on stage and off. This year there are plenty of roles for students, who will get the experience of working with professional directors Maureen Hamill and Kevin Miller.

Buy your tickets to this performance soon!!
'Da' versity is in the air

By Stephanie Smith

A&E Editor

On Monday nights when there is nothing great on TV, and you should be doing homework anyway, tune in to WHRT 91.5, at 9 p.m. for something a little different. "DJ Juicy" and "Navel Gazer" host "'Da' versity," a radio show that mixes rap music with alternative rock.

Sophomores Jared Walsh (Navel Gazer) of Treadwell, N.Y. and Brian Williams (Juicy) of Mayfield, N.Y. have a flair for good music.

"We both have a love for music," said Juicy. "A lot of songs [we play] people won't hear on the radio, but will hear here and like them." "I've been listening to rap music a long time," Jensen added. "But as of yet, nothing's happened."

"This is '"Da' versity's" second semester on the air. The show is so named because of the mix of music the guys play. "We try to give 'em (the listeners) a mix of music the guys play. "We both have a love for music," said Juicy. "A lot of songs [we play] people won't hear on the radio, but will hear here and like them."

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The boys rely on word-of-mouth to advertise the show. They have quite a following from the men's and women's cross country teams. "There's nothing else on," said Rick Janocko, a junior on the cross country team.

"There's nothing else on better," Juicy interjected. "That's what he meant to say."

Along with music, Juicy and Navel Gazer take callers and have special guests on the air. "Grizzelda," a mystery fan, called in almost every week last semester. "The Baseball Man" is a regular guest on the show.

Navel Gazer and Juicy enjoy their time on the air. The show is fun and funny. And they are always hoping for more callers during their show. Especially, "chicks," Navel Gazer repeated.

Voluntary Percent for Art Program

Special to the Spectrum

Sacred Heart University has made a unique commitment to the arts through its Voluntary Percent for Art Program, administered by The Gallery of Contemporary Art. The University reserves funds to be spent on site art that will enhance the areas within and surrounding new buildings on campus.

Supporting the University's belief that it is important for young people to develop their visual vocabularies, these sculptures are part of the University's mission to provide students with a well-rounded liberal arts education.

This site-specific art reflects the desire of the University to assist students to develop self-awareness and to be responsive to the ever-changing world in which we live.

Sacred Heart University is a theater of learning in a long intellectual tradition of Catholic education. "Memory Theater," the newest addition of the Program, constructed near the Pit Center, is an example of a work designed for community, for gathering and for discussion. it is a space for students.

*Editor's note: This was taken from a brochure issued by The Gallery of Contemporary Art at SHU.

Compiled by Stephanie Smith

Laughter in the Outpost

Tonight night comedian Michael Dean Ester performs in the Outpost. The show starts at 9 p.m.

Rose lectures at the Gallery

On Sunday, The Gallery of Contemporary Art is holding a reception for artist Tom Ross from 1 to 4 p.m. His exhibit "Notes in a Garden," runs through Oct. 16. Rose will give a lecture Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery. Both events are free and open to the public.

Attention actors

Auditions for "The Liberty Belles" are scheduled for Sept. 23 and 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Center for the Performing Arts at SHU.

Those attending will be asked to present one up-tempo song and one ballad.

"Belles" will be presented at the Center from Oct. 24 through Nov. 2, on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

For additional information, contact the theatre box office at 374-2777.

Reggae, The Dead and Colvin at Toad's

Tonight Toad's Place presents the Reggae Autumnfest with Culture featuring Joseph Hill. Tomorrow night, Shakedown, the Grateful Dead tribute band, plays with Johnson Building Band. The Madhatters and Chainsmoker. Shawn Colvin performs Sunday night with Peter Stuart of Dog's Eye View.

Doors open at 8 p.m. for all the shows this weekend. Call 226-0716 or come to Toad's to order information.

Musicians

SHU Has a Place for You

University Chorus - Thursdays: Day or Evening
Chamber Orchestra - Mondays 7:30 - 10:00 pm
Jazz Band - Tuesdays 7:45 - 9:45 pm
for info: contact Leland Roberts in the music office (371-7735) or come to a rehearsal in Room A

Marching Band -
contact Marvin McNeill in the band office

What Else? - Madrigals, Private Lessons...?
Come talk to us about music performance at SHU.
By Corinne A. Waldheim
Sports Editor

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By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

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In the Spotlight

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Age: 19
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High School: Shenendehowa High School
Team: Cross Country
Position: 3K runner
Heroes: My parents, "they come to every single meet."
Song: If God Would Send His Angels by U2
Book: The Princess Bride
Quote: "Today is a great day to race.""}

Quote of the week -- "Field hockey increases mental alertness, vigor, endurance, those necessary factors in a successful life."
--- Constance Applebee

Cook: Athletics department addresses field hockey problems

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never broached prior to the 11th hour phone call.
Pre-season was scheduled to begin on Aug. 20 but wouldn't commence until the 22.
Cook immediately began making calls to other universities in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Although there had been four other candidates, none had the experience to fill the position.
"Our most immediate concern was the field hockey players," said Cook.
The department heads put the position into perspective and chose to concentrate on the immediate problem, hiring a field hockey coach.
Graduate assistants Cheryl Simmons and Tara Fisher conducted practices during pre-season. Simmons graduated with the Class of '97 and is a former four-year member of the team. Fisher played lacrosse.
"Tara and Cheryl handled pre-season beautifully," said senior Cheryl Casey.
The interview process resumed with Harriet Barbaresi. "She is a nice person, dedicated to the idea of coaching us," said Casey.
Cook maintains that he invited the senior players to interview another candidate.
Senior Deidre Hynes claims that it was the team who approached Cook.
"I was not going to go forward until I had involved all that would be most impacted," said Cook.
After meeting with Barbaresi, the team was asked for an opinion. According to the Athletic Department, they decided to move forward.
Hynes agreed that the team supported Barbaresi's hiring. "She was really nice and she seemed organized," Hynes said.
Cook concluded: "This was a unanimous decision."
The team was informed that the decision was official on Aug. 30 at 8:45 a.m.
Soon thereafter, the sparks began to fly. The players were visibly discontent. The frustrated generated was transformed into a written complaint that turned the department on its ear.

SHU PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

BABYSITTER WANTED
Needed to care for 5 year old boy and 16 mo. old girl. Tuesdays 2-6 (both kids) Fridays 8:15-12:30 (16 mo. only) Please call Kitty 259-6295

BABYSITTER

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Sell Trips, Earn Cash & Go Free!!! Student Travel Services is now hiring campus reps. Lowest rates to Jamaica, Mexico & Florida. Call 800-648-4849

EDUCATIONAL MAJORS:
Orange/Milford...Self employed mom is seeking responsible, loving individual to assist with active children schedules. Must have transportation. Weekdays, Afternoon-Early evenings. Babysitting, meal preparation and assisting with homework. Call Maribeth 878-8404

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Verbal, fun 2 1/2 year old boy. Flexible days/hours. 5-20 hours weekly. Experience and car preferred. Salary negotiable. Call 459-4759.

NANNY OPPORTUNITY:
12 to 20 hrs/wk M-F after school for 5 and 7 yr old boys. 2 mi from SHU on Trumbull/Easton line. Must have transportation. Non-smokers. Salary negotiable. Call 459-4420 for more info.

CHILD CARE NEEDED in my home for 2 boys ages 5 and 1 1/2. 2-3 days per week. Non-smoker. Own transportation. Westport. Please call to discuss days and hours. After 5pm (203) 226-6017

BABYSITTER:
Parents of two very well behaved girls, ages 4 1/2 and 10 months seek mature, responsible and experienced babysitter for some weekdays and weekend evening work (in Fairfield). Hours are totally flexible. Must have references. Please call 374-2279.

SPRING BREAK

September 18, 1997
Quinnipiac, Albany serve field hockey defeats

By Corinne Waldheim
Sports Editor

The SHU field hockey team was defeated in its first two 1997 outings. On Sept. 10, it lost to Quinnipiac, 4-0, in Hamden. "There wasn’t a specific authority figure and I think that hurt us," said senior Cheryl Casey.

"We were obviously better skilled, but we just didn't want it enough." On Friday, the Pioneers lost at home to undefeated Albany (4-2).

Within the first two minutes, Albany's midfielder Liz Peck scored an unassisted goal. Senior attack Deidre Hynes, a second-team All-America selection last year, scored on a corner penalty shot with 14:23 left in the first. At the half the scored was tied, 1-1.

Peck scored again for the Danes, although Albany was outshot by the Pioneers 15-6.

"We played great against Albany, it just wasn't meant to be," said Casey. The field hockey team is away against East Stroudsburg today at 4 p.m.