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NEWS BRIEFS

English Club looking for new members
The English Club is looking for English majors or minors and anyone else interested in writing and reading to join their club. Meetings are in HC-102 at 5 p.m.

Astronaut to visit SHU's Stamford campus
NASA Astronaut Ronals M. Sega will be speaking at the Stamford campus of Sacred Heart University on Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Sega, currently the Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Colorado, will speak about the over 199 hours he logged in space as well as other aeronautical concepts.

Sega has been a NASA Astronaut since 1991 and worked greatly with the first joint US-Russian space mission. He also spent five months on the Russian space station Mir.

Sega will also visit the main campus around 2 p.m. on Wed. to meet with students interested in space or science. Sega will also be available to talk and meet at a reception following the Stamford presentation.

Date and place set for Christmas semi-formal
The Christmas semi-formal has been scheduled for Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford.

The event, sponsored by the class of 2000 was previously held at Sante's Manor, but has been moved to the Sheraton, following a major renovation over the summer.

Class leaders are also considering changing the format of the dinner to a buffet or just hors d'oeuvres instead of a sit down dinner.

A new DJ is also being searched for to fit this year's theme of "Rockin' around the Christmas tree."

For more information, stop by the Student Activity office at extension 78.

Graduation applications due in next month
Any graduate of undergraduate student who will finish his or her degree requirement in Dec. 98, May 99 or summer 99 need to submit an application for graduation by Oct. 15.

Students who do not submit an application will have to wait until the following semester to graduate. For more information, call Valerie in the Registrar's office at extension 7899.

Elder Care Symposium coming to SHU
Sacred Heart's first ever Elder Care Symposium will be held on Oct. 3.

The day long workshop entitled, "Building Effective Interdisciplinary Teams in the Classroom and Clinic," is sponsored by the University's Elders 2000 program.

For registration fees and other information, call Michelle Lusardi at extension 4721.

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Wanted: Academic Affairs VP
By Brian Corasaniti
Editor

With the departure of Dr. David Hamnett, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, to Marquette University, Dr. Thomas Forget is filling in as interim vice president of Academic Affairs.

Forget, who normally works as the executive assistant to Sacred Heart University President Dr. Anthony Cerna, was serving as interim vice president for Institutional Advancement, a position recently filled by Luke Doyle.

After Forget briefly returned to his regular post, Hamnett announced his resignation and Cerna asked Forget to fill in on an interim basis.

"When Dr. Cerna informed me that was the case, he asked me to step in," said Forget.

In the time being, Forget said he will essentially serve as, "The chief academic officer responsible for curriculum and faculty."

Forget does anticipate returning to his regular post but has no set date. He is putting his efforts into his interim role in the Academic Affairs office.

Encounter builds spiritual growth
By Emily M. Houlihan
Contributing Writer

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In a speech at the beginning of the semester, Forget outlined three important areas of the Academic Affairs office to work on.

First, he stressed a continued discussion of the core curriculum, specifically to make sure students get the most of their core courses at Sacred Heart.

Program review and outcome assessment learning was the second topic of the speech. Forget said he wants to "examine the learning- teaching dynamic from the outcome side. What is it we expect a student to learn in a particular course."

Finally, Forget stressed the continued development of the four colleges in the University.

So far, Forget has enjoyed his position in Academic Affairs.

"It is delightful, I am having a great time. The faculty and deans have been very generous in assisting me with these goals that I have outlined," he said.

"For me personally, it is a privilege to be on the active side of the learning dynamic in this community," added Forget.

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Institutional Advancement split

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

The Sacred Heart University office of Institutional Advancement has been split following the hiring of two new vice presidents. The office once consisting of a single person overseeing both the public relations and fundraising departments has now been divided, with vice presidents in charge of each area.

Luke Doyle has been named vice president of Institutional Advancement, filling the void left last semester by Dr. Jim Lysky, and is responsible for raising money for University's various needs. Elinor Biggs, SHU's first ever vice president of University Relations works on consulting and the production of resources.

"My goal is to increase the awareness of the accountability of the University," said Biggs. "I want people in the surrounding county and eventually the state to have an unrestricted goal. We also raise additional money for restricted use like for the colleges, faculty support and lab renovations."

The Sacred Heart University Institutional Advancement split will be "very important in my job that I have to believe in the place where I work and have to share the same values," said Biggs. "It made the decision easy knowing I would be working for Cemera and the cabinet."

"I liked the place and the people," said Doyle. "Dr. Cemera was the biggest part of that. I was impressed with how he managed the place during the past decade."

Cemera considers it a "great blessing" to have the two of them and couldn't be happier with his decision.

"They're both off to a great start and have quickly become parts of the community," said Cemera.

Cemera and Doyle both agree that one of the main drawbacks of the position is that it doesn't allow them to meet many students because their offices are located off-campus.

"Sacred Heart University is its students," said Doyle. "They are the product. We have to be with them and know them."

"The end product is the students," said Biggs.

"It's not ideal (being off-campu­sus) but I know first hand what the space demands are. We just have to work harder to get over here," she added.

Patrick Brannigan

Telecom: Phone line problems persist

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Cemera played a large part in their decision to come to SHU.

"One thing that is very important in my..." Doyle and Biggs both agreed.

"Basically, I think it is an inconvenience to everyone in the school," said Michelle Barnett, a freshman from Floral Park, N.Y. "We didn't get our phone numbers until we got here, and now they don't work."

Students living at Avalon Gates can receive calls, but are unable to call on or off-campus numbers.

"They should have anticipated the increase in students and compensated for the problem, but like everything else at this school, they wait until after the fact," said Joe Marame, a senior from Wallingford.

Kyrystenski says students can expect an improvement within the next few weeks. The new switches and additional circuits are expected to alleviate the pressure on the system.

The phone system is also being redesigned to avoid future problems. The new system will transfer calls from busy circuits to less crowded ones, distributing the flow of calls more evenly.

"The switchboard should be seamless," said Kyrystenski. "There should be no downtime."

Elinor Biggs

Safety: Sacred Heart working to curb all car thefts on-campus this year

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"We are really working hard to not have any vehicle theft this..." Biggs added.

This would take place during the evening shift where all students are locked off and protected by a check point located at the main entrance. The main purpose of this plan would be to make sure the Sacred Heart University students are entering the campus.

"This will not be done on a regular basis," said O'Connell "but at some point this plan will be implemented."
**EDITORIALS**

**Telecom crash causing many headaches**

Recent problems involving the phone lines and data jacks have the University community in an uproar. Since the start of the academic year, we have only had access to open phone lines and data jacks during certain times of the day.

For the average person this is merely an inconvenience. For those of us who have to run offices, or a University for that matter, it is unacceptable.

It has been said that problems with SNET and MCI are causing the headaches and SHU is reportedly re-doing the whole system so circuits won't get overloaded. Couldn't this have been done before we all returned to the University?

Pointing fingers at others does not solve problems, it adds to them. We have been told that problems will cease within the next two weeks. We can only hope, for sanity's sake, that they will.

**Letters**

**CANCELED CLASS UPSETS ENGLISH MAJORS**

To the Editor:

This year I, along with seven other students, was registered to take EN 390, Literary Studies in Critical Analysis. It is not a required course for English majors, but it is an English elective and English majors are required to take a certain number of electives under the English category. There were seven students signed up for the class and the school decided at least to hold a class. So, they kept it open for a while hoping that other students would join the class at the last minute.

No one did.

About two weeks before school started, we all got calls from the Registrar's telling us that the class had been canceled and we would have to sign up for another class upon returning to the University. Two days later, we got another call telling us not to worry because we were now signed up to take the same class this time.

Our first day of class was scheduled for Thursday Sept. 10. When we showed up in the classroom, we were informed that the class had again been canceled and would not be offered as an independent study.

Dr. Biller, the professor of the class, was ready and willing to teach the class. She received a call the same time that we did telling her it would be taught as an independent study and had a syllabus already made up.

We went to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Claire Paulini, and asked why the class was canceled a second time. She was unaware that we were to have an independent study and told us to speak with the Chair of the Language, Literature and Media Studies Office. We left him a note telling the situation and asking what the deal was. We were also told to talk to Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Tom Forget, but his secretary suggested that we would resolve the issue between Curtis and Paulini.

Later we received a call from Curtis saying that the class was lost and he would help us transfer to another class.

I just want to know why the University can decide to just not have a class? The professor was more than willing to teach us and the students were willing to take the class and do the work. I was really looking forward to this class, as were the rest of the students. I just don't see why it was canceled and why we were never given an explanation.

Amber Schaper

**Releasing Clinton's grand jury testimony is going too far**

So, the video of Clinton's four hour grand jury testimony and a transcript has been released. While House intern Monica Lewinski's testi­mony were released Monday, I hope Americans are happy. People have been asking for this tape for weeks and finally got what they wanted. The video was aired in its entirety on four unlicensed cable news networks, except for the last ten minutes which were aired on the non-cable networks and on various news sites on the internet.

Prior to its release, the public could only read about the Aug. 19 testimony.

Is it just me or has this issue gotten a lot of coverage? While the media has been drooling over the story since it first broke almost nine months ago. Do we need to be reminded of it everyday? Do we need we see it in every news­cast, newspaper and on every website? I haven't seen this kind of media frenzy since the O.J. Simpson trial.

Did the American public really need to see this video tape?

I think the tape is nothing short of embarrassing for the presi­dent and may be that was the purpose of its release. People already have their opinions about the situa­tion and this just adds more fuel to the fire.

After seeing the tape, I must admit that he did successfully dodge the questions dealing with the specifics of the "relationship." But is a box of chocolate covered cherries a matter of national security? Some of the questions asked of Clinton were completely irrelevant and didn't have anything to do with the impeachment.

Clinton admitted to "embar­rassing, inappropriate intimate contact" with Monica Lewinski. He testified on tape with hopes of it not being released, but knew there was a possibility that it would. We should have been so ob­sessed with the one big thing he has done wrong, that we have for­gotten about all the good that he has done for this country.

For five and a half years, Clinton has served as president and according to his own closing statement has done his best to "do the job that the American people appointed me." Few politicians are without scandal, but these are probably the most damaging allegations that any commander and chief will ever have to answer to.

Last Thursday, my mother attended one of the president's stops during his visit to Boston. Honest to God. She listened to his speech, ate dinner with him, spoke to him. (One of her dear friends works for congressman Joe Moakley and was fortunate enough to attend the $10,000 dinner for free).

When she told me Sunday about her experience, I couldn't believe it. I immediately asked what she said to him. She said she told him that it was an honor to meet him, that he was doing a great job and to hang in there. The president thanked her for her kind words and posed for a picture. I told her I would've said the same thing.

I think releasing the video­tape was completely unnecessary. I don't think the public needed to see it. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe next week, our office will be flooded with letters telling me how wrong I am. But it is my belief that Clinton is doing the job he was hired to do. And he's doing it well.

Up until nine months ago, most Americans would probably agree that he has been one of our better recent presidents.

I am disappointed in his con­duct and it would anger me to discover that he broke laws to cover his tracks. He made a mis­take and he's trying to admit to it.

None of us can even begin to understand what Clinton (not to mention his wife and daughter) are going through and maybe he deserves it.

I am not letting him off the hook, but he is the President of the United States and I am on his side.

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Dear Students:

On September 11, 1963, the University community celebrated the 35th anniversary of its foundation. That same day, 1963 saw the first classes held with 173 students and nine faculty members. As we begin this new academic year, we expect to have close to 600 students enrolled in degree programs and 410 full- and part-time faculty members teaching.

Communities—academic, religious, and others—are maintained in no small part by their abilities to remember and to dream. What should our community remember and dream about at the beginning of this new academic year? What might I ask you to think about for a few minutes as you read this column?

By way of remembering and dreaming, I suggest the following thoughts.

When the first day of classes occurred here in 1963, something new was happening at this nascent university, but it was led by lay people, not by priests or nuns. The Catholic church was entering a new era in which it would involve members of its community in positions of leadership in ways that it had not done before. Sacred Heart was a pioneering institution that it had not done before. Sacred Heart graduates ought to be capable of thinking critically, analytically, carefully, evaluating with a sense of justice and proportion, and conveying convictions in an intelligible and articulate fashion.

They should, in addition, be knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, and able to respond to an ever-changing world.

I would ask you to consider four suggestions as you pursue your studies this year. First, one of your primary tasks as students is to think deeply, critically and constructively. A large part of what this enterprise called learning is about thinking. Your professors are here to assist you in learning, and that means thinking more and more. May I suggest that the kind of thinking that you are invited to undertake is that which is deeply contemplative? A contemplative thinker is one who sees deeply into things and discerns the outlines of the possibility of what is new in our midst. Theologically, the contemplative thinker is one who is able to see and discern the wonderful things that the Spirit of God is doing in our midst. Another task before you is that of learning what it is to understand. But let me carry this one step further. Try to understand what it is to understand. As Bernard Lonergan said, "Thoroughly understand what it is to understand, and not only will you understand the broad lines of all there is to be understood but also you will possess a fixed taste, an invariable tenet, opening upon all further developments of understanding."

Second, cherish one another. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. Each of us is infinitely loved by God and precious to God. This is the fundamental truth about our being. It is perhaps the forgotten truth of our time and therefore needs to be rediscovered.

Once you have discovered it, learn to live by it and learn to genuinely care about one another. You make your own happiness, and happiness will follow.

Third, each of us has a specific and unique contribution to make during our lifetime. Let me listen deeply to the quiet and gentle voice of God, who calls each one of us to do great things in the building of God's kingdom. Every work of love, mercy, compassion and justice will be gathered up one day into the bounteous harvest of God's reign.

Fourth, remember the lessons that choices have consequences. You make choices every day in the places you play and socialize. You choose about what to do or not to do. Weigh those choices carefully because every choice has a consequence. You make and build on yourself by the choices you make. My hope is that this academic year is one in which your learning will be greater than your expectations, and you will know yourself better because of the experience. God bless you.

Dr. Anthony J. Cerea
Sacred Heart President
FEATURES

SHU serves hearty bowl of ‘Chicken Soup’

By Earl Wright
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 21, Sacred Heart opened its doors to one of the most eloquent and motivated individuals, James Malinchak.

Malinchak is a renowned business man, lecturer and author. He grew up in a small steel mill town near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a business degree.

At the age of 28, he was a partner in his own Beverly Hills based firm and also a contributing author to the #1 New York Times Best Selling book series “Chicken Soup For The Soul.” Malinchak is also the author of five books, including “From College To The Real World.”

Until his appearance at SHU, many people may never have heard of James Malinchak or of his novels.

First impressions of Malinchak may be influenced by the statement “He’s the ‘Chicken Soup’ guy.” However, Malinchak may mistakenly think Malinchak is the author of a recipe book.

Nobody thinks of “Chicken Soup” as not a recipe book, but a motivational book filled with inspirational stories everyone can relate to. This young speaker left his audience inspired, and truly impressed Monday evening as he delivered a magnificent presentation.

The Malinchak presentation was in the Sacred Heart University Center for the Performing Arts. The theater was hot and the atmosphere was filled with unrest, as the crowd waited for Malinchak. He was formally introduced and the stage was set.

After a few jokes to break the ice, Malinchak began his presentation. He opened with a heart-warming story of a young boy who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The boy’s one wish was to be a fireman.

His mother spoke to the fire chief and explained the situation. The little boy was made an honorary fireman for a day. A few days later the chief’s generosity was again tested when asked to be by the young man’s side as he lay on his death bed. Without hesitation, the chief consented.

According to Marsha Whyte, first-year student from the Bronx, N.Y., James portrayed the theme “If you’re a completely different person from who you were yesterday is a part of your identity.”

Do participate.

Tip #1

Friendship is an important part of college life

Jocelyn Novella, personal counselor at Sacred Heart.

When looking for activities to become a part of, individuals usually seek out clubs and organizations which have mission statements and causes similar to their own values and interests.

Still many students, fearful of not being accepted, may be reluctant to participate, or for the same reason, may be eager to participate in everything.

Unfortunately some students may have changed their entire outlook, due to peer pressure. “If you’re a completely different person from who you were at home, you should look and decide which one is really you and why you’re changing,” observed Novella.

Whether looking to join a club, pledge a sorority or fraternity, or just looking for some new friends, here are some helpful tips.

Students need to maintain personal identity

By Keyshua Whitaker
Features Editor

Identity is very important. Who we are, and how we view ourselves and the world around us shapes every decision we have.

It is a necessary component of life to feel as though one belongs to something. Individuals may often be possessive of their personal space. This may stem from our innate animal nature, our natural territorial instincts.

For example, a student may feel threatened, when after sitting in the same seat for weeks, he comes to class and finds that seat occupied. Something as trivial as having a specific classroom seat is all part of identity.

For some students, especially of the first year, college may be quite an unerving time. It may be their first time away from home, and they are not sure what to expect. They may want to step forward and take part in activities, but aren’t sure whether they will be accepted by others.

“When students come to college they are in a new environment with new people, and sometimes they feel they have to change in order to fit in,” explained Jocelyn Novella, personal counselor at Sacred Heart.

Similiar remarks were made by other students like Anthony DeCarbo a first-year student from Long Island, N.Y. “I thought he was awesome,” he said. “It was the best talk I ever heard!”

Heart-warming, lively, and expressive are only a few words that may describe Malinchak’s presentation. His talk touched many “heart and soul” issues that affect our society, relationships and our individuality. Malinchak is very critical of the social and family well-being. “He gave a really heart-warming presentation.”

Wordly aspirations such as wealth, fame and stature, most times overshadow what’s important and positive in life. According to Malinchak, to rid ourselves of these burdens we need to review our perceptions; our perception of ourselves, and our perception of our lives and what we can achieve from it.

His passionate presentation complimented his emotional stories in such a manner that one could easily visualize and connect. If there was anyone who didn’t leave feeling a sense of motivation, they left thinking, not only with their minds, but with their hearts.

James Malinchak is very articulate, charming and interesting. He makes his audience feel comfortable.

“Weary any lasting impressions on anyone, I would want it to be to love your fellow man, because wouldn’t the world be a better place?” Malinchak interrogated rhetorically.

Malinchak served a hearty bowl of ‘Chicken Soup’.
Students are running to rush

By Colleen McDermott
Contributing Writer

It’s time for Greek Life at Sacred Heart University to open its doors to new students. Rush Week began on Sept. 21. Each fall and spring, Greek Life holds Rush Week, beginning with information sessions, about all the fraternities and sororities, and interviews. Students wishing to join a sorority or fraternity at Sacred Heart are welcome to be a part of Rush Week. A male student can choose to join one of the three fraternities, while women students have a choice of four sororities.

Usually students research the fraternity or sorority to decide which is right for them. Bidding occurs to allow the Greek organizations to actively recruit new members. Any student may be a candidate for open bidding, but the Greeks prefer to bid for freshmen.

“It seems like a fun thing to do, but I’m not sure which sorority I want to join yet”

“During bidding, we recruit people who want to join if less than ten people have pledged,” said Laura Christy, president of Beta Delta Phi. This sorority’s cause is breast cancer awareness and they have no limit to the amount of girls they will take.

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Usually students research the fraternity or sorority to decide which is right for them. Bidding occurs to allow the Greek organizations to actively recruit new members. Any student may be a candidate for open bidding, but the Greeks prefer to bid for freshmen.

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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Rush Party
Friday, Sept. 25, at 9 p.m. there will be a Rush party in the Dining Hall. The party is sponsored by Greek Life.

Trip to New York Yankees
Saturday, Sept. 26, SET will sponsor a trip to see the New York Yankees play. Tickets are on sale for $10 in the Student Activities office. Price includes transportation and ticket.

Mass of Healing and Hope
On Monday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a mass of healing and hope. The mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 429 Huntington Rd., Bpt, with Father Larry Carew.

Ethics and health care discussion
On Thursday, Oct. 1, 1998, there will be an evening of reflection and discussion on "Ethics and Health Care: A guide for the Catholic Practitioner." The discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge, with guest speaker Fr. Mike Hinkle, Director of Medical Ethics Education for the Diocese of Hartford.

Flea Market
On Sunday, Sept. 27, there will be a flea market sponsored by the class of 1999. The flea market will be held in the North Lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
**Scaggetti returns to SHU**

By Matt Flood

Contributing Writer

For all of you that were too busy studying hard (or hardly studying) last Wednesday night, you missed an incredible show down in the Outpost. Local ska-core favorites Sgt. Scaggetti and Massachusetts pop-ska darlings Big Lick played out for a crowd of 660 people. Scaggetti, sounding somewhat like what would happen if you mixed Mr. Bungle (Faith No More front man Mike Patton’s side project) with the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, debuted a few songs as well as their usual barrage of ditties about dysfunctional families, necrophilia, cannibalism, and of course, smoking crack. In their fourth trip to SHU, Scaggetti once again received a rousing chaotic response from the crowd as skanking, moshing, break dancing and general instantaneous insanity ensues (no toilet paper this time, d’oh!).

Big Lick (somewhere in the Reel Big Fish meets Blink 182 area of things) played a dozen or so originals then went on to cover just about everything they could remember the words to. Covers included Jimi Hendrix’s “Foxy Lady,” Van Halen’s “Animal,” The Specials’ “Can You Top This?” section of the ‘80s pop-ska enduring and enduring. “Enjoy the silence.”

Big Lick was also warmly received by the small crowd that not only stayed until the end but kept dancing until the music stopped. Many kids joined in on the impromptu “can you top this?” section of the show that included someone surfing on an A/V cart, the limbo, attempted break dancing and some stunning displays of air guitar.

Generally a good time was had by all. The S.E.T. band committee has lots more concerts this year, so take a chance and come out.

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**Concert Clue In**

**“Simon Birch” is potential Oscar bait**

By Dawn Ambrose

A&E Editor

The spellbinding story of an adolescent dwarf was recently depicted in Director/Screenwriter Mark Steven Johnson’s latest film “Simon Birch.”

“Birch” is based on John Irving’s novel, “A Prayer for Owen Meany.” Critics seem to agree that the film did not do complete justice to the book.

Fortunately, the movie has “story-telling flair” which carries the movie through a couple of awkward stretches. Stunning performances were turned in by Ian Michael Smith who plays the title role, Joseph Mazzello (“Jurassic Park”), stars as Simon’s best friend and Ashley Judd (“Kiss the Girls”) gives a piercing performance as Mazzello’s mother. A well picked supporting cast, starring Oliver Platt and David Statharin also helps make the film enjoyable.

The film is narrated by Jim Carrey (a grown up Mazzello) and he tells the touching tale. The plot has twists and turns, but for the most part Simon ponders the weighty issues of God, destiny and heroism. While Mazzello searches for his biological father.

The only debate is that the character is not as strong performance as Mazzello’s. The “Simon Birch” movie is a combination of splendid emotions felt in “Searching for Bobby Fisher” and the black humor contained in “Swimming with the Sharks.”

Overall the movie is definitely one that should not be missed it contains all the originality “The Truman Show” captured.

To say the least, the film will be a heavy contender in this year’s Oscars.

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Spin this... this is Godsmack

By Dawn Ambrose
A&E Editor

This is a weekly music review to help the average college student decipher between the one hit wonder bands (Vanilla Ice) and the destined to be a legend bands (Pink Floyd), without putting a dent in your wallet. Some interesting background information on the independent bands will also be coming your way.

This week's featured artist is "Godsmack," a new punk/metal band. The Boston based band, consisting of four members Sully Erna (vocals), Tony Rombolo (guitar), Robbie Merrill (bass), and Tomuny Stewart (drums), has been recording since 1995.

"Godsmack" first aired on a local radio station, WAAF, and their self-released album was retailed at local music chain, Newbury Comics. The band drew the attention of Paul Geary (drummer and manager of the group "Extreme") and signed with PDG. With consistent airplay and the disc selling in the #2 spot at Newbury Comics, the group was soon signed to a larger label, Republic Records in July of 1998.

The band sounds like "Soundgarden" or a not so hard core "Metallica." What does this mean? They swear and rock with a harsh tone, however, not only can you understand the lyrics, they also hold some meaning as well. The album is worth listening to if you are one of those people who likes to listen to aggressive music to help deal with their daily pressures. The band's most recently released single is called "Whatever." Other songs to listen to include: "Voodoo," "Timebomb," and "Immune."

Blockbuster Buzz

By Dawn Ambrose
A&E Editor

With releases in comedy, drama, action and suspense this week's new releases seem well rounded. None of the releases were number one in the box office, but might worth the three bucks to rent it at a local video store.

This week's must see movie is the suspense film "Nightwatch," starring trainspotter Ewan McGregor, Patricia Arquette, Josh Brolin, and Nick Nolte. McGregor is a full time college student and takes a part-time job working the night shift in the morgue. Little does McGregor know that he is taking more then just a well paying job, he also made himself the perfect piece to a serial killer's puzzle.

Other Sept. 22 releases include:
"My Giant"-Comedy (PG)
Billy Crystal, Kathleen Quinlan, Gheorghe Mureasan
"Campfire Tales"-Suspense (R)
Jay Ferguson, Christine Taylor
"Ride"-Comedy (R)
Malik Yoba, John Witherspoon
"The Player's Club"-Comedy (R)
Ice Cube, Jamie Foxx
from the producers of "Friday"

See all the terror in "Campfire Tales"
"Dangerous Beauty"-Drama (R)
Catherine McCormack, Rufus Sewell, Oliver Platt
"Black Thunder"-Action (R)
Michael Dudikoff, Richard Norton

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Runners are taking strides

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's cross country teams started slowly at their first meet, but rebounded for the second.

Last Saturday, at the Fordham University Invitational at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, their performance improved. The women placed second overall, and the men finished sixth.

"The women bounced back nicely from a poor overall team performance at Wagner last weekend," said Coach Christian Morrison. "Now that they've righted the ship, I'm sure they're going to have a great season."

Along with the women's success, Morrison is quite optimistic about the future of the men.

The top five men have already improved their total time by 3:47 since last year's Fordham Invite. "Our men's team is improved over last year from top to bottom, and Ciparelli is probably one of the better freshmen in New England," says Morrison. "Last year's top two, [Rick] Janocko and [Chris] Eaton, are struggling with injuries right now, but when they get healthy — look out!"

The top seven finishers for the Sacred Heart women on the 3.1-mile course were as follows: sophomore Heather Stockton (29''), junior Michelle Wesolowski (54''), sophomore Danielle Revell (12''), junior Jennifer McGovern (13''), freshman Sara Doyle (24''), and freshman Shandra Fraser (26'').

Finishing on top for the men were freshman Christopher Ciparelli (31''), junior Brian Williams (40''), sophomore Greg Kryptychenko (42''), sophomore Christopher Eaton (48''), freshman John Morash (57''), freshman Daniel Morrell (61''), and junior Richard Janocko (76'').

The men currently stand at 21-7, and women at 25-2, which points to an optimistic future for both teams once SHU fully becomes a Division I school next fall.

This Friday, both teams compete in the Connecticut Intercollegiate Cross Country meet at Quinnipiac College.

CROSS COUNTRY

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Sacred Heart athletes reach out to Fairfield youth

By Frances Moore
Contributing Writer

Throughout this school year, children from Holy Family Middle School in Fairfield have the opportunity to attend weekly athletic clinics at the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. This fall starts the first in a three-part series of athletic clinics for Sacred Heart. They organized the program together. Holy Family pays part of the fee, which includes the bus ride to the university, access to Pitt Center facilities, and instructional coaching.

The children each pay an additional $30. “I hope that it will provide the children with sports coaching for a minimal cost,” said Reho.

Adams faced a few obstacles along the way. Nothing like this had been done before at the school, and the principal was concerned that the children would lose class time.

“So far, time has not been a problem. It has worked out beautifully,” Adams said.

Women’s soccer coach Jen Fallon will be running the first 10-week session of soccer clinics. The clinics are held every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the sixth through eighth grades.

The second part of the program includes a 10-week basketball clinic run by SHU’s basketball coaches. Reho hopes to add a third session in the spring offering softball and tennis.

The purpose of the program is to “establish a relationship with the university and the community,” said Reho.

Approximately 45 children attend the weekly clinics. Student-athletes are asked to donate their time to help instruct the children. Amy Macauley, a member of the women’s soccer team and a volunteer for the program said, “As an education major, it’s a great opportunity to work with children.”

Adams thinks the experience should help the children develop mentally as well as athletically. “I have a daughter in middle school. This is the point in their lives where they need some extra opportunities, especially with all the negative influences out there,” she said.

SHU Scoreboard

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Tennis off to a tourney

By Christian Koskorelos
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart’s men’s tennis team will travel to Vassal College to play in the East Coast Athletic Conference tournament on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 with a new attitude and a new outlook.

The ECAC’s showcase the best teams in the east. Sacred Heart expects to face many new teams at the tournament due to the school’s transition to Division I.

The team looks forward to building on last year’s success. In May, the NCAA ranked the team 24th in the East, the first ranking the team has ever earned.

“It’s a good feeling that the team accomplished something last year and it’s a good building block for the season ahead,” senior captain Tony Cabana. “Hopefully we will come out of this tournament with a lot of positives.”

Cabana, who boasted a 9-2 record last year, feels they are ready and playing terrifically. “This team is real, and we feel confident this year turning to Division I,” he said. “It’s going to be a good event.”

The tournament is part of SHU’s preseason. The Pioneers hit the courts in the spring.

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Youngsters lead field hockey

By Christian Koskorelos
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart’s field hockey team is making a statement this year despite their loss of players from last season.

Only juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will take the field this year, no seniors.

Even though the team lost two-time All-American Deirdre Hynes to graduation, the players remain optimistic.

“Our goal is to possibly win the NEC that we are in,” goal-keeper Ginny Capicchioni said. This past week, SHU pulled out a 1-0 win over East Stroudsburg, but fell 2-0 to Assumption.

Capicchioni made ten saves and Lauren Wiggins fired in the lone goal of the contest off Chrissy Stevens’ assist.

“We worked as a unit,” Capicchioni said afterwards. “We were aggressive.”

“One thing that was brought up wasags of experience from the previous game,” junior Diane Leber added.

Last Saturday, the team traveled to Assumption college and suffered a tough 2-0 loss.

SHU managed 12 shots, but none of them found the net.

“Some didn’t have a good game overall,” said Capicchioni. “We fell to 2-4 with the loss.”

On Oct. 2, the Pioneers travel to New Jersey to face Monmouth, a Division I member of the Northeast Conference. The team looks forward to the challenge.

“Since they are a grass team, I think we will do well because we have been practicing on grass for the past two weeks,” Leber said.
Freshmen provide scoring power for Pioneers

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

The overcast sky loomed over Campus Field last Wednesday, threatening to rain upon the women's soccer team. But the ladies managed to end their scoring drought against Pace with the help of some first-year phenoms.

Second-year head coach Jen Fallon said, "We've had this season. We've had this excitement." Fallon said, "We're now starting four freshmen." Fallon was referring to the fresh legs of her eight new players.

Fallon says that Kristen Walker, a newcomer to SHU's soccer team, would give them the upper hand. Fallon said, "We're now starting four freshmen." Fallon was referring to the fresh legs of her eight new players.

Ten minutes later, Majeski fed Walker for the team's second goal. The Pioneers took that lead into halftime. Just ten minutes into the second half, Mercado intercepted the ball from a Pace defender and slammed the ball past replacement goalie Annie McGuire for her first collegiate score.

Wagner controlled the majority of the first half, moving the ball better than it defense and slamming the ball against Pace. The Loss drops SHU's record to 0-3 this season. The Pioneers have not scored a game since beating Assumption 27-0 on Sept. 27 of last year.

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Seahawks soar past Pioneers, Iona visits next

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

For about 15 minutes last Saturday, it looked as if Sacred Heart's football team wouldn't give Wagner an easy win as expected. SHU's special teams recovered a fumbled Wagner punt, the defense punted the Seahawks on their own goal line, and the offense moved the ball better than it ever had this season.

Unfortunately for the Pioneers, games last for 60 minutes. Wagner controlled the majority of that time and ran off with a 40-8 win in front of a Pioneer Weekend crowd of 1,483 at Campus Field. The loss drops SHU's second to 0-3 this season. The Pioneers have not scored a game since beating Assumption 27-0 on Sept. 27 of last year.

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