SHU kicks off Alcohol Awareness Week

By Julie Ann Nevero
Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart University's annual Alcohol Awareness week will begin next Monday in an attempt to make the university community aware of the affects of alcohol.

The event is sponsored by Student Activities, the Residential Hall Councils and other on-campus organizations, according to Amy Ham from Student Activities.

"It's purpose is not to get students to stop drinking but to make them more aware of the repercussions that come with drinking," said Ham.

Scheduled on-campus activities on Tuesday will include a candle light vigil on the patio for the "victims" of alcohol and the campus organizations, according to ~

Students propose Bill for SHU

By Brian Carusaunti
News Editor

Elections for the Class of 2002 wrap up this evening

By Amy Finkle
Staff Writer

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Old gym to become lounge area for students

Conversion part of larger renovation plans for Sacred Heart

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Plans are underway to convert the old gym into a lounge for students, many of whom lost lounges when they were changed into multi-purpose spaces. The job of deciding what to turn the old gym into is in the hands of a committee of school officials, who had their first meeting about the transformation last Tuesday. The University is looking at a two-phase plan for converting the abandoned basketball court into additional space for student activities.

"Phase one will begin in the next month," said Jim Barquinero, vice president for Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs. "We will begin by cleaning the gym up. It needs to be painted, the hardwood floor has to be redone, and we are taking the tankerball hoops and one side of bleachers out to make it into a multi-purpose space."
Health Care issues to be explored at SHU

By Kylie Lauder
Contributing Writer

A representative from the Archdiocese of Hartford will discuss "Ethics and Health Care: A Guide for the Catholic Practitioner," at Sacred Heart University on Oct. 1 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge.

The Rev. Mike Hinkle, director of medical ethics education for the archdiocese, will lead the evening of reflection and discussion for those interested in exploring the relationship between health care and the community.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Campus Ministry at extension 7840.

Senior Week committee looking for members

The Senior Week committee is looking for members to fill available positions.

Senior Week will be held the week before graduation, which is May 23. A chairperson, senior senator and senior retreat chairperson are currently being sought.

The chairperson is responsible for organizing activities and insuring that the events run smoothly.

The senior senator will act as a liaison between the Chair of 1999 and Student Government. One senator position is currently available.

The senior retreat chairperson will work with Campus Ministry to organize retreats.

"Senior Week is a time to get together with your friends and remember all the great times we've had at Sacred Heart," said Keri Skeen, a senior from Brockton, Mass.

Those interested in Senior Week should stop by the Student Government office.

Library integrates databases

By Pete Nuzzo
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The Ryan-Matura library plans to install a new integrated system into their facilities that could alleviate problems that have come up in the past.

The new system will bring all the systems that the library already has into a user-friendly windows format. Students will be able to access any database from any computer.

Concerns have arisen that the library does not have an adequate collection of periodicals.

"Books aren't the only things a library has and they are becoming less and less important," said Dorothy Kijanka, university librarian.

The databases contain Proquest with around 3,000 full text articles, Encyclopaedia Britannica online and First Search which has catalogs of 15,000 libraries around the world.

Currently these are accessible in the library but from different computers. The new integrated system will bring all of these together on one computer as well as the student laptops.

"This would fit in with the school's emphasis on computing systems," said Kijanka.

Phase one has been completed by installing Proquest Direct, EB Online and First Search. Phase two deals with reviewing the library catalogs and other resources for online accessibility.

"We refer to this as seamless education," said Dr. Philip Krebs, director of academic computing and instructional technology. The library hopes to get the program in time for the fall 1999 semester.

"The students and faculty are no longer confined to the four walls of the library," added Krebs.

A committee will be formed of faculty, staff and students to discuss the program. They will submit a request in January and go through a bid process.

The proposals will be read by Dr. Thomas Forger, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of Finance and Administration. Final approval will be given by Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart University.

"You can do more for people electronically than you can do any other way," said Kijanka.

According to Wielk, the patio next to the Mahogany Room will eventually be closed in and extended to the old gym. Phase Two plans to incorporate all of student activities' offices, the bookstore, the cafeteria, a new pub and the mailroom into one general location.

"We are looking to create a central student union," said Wielk.

"We want to have a better ambiance for a student center."

Although rumors of the old gym being turned into a gigantic pub have proven to be false, according to Dr. Anthony Cernera, president of Sacred Heart, "There will be a pub component in the new plans."

Although the transformation is under way this month, completion dates are not certain.

"I don't have a realistic timeline for the completion or know the exact price tag yet," stated Wielk.

Alcohol: SHU promotes awareness

By Kylie Lauder
Published October 1, 1998

"It has to be drilled home as much as it can to really make an impact," said Nick Dmytrow, a junior from Staten Island, N.Y.

"The University should make it required as part of Freshmen Seminar."

Other activities will take place in the Residence halls both on and off campus. Students should contact the Student Activities office for more details.
Hazing issues being discussed

By Tara S. Deenihan
Associate Editor

Hazing, once a hush-hush subject, is now a hot topic at colleges across the nation, including Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart has its own policy concerning commuter hazing, which was forced in addition to the Connecticut State law. According to this policy, activities that may be defined as hazing include physical molestation or abuse and psychological abuses such as humiliation or embarrassment.

"Generally the topic of hazing comes up between two areas each year," said Dean of students Larry Wiik. "One is athletics and the other, which is probably more known, is Greek Life.

Greek Life at SHU has its own policy on hazing, which is detailed in its annual Students Activities Manual and at a meeting held each rush season, which all members and associate members are required to attend.

Greek clubs are required to turn in activity agendas at Nuia Hall, which are then reviewed by Greek Life for approval. Any activity associate members are expected to participate in and, if requested, may be refused. An Suspicious activity may be reported for review by the Judicial Board.

Students who participate in Greek activities are required to attend a court if a judicial board is reviewing a case that concerns commuter issues.

"Kappa Phi doesn't do anything just for the fun of it," said president Katy Davis, "The goal is to gain some sort of social acceptance... the fact that the hazing on the sports teams is not recognized and that it is so recognized in Greek Life—that's a double standard." According to Don Cook, director of athletics, there is no written policy on hazing for SHU athletics, although an understanding exists between team coaches and the players as to what is acceptable and what is not.

"Hazing is generally unacceptable in athletics and I am responsible for it," said Cook.

Cook says that the Athletics Department hosts several seminars and workshops during the year concerning various health issues, and the Students Athletic Handbook contains guidelines for acceptable behavior.

"We don't have by definition what we would define as a hazing issue," said Cook, adding, "In all of the years I've been in athletics, I've never dealt with hazing." Both Wiik and Cook mentioned an issue concerning the football team during pre-season, in which a potential problem was prevented.

"I am not aware of any hazing issue that occurred," said Tom Radulski, football coach. He added that while freshman team members have some extra duties, this is only due to a lack of assistants.

Andy Erhartic, a sophomore in Massapequa, N.Y., said, "I feel that along with other freshman team members, I've never dealt with hazing." Coach Wiik said that after hearing from Cook and other freshmen, he recently approached the Kappa Phi sorority and the former member of the men's field hockey team said members of last year's field hockey team were asked to run laps around the track at the campus field. The coach at the time was supposed to video tape the races, but didn't show up.

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EDITORIALS

Alcohol Awareness week is a college necessity

During Alcohol Awareness week, students will have the opportunity to participate in activities relating to the abuse of alcohol on college campuses. Its purpose is not to tell students what they should and shouldn't do, it is a chance for students to see how alcohol affects us after the fact. Students will be made aware of the consequences they can suffer by drinking irresponsibly.

Studies show that drinking is down on college campuses, but those students who do drink are binge drinking (drinking to get drunk). All too often students use alcohol as a means of escape. Students think they can forget an argument with a friend or escape a bad day by drinking themselves into oblivion. But when they wake up the next morning, they will have realized that they haven't escaped anything.

We would encourage students to take advantage of at least some of the activities that will be offered next week.

Commuters are still an important part of SHU

Sacred Heart's population has increased dramatically over its 35 year history. We have gone from a small commuter school with 173 students to the third largest Catholic University in New England with around 5,600 enrolled students.

One of the major changes the school made several years ago was to build on-campus housing for full time students. Our residential population has now grown larger than the commuter population SHU started with. As of two years ago, residential students accounted for 60 percent of the student population, and it has increased.

Although the percentage of commuters attending SHU has decreased dramatically over the years, we cannot forget that commuter students are an important part of our University community. Even though they do not reside in SHU housing, commuter students are a vital part of the University and essential to its identity.

Remember to support the school’s Commuter Council, even if you are a residential student. They are working to make the commuters a larger part of the University’s community and need your help.

Correction: Two weeks ago, the Spectrum inaccurately reported some information about this year’s winter semi-formal. The event will be held at 8 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Stamford Westin and will be a sit-down dinner.

Three students propose a Bill of Rights for Sacred Heart

The students body has the right to safe and secure parking. The administration shall levy no tax or fee upon spaces located at off campus residents. (i.e. most colleges charge minimal fees to students to keep a motor vehicle on campus whereas we pay $100 and are still not guaranteed the space or safety of our vehicle).

The collective student body shall have the right to a well regulated militia (i.e. Public Safety) to preserve and protect the safety and well being of the students themselves as well as their property. (i.e. a recent break-in attempt at our apartment, and a car stolen from the JCC lot).

No student paying for classes at an accredited university shall be relegated to having to take classes in a nearby high school. The University’s public transportation does not stop at such a location and students not fortunate enough to have a car should not be expected to traverse the distance on foot.

The students are entitled to what they were promised at the onset of the mobile commuting computer program at SHU. This is to include having machines of the quality and nature paid for, as well as technical support. Techni cal support will not consist of re-formating the student’s hard drive unless completely necessary. A loaner computer with similar or greater capabilities will be provided to the student at no charge and with no questions asked while their machine is being repaired.

The students have the right to adequate areas of housing and study. This does not mean placing four students in a converted lounge or in substandard apartments. This also gives them the right to a place to study or converse with other students outside of their dorms (i.e. lounges). This also entails equal treatment to all students such as equal access to facilities, air conditioning and so forth. The University should not accept more students than housing is available to accommodate.

The University shall first cater to the needs of the current students, before beginning to furnish the needs of those not already enrolled. It should also place the opinions and needs of its current student body first and especially above all attempts to more highly accredit itself, as the needs of the student population far outweigh any prestige the aforementioned accreditation might bring.

A growing Catholic University should lay its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect the safety and happiness of the student body. The University has a new mission statement and an alma mater. Now let us see if they start caring about the students that have worked so hard to get SHU where it is today.
CAMPUS SAFETY IS STILL A CONCERN
Letter to the editor:

Overall, I would have to say Sacred Heart is a great place to start a new experience but one problem that concerns me a great deal at SHU is the issue of security involving the dorms. During the days of orientation and open house, representatives stated and reassured the fact that SHU is strong on security. After attending SHU for only a couple of weeks now, I find this statement to be false.

Although sometimes there are Public Safety situated amongst the dorms I feel that their job there is not adequate enough. Many times during the night students wander in and out of the halls without being questioned where they are going. I feel that security should be top priority at any university.

One night a couple of days ago, Public Safety had students who did not belong in the dorms sign in and out. As a young person amongst hundreds, this gave me a feeling of security and reassurance that I would be safe. Since that night, however, I have not seen anyone take any precautions to see who goes in and out of dorms at late hours. I feel that the system started out strong but now lacks the cooperation and patience to continue to carry out a safe security system. When the issue of security arises it is something that needs to be taken seriously and although SHU addresses the issue, I feel that they are not doing the best job that can be done.

Denise Fuzie
Student

STUDENT DRINKERS Beware
Letter to the editor:

Since arriving at Sacred Heart University, I have been very surprised by the amount of people who choose to drink alcohol on a regular basis. I find it amazing that some of the people who participate in this activity are those who have the earliest classes in the morning. I often wonder how they are going to manage to stay in school because they obviously aren’t taking the academic portion of the college experience that seriously. I sincerely wish that they would smarten up because I’d hate to see any of my classmates (supposedly the smartest this school has ever seen) be kicked out of school for something this avoidable.

Hilary Brousseau
Student

STILL OFF THE HOOK
Letter to the editor:

When I decided to attend Sacred Heart University, I did so under the impression that I was enrolling in a technologically advanced school. Was I wrong? Since moving into my dorm almost three weeks ago, not a day has gone by where I did not have problems with either my computer or my telephone. I called the SHU help desk so often that I put them on speed dial.

Yet even with all the phone calls, and all the e-mails sent to the school by my family on my behalf, things have yet to change. Two days ago, my data jack was fixed, but on that very same day, my phone service stopped working. I couldn’t even contact the SHU help line because it is an 800 number. What is the point in having a help line if it’s impossible to reach? As of today, I have not received an e-mail in four days and my family, friends and girlfriend have not received any of the e-mails I have sent.

Every student at this university has his/her own laptop, but what is the point? We cannot get them to work, and when we do, it’s only to discover that there is a problem with our network server. Is this a cruel joke? Where is all the money that the rest of my class and I are paying to go here? It does not appear to be in the technology, so I am left wondering where it went.

Ed Svendsen
Student

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Learning is nurtured by JLC

By Robert Fox
Contributing Writer

The Jandrivesvits Learning Center, located in the lower level of the Ryan Matura Library, is an integral part of university learning at Sacred Heart. Interacting with students and making students feel good are priorities for the director of the JLC, Jackie Rinaldi.

“More students are using the JLC. Students with good grades and students wanting to do better,” said Director of Special Services, Jill Angotta. “But I would be a lot happier if students utilized the Classroom Learning Assistants.”

“Jackie Rinaldi and Jill Angotta have really worked hard in understanding the difficulties students are having in the University,” said Jonathan Mate, professor of math.

“I’m excited working under the direction of Jackie Rinaldi and Jill Angotta who primary focus is to fulfill the need of each student.”

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More students are using the adaptive technology and I have personally seen more people utilizing the CLA’s said Rinaldi.

“Tutorial assistance is free and I need help to overcome some of my difficulties,” said Kristy Bognee, a first-year student from Clifton, N.J., emphasized that seeing students excitement after receiving a higher grade than they usually would be touching.

“Seeing students getting [higher grades] is the most satisfaction for me,” said Barra.

“Being effective in class is making good use of the resources which are available,” said Professor Matte. “Every period of the day someone is down here.”

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“True love is still ideal for all relationships”

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

As the summer days slip away, and fall enters full force, students have found themselves trying to adjust to a new year at school.

“I don’t think it is hard to adjust because you’re anxious to get to school and hang out with friends and meet new people,” said senior Bob Kipp, a finance and business major, from Verona, N.Y.

“Relationship may be harder for those who found themselves engulfed in a summer romance.”

All relationships are an important part of life, but perhaps the most noticeable relationships occur between two people who find themselves attracted toward each other.

“Summer is often thought of as a time to get away from a normal routine, to relax, and have fun. It’s arguable that some people may become more “summer flings” to this, it is not uncommon to see talk shows which may reverse individual or two individuals may be attracted to each other, but have no desire to make a serious commitment.

“Objecting to a summer relationship which lasts for the summer. The two individually may be attracted to each other, but have no desire to make a serious commitment.

The nature of this situation may raise the question if this is a healthy relationship.

“Short relationships can be healthy if there is a mutual agreement between the two people, who both know they will be going back to school in the fall,” added Kipp. Most relationships should develop over time. This allows both individuals to become acquainted beyond the initial attraction. This builds an attraction for the actual person, not the image he or she portrays.

“The best way to avoid hurt feelings in a relationship is to not become sexually involved so you can stay friends.”

Relationships which start fast, usually end fast. There may be a degree of distrust present because neither was ever time to become acquainted, and feel comfortable.

Communication in rushed relationships is difficult. Since neither person feels truly comfortable with the other, neither knows what should or shouldn’t be shared.

Lack of communication may be destined to end relationships. Each party begins to assume, most of the time wrongly, what the other feels.

Relationships should not be forced, or influenced by outside sources. Just because friends may all have significant others, someone should not feel they have to reduce their standards to two arms and two legs, just to keep up.

“Some students may feel that the summer would not be complete without having someone to spend time with. Desiring companionship is human nature, but having a relationship out of convenience may be unfair to both parties.

Even though it may just have been a summer romance, it is possible to part without any attachments.

Wanted: psych. majors for career workshops

By Tim Wheeler
Contributing Writer

Students who are unsure of what careers are open to them with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, are in for a special treat. On Wednesday, Oct. 7, the psychology and social work faculty departments will be hosting a career workshop. The workshop will be a panel discussion, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Pitt Center Board Room.

The psychology workshop will address graduate schools or careers that may be pursued with a bachelor’s in psychology.

Dr. Donald Brodeur, faculty chair of psychology, gave his outlook for the workshop.

“The turnouts are great,” said Brodeur.

“With the overwhelming growth in psychology majors, as well as the growth of the students attending Sacred Heart University, this year’s workshop should be no different.”

“Most psychology majors are asking themselves what can I do with this degree?” added Brodeur.

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The career workshops will host a panel of faculty members discussing their graduate experiences and giving detailed information about what current students need to do to get into graduate school, said Brodeur.

“You really need to go for a terminal (masters or doctoral) degree,” said Dr. Christina Taylor, associate professor.

Chantal Lambert, a senior psychology major has attended two prior workshops.

Lambert commented, “Questions raised by others were ones I hadn’t thought of yet, but probably should have run into down the line.”

All psychology majors are advised to bring their questions to the career workshops.
Ballroom Dancing

"Trots" to the lead

By Paula Jean Steiner
Contributing Writer

Ballroom dancing is gaining much popularity at Sacred Heart University.

Frank Regan, a world-renowned teacher, competition judge, and author of "Championship Ballroom Dancing," states in his book, "Ballroom dancing by definition is a man and a woman moving as one. Some of the requisite companions of the Dancesport are athleticism, agility and endurance."

Members of SHU's ballroom dance club, just want to have fun.

The ballroom dancing club has been in operation for three semesters. The club meets every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. in the Pitt Center Aerobics Room. Even though there are currently 74 people signed up for the club, they are still short on male partners.

The international standards of ballroom dancing include dances like the Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, and Swing. These dances and more will be taught by Jan Hajek.

Jan Hajek brings 15 years of experience to his practice as a dance instructor. He draws from his years of competitive experience in the Czech Republic, both as a competitor and an instructor.

Hajek has been teaching in the United States for the past four years. "He instructs both groups and individuals, as well as doing choreography for wedding couple's first dance," stated Kendal Hajek, Jan's wife.

The overwhelming response to the club has put the advisor, Frances Collazo in a difficult situation. "She may need to ask for funds from the participants to help with the cost of an additional room."

"With 74 people signed up there is not enough program money for additional time or space," Collazo stated.

The club is also planning a fund-raiser to help with the expenses incurred during the semester. Next week the club members will be taking flan orders with anticipated delivery by the end of October. Flan is a delicious Spanish custard.

According to Collazo, the Ballroom Dance Club will also try to bring the Yale Ballroom Dance Team to Sacred Heart.

Jose Beria, vice president of SHU's ballroom dance club, stated, "Dance has given me more confidence and has helped me broaden my social skills."

Terry McGee, a graduate student at SHU, wanted to surprise his wife, Courtney, by learning to dance.

McGee's wife said, "My husband has only danced three times with me, and one of those times was at our wedding. It is really nice of Terry to put forth such an effort."

All who decide to participate in the Ballroom Dancing Club are guaranteed to have a good time.
WHRT hits the airwaves for another year

By Mike Kuchar
Contributing Writer

WHRT, the student radio station, started its programming for the fall semester on Monday.

Greater student involvement in broadcasting and the increased size of the freshmen class are going to help WHRT (91.5 on the FM dial) achieve its goal of a more productive year, according to Lisa Pio, station manager.

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Theater opens new season

By Rayna Smith
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 13 and 14, and 20-22, the Center for the Performing Arts will be taken over by the students of Drama Workshop I as they put on "The Consequences of Truth."

The class, run by Rick McKinnon, is responsible for the program, publicity, sound, props, costumes, back stage and house managing, directing and acting.

Student directors D-Wayne Davis, Andrew Gentzow, Johane Metellus, Rayna Smith, and grad assistant Justin Venehch, held campus-wide auditions to casten short plays.

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X-Men rugby rebuilds with first-year players

By Jason Havelka
Staff Writer

After graduating the majority of last year's starting lineup, and dropping from Division I to Division II, the X-Men look to the upcoming fall season to regain championship form.

All of the players from the original rugby team which won back to back Division II championships have graduated leaving behind players who trained under them for the last two to three years.

"Since we have only returned 11 players from last year, and 15 are needed to play, the first year players are crucial to the success of the team," said X-Men President David Vitti from Newton, Mass.

"After this year we will graduate 11 players, so the recruiting and training will be crucial to the success of the club.

With a new coach and outlook on the team, the X-Men now use practice time to condition and train the rookie players. "Anyone who has ever showed any interest in the sport should come down to the quad between 4-6 p.m. and check it out," said vice president Brian Raudenbush, from Philadelphia, Penn. "We provide all the training and instruction necessary."

The team is basically built with athletes from other sports. Rugby combines many skills which are used in other sports adding a new sense of team play. "We've acquired athletes from just about every sport in this school, this is where we get the name X-Men," said Ron Favor from Orange, N.J. "Most of us came here to play another sport, but now we are all X-Men," added Favor.

Due to the lack of experience on this years team, the annual international trip will not be possible. Instead the team plans to travel to Providence College for a large Division II tournament at the end of the spring season.

"With the absence of the international trip this year, the players are much more focused on the weekly head to head matches," said the team's advisor, Denise Suthpin. "This focuses and hard work has the team playing well together.

"As long as we can stay healthy, this season looks very promising," said Vitti. "With the technical rules out of the way, the team's talent looks excellent."

The season has started out strong for the X-Men winning their first game against Hofstra University. Seniors Ryan Marrion and Rob Walters both scored in the 24-23 win.

The X-Men then traveled last Saturday to play Division II champion Vassar College.

Despite another strong showing by Walters, scoring his second goal of the season, Vassar prevailed 27-19.

The X-Men's next home game is Oct. 11 against Rutgers on the softball/soccer field next to the tennis courts.

Mike Doboz gets ready to pitch to Brian Bognanno during practice.

UMass edges Pioneers 3-2

By Christian Koskorelos
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart field hockey team lost another thrilling game 3-2 to UMass Lowell last Friday. The loss drops the team's record to 2-5 with eight games remaining.

Sophomore Andrea Hubbard says the offense is not SHU's problem. "We just had a rough time getting back on defense," she said. "We played a really good game, they just overplayed us."

"UMass has always been a tough opponent for us," said junior Sarah Morrill. "We started to break down in the last five minutes."

Hubbard scored one goal and junior Lauren Wiggins added a goal and an assist.

Despite the loss, SHU remains in good spirits. "We are doing really well," Hubbard said. The Pioneers have had tight games recently, either losing or winning by two goals or less. This Saturday's game against Monmouth should be a big test for SHU.

"They have been known to be physical," said Morrill.

In preparation for Monmouth, the team is working on a new formation and new strategy. "We need to communicate more," Hubbard said. "Our short passes should do it for us, but the key is communication."

After Monmouth, the Pioneers return home for a Sunday game against Rider at 4 p.m.

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Sports in Brief

Men's basketball announces 1998-99 schedule
Sacred Heart men's basketball released its schedule for the team's final year in Division II.

Coach Dave Bice's team will face nine Division I teams this season, including the Nov. 14 season opener at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

SHU plays away games at Monmouth, the University of Evansville, Wright State, Harvard, Cleveland State, George Mason, Maine-Orono, and Holy Cross.

The Pioneers will also play a full North East Collegiate Conference schedule for the final time.

Red and White Scrimmage to benefit sick child
The Pioneer men's ice hockey team holds its annual Red and White Scrimmage at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

All proceeds will help a five year-old Bridgeport resident suffering from neuro blastoma receive her wish of visiting Disney World.

Sports Schedule Oct. 1-7

THURSDAY
(W) Tennis vs. Merrimack, 3 p.m.
(M) Soccer @ Marist 1 p.m.

FRIDAY
(W) Volleyball @ Southern Connecticut St. Tournament.
(W) Soccer vs. Southern Connecticut St. Tournament.

SATURDAY
Football @ St. Francis (PA) 1 p.m.
(W) Tennis vs. Quinnipiac, 3 p.m.
(M) Soccer @ Marist 1 p.m.

TUESDAY
(W) Tennis vs. Quinnipiac, 3 p.m.
(W) Soccer @ Marist 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
(M) Soccer @ C.W Post, 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
(M) Soccer vs. Monmouth, 1 p.m.
(W) Tennis vs. Fairfield, 3 p.m.
(M) Soccer vs. C.W Post, 1 p.m.
Runners stomp opponents

By Emily Greenough  Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's men's and women's cross country teams enjoyed success at the Connecticut Intercollegiate Championships at Quinipiac College this past Friday.

The women's team defended their state title from last year, with a low score of 29, defeating six other teams, and the men improved their overall performance immensely by coming in third place with 68 points.

Both teams have improved significantly from last year, as teams and as individuals.

Head Coach Christian Morrison was especially pleased with performances by two freshmen women, Kim Almeida and Sara Doyle. "Kim has run great all season, and Sara's recent emergence has really helped to solidify our top seven," he said. "These two joined in to help the women run their way to victory."

CROSS COUNTRY

Morrison said there's no doubt that the women's team is the best in the state. "There wasn't a team in this race that could even touch our women," he said. "They put on an awesome performance, and completely demolished the competition."

Morrison was also pleased with the men's performance. "On paper the men were not expected to finish as well as they did," he says. "They really went after it, though, and just missed winning it all."

Quinnipiac tournament a success for Pioneers

By Jason Havelska  Staff Writer

The women's tennis team traveled to Quinipiac College this past weekend to compete in its most challenging tournament of the season.

Sacred Heart competed against eight other Division I opponents including first year Division I teams at Stony Brook and Quinipiac College.

"This is by far our most competitive tournament of the year," said Sarah Molloy of Avon. "It means a lot to the team that we held our own against Division I opponents."

Molloy and third doubles partner Meghan O'Connell from Guilford, Conn., made the finals of their flight before being defeated by Quinipiac's 8-1. Molloy also made the consolation finals in the "C" singles flight.

Junior Jennifer Galizia from Staten Island, N.Y., and sophomore Jessica Mazer of St. James, N.Y., lost a close match to UConn in the first round 9-7, but bounced back nicely with wins over Stony Brook and Iona College in winning the first doubles consolation flight.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

"I think we surprised a lot of teams this weekend who didn't expect Sacred Heart to be hanging around in the final day of the tournament," said Galizia.

"We proved to all the teams and more importantly ourselves that we can play at this level," Galizia added.

The Lady Pioneers have compiled a 4-2 record thus far this season with wins this past weekend over University of New Haven (9-0) and soon-to-be Division I conference foe Long Island University (6-3).

"This years success so far can be attributed to our outstanding doubles play, it has made huge improvements over the last year," said Coach Galizia.

The Pioneers have won over 60 percent of all doubles matches played this year, which gives them a huge advantage going into singles play.

The remaining dual matches for the Pioneers leading up to the conference championships are at home starting on Thursday as the Pioneers play Merrimack College at 3:30 followed by Quinipiac next Tuesday.

"If we can build momentum with are last remaining home matches and continue to play at a high level of tennis, the conference championships look very promising," said Galizia.

SHU Scoreboard

* Bold scores indicate victories

Football
SHU, 3  Iona, 24
(W) Soccer
SHU, 4  Albany, 0
(W) Volleyball
SHU, 3  Assumption, 1
SHU, 1  St. Francis (N.Y), 3
SHU, 0  F. Dickinson, 3
Field Hockey
SHU, 2  UMass Lowell, 3
(W) Tennis
SHU, 9  New Haven, 0
SHU, 6  LIU, 3

Spikers:
SHU wins its first match of the season

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her shoulder injury and we have started to click setter-hitter wise."

"We are 1-5," said Carter, "but the bottom line is that we are playing a 50% Division I schedule and the other teams we play are regionally ranked in Division II. Our schedule is by no means a padded one."

The women travel to Southern Connecticut State this Friday and Saturday for a two-day tournament.

SHU Records

Football  0-4
(W) Volleyball  1-5
(W) Soccer  3-3-1
(W) Tennis  4-2
(W) Field Hockey  2-5
(M) Soccer  0-8

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Freshman quarterback Rob Violante rushed for two second half touchdowns and Ralph Saldiveri rushed 29 times for 127 yards for Iona as the Gaels stormed past Sacred Heart 24-3 last Saturday at Campus Field.

The loss dropped SHU’s record to 0-4, 0-2 in the Northeast Conference. The Pioneers own a 12 game losing streak dating back to last September.

“We struggled moving the ball,” said quarterback Chris Pettiti. “We just didn’t come to play. I thought we had a great week of practice, but sometimes we don’t come out strong.”

Pettiti suffered a hip injury in the final minutes against Iona. His status is unclear for this Saturday’s game against St. Francis.

SHU spikes Assumption for first win; now 1-5

The women’s volleyball team beat Assumption on Wednesday 12-15, 15-5, 15-11 and 16-14 for their first win of the season. They followed that up by dropping two over the weekend. They were swept by Fairleigh Dickinson University and then lost 3-1 to St. Francis of New York.

“We are constantly working on our new strategies,” said Coach Scott Carter. “We are also constantly improving each week.”

“I am fairly happy with the team’s play,” Carter added. “We are getting more and more scoring opportunities every match.”

Excelling over the three games were junior hitter Tricia Moore, from Lindenhurst, N.Y. and Katie Sammon, a freshman setter from Bellmore, N.Y. Moore had 16 kills against Assumption and totaled 29 kills over the weekend.

“Things are starting to look good,” said Moore. “Everyone is starting to click, but we still have a long way to go. As soon as we start facing our Conference opponents, our winning streak will begin.”

Sammon had 36 assists in the team’s win and 45 in the two losses.

“On paper, we are not doing well,” said Sammon. “We have a lot of potential and we can see the progress we make in each game.”

Carter says the team is young and talented.

“We are starting three freshmen this season,” said Carter. “We have a new setter in Katie and we have returning hitters. Those players need to find that connection, as they started to this weekend.”

“Between the strategies and the amount I need to know as a setter,” said Sammon, “it’s a whole new ball game. I love playing with Tricia. She’s come back from See Spikers, page 11