Campus Underwater: Floods in Fairfield

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Phones buzzed with alerts mid-afternoon on Tuesday, Sept. 25, as people were made aware of flood warnings. Heavy and consistent rainfall contributed to flooding throughout Fairfield County.

At 2:24 p.m., the City of Bridgeport, Bridgeport Police, and Bridgeport Fire Department said, "There are many flooded streets and flash flooding. Do NOT attempt to drive down flooded roads. If you can, stay-safe & off the roads. #floods #safety."

By 7:44 p.m., students at Sacred Heart University were made aware of the floods by an emergency announcement from the Department of Public Safety. They said the torrential downpours affected the main campus and the surrounding areas.

"At this time, Campus Operations is extracting water from several affected areas, which are now closed," said the notice from Public Safety.

"According to the city's Emergency Operations Center, rain was falling at a rate of about 2 to 3 inches per hour between around 3:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.," said the CT Post.

The first floor of Thomas Aquinas Hall in Scholars Commons is one of the areas that experienced flooding. "The suite on the first floor of building two [Thomas Aquinas Hall] had to be evacuated for the night," said sophomore Michael Zawadzki, Residential Success Assistant at Scholars Commons.

Residents whose suites were affected opted to stay with friends on campus.

The flood waters affected the basement under the main academic building with the office of student accounts being affected by the flood.

Red’s Pub closed Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. and remained closed until Monday, Oct. 1.

The Schine Auditorium had to reschedule the TEDx talks which were planned for the following day, with the Schine’s front stage being blocked by flood waters. Classes normally held in the Schine were also relocated.

Campus Quad resembled more of a pond installation than the grassy field.

Off-campus students and faculty were affected as well.

"I was at work in Stamford and I looked out the window at the employee parking lot and the water was up to my headlight," said senior Jacob Mosco. "My car was flooded and is now totaled, sitting in a junkyard."

In the last two weeks of September different areas in Fairfield and Bridgeport have experienced a burst of home burglaries and car thefts affecting off-campus Sacred Heart University students.

The Fairfield Patch reported that two cars were stolen in Fairfield earlier this week. According to the Connecticut Post, on Sept. 16 a 2008 Mercedes Benz was stolen from the resident’s driveway on Halley Avenue in Fairfield. Also, a $750 pair of designer sunglasses along with a cellphone charger were stolen the next day from a car left unlocked on High Street in Fairfield.

Both thefts occurred approximately five to six miles from the university’s campus.

"I think the area my car is parked is safe, but I’ve heard of kids in the area trying to go through cars all the time," said junior RJ Trimble-Edwards.

"Yes, vehicle break-ins have been an issue throughout the state of CT, but not an issue on our main campus sites," said Fernandez.

"In regard to thefts from motor vehicles, items that were taken were money, and wallets," said Fernandez.

Fairfield Patch reported areas in Fairfield affected by burglaries, or suspicious activities, included Middlebrook Drive, Pansy Road, Valley View Road, Wagon Hill Road, Short Hill Lane, Woodland Road and Tahmore Court.

According to Fernandez, the university’s main campus sites rarely experience vehicle or home break-ins.

"Yes, vehicle break-ins have been an issue through the state of CT, but not an issue on our main campus sites," said Fernandez. It was reported by the Connecticut Post that in the early morning of Sept. 19 a resident reported a suspicious individual in the area of Church Hill Road in Fairfield. A $600 laptop, a tablet, and a pair of Bose headphones were stolen from unlocked cars on Short Hill Lane, Harvester Road, Woodland Road, and Tahmore Court in Fairfield.

According to U.S. News, 48 percent of the university’s students live in off campus housing, which has a higher risk of experiencing home burglaries and car thefts. Since the beginning of 2018, the Fairfield Police Department has recorded 58 burglaries, 222 larcenies, 37 stolen vehicles, 550 suspicious activities, and 161 thefts from motor vehicles, according to the Fairfield Police Commission Monthly Report.

"I had left my windows cracked and I believe that the individual reached in and unlocked my front door because I always lock my car at night. And my interior light was still on," said Trimble-Edwards.

Public Safety addressed the precautions that students should take to avoid vehicle thefts in their neighborhood.

"Do not leave valuable items in plain sight. Do not leave cash in plain sight. If your vehicle does not have an alarm system, have one installed," said Fernandez.

He advised that any students living off campus must have a home alarm system or an inexpensive audible alarm that will alert the student of a break-in and so help to prevent a burglary.

"Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day," said Fernandez.

According to Fernandez, if an off-campus student comes home and finds broken windows or their door opened, they must not enter and must call the police from a safe distance.

"This is the first time this has ever happened to me, and I hope it’s the last time," said Trimble-Edwards.
Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami

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A MOTORBIKE PASSES THE WRECKAGE OF A CAR FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKES AND A TSUNAMI IN PALU, CENTRAL SULAWESI, INDONESIA, SUNDAY, SEPT. 30, 2018. A TSUNAMI SWEPT AWAY BUILDINGS AND KILLED LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE INDOONESIAN ISLAND OF SULAWESI.

Rescuers struggled Sunday to reach victims in several large coastal towns in Indonesia that were hit by an earthquake and tsunami, and authorities feared that the toll of more than 800 confirmed dead would rise.

With the area largely cut off by damaged roads and downed communications lines, military and commercial aircraft were delivering some aid and supplies to the hard-hit city of Palu on the island of Sulawesi, and others in the region.

But there was a desperate need for heavy equipment to reach possible survivors buried in collapsed buildings, including an eight-story hotel in Palu where voices were heard in the rubble. A 25-year-old woman was found alive during the evening in the ruins of the Roa-Roa Hotel, according to the National Search and Rescue Agency, which released photos of the her lying on a stretcher covered in a blanket.

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Syaugi, head of the national search and rescue team. “Heavy equipment is on the way.”

Metro TV showed about a dozen rescuers in orange jumpsuits climbing over debris with a stretcher carrying the body of a victim from the modest business hotel.

Other rescuers worked to free a 15-year-old girl trapped under concrete in her house in Palu after it collapsed on her family during the magnitude 7.5 earthquake that spawned a tsunami.

Unable to move her legs under the rubble, Nurul Istikharah was trapped beside her dead mother and niece. Rescuers also tried to control water from a leaking pipe, fearing she would drown.

Istikharah was unconscious during part of the effort to free her, but rescuers kept talking to her to try to keep her awake. Others offered her food and water.

Indonesian President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo toured Palu on Sunday and said rescuers were having difficulty reaching victims because of a shortage of heavy equipment.

“There are many challenges,” Jokowi said. “We have to do many things soon, but conditions do not allow us to do so.”

He said authorities were deploying more heavy machinery so emergency workers can help recover more victims Monday.

The stricken areas also needed medical supplies, fuel, fresh water and experts.

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As of press time, at least 832 people were confirmed killed by the quake and tsunami that struck Friday evening, Indonesia’s disaster agency said, with nearly all of those from Palu. The regencies of Donggala, Sigi and Parigi Moutong — with a combined population of 1.2 million — had yet to be fully assessed.

It was the latest natural disaster to hit Indonesia, which is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the “Ring of Fire,” an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. In December 2004, a massive magnitude 9.1 earthquake off Sumatra island in western Indonesia triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries. More recently, a powerful quake on the island of Lombok killed 505 people in August.

In Donggala, the site closest to the epicenter of Friday’s earthquake, aerial footage on Metro TV showed the sugary blond sands of beaches swept out to sea, along with some buildings. Some buildings in the town were severely damaged, with plywood walls shredded and chunks of concrete scattered on the pavement. Much of the damage, however, appeared limited to the waterfront.

Palu, which has more than 380,000 people, was strewn with debris from the earthquake and tsunami. A heavily damaged mosque was half submerged and a shopping mall was reduced to a crumpled hulk. A large bridge with yellow arches had collapsed.

The city is built around a narrow bay that apparently magnified the force of the tsunami as the waves raced into the tight inlet. Nugroho, the disaster agency spokesman, said waves were reported as high as 6 meters (20 feet) in some places.

Looters hit a badly damaged shopping mall, apparently unconcerned for their safety amid ongoing aftershocks and the structure’s questionable stability.

In one devastated area in Palu, residents said dozens of people could still be buried in their homes.

“The ground rose up like a spine and suddenly fell. Many people were trapped and buried under collapsed houses. I could do nothing to help,” resident Nur Indah said, crying. “In the evening, some of them turned on their cellphones just to give a sign that they were there. But the lights were off later and the next day.”

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Nugroho said 61 foreigners were in Palu at the time of the disaster. Most were accounted for, but one South Korean was believed to be trapped in the Roa-Roa Hotel, while three others from France and one from Malaysia were missing. The survivors were to be evacuated to the Sulawesi city of Makassar in the island’s far south.

Communications with the area were difficult because power and telecommunications were cut, hampering rescue efforts. Most people have slept outdoors, fearing strong aftershocks.

Midterms Are Approaching in More Ways than One

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As a known advocate for the temporary abolishment of straws in Outtakes, I am also a big fan of the new Linda's containers. Not only are they better for the environment, but they represent an entire new mindset here on campus. Why do I like these containers better? It's simple. Because they are made of biodegradable cardboard as opposed to the plastic ones we've had in previous years.

Part of the reason why I approved of getting rid of straws at Outtakes is that I believe we should be helping the environment in whatever ways we can – even if they are tiny changes to our lifestyle. Swapping the containers in Linda's is without a doubt a tiny change as well, and if it's going to make a difference then that's wonderful. We have to at least try, in my opinion.

I don't think anyone at Sacred Heart is complaining about the fact that we're pushing to be eco-friendly; not many students here would go out of their way to protest the fact that Chartwells is trying to help the environment.

What students will protest (and are protesting), however, is the fact that Chartwells is making changes to the way they've normally operated. These changes have produced to life on campus. Specifically, one of the major complaints I've been hearing about the new containers, is that they don't hold as much food as the others did. While I agree that yes, the new ones are smaller, I don't believe that the size change has made a difference in how much food we get. Back when we had the plastic containers, they were rarely ever filled to the brim with French fries or salad or Mexican rice bowls – it was usually just a handful and they left it at that.

Now, the same handful has the capacity to fill the entire new container. And that's quite alright with me. Another one of the main complaints I've been hearing is that even though these containers are better for the environment, we don't recycle them anyway. And I'd like to take the time here to say: I agree completely with this one. I am very glad that these new containers are biodegradable (and I fully believe that it will make a difference). But the recycling problem here on campus has to be fixed. We have recycling bins. But if all the rumors I've heard are correct, the contents of these recycling bins are thrown in the trash and not actually recycled. I hope with all my heart that this isn't true, but I have a bad feeling that it is. Because if we could recycle these new paper containers rather than throwing them out, that would be even better.

Without a doubt, there are pros and cons to the changes at Linda's. And without a doubt, there is still much work that needs to be done here on the road to sustainability. But at the end of the debate about these changes, I am proud of Chartwells and Sacred Heart's recent initiatives. I believe that the eco-friendly mindset on campus can only get better from here, and I believe that the change in containers is a step in the right direction.

I personally am not a fan of the new containers at Linda's. When I first saw them, I got mildly excited because they looked recyclable, and indeed they are. However, I have not yet come across one recycling bin in which I can recycle these food containers. They are biodegradable, but realistic truth. Straws are one thing to be recycled, but not many more than beforehand is the sad reality. Plus, this company has a large number of service at Linda's, and it is not like the dorms have recycling bins.

Recycling aside, the containers are just terribly inconvenient. As bad as the see-through, plastic containers were for the environment, their functionality was about 100 times better. For example, it was nice to have the attached lid of the container, because it could be used as an extra space to spread out food at times and sometimes you just need the extra room.

On top of that, it was easy to open and close. When I am at Linda's in a rush and am carrying a bunch of things, I do not have the available time or hands that I need to open my container if I go from one station to another. With Linda's old containers, I could just pop open the top and seal it again with one hand.

Another aspect to the old Linda's containers that had made them better than the new ones is that they were see-through. Nobody needed to fumble around and try to open the containers so that they could show an employee what was inside, which holds up the already extremely slow, long lines at the one (occasionally two) registers. Not to mention that it is nearly impossible to get the new containers closed again, and it is not a small task when you are trying to seal your container back up in two seconds so that the next person in line can pay for their food.

These new containers are sealed by folding over the flaps and flipping one end through a slit in another end, which is all fun and games until you try to eat out of the container and the flaps get in the way.

This is particularly frustrating when eating something that requires a fork, such as a salad, and the flaps keep blocking your wrist from getting inside. It also causes a person to have to pick up anything that is inside of the container in a strange, convoluted way, and therefore having to put his or her hand directly down straight into the container from the top, and hoping that he or she can grab it because it is impossible to see the food that is inside of the container.

I was excited when I came back to Sacred Heart and found that Linda's had introduced new, recyclable containers to their facility. However, it took almost no time at all to realize that these containers are more of a hassle than anything else, and to be honest, how many of these containers are really getting recycled anyway? Probably not more than beforehand is the sad reality. Plus, this company has a large number of service at Linda's, and it is not like the dorms have recycling bins.
TV Networks Stop Televising the National Anthem

BY MATTHEW WIELK
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Columbus Day weekend at Sacred Heart University is the first extended weekend for students to go home. This year the homecoming football game is scheduled during that weekend, which asks the question: How do students feel? Will students be going home, or staying for the game? "I am going home because it's our first break," said junior Natalie Pironi. "Even if I decide to stay, it won't end up being the same experience; most people are going home." Sophomore Danielle Fischbein said, "As much as I would love to stay for the game to support our football team, I would rather go home and be with my family." However, senior Ella Dybas said that she will be staying for the game.

"This is the first weekend that students plan to go home, so I understand why students are," said Dybas. "I wondered why Sacred Heart would put one of the college's big events on one of the weekends where most students go home for the long weekend." Most students have the option to go home, but some don't have a choice. Members of the Sacred Heart football team, dance team, band, color guard, and cheerleading are required to stay. Senior Jamie Parkan has been on the D1 Cheerleading team since her freshman year.

"I would have preferred that the homecoming game was not on Columbus Day weekend since that is the only weekend we get off from cheer and are able to go home," said Parkan. "We even spend Winter break here preparing for Nationals so our time to go home is very limited." Parkan said that she is used to having a busy schedule and having to be at games when they are scheduled.

In addition, Jackie Balacki, a junior on Sacred Heart's Dance Team, also is required to stay for the game.

"My team is very upset. A bunch of us made plans to go home," said Balacki. "It's great to be here with my team, but it just won't be the same. Our heads won't really be in the game because we are focused on going home." Dybas, Parkan, and Balacki all feel that Sacred Heart has lacked in school spirit in past years. However, they believe that it is now improving.

"Overall, we have a much larger turnout to games that has made the game day experience much better," said Parkan. "Freshman Cameron Ward, said he looking forward to his first game. "I was looking forward to the entire weekend and I feel like it would be better if more people were here for the whole weekend," said Ward. "Ward will be staying for the game in hopes that the team will remain undefeated. He also said that he has been friends in band and color guard that he is staying to support.

Anthony Matarriello is a Sacred Heart Alumnus. He will be attending the game. "Personally I think homecoming being on Columbus Day weekend is a great idea," said Matarriello. "Since it's a big alumni attraction having that Monday off is a great way to get more people to game which makes it more fun for everyone." Matarriello said that his favorite part of Homecoming is the food trucks and the lawns games. Moreover, Dybas said that her favorite part of the game is reconnecting with alumni. Balacki said that her favorite part of the game is being with her team and showing off all their hard work.

The game will take place on Saturday Oct 6 at the William H Pitt Fitness Center Football Field. "Missing homecoming would be very big mistake for any student," said Matarriello. "Big events like this bring the whole school together. It's a great way to meet new people, form strong friendships, cheer on our football team and just have a great time."
I had to pursue a career in journalism. As I mentioned before, most of my hobbies have always been an outlet in which I seek peace and serenity. To think that corruption led to countless Catholic children being tortured at the hands of church officials whom they were told to trust made me sick to my stomach. I could not imagine the pain these individuals went through mentally and physically. The situation infuriated me. After I conducted my own research, I began to question my own faith. Was my outlet and path to peace one filled with lies and evil? I concluded that the answer to that question was no. I still have faith, but my faith in mankind took a serious hit. That was until I realized who the Boston journalists were. The Spotlight team were the ones who listened to the victims describe their encounters with abusive clergy members. They were the ones that conducted hours upon hours of thorough research. They were the ones that exposed corruption in the end. They didn’t stop the abuse from happening, but they made the entire country, and soon the entire world, aware of this horrifying situation.

This issue has not been resolved by any means. In August, a grand jury report out of Pennsylvania confirmed the sexual abuse of over 1,000 children by over 300 Catholic priests over the course of seven decades. When I saw the news, I knew it was my turn to take action. I am currently writing multiple pieces on this very issue for the Spectrum. I hope they will have for this country is simple enough if you only get yourself exposed to it.

I love to learn, but learning alone isn’t my dream. My dream is to help others by applying the skills, lessons, and knowledge that I have been fortunate enough to learn myself. I had the opportunity to introduce myself. I believe journalism provides me with unlimited mobility and the national ethos of the country. When I grow up, I want to be an investigative journalist. I’ve always felt that a life filled with learning experiences is truly the only life worth living. I hold the position of assistant news editor. Although I have written, conducted hours upon hours of thorough research. They were the ones that gave you the best trip of your life. To finish off, I invite anyone who comes to visit the nation to keep in mind this travel slogan: “You have to feel it!”
The small group of four expanded over time. This past year when the group did their collecting for the lottery it was much more organized than $2 a ticket.

"The past year I had everyone pay for a full year and then it was closed because it was a pain to collect money from everyone every month," said Cross.

In the beginning of the day, before Cross had realized she was walking around with $2 million, she had just got into the office like any other day.

Cross said, "The receptionist had told me that the winning ticket was bought at Wheels Convenience Store and that’s when we got excited. When I checked the numbers we saw all five numbers but we were still missing that one number, the Powerball”.

The tickets were pulled on August 24 with the winning numbers being 1 6 13 18 49 and Megaball 8. Though the initial excitement had faded due to the missing Powerball number, it was quickly restored when Cross and another co-worker went to Wheels to go check it out.

"People were in shock and relieved because this new money took a lot of pressure off any money problems they were having at the time," said Cross.

According to lottoland.ie, the odds of winning the lottery for Mega Millions is 1 in 302,575,355.

"The odds of winning the top prize in a major lottery is several million to one. Your chances of being struck by lightning are higher! Nevertheless, lucky people do win top prizes at various lotteries every week,” said Professor Lim of Sacred Heart’s Finance Department. "Top prize winners of multi-million dollar jackpots typically have two choices: Accept a lump sum of immediate payment or accept equal annual payments spread out over many years, depending on the lottery.

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Falling for SET

BY GABRIELLA RUVO
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At this point in the year, the weather is changing, daylight gets shorter, and leaves are changing color. What does that mean? Fall is around the corner!

The Student Events Team (SET) is preparing for seasonal events and was recently looking to fill a position on their executive board, providing students with a way to get involved on campus.

SET hosted their annual Fall Fest event on Sept. 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on 63’s Patio.

"This year during Fall Fest, there will be games, activities, food trucks, and giveaways. It is a fun time for students to celebrate the kick-off of the Fall season and have fun with their friends on campus,“ said junior Andrea Matyszewski, SET’s Special Events Chair.

At the event, there were four food trucks: Whey Grilled Cheese, Donut Crazy, Chartwells, and a meatball truck. As far as activities go, there were wire sculptures, state plates, and a photo booth. There were also various giveaways.

"I thought it was a great way to make students interact with each other and free food is always the best food,” said freshman Juliana Rossi.

For senior Daniela Mascia, SET is an organization she enjoys and supports overall.

"SET was always something I wanted to get involved in, but they do an awesome job of providing events for students on campus literally almost every day," said Mascia. "Fall Fest was fun! Best part was definitely the food trucks.”

Along with Mascia, sophomore Fabiana Gagliardo really enjoyed the food options and activities SET provided during the event.

"The food was amazing and they had many different options," said Gagliardo. "There were multiple activities and cute things being made. It was nice for all the students to meet new people, hangout, and make new friends.”

As far as marketing for the event, SET has two Marketing Chairs that helped with getting the word out about Fall Fest.

"Taylor Zeller and I are co-advertising chairs so we both created ads to get around campus," said junior Chris Sammon, one of SET’s Co-Marketing Chairs. "Our Public Relations Chair Brianna did a great job of getting everything out on social media for everyone to see.”

Ensuring that everything was in place prior to the event allowed SET and their executive board to focus on specific things during the event itself.

"Pre-Fall Fest was all about making sure everything was in place, that all the companies were contracted, and advertising was in full swing for the huge event,” said junior Taylor Zeller, one of SET’s Co-Marketing Chairs.

Fall Fest is one only one of the many events SET puts on throughout the year. SET recently filled a position on their executive board, providing students with a way to get involved on campus and a way to meet new people, hangout, and make new friends.”

"You would contact our retention chair Dana Sabatino or anyone on the board. Our emails can be found on the Sacred Heart University website. As a general member, there are no specific academic requirements," said Petrozzi.

"Any full time undergraduate student can be a general member of SET. Meetings are bi-weekly on Mondays at 10:10 p.m.,” said Helfrich.

Along with becoming a general member, you can also apply to be on the Executive Board. The only difference is the application process.

"To be on the board, a minimum GPA of 2.3 is needed, there’s an application then an interview. We interview for board positions at the end of every year," said Petrozzi.

SET is an alcohol free alternative group providing activities and programs for students on campus.

A SACRED HEART ALUMNA FOUNDED THE LOTTERY CLUB 6 YEARS AGO AND THEY RECENTLY WON $2 MILLION TO SPLIT BETWEEN CLUB MEMBERS.

How would you react if you woke up and won the lottery? On Thursday, Sept. 6, the Fairfield Lottery Club, made up of employees from A1 Filippone Associates of the William Reavis Real Estate Agency, awoke to a winning lottery number worth $2 million.

Karen Cross, a sales associate and Sacred Heart University alumna, founded the Lottery Club at the agency six years ago. The club first began with three employees. Cross collected $2 from each of the other employees and they bought three tickets and agreed to divide everything equally.

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"Be More Chill" To Hit the Broadway Stage

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"Be More Chill" shows how social media works on Broadway," said Director of Performing Arts, Jerry Goehring. "And to think, it all started right down the hall from here." Goehring runs the theater program, the theater academic major and minor, the choir, band, and dance programs at Sacred Heart. In addition to that, it was announced that "Be More Chill," a play that Sacred Heart performed back in Feb. of this year, is heading to the Broadway stage at the Lyceum Theatre on Feb. 13, 2019, according to Playbill. Goehring will be the lead producer of the Broadway show.

"Ulta is definitely more affordable because they sell drugstore products, also you can get hair products there which is really helpful as well. It’s like a one stop shop," said senior Ariana Colasuonno.

"I have, I love Ulta! I love Ulta so much. It is quick and cheap instead of going to Sephora. I love Ulta and I don’t buy my makeup anywhere else," said Bivona.

The cheapest foundation that Ulta has on their website is listed at $5.99. Sephora’s cheapest foundation comes in at $18. For most expensive, Sephora’s most expensive foundation is $120 and Ulta’s is $60.

"Ulta is one of my favorite makeup stores because it is so affordable! It provides the best products and I am beyond excited that it opened up so close to school," said junior Rachel Outenre.

Ulta Beauty is open daily — Monday through Saturday - their hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Sundays Ulta is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sacred Heart students are also excited that Ulta offers not only makeup and beauty products, but also beauty services. The Westfield-Trumbull Mall includes a hair salon, facials and skin treatments, and a brow bar.

"I love the new Ulta at the mall! They have so many beauty products that can suit anyone who visits the store. I would definitely recommend Ulta to anyone who is looking for some new makeup and/or beauty products," said senior Ella Dybas.

New Ulta Opens in Westfield-Trumbull Mall

BY BRIANNA MILANO Staff Writer

Tired of spending hundreds of dollars on basic makeup products at Sephora? There is a new option at Westfield Trumbull where a new Ulta Beauty store opened on September 7.

Ulta is known for having a range of prices from drug store brand products to more higher-end products.

Not only do they sell makeup, but they house anything from hair products, perfumes, skin care products, and hair styling tools.

"Ulta is just so affordable because they sell drug store products, also you can get hair products there which is really helpful as well. It’s like a one stop shop," said senior Ariana Colasuonno.

The store has bright lighting and many stands which are separated by different beauty products and tools.

With Ulta opening, there has been some disappointment among the loyal Sephora shoppers.

"I would rather them have opened a new restaurant since there is already a Sephora in the mall and that is where I will stay to shop. You can always order stuff online if you felt the need," said sophomore Sarah Todesco.

Those who have been awaiting for Ulta to open are excited and are planning to shop there instead of Sephora.

Sophomore Morgan Vannotta said, "I love Ulta so much. It is quick and cheap instead of going to Sephora and spending a fortune on name brand stuff!"

Before Ulta opened, Sephora was the only makeup store in the Westfield mall. Many students at Sacred Heart University did not choose to shop at Sephora, but instead traveled to the nearest Ulta, which is in Milford.

"I think Ulta is going to improve the beauty community here at SHU. From having drug store products, to more high end, I think it’s a perfect medium between Sephora and CVS," said senior Liz Bivona.

Ulta also typically has a $3.50 off $15 coupon out for their customers. In addition, Ulta also a section on their website which shows you the current promotions they are running online and in store.

"I was driving to Milford to go to Ulta because it was the closest. They also offer a point system which results in money off, not just tiny travel products like Sephora. I love Ulta and I do not buy my makeup anywhere else," said Bivona.

The cheapest foundation that Ulta has on their website is listed at $5.99. Sephora’s cheapest foundation comes in at $18. For most expensive, Sephora’s most expensive
The School of Communication and Media Arts has announced the annual Student Photography Exhibition, featuring junior Erica Condon and senior Erica Torrens, to take place on Thursday, Oct. 4.

The exhibit is presented by Professor Richard Falco, who has taught at Sacred Heart for seven years. He teaches both Digital Photography and Photo Journalism at the School of Communications and Media Arts.

This upcoming exhibition will be the first of the school year for Falco's undergraduate students, with the second taking place in the spring semester, and the third taking place over the summer, featuring graduate students.

Every year he chooses one student from each class to showcase their work to friends, family, faculty, and the student body. He encourages and advises each of them to do the best they can in hopes of having the opportunity to have their work showcased at the exhibit.

The photography course that Falco teaches does not depend on how much experience a student has; rather, the information and knowledge gained in the class will help any student progress in their photography skills from beginning to end.

"My goal, and it's very important that its understood, is that I am trying to make sure that our students, who are creating what I think is quality work, have a place in which they can showcase their work and also share it with the student body and the rest of the university," said Falco.

"I proudly accepted Professor Falco's offer and thought about what I should submit that best represents me as a photographer," said Torrens. "I decided to showcase my portrait photography because I have always been drawn to people and their stories."

"All photographs as well. "I was blown away by her photographs. She didn't just photograph the place; she then brought her own vision into it, her own ideas, and I think they are very unique and quite stimulating to look at," said Falco.

Falco spends countless hours helping his students sort and edit through their photos to find the best ones to showcase.

"It was an honor to have my work hanging up on display alongside Erica's," said Torrens.

Falco stresses the importance of how Torrens and Condon have developed through their photography.

"I think that's the greatest thing that they have. Not that they have become good photographers - I mean that's all well and good, but I think the important thing is that they've realized that this tool has given them a voice," said Falco.

Falco hopes to help more students find their voice through photography and showcase their vision in his student photography exhibitions.

"I am truly thankful to Professor Falco for giving me the opportunity to share my art with others," said Torrens.

**Students Find Their Voices through Photography**

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**Staff Reporter**

**SHU Band Begins New Game Day Tradition**

**BY VICTORIA MESCALL AND ANTHONY DEL VECCHIO**

**Editor in Chief and A&E Editor**

This fall season marks the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Sacred Heart University Marching Band.

The past 25 years have been filled with field shows at half time of Pioneer football, parades in NYC for Columbus Day and Stamford for Thanksgiving, and pregame pump-ups called Skull Sessions.

"When the University completed the amphitheater this past spring we knew it was the perfect place to move the band's Skull Session, before finally marching up to Campus Field," said the Sacred Heart Director of Bands, Keith Johnston. "Moving the Skull Session to the amphitheater helped create the kind of atmosphere that college football fans expect."

This new Skull Session format allows fans to watch the band play and the color guard spin their whole field show on the amphitheater steps. "We will also play school songs, patriotic selections, our field show with dances, and we even feature our new bagpipers," said Johnston.

"It's really exciting that we are starting these changes in our pregame show," said senior flute player Emily Cummings. "We have never done anything like this before and for my senior year it's fun to get the audience more engaged."

The previous Skull Session routine was a march from in front of Seton and Merton Halls to the Chapel quad. Fans stood on the benches in front of the chapel and watched as the band played a selection of tunes and the color guard stood in parade rest.

"The new moves we've added bring more attention to the band and get the crowd even more excited for the game," said senior flute player Samantha Runkel. "We really show our pride for our university and our team."

Skull Sessions start an hour and fifteen minutes prior to kick-off on Saturdays and will last approximately thirty minutes.

"The new skull session is cool because now we get to do a pregame concert with the whole band and color guard," said junior Bee Kelley. "As guard captain I really enjoy it because the guard gets to be more integrated with the band - bringing a visual to the sound."
SHU Theater Arts Program: One of the Best in the Country

BY ASHLEY ENGLE
Staff Reporter

On Sept. 6, "OnStage Blog" posted their popular yearly blog that has been dedicated to theater programs across the country. On this specific blog post, Sacred Heart University was given the honor of being ranked number 21 for the top 25 bachelor theater programs of 2018-2019.

The program has earned rank due to the numerous fields students are able to involve themselves in, from acting, directing, producing, and writing to being a part of backstage crews, such as makeup and hair design.

The director of the performing arts program, Jerry Goehring, expressed on Sacred Heart's website his happiness over the honor and how far the program has come to get to this point.

"We really take great pride in the program's development, and we are beyond excited to have received such a high ranking from 'OnStage Blog' recognizing our academic program which focuses new works," Goehring said.

One of the new works is the student-run program called "TheaterFest." This program gives theater students the opportunities to branch out from acting to write a play of their own and direct another student's production.

Students put their own ideas into a script for a show. These shows are then put on by other theater students in an elimination-style competition. The last remaining show gets a budget, costumes and set for a full-fledged production.

Even if certain plays do not make it to the last round, it is still a great experience in which students can hone their skills, become better writers, and continue being creative. OnStage Blog noted Sacred Heart's creativity in particular, citing the TheaterFest as one of the distinguishing factors contributing to the university's ranking.

Students have discussed their own experiences within the program and how it continues to grow as the years progress.

"For the Theatre Arts Program to be honored as one of the top 25 Bachelor programs of 2018-2019 is such a badge of honor for me," said junior Mary Campione. "It shows how all the hard work we have put into this program is finally paying off!"

Campione has been an active member of the theater community since she joined during her freshman year. She has had many roles, such as acting in "The Comedy of Errors" and working as a light board operator for "Be More Chill."

Members of the theater program have been proactive in extending their time and heart into organizations to help not just make a difference but raise awareness.

"I have focused on smaller projects like food and clothing drives, but this semester we are branching out," Campione said. "The Theater Arts Program is working with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention this year to help raise awareness of the tragedy that is suicide. My main goal is to help erase the stigma around mental illnesses and emphasize the importance of kindness in the world."

Sophomore Jay Williams spoke about goals he has for being involved with future productions.

"Due to my schedule, I haven't been able to do as much as I wanted to. However, I am still pretty involved in various areas. For example, I have done hair and makeup crew for 'Noises Off' and 'In the Heights,'" Williams said. "As time in the Theater Arts Program goes on, I hope to get the opportunity to act on stage in at least one show before I graduate, and maybe even be in a head position for hair and makeup crew for a show."

The program maintains its strength by the supportive environment that has been created within it.

"My best experiences have honestly been with the people. I've made my best friends in this program in such a short amount of time because everyone here is so genuine. At the end of the day, this program has the most supportive atmosphere," said junior Victoria Vacca.


SACRED HEART'S THEATRE ARTS PROGRAM WAS RANKED 21 OUT OF THE TOP 25 BEST BACHELOR PROGRAMS FOR THEATRE ARTS.
PICTURED ABOVE: SACRED HEART'S PRODUCTION OF GODSPELL.

DC's Kryptonite Might Be Marvel

BY ALEXANDRA LOUKERIS
Staff Reporter

Henry Cavill, better known by his role as Superman in the DC Universe, said that he will no longer be playing the character.

Given DC Comics' track record of repeatedly rebooting their films, people have been skeptical about what DC would do now that they are without an actor to play the role of Superman.

"I think at this point for Superman in the DC films, it will be a big impact that Henry Cavill is leaving as Superman," said junior Alexia Barbieri.

Screenrant.com reported on Cavill making a cameo in the upcoming DC film "Shazam." However, shortly after, it was reported that Cavill "turned his cape in."

"Henry Cavill is a great actor and portrays the role of Superman with excellence. His choice to leave the DC industry might hinder the 2019 film 'Shazam,' and it is going to be extremely difficult to find anyone to replace Cavill," said junior Sabrina Fusco.

The DC Universe is frequently compared to the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). While DC tends to reboot their earlier movies, the MCU has had one consistent storyline going since "Iron Man" in 2008.

"I think Marvel is more successful than DC because DC has not been able to nail a cast for their movies in the way that Marvel has, and DC's film storylines are too dark," said junior Kiara Ortega.

According to Forbes, one reason that Marvel is more successful than DC is that they connect the movies to the original comics. Marvel tends to hook the audience in by gradually introducing different characters into movies and eventually bringing them together in "The Avengers" (2012).

"I believe DC cannot stay consistent with characters throughout their cinematic universe because they are not focusing on one storyline, they are jumping around different DC universes to simply just produce movies," said Fusco.

Since the start of the MCU, Marvel has had to recast only two of their superheroes, the Hulk and Spiderman. With the Hulk, Marvel broke their deal with Edward Norton from "The Incredible Hulk" (2008) and signed on Mark Ruffalo to play the part in lieu, starting with "The Avengers." With Spiderman, Sony had previously owned the character rights; and since Marvel bought them back, the character had to be recasted.

"My all-time favorite Marvel movie has to be the classic 'Spider-Man' with Toby McGuire, 'The Amazing Spider-Man' with Andrew Garfield originated from a different series of comics and I did not like how it was portrayed on screen as much as the original, 'Spider-Man: Homecoming' with Tom Holland also comes from a different series of Marvel comics," said Fusco.

Barbieri said she prefers Marvel due to their consistent storylines. But when it comes to DC, "The Dark Knight Trilogy" is her favorite.

"I just find them amazing and they portray the idea of how dark the Batman comics can be. Batman would usually be portrayed as a goofy kind of superhero, but in actuality he should be taken as very serious and even dark," Barbieri said.
Football goes 2-1 on Road Trip as Conference Play Begins

BY LOUIS FREY

Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University football team had their first conference matchup of the season on Sept. 22, by defeating Wagner College 41-14, in Staten Island, N.Y. That made them 3-0 overall, making it the second time in three years that the team started their season in such a fashion.

The team is confident with how the season has gone so far but they know there is more work to do.

“It feels great, but we know we haven’t accomplished anything yet. Our goal is much more than three games,” said fifth-year senior quarterback in Duke.

“We’re excited to keep improving and we have no reason to change our attitude.”

Both Duke and head coach Mark Nofri believe that the comradery between the players and coaches on and off the field has contributed to the early season success.

“This year has been phenomenal,” said Nofri. “For whatever reason, these kids are really fun to be around and are really fun to coach. There is a lot of excitement and they feed off one another’s energy.”

Nofri and his staff take on other roles for the players. This has allowed them to get the most out of the players every week in practices and games.

“The coaches do a phenomenal job at balancing out being our coach, mentor, and friend,” said fifth-year senior Andrew O’Neill. “They get the best out of the players and know each individual’s limits.”

The team has focused on certain aspects for both the offensive and defensive line. The offensive line has prioritized on carrying the football properly in order to ensure that they always have a chance to make it to the end zone and score. The defensive line has learned tactics to cause fumbles, sacks and turnovers.

“We’ve excelled at winning the turnover battle every game,” said Nofri. “We’ve been in the plus side, which is huge.”

On Sept. 29, the team wrapped up a three-game road trip with a non-conference matchup at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. There, the team took their first loss of the season, 43-24, making them 3-1 overall on the season.

As the team moves forward in conference play, Nofri said he hopes they continue to run the ball, stay on the plus side of the turnover battle, stay healthy, and build on the success they had in the first three games. He also hopes they improve their discipline with penalties.

“We have to practice well and hard; we can’t get ahead of ourselves,” said fifth-year senior Jordan Meachum. “We have to practice well and hard; we can’t get ahead of ourselves.”

The team returns home to Campus Field for their next game. It will be against the University of Pennsylvania (Penn), on Oct. 6, at 3 p.m.

Men’s and Women’s Tennis Seasons Underway

BY CAROLINE BOLLETINO

Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University’s men’s and women’s tennis teams are both a month into their respective fall seasons. The fall schedule consists of mostly invitational tournaments, whereas the spring season, which starts on Jan. 15, consists of dual matches.

Both teams attended the U.S. Open in New York City over Labor Day weekend to start off their fall slates. The men’s team then had their first matchups at the University of Connecticut Invitational, which went from Sept. 14-16. The women’s team began play at the Quinimpeic Invitational on Sept. 16.

“Coach (William) Boe-Wiegaard has made his point clear of our goals and we are working hard and keeping our minds focused,” said sophomore Luca Casalduc of the men’s team.

“The teams practice for two hours every weekday. They also have an hour of strength and conditioning to do when they’re not on the courts.”

This year, both teams have lost their courts on campus due to construction for the new Bobby Valentine Athletic Center.

“Not having courts on campus has been difficult, but we make it work,” said junior Nicole Vassalle of the women’s team.

A 15 to 20 minute ride to practice every day has turned into bonding time for both teams.

“The extra time in the car only makes us closer as a team and it makes the team even more dynamic,” said sophomore Lauren Santasiero of the women’s team.

Both teams will be able to practice on upgraded tennis courts once the new facility has been completed.

“Better courts will be built right next to the Athletic Center, and I am told we will have six courts with lights, hitting walls and seating for fans,” said Boe-Wiegaard.

“I think any home night matches could get pretty electric.”

The teams have adjusted to the changing of courts and are setting goals for themselves and for the team.

“Our main goal always is to win the Northeast Conference Championships (NEC’s),” said Santasiero. “To do so, we take one match at a time and build on things and work on certain skills every week, not on the court.”

Boe-Wiegaard is looking for both teams to be driven and organized throughout the season.

“Daily growth is the most important thing,” said Boe-Wiegaard. “Removing inefficiency and increasing productivity is the key to maximizing their success on and off the court.”

Boe-Wiegaard has seen improvement in both team’s work ethic over the past year in practices and matches.

Casalduc and freshman William Winber won the A Flight Doubles title at the Hofstra Invite on Sept. 22. Additionally, Winber reached the semifinals of the A Flight Singles Tournament, beating the top seed in the quarterfinals.

The women’s team lost their match up against Fairfield University 5-2, on Sept. 19. They had scheduled matchups against Quinnipiac on Sept. 25 and Monmouth on Sept. 26, but both games were postponed due to inclement weather.

“Failure is never the end, it’s only the beginning,” said Vassalle.

Both teams have maintained positive attitudes as the season progresses.

“I believe this year we can do great things, we already started the right way,” said Casalduc.
Cheerleading Flips into Fall Season

BY KENNETH EKERT
Staff Reporter

Both cheerleading teams will be in action at the upcoming home football games on Oct. 6, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 17. Nationals will from Jan. 18-20, at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL.

The team is divided into two separate teams, the Red team and the White team. One of the four Red captains, junior Kayleigh Rachiele, had been looking forward to this season even before it began. Rachiele and her teammates had attended the Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp during the summer at Sacred Heart.

"We learned more elite skills this year and really kept up with the more advanced teams at camp which is a first for us," said Rachiele.

Third year coach CJ Sereno, divides the cheerleaders based on how well her team wants to do both nationally and on game days.

"The difference in teams does not affect who cheers at which game," said Sereno. "Both teams are required to cheer at football and basketball games but White cheers more at basketball games since Red is so busy preparing for Nationals."

In addition to aiming for Nationals, Rachiele also wants to serve as a role model for her team, especially for the freshmen.

"As a captain of two years and only being a junior, my goal is to set the best example and be the best leader for my team as I can be," said Rachiele. "It's true, and honestly from my time being captain I think we as a cheer team and program have grown drastically and I want to keep it going."

The cheerleaders on White want to continue to shine on the football field and basketball court as they get to show off their skills.

"Games are a great opportunity for the girls to showcase the skills they've been working on throughout practice," said Sereno. "At every home game I expect the girls to be clean, sharp, and effective in leading the crowd."

Junior White captain Erica Condon, relies on her team to keep the crowd in the game from start to finish with chants and halftime performances. Off the field, Condon wants the whole team to continue to work on skills and become bonded closer as a team.

"The most important thing about being successful in cheerleading is by working as a team, without one person the entire routine won't work," said Condon.

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Club Baseball’s New Coaching Staff

BY JOHN KAYWOOD
Senior Staff Writer

Sacred Heart University hired alumnus Alex Faccenda to be the new head coach of the club baseball team. Faccenda is the fifth head coach in the team’s history, and he had played on the team as a player only just one year ago.

"The approach is totally different, going from pitching once a weekend to what I’m doing now," said Faccenda. "Putting the right lineup together, the right defense on the field, it all comes with the territory."

Faccenda’s coaching staff includes bench coach Daniel Cohen, another Sacred Heart University alumus, and statistician and brother Christopher Faccenda, a 2018 alumus.

The other two members of the coaching staff include Thomas Henderson and Zack LaRusso. Henderson will serve as the pitching coach, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience from his four-year career with Marist College.

LaRusso, a University of Connecticut (UConn) graduate, will have a hand in helping all three aspects of the team.

The bond this coaching staff has with each other has been infused into the players.

"This team meshes really well together," said junior Logan LaRochelle. "Everybody has the same mindset, nobody is timid, everyone has a say, we’re all just baseball guys."

The team also has found an excellent connection with the players sharing a similar mindset to Faccenda.

"Faccenda) was a player last year and he played all four years here," said LaRochelle. "He is kind of still a player-coach, he can relate to us so well, and we are all open to listening."

Junior captain Christopher Donato, who played alongside Faccenda, will now have his third skipper in three seasons as a ballplayer.

"It’s really all coming together, Coach Faccenda is really organized and is definitely establishing a culture," said Donato. "Nothing against the previous coaches I’ve had, but Coach Faccenda is currently putting us in the best position to succeed."

The team will have chances to bond on the road during this fall. They head to SUNY Albany on Oct. 13, along with a trip to Northeastern University on Oct. 27.

"When we stayed over in Boston College despite dropping two of three, we came together as a team," said junior Luis Fernandez. "The road trips in the future will help continue to build our chemistry."

The team, with its new culture and coaching staff, strives for similar success for themselves that the club softball and club football teams have enjoyed.

"We’ve seen the softball and football team’s performances last year," said LaRochelle. "We don’t want to be in the corner by ourselves, we want to represent our team properly."

With the regional championship on the minds of the players, Faccenda takes things one step and one series at a time.

"The goal is to win every series we play," said Faccenda. "Each week is a new season, and the goal of this team is to make it back to the playoffs."

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SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Sacred Heart Women's Tennis Team advanced to the second round of the Army West Point Invite on Sept. 28.