East Hall opens after three-year legal battle

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The most controversial and expensive building in Sacred Heart's history officially opened its doors on Sept. 5 after years of legal wrangling. Approximately 375 students now call the 10-story, $20 million East Hall their home.

"I love it here. I went to St. Mike's last year and it's so much nicer here," said sophomore East Hall resident Karen Craver of Londonderry, N.H.

Many compare the building to a hotel rather than a college dormitory. The first floor contains Residential Life offices, classrooms and a 64-seat cafeteria. The second floor contains additional offices and classrooms.

Floors three through 10 are split so that each hall contains a kitchen, study lounge, TV lounge and two bathrooms. Rooms are slightly larger than West Hall and are equipped with three-drawer dressers, wardrobes, lofted beds, and spacious desks.

It took several years for SHU to obtain approval for the building. In 1996, neighbors filed a lawsuit against the university with hopes of preventing the building's construction or at least limit its size. Neighbors argued that the facility would decimate property values while noisy students disrupt the peace.

SHU pointed out a 40-year old zoning law that allowed hospitals and universities to build tall buildings in residential areas. The law, which was intended to promote the growth of the University of Bridgeport, has since been changed.

SHU won the lawsuit and several appeals before breaking ground last August, but the city of Bridgeport mounted efforts to end the construction. In June, the City Council stiffened noise-control ordinances and outlawed construction work on weekends.

Photo by Nikki Madzar
The $20 million East Hall looms above the Park Ave. skyline.

Flik overhauls meal plans, eliminates the Marketplace

By Brian Corasaniti
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Coming on the heels of the opening of East Hall, Flik International decided this year to change the way the meal plans are run and eliminate the Marketplace in favor of the East Hall and Academic Building cafeterias.

According to Chip Kennedy, director of dining services, the changes were made at the request of the University.

"The University came to us, Flik, and asked us to offer a declining balance program to replace the all you can eat one," said Kennedy. Kennedy added, "The University asked us to take the Marketplace offline because they have future plans for that space."

According to Larry Wielk, dean of students, definitive plans have not been made by SHU as to what the Marketplace's space will be used for. Wielk said that SHU has short term and long term plans for the space and will be deciding soon what they want to do. Wielk added, though, that he believes the space will become occupied, "...for the balance of this semester."

The declining balance program works essentially like Dining Dollars, according to Kennedy. A student pays an up front fee depending on which plan they choose and that amount, minus an administrative fee depending on the plan chosen, is deposited into the student's account.

The plans start at the Gold Plan, which costs $1,075 dollars and gives the student $985 Declining Balance Meal Plan Cash per semester. The next plan is the Silver Plan which costs $1,050 dollars and gives $960 dollars per semester followed by the Bronze Plan which costs $895 dollars and gives $805 per semester.

Students on the Gold, Silver, or Bronze plans also have the option to purchase additional declining balance dollars before the end of the semester without an administrative fee and at a 10 percent discount.

The last three plans are the Executive Block which costs $550 dollars per semester and gives $485 dollars, the Convenience Pack, which costs $400 dollars and gives $350 and a second Executive Block, which costs $200 and gives $175 per semester.

"The driving factor behind going to that (a declining balance program) was students who had all these meals (on the original meal plans) weren't getting what they paid for," said Kennedy.

"We're looking to break off, Squatrito is expected to make a ruling in late October."

To ensure that data and telephone services were ready when the building opened, the university withheld its certificate of occupancy and threatening to end the construction. In June, the city of Bridgeport mounted efforts to end the construction. In June, the City Council stiffened noise-control ordinances and outlawed construction work on weekends.

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Res. Life toughens up

By Danielle De Name
News Editor

An ongoing controversy at Sacred Heart is the severity of punishment for violation of school policy. Two of the most commonly discussed issues on campus are the rules pertaining to alcohol and visitation.

The violation of alcohol guidelines is probably one of the bigger residential problems so far this semester.

According to Larry Wielk, deans of students, 18 resident students have been documented for alcohol violation from Sept. 2, up until the first few days of classes. The punishment for these students was to spend at least one weekend off campus.

Jonathan Coffin, a junior from Greenfield, Mass., is more offended by his punishment rather than angry.

"My feelings on this is that being a member of a fraternity and part of Circle K, I have done a lot as far as community service to help represent this school. I am helping to contribute to its positive reputation, and this was my first violation ever. I wasn't even in my room when I got written up, that just doesn't seem fair," said Coffin, who was asked to leave campus for two consecutive weekends.

"We're looking to toughen up the policies," said Kennedy.
News Briefs

Office moves to new homes
Sacred Heart students prepare to search for new offices this fall.

The office of the Dining Services is moving to a new location on campus. The office is currently located in the Marketplace. The new location will be in Hawley Lounge.

Workshops at Jandrisevits Learning Center

The Jandrisevits Learning Center is offering several workshops during the month of September. The workshops will be held on Sept. 23 and 27. The workshops will cover topics such as time management, study techniques, and tips for using the elevator, stairs, and to use the elevator, stairs, and to enter the common area on their half of the floor. The whole point of college is to socialize, make friends and whatnot," said sophomore resident Jane Ruggiero of Fort Lee, N.J. "How are we supposed to do that like this?"

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brought in to the cafeterias shortly, according to Kennedy. As additional cafeterias in the Academic Building has expanded its hours to 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

The cafeteria at East Hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

Many students said they are upset that the Marketplace is closed down. "It's ridiculous that it is closed. The lines are longer now and they're actually spending more of our money," said Shawn Avery, a senior from Colchester.

'The Marketplace was a good place to go grocery shopping when you couldn't go to the grocery store," added Avery.
When Sacred Heart students drove into East Hall's parking lot on move-in day, many expected to see neighbors wielding picket signs. But the only sign visible Sept. 5 was a cheerful one.

"Welcome, Love Thy Neighbor," read the message painted on Dr. David Grogan's garage facing the new building. "We truly mean it," said Grogan. "We're happy to have you next door."

At least one neighbor, however, still despises the dorm. Vivian Gingolaski, a Daniel Drive resident and 1985 SHU graduate, returned her diploma and awards to her alma mater. "I feel sorry for the students there, it's a big selloff," Gingolaski said. "In 20 years it might be a good school, but right now it's not."

Gingolaski accuses SHU administrators of abusing a 40-year-old zoning law to gain more dorms. "They found a loophole... and it was like a feeding frenzy," she said.

Larry Wielk, SHU's dean of students, said that the university tried to appease angry neighbors like Gingolaski. "We established a liaison team that went out in groups of two to the perimeter neighbors," Wielk said. "We were very well received."

Wielk said the team listened to the neighbors concerns about the possibility of disorderly students and worked to soothe their worries. "We've set up a dedicated phone line at Public Safety for the neighbors. When that phone rings, the officer will know it's from a neighbor and can deal with it accordingly."

In June, the University sent letters to 25 neighbors asking to meet with them, said Eileen Bigg, a University spokesperson. Biggs agreed that most neighbors were cordial to the liaison team. The University sent invitations to the neighborhood to tour the building on Sept. 2. Ten accepted the invitation while another group picked the event. The ones protesting were the ones that we didn't send letters to," Biggs said.

Ironically, the immediate neighbors, such as Grogan, are the ones who've been the most accepting towards the dorm. Louise DiCocco's home lies no more than 30 feet from the south end of the building. When DiCocco moved into the home 42 years ago, no other structure would find the same rules and regulations at any other residence hall, while still providing visibility and safety, is diffused and the main social/common area for each floor is in the middle of the building away from the windows. These efforts make no difference to some neighbors like Gingolaski. "She says, her relationship with the university is dead. 'They've won, they have their students there,' she said. "The students are going to learn from this that no matter what you do and how you do it, it doesn't matter as long as you accomplish your financial goals. They sold out. This school was founded on lies, deceit and that progressed to destruction."

"What if the only time I have to spend with my girlfriend is after 1 a.m. because of our schedules," said Jimmy O'Callahan, a senior from Selden, N.Y.

Assistant Director of Residential Life and Housing Services Allen Machielson claims that he is aware that students do come to college to experiment, but there are limits they must take with those experiments.

The extra security in the buildings, especially East Hall are to benefit the students, not upset them, he said.

In the new East Hall dormitory, you cannot rise above the second floor without a key card to get in.

According to Machielson, "The new lock system makes for a more secure building and the system has been working out well. Everything is going well, the Residential life staff is very committed this year to guidelines that the university has set, trying to be a unified team."

Peter Occhipinti, a sophomore from Copiague, N.Y., agrees with the rules and is willing to abide by them. "I can see where administration is coming from, we would find the same rules and regulations at any other reputable college," he said.

The entire Residential Life staff is looking forward to a good year and Wielk agrees, "My main charge to them (the Residential Life Staff) is that they will enforce the rules this year."

### Policies: Same policies, tougher enforcement **Continued from Page 1**

enforce the alcohol policy and visitation, said Wielk. The legal drinking age is 21, and alcohol is only permitted for consumption in Parkridge, and Avalon Gates by those who are of age.

According to the Student Handbook, all non-residents of that particular floor or hall must leave the hall by 1 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and by 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

At the conclusion of these visitation hours there are to be no men or women in a room, hallway, or an apartment occupied by the opposite sex. Many students find this rule to be unfair.

### Public Safety Releases

#### Incident Report from Sept. 5 to Sept. 12

**Sept. 5: 10:22 p.m.** Residence Hall Director requested Public Safety at Jefferson Hill, Building 3. Officers responded and found 10 students playing drinking games. Alcohol and small amount of marijuana confiscated, students dispersed.

**10:50 p.m.** Officer observed an alcohol violation in South Hall. Alcohol confiscated, Resident Life notified. Form completed for Visiting Dean.

**Sept. 6: 1:05 a.m.** East Hall resident injured by a bed post falling on their leg; bandage applied.

**1:06 a.m.** Parkridge resident bit by a raccoon; transported by vehicle to the hospital.

**10:09 a.m.** East Hall Resident Life staff requested assistance with a room search. Small amount of marijuana found, as well as empty containers of nitrous oxide, which were confiscated.

**5:04 a.m.** West Hall fire alarm caused by student who had a smoke machine; machine was confiscated by Public Safety. Fairfield Fire Department responded to the smoke condition in the building.

**Sept. 7: 9:53 a.m.** Minor motor vehicle accident in the North Lot; no injuries reported.

**3:09 p.m.** Baseball players in the gym broke a window.

**9:08 p.m.** Student damaged and got stuck in a West Hall elevator. At 10:32 p.m., student was released from the elevator; damage will be billed to the student.

**9:48 p.m.** South Hall fire alarm caused by burnt food in the kitchen.

**Sept. 8: 8:28 a.m.** West Hall fire alarm caused by student who accidentally kicked a smoke detector while he was in bed.

**9:15 a.m.** Buildings and Grounds employee reports the theft of a large floor fan from the old gym.

**9:19 a.m.** South Hall fire alarm; unknown cause.

**10:43 a.m.** Shuttle van driver received an injury; he was treated by Public Safety and then received treatment at St. Vincent's Hospital.

**11:38 a.m.** Jefferson Hill Building 2 trouble signal; food cooking was the cause.

**12:01 p.m.** Faculty member fell and injured himself in front of the main building. Public Safety provided treatment; further treatment provided at St. Vincent's Immediate Health Care Facilities.

**Sept. 9: 9:17 a.m.** Staff member ill; Public Safety Officers assisted.

**7:27 p.m.** Student stuck in West Hall elevator who became ill. Fire Department and ambulance summoned. At 7:55 p.m., Fire Department freed student, who was transported by AMR Ambulance to the hospital.

**Sept. 10: 10:08 a.m.** Shuttle driver reported a vehicle on fire in the Visitor's Lot. Officers responded and used fire extinguishers in an attempt to douse the flames. Fairfield Fire Department responded and extinguished fire, which was fed by fuel. Vehicle was towed off campus.

**1:03 p.m.** Shuttle driver was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident on Park Avenue near Eckart Street. No injuries; information exchanged.

**1:07 p.m.** East Hall resident reported his vehicle, parked in the South Lot, was vandalized (broken window). Nothing reported stolen from vehicle.

**9:05 p.m.** East Hall fire alarm caused by burnt popcorn. Bridgeport Fire Department responded.

**Sept. 10: 12:10 a.m.** Public Safety assisted Residential Life staff with an alcohol violation in South Hall.

**9:20 p.m.** Public Safety and Residential Life staff confiscated alcohol and removed students from a Parkridge Apartment.

**11:56 p.m.** South Hall fire alarm; no problem found.

**Sept. 11: 12:20 a.m.** Students and non-students drinking in the parking lot; they were dispersed, names forwarded to the Dean.

**1:04 a.m.** intoxicated West Hall student escorted to his room to be watched by roommates.

**3:04 a.m.** Bridgeport Police reported a student vehicle, which was frozen in the Visitor's Lot, was reported involved with vandalism to a vehicle at the Sports Page Bar, as witnessed by a bar employee. Public Safety attempted to locate the student on campus, unsuccessfully. The Bridgeport Police towed the student's vehicle from campus.

**4:01 a.m.** An East Hall resident became disorderly and threatened Public Safety staff; referred to the Dean.

**10:31 a.m.** Received a fire alarm trouble signal from Jefferson Hill Building 3; caused by burnt food.

**2:42 p.m.** Resident student hit her head on a vacuum cleaner; treatment provided. A friend drove her to the hospital for further treatment.

**9:03 p.m.** Officer and Residential Life staff observed an alcohol violation at Parkridge; alcohol confiscated, referrals made.

**9:47 p.m.** Ill West Hall resident transported via ambulance to the hospital.
Marketplace loss an unfortunate decision

Although Flik’s recent changes at the request of the Student Government Pres. welcomes students who are returning to SHU, those who came back looking to grab a quick meal, those who came back met with the school’s neighbors since 1995, attempting to develop a comprehensive plan for the area, including a lower-level building at the East Hall site. The university is committed to academic excellence, community involvement, Judeo-Christian values. As such, it prides itself on acting honorably and in full compliance with the law.

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Despite its gaudy appearance, I never curse the building. Inside the odd-ball home lives an average family of four. The husband works a 9-5 job while his wife stays home to care for two children. They keep to themselves and usually wave at neighbors and friends in the neighborhood.

The "normal" house families that are anything but. We’ve lost count of the number of mornings I’ve been awakened by a screaming argument between the obnoxious, lazy mother and her equally annoying children.

Several times over the summer I arrived home late to find dozens of high school kids wandering around the street and even onto my yard with beer bottles in hand. They were guests of the neighbor’s dirty sonage daughter. I’ve wished many times that they would pack up and move away, but it hasn’t happened yet and probably won’t for a long time.

Many of Sacred Heart’s neighbors wish East Hall was an integral part of a residential neighborhood. Before East Hall was built, all that rested on the site was a mud pit and dead trees. The biggest argument against East Hall is that it is an eyesore. That may be true, but it is not a legal right to construct and occupy the building. The university has a clear legal right to construct and occupy this building. Detailed plans were submitted with the application for building permits; the city reviewed the plans and signed off on them.

Sacred Heart University has had a solid 35-year history of being a valued and valuable member of the community. For example, eight years ago, the university assisted in the development of a 10-story student life center, one on Taft St. near Central High School and the other at the corner of Park Ave. and Geduldig St., which significantly enhanced the quality of their neighborhoods.

Each has provided students with much-needed residential space, and students have been contributing members and active constituents of the community.

More than 70 percent of the university’s undergraduate students are now residential. The university now has a new building with housing that is close to campus, allowing them safe and easy access to the library and other student facilities, and East Hall is an important part of that overall effort.

These students will be contributing members of the community. Sacred Heart pledges to continue to work closely in the future with local politicians, community leaders and its neighbors to assure that its plans involve and respect the views of the broadest possible consensus.

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Dear students and friends of Sacred Heart University,

If you ask why your neighbors across the street in Bridgeport object to the building of a 10-story dormitory in their neighborhood, we reply: it simply does not belong here. This is a single-family residential neighborhood. The tallest building on our side of the street for a mile in any direction is two stories.

Your university selfishly, for their advancement alone, took advantage of Bridgeport’s zoning laws to build the building. In doing so they drove a stake through the hearts of dozens of homeowners and of a fine residential neighborhood. Imagine this dormitory being built in your parent’s back yard if they lived in a home and neighborhood like ours, and you’ll probably understand how we feel.

In spite of overwhelming opposition, at no time did your university offer to make any kind of concessions that would substantially reduce the impact of their planned incursion into our neighborhood. Six-story dormitories were just as unacceptable as 10-story ones, especially when the requirement to build them was complete capitulation: withdrawal of all opposition to your University’s plans and support of whatever zoning changes were needed to complete a takeover of the neighborhood.

What are some of our specific concerns? First, loss of privacy. We are pulling our shades, closing blinds, and feeling like vacy. We are pulling our shades, and support of whatever zoning build them was complete capitulation especially when the requirement to enjoy their retirement years there. They now see their retirement was complete capitu­

Second, the loss of our beautiful neighborhood. Trees and a beautiful sky have given up center stage to a monstrous 10-story brick tower.

Third, having to deal with the massive student presence this dormitory brings. Less than two weeks after the dormitory opened, neighbors on Park Avenue and on Eckart St are complaining that students are using the streets as an extension of the campus. They wander around in groups, particularly in the evenings.

Fourth, we’re concerned about the safety of the students who live in or use East Hall when crossing Park Avenue. The dormitory is located in a dangerous place to cross the street, just beyond the crest of a hill. An additional stoplight would upset hundreds of people who use Park Ave. daily, and might be unsafe, considering the lines of sight for southbound traffic. Do we have to give up our front yards for a sidewalk down to your University’s main entrance and have hundreds of students pass by our front yards every day?

This dormitory has forced a crisis and difficult decisions upon dozens of your neighbors. Many of the people who live in this neighborhood built their homes here 30 to 40 years ago, raised their families, sent them off for educations, and planned to enjoy their retirement years here. They now see their retirement plans irreparably shattered. Should they move?

Where will they go? Think of your grandparents of great-grandparents being forced into this situation. The Golden Rules does not say, “Do unto others as long as you can get away with it,” does it? The Tenth Commandment does not say that a Catholic institution can covet its neighbors house or field if it needs either for its own expansion or does it. You may not particular­

ly care about these things, but I can assure you a large number of your neighbors do.

I close by telling you we are not against you who are stu­

dents. We are opposed to your University’s destruction of our neighborhood, its indifference to our concerns, its selfish ambi­
tions flying in the face of Christian ethics, the arrogant and resistant stance of its Administration, the unrespon­siveness of the Board of Trustees, and the continuing price we all will have to pay for your University’s single-minded pursuit of its own dream. While we respect your loyalty to your alma mater, we must disagree with what it has done. We oppose any further expansion of your University into our neigh­

borhood. We wish to remain good neighbors to you and hope that your years at Sacred Heart University will be fruitful and rewarding.

For your North End neigh­

bors,

Mark A. Smith

Editor’s note: Mark Smith is the pastor of North Park Baptist Church.
Students getting the opportunity to learn overseas
Summer courses in Ireland prove to be exciting and interesting

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

Four Sacred Heart University students had the privilege of taking their studies abroad this summer; to Ireland of all places, in order to learn about the culture and tradition of the Celtic religion.

Michelle Gaeta, Nuala Hetzler, Sally Johnson, and Marcy McCormick all flew to Dublin, Ireland along with Dr. Walter Brooks in late July to experience what it is like to live and learn in one of the world’s most historical and religious backgrounds.

Dr. Brooks, a religion professor at Sacred Heart, began offering the course eight years ago to students who were interested in learning more about Celtic studies.

The course is two weeks long and is worth three credits in the religion elective area.

Held at Trinity College, in Dublin, the class gives a background of Ireland’s history and the religion and mythology of its inhabitants.

The class met four days a week from Monday to Thursday and the weekends were left for sightseeing.

Some of the places where the group toured were New Grange and Tara, Ireland.

“It was extremely interesting,” said Brooks, who usually has eight to 13 students per year take the journey to Dublin.

“It was very significant when teaching a course as specific as Irish studies,” added Brooks.

Accommodations were made on campus in Trinity College’s dorms and included breakfast before class.

Michelle Gaeta, a junior from Bogota, New Jersey said it was a great experience especially for those who want to study abroad but not for an entire semester.

“The class is only two weeks long, and it is ideal for a short study abroad,” said Gaeta. “Plus, experiencing the culture of Ireland is exciting.”

Brooks believed the economy of Ireland has changed drastically over the last several years. What was once a poor country, Ireland is now starting to get the financial stability of most other countries.

“Ireland is getting great prosperity in recent years, and the economy is starting to boom,” said Brooks.

Both Brooks and the students talked about the hospitality of the Irish folk and how welcome they felt in a different land.

“Ireland has a tradition of hospitality, and you see that in every practical ways,” said Brooks. “There was a relaxed atmosphere when teaching the course.”

“I would definitely love to go back in a couple of years,” said Gaeta. “The people are extremely friendly.”

The cost for the trip is $1,820 for undergraduates and $1,920 for graduate students. The rate does not include airfare but reasonable airfare prices could be recommended.

Students who are interested in taking the course from next July 23 to Aug. 6 should contact Dr. Brooks at 371-7730.

From left, Michelle Gaeta, Marcy McCormick, Nuala Hetzler, and Sally Johnson in Ireland

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Features

One of SHU’s finest lost this summer

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

The community of Sacred Heart mourned the loss of a truly outstanding individual this past summer, one that dedicated the last 10 years of his life helping to protect and serve the people that make up what this University is today.

Former Public Safety officer Luigi Cerminara, known to his co-workers as Lou, died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday, June 28, while in Bridgeport Hospital.

Cerminara had been working at Sacred Heart for the last nine and one half years, and according to the people that knew him, his outgoing personality made him irreplaceable.

“He was a very selfish person, and he was always willing to help,” said Bill O’Connell, director of Public Safety. “He had an excellent attendance record, and would do whatever the job called for.”

O’Connell fondly remembers when the job demanded late hours and Cerminara was always the first to sacrifice his own time for the lives of others.

“He would always come in early or stay late, whatever the job called for,” said O’Connell. Just the mention of “sweet Lou Cerminara brought a smile from ear to ear on Addie Dennis’ face.”

Dennis has been a dispatcher for Public Safety for the last six years, and remembers a gentleman whose heart was twice the size of his body.

“Lou’s smile and personality would brighten up your whole atmosphere,” said Dennis. “He was so unique, and so energetic.”

Lou Cerminara would go to great lengths just to make people smile. Often, Cerminara would open up the diner his family owned in Bridgeport at 4 a.m. just so he could bring breakfast to the rest of the staff by 8.

“He would bring us these huge breakfast sandwiches that no one could finish,” recalls Dennis. “It was just the kind of person he was, we were all like family.”

Lou Cerminara had a lasting impression on everyone, even the people who did not know him for too long.

Jennifer Tassoni, an Information Specialist for Public Safety knew Lou for two months and thought of him as a grandfather, one who was always willing to give advice whenever needed.

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The Weather Corner

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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SHU's President offers words of wisdom

This past Saturday we marked the 36th anniversary of the opening of Sacred Heart University. That day, September 11, 1963, saw 173 students and nine faculty members embark on "this noble experiment in Catholic higher education," as Pope Paul VI called us. This experiment has sought to demonstrate a pioneering way of fulfilling the task of providing a higher education in an increasingly complex and independent world.

It is this spirit that we celebrate at the beginning of this new academic year and which we acknowledge as an important element of our ongoing life as a community of learners.

What does that spirit of innovation and visionary thinking have to say to the students of the University today? Let me suggest three thoughts for your consideration as each of us begins this new academic year.

First, your education at this University ought to actively assist you in broadening your horizons. All of us come with limited horizons. We do not see the whole of reality. One of the purposes of a liberal arts education is to help students see the whole better than they did before they started their education. Such an education asks

By Dr. Anthony J. Cernera
President

students (and faculty members) to examine the assumptions of their own cultures, traditions, and their particular ways of doing things. Why do we do the things we do? Are these the right ways to do them? How can I be deeply rooted in a tradition while at the same time extending my horizons, thus expanding the tradition that has shaped my life?

Second, the author of the Book of Proverbs tells us that the people without a vision perish. Those that have a vision or dream have a goal to be working towards. They have a direction and a sense of purpose in life. Your education at Sacred Heart University is also about helping you discover the meaning and purpose of your life. That process of discovery requires a willingness to extend yourself to others in love, to search for the truth about human existence and to explore areas of study that will challenge your mind and heart. If you can undertake such a rigorous process, the treasures of happiness and peace will one day be yours.

Third, as you are discovering your purpose here on earth and are willing to pursue it, your education should also assist you in charting the specific journey at this point in your life. Dreaming bold visions is not enough. What is also required is the willingness to develop specific plans of action. Therefore, with the development of specific plans, there is also the need to remain open to the wonderful surprises and opportunities that are part of the amazing adventure we call human life.

The goal of the education offered to you at Sacred Heart University is to assist you in your growth as a human being, a person deeply loved by God and made in God's image and likeness. Such growth calls us to envision our life in the fullness of God's unfolding vision of life and its fullness and invites us to see the truth about who we are, God's beloved daughter or son.

Campus Happenings

Minority student banquet coming Sept. 22

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m., in the Mahogany Room there will be an AHANA Student Welcome Banquet. The banquet is free of charge and open to all SHU students.

AHANA stands for African, Hispanic, Asian and Native American. There will be a surprise guest speaker and a social with music and dancing immediately following.

The event is sponsored by Umoja, La Hispanidad, the International Club, the Caribbean Club and the Italian Club. Dress to impress.

Walking for a good cause

The 11th annual AIDS Walk will take place on Saturday, Sept. 18 in Beardsley Park, in Bridgeport. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to benefit the Emergency Fund for those infected and affected by HIV in the greater Bridgeport area. For more information call Casey Family Services at 372-3722 or Regional Network of Programs at 335-2173.

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Logo: Changes image of Pioneer athletic teams

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SME, Inc., is a world leader in strategic brand-building, specializing in sports-related branding with a portfolio that dominates the sports marketplace.

Formally awarded the bid for the project around the first of August, SME, Inc. came out with the inaugural logo near August 30, and was ready to be unveiled for the start of the school year.

"It was much quicker than they normally do, but they pumped it out," Mark Adzigian, director of sports marketing at SHU said. "I've worked with them before so I knew a little bit about the quality of the work."

The company has completed over 1,000 sports-oriented brand-building projects across the entire spectrum of the sports industry.

"This company also happens to be the folks that did the Iowa State cyclones," Adzigian said. "I told that out because that school was in a similar predicament as we are with our Pioneers."

According to Adzigian, our Pioneers are not the usual pioneers with the wagon trains moving across the country.

"Our Pioneers are not the traditional Daniel Boone or the conestoga wagons because of the religious origins of the University," Adzigian said. With Iowa State, Adzigian says that somehow someone came up with the idea of a Redbird coming up out of a cycloane and thus the logo or symbol was born.

"They've been able to keep their nickname, but now, the mascot is this Redbird that easily turns into a costume," Adzigian said. "We believe we can do the same thing here."

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"This particular company has made the logos for 12-15 if not more of each of the four major league teams, about 125 universities," Adzigian said.

The athletic department, in conjunction with Adzigian in the new Sports Marketing department would eventually like to have something a little more permanent, in terms of a new logo, in place for next year.

"Absolutely, sooner rather than later," Adzigian said. "We'd like to have something in place for next year. If we can come up with the funding."

For Adzigian, once a licensing program is in place down the road and merchandise for the school is up and running, people will be able to use an updated website to catch scores and information on the school's 33 varsity athletic teams.

SHU President Dr. Anthony J. Cernera admits that he has had an appropriately limited role in the decisions regarding the new logo, but will remain neutral about the future.

"If after awhile the athletic department wants to have something more permanent, I'm open to the possibility," said Cernera.

Field hockey: Defending NEC champs off to rocky start

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"We did nicely on corners, defensive corners. We need to work on our offensive corners."

Cornell not only out-shot SHU, but was also given 13 penalty corners versus only five for SHU. Against Maine, the Pioneers only had one corner versus 12 for their opponent.

"We could've had a lot more people doing what we asked them to do, overlapping things," Barbarissi said.

The only goal SHU has scored in its first three games was against New Brunswick when freshman midfielder Angela Yuhas scored in the opening half off an assist from Lauren Wiggins.

Yuhas was also named Rookie-of-the-Week by the Northeast Conference last week for her lone goal.

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"It's still our third game, I'm not disappointed," Barbarissi said. "I think playing these difficult games is only going to help us in the NEC conference."

Still on the schedule for SHU is U Mass.-Lowell, Quinnipiac and Brown University. The team will also travel to play the University of Connecticut.

"We have Quinnipiac next week and that's the one we really want to be ready for," Barbarissi said of last year's conference co-champions. "I'm glad we're playing the really strong teams right now."

The Pioneers have a new face walking their sideline this season. Maryellen Falcone joins Sacred Heart as an assistant coach. Falcone, a Tallmadge native, spent four years on the field hockey team at North Carolina.

A two-time first-team All-American, Falcone scored finished as the Tar Heels' third best all-time scorer with 109 points. (has some earnings on the NCAA All-Tournament team after her junior and senior seasons. She was also nominated for the Honda Award, given annually to the nation's top field hockey player.

X-Country faces D-I schools

By Emily Greenough

Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart men's and women's cross country teams battled through some serious Division I competition last Saturday at Van Cortland Park in the Fordham Invitational in Bronx, N.Y.

Both teams competed against some of the best schools in the area. Duke University, Columbia University, Brown University, Yale, Harvard, and Holy Cross all showed up face to face in SHU.

Duke swept the meet, taking home 20 points as the SHU's men and women's races.

The SHU woman finished ninth out of twelve teams while the men took tenth of eleven teams.

For the men's side, coach Christian Morrison is optimistic about the season.

"The competition was stiff, and were still struggling through some injuries and other problems," Morrison, coach of both teams said. "Still, I'm confident we'll pull things together before our big meet at the end of the season."

On the women's side, Morrison feels that the SHU team is capable of beating the majority of the teams once the season gets under way.

"Historically, it's always taken them a race or two to get rolling," Morrison said.

Junior Heather Stockton took the lead for the women, finishing the race in 11th place with a time of 19:13.

"Heather's performance was a real bright spot," Morrison said. She had the best race of her career and appears ready to have a great season."

The team also saw some action from its youth.

Freshmen Suzy D'Angelo and Brian Koch each turned in solid performances.


Other placements for the women's team were Kim Almeida and senior captain Christine Ciparelli. For the men, Chris Ciparelli, Brian Williams and Ed Mahoney all placed in the meet.
Football: Evens record at 1-1 with win
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"The offensive line is starting to come around, it's starting to come together," Cowan said. "Now we have to look forward to a big game. The fans deserved this one, they were very loyal." "You're one of an open house, flocked to Campus Field to watch the football game, and no one left until the final seconds clicked off the clock.

For Rudulski and the rest, field position was a necessity in the first half.

"Very important, I think anytime you get a close football game, and I know sometimes it's silly, but field position is critical and that's where your kicking game comes into play," Rudulski said.

Despite the optimism and the positive play from the defense, Rudulski admits there is some work needed in the special teams area.

The team fumbled three punts in the first half, nearly giving Siena the chance to score and take the lead.

"Our punter did a great job, certainly our punt returners were a little shaky in terms of returning the ball and those things," Rudulski said. "I thought Mike Kraft's punting was outstanding, there was one where he punted the ball inside the ten. Football is a game of field position and Mike's punting was outstanding."

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Sacred Heart Athlete of the Week
Sophomore Kheme Cowan of Woodbridge, NJ once again had to shoulder the offensive load for the Pioneers. Cowan rushed 29 times for 74 yards and scored the only touchdown for SHU in the second quarter.

The sophomore had his consecutive games streak of 100 or more yards rushing."Very important, I think anytime you get a close football game, and I know sometimes it's silly, but field position is critical and that's where your kicking game comes into play," Rudulski said.

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Pioneers reap revenge in first win of season

By Kelly-Ann Franklin  
Sports Editor

Almost one full year ago, the Sacred Heart University football team matched up against Siena College. The score, 27-9 Siena. Last Saturday at Campus Field, the football team took on Siena again. This time, SHU scored the same amount of points, but its defense held Siena scoreless until the fourth quarter and came out on top, 9-7 in its home opener.

"It's nice to win," Tom Radulski, SHU's head coach said. "As this program grows into Division I, it's nice to win, we haven't had a lot of wins." The football team got over its opening week loss. Assumption of 32-14 quickly, showing its defensive power early.

"I thought defense played very well," Radulski said. "One of our goals as a football staff after last season was to improve on defense." The team not only improved on its defense from last season, it showed it has the capacity to handle Division I offenses such as Siena.

Defensively for the team, nine sacks were recorded, for a total of 73 yards lost for the Saints. Daniel Dymond and Kayode Mayowa each had three sacks.

"(Defense) was our number one goal in the off season through the recruitment process and our pre-season was to get better defensively," Radulski said.

Senior co-captain Mike Kuchar started things in the opening minute when he downed a fumble in Siena's endzone to tally a safety and put SHU up 2-0. A touchdown in the second quarter by Kiheme Cowan on a four yard run and the extra point by Tim Redican gave the team the 9-0 lead at halftime.

"(Cowan) did a good job, right now with Brandon Graham out we rely on him in our running game," Radulski said. "We think we have an outstanding tightend in Chris Wilkinson and we try to do a better job of getting him the football." Kiheme right now is the guy we've focused our run game out," Radulski said. "We're hoping to get Brandon Graham back to bring a little more balance.

Cowan gave credit to the coaches for the win. "As a result of practice we came out ready. Coach got us ready," Cowan said.

Cowan is positive about how the team is progressing.

Sacred Heart gets new Logo

By Kelly-Ann Franklin

Perhaps you've seen the new symbol on the back of the bleachers at Campus Field.

You've even seen the media guides for one of the sports teams' this fall. Either way, there's something new about the school. Even if you can't quite put your finger on it, you've noticed.

Everyone knows we've moved onto the big time... Division I. That means we get corporate sponsors and have to drink Coca-Cola, and like it.

What you may not know is that Sacred Heart University has decided to have an inaugural year logo created to commemorate the institution's first year in Division I athletics.

SHU has begun its first year in NCAA Division I athletic competition this month and as such decided to retain the services of SME, Inc. to create a Pioneers Division I Athletics Inaugural Year logo.

"I think it captures the moment," Dr. Anthony Cemera, president of SHU, said. "It is a very important development in the life of the school."

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Defending NEC champions suffer three losses

By Kelly-Ann Franklin

It's no fun on a losing streak. Just ask the football team. However, with the football team's win last weekend, things are looking up, except for the field hockey team.

The team is struggling just three games into the season and it has yet to find the right ingredients for a win.

With losses to both the University of Maine and New Brunswick earlier in the season, the team needed to come out strong against Division I opponent Cornell University.

Despite a strong first half showing, the team dropped a heartbreaking game, 2-0.

"Overall I thought we contained them nicely, we kind of fell apart in the second half but we contained them nicely in the first half I think and they could've had a lot more goals," Sacred Heart coach Harriet Barbarisi said.

Cornell scored both of its goals off strong offensive execution. Almost halfway through the first half, Catherine Kelly blasted a shot from 10-yards out to put Cornell up at the break.

The Red Raiders then finished the game off with a three-on-one breakaway. Barbarisi felt that there is a need for improvement on the fitness side for her team.

"We need to do some work on strengthening and endurance things like that this week," Barbarisi said. "All the Division I teams are going to be this strong. We have to pick up our endurance level a little bit."

Barbarisi knew ahead of time what her team would face.

"We knew where they would come offensively, really, they've been Division I for ages." Sacred Heart could only manage five shots in the game, three of them coming in a flurry in front of the Cornell net in the first three minutes of the second half.

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Capicchioni stopped 10 of them to keep her team in the game.

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