As Sacred Heart expands, it looks towards places off campus it can spread its wings. 

**Purchasing property key to SHU expansion**

Construction of East Hall was just the first step in Sacred Heart University’s plan to expand across Park Avenue, the University’s president said last week.

President Anthony J. Cemera said that one day, the campus may span from Old Town Road to just south of East Hall. Further expansion plans hinge on the University acquiring more properties in the neighborhood.

“We are in active conversation with several neighbors about the purchase of their homes,” Cemera said.

In a May 23 editorial that appeared in the Connecticut Post, Dr. Paul Madonna, vice president of finance and management, outlined SHU’s plans for purchasing neighborhood properties. Madonna wrote that SHU would purchase an “option to buy” that would give neighbors a set length of time to move before selling their house to the University. SHU would pay the neighbors a quarterly fee for the option to buy.

SHU already owns property two doors south of East Hall. That building will house the university’s new Director of Residential Life. Another property may be purchased this fall.

Bridgeport’s Wetlands Commission rejected SHU’s plans to build a second 10-story residential facility. The University is appealing that decision, but Cemera said SHU is willing to compromise.

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**Charity walkathons hitting SHU soon**

*By Erin Wilbur and Diane Dias*

Two different organizations will be participating in walks in an attempt to cure diseases.

On Oct. 3, Phi Omega Tau sorority will participate in a walk for AIDS Awareness, at 11 a.m. in Stamford, Conn.

Phi Omega Tau will participate in the event on behalf of the University community.

"Our cause is AIDS awareness, but that is worth nothing without being active in the fight against AIDS," said Jill Causeo, a senior from Patchogue, N.Y. "Even the smallest thing a person can do will help," she added.

Phi Omega Tau, which founded in 1984, has been very helpful in educating and informing students at Sacred Heart about AIDS awareness. This walk, and their annual candle light vigil will help the sorority get their message out.

"Our goal is not only to promote AIDS awareness on campus, but also within our communities," said Jen Poisy, a sophomore from Long Island, N.Y.

Poisy feels that informing the students at the university and the communities around us, that it will be one step closer toward a cure for the disease. Anyone who is interested in participating in the walk can contact sorority president Amy Cordova to sign up.

On Sunday at Cigna in Bloomfield, People’s Bank will be participating in an annual walk to cure diabetes.

In 1998 this walk raised over $44 million for research.

"The walk has been very successful over the past few years," said Tom Healey, a People’s employee and participant in the walk. "It is fun and very entertaining," he added.

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**OT starting up next year**

*By Brian Corasaniti*

After questions about the stability of the program, Sacred Heart University will be offering an entry level master’s degree program in Occupational Therapy beginning in September 2000.

SHU’s O.T. program received “Developing Program Status” from the Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education in August, which allowed SHU to admit students and begin the program.

Once the first class prepares to graduate, which will be in Spring 2002, the program will be eligible for full accreditation.

These developments are coming on the heels of the hiring of a new Director for the O.T. program, Jody Bortone. Bortone replaces Beverley Tallant, who left SHU as the previous head of the program.

Accreditation is a three phase program, according to Bortone. SHU has completed phase two of the program after receiving their developing program status. Phase three includes on site visits from ACOTE, planned for spring 2001 and spring 2002. If those go successfully, accreditation will be granted.

Bortone said the O.T. program has a new look this year.

“We made some major changes in the prerequisites and programs... the prerequisites are changed to be more in keeping with prerequisites with other Occupational Therapy programs around the country. Before, they were really not in tune with
News Briefs

Commuter students invited to breakfast

The Commuter Life Council will be sponsoring a breakfast for all commuter students on Sept. 29 in the Mahogany Room. The breakfast this year will be continental, including muffins, bagels, doughnuts, and juices. Commuter Council organized the event to give all commuter students a chance to get to know each other better and share common experiences.

The breakfast is no cost to students.

Transfer seminar offered here at SHU

An informative transfer seminar open to all students will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Schine Auditorium.

The seminar will give students an opportunity to meet with representatives from Student Life, Career Development and the Counseling Center.

This session will host various speakers giving informational speeches on graduate programs of business, chemistry, computer science, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

For further information on upcoming transfer seminars, contact Frances Collazu of Academic Affairs.

Creative writing seminars hosted by SHU

Students who enjoy creative writing of all genres including hypertext can meet weekly Jay Halpern, an English instructor here at Sacred Heart will be hosting these informal meetings.

The meetings will be held at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Instructional Media Center located on the second floor of the Ryan Matura library.

Class of 2003 elections underway this week

The Student Government elections for Class of 2003 officers will be held on Sept. 29 and 30. The “Meet the Candidate” speeches will begin at 2 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the Mahogany Room following the voting at 3 p.m.

On Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., the voting will be in the Dining Hall.

Wielk asks East residents to mind ordinance

Dean of Students Larry Wielk asks that all East Hall windows be configured to open four dow in an attempt to open them wider.

East Hall windows are configured to open four in an attempt to order any influence on neighboring homes. Several residents have been cited for removing window stops.

Violators will be documented and fined for the damages. Residents are encouraged to contact their resident advisor with questions or concerns.

Student Government holds “Town Meeting”

Student Government will host an open forum at 5 p.m. tonight in the Mahogany Room.

The forum is open to all students, resident or commuter, who have questions they’d like addressed or comments they’d like to relay.

First-year students especially are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact the Student Government office, located in the Hawley Lounge.

Compiled by Danielle DeName

Coffeehouse back on track

By Melissa McClellan and Brenda Mendez Contributing Writers

The International Center at Sacred Heart University will be presenting the Irish and Scottish Coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 in the Mahogany Room.

The second event scheduled in the International Coffeehouse Series, the Irish and Scottish Coffeehouse showcases performances of Irish and Scottish music and stories presented by Tara’s Thistle, who also performed at SHU last year.

According to Grace Lim, director of the International Center, they were asked to return this year because, “they were just fantastic.”

“There are students at SHU with Irish ancestry that are interested in finding out more about their background,” Tara’s Thistle are great because they narrate some of Ireland’s history during their performance,” said Lim.

Other highlights of the evening include gourmet coffee and tea, as well as Irish cream flavored coffee and other treats influenced by these cultures.

The German Coffeehouse, the first event scheduled in the 1999 series, was supposed to be held last Thursday, but was canceled due to weather. The theme of the evening was to be Oktoberfest where live accordion music and dancing could be enjoyed by students and faculty.

The German Coffeehouse will be held later on or possibly next semester, said Lim.

The International Coffeehouse Series offers a total of 16 programs throughout the 1999-2000 academic year. Some up-and-coming events include an Argentinian Coffeehouse and an American Coffeehouse, as well as an International Holiday Cafe and Pub to be held at the close of the semester.

“Coffeehouses introduce more culture to Sacred Heart and they highlight the diversity within the University,” said Tara Shah, president of the International Club. “They provide the students and other individuals to ask questions about different cultures.”

Reservations can be made by calling 365-7614. A $5 dollar individual sponsorship includes admission to all 16 programs included in the International Coffeehouse Series for the academic year. Admission for students is free. $5 for Faculty and Staff and $8 for General Admission.

Forum held for part-timers

By Chris Snyder Contributing Writer

The Continuing Education Council will hold an open forum for new part-time adult students at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 6 in the Faculty Lounge.

The forum offers returning students a chance to voice issues and offer advice to their peers.

“This will give us a chance to tell the part-time adult students about the services, activities and programs available to them,” said Ed Donato, associate dean of the University College. “We also hope to do some peer counseling to allow adult students to talk with each other.”

“It’s a chance for new part-time adult students, faculty and council members to get some basic information,” said Continuing Education Council President Diana Lebo, a sophomore from Huntington, N.Y. Topics that part time students can find out about are refund policies, grading, transfer credits, the AHEAD program, CLEP, the General Studies major, grading, advisement and financial aid.

Students can also learn about the activities offered by Continuing Education for the part-time adult student. The Christmas dinner/dance, bus trips, cabaret nights, and the Alpha Lambda Honor Society are a few of these activities.

Stephen Brown, dean of the university college, will be conducting a faculty orientation on Oct. 5. He is encouraging all faculty members attending to also go to the student orientation.

“It’s a chance for adult students to meet faculty members that are the ones who they normally have classes with,” Brown said.

OT: Program ready to start up next fall

By Brenda Mendez

The program will be using problem based learning model. PBL incorporates small group work led by faculty members, designed to bridge course content with practice by having students actively engage in the clinical reasoning process.

Bortone said that the program is open to the ones who they normally have classes with, “We’re ahead of the game coming in as a graduate program.”

Compiled by Danielle DeName

Sacred Heart students listen to entertainment from a previous Coffeehouse. The series is on track to start up again this week with the Irish and Scottish Coffeehouse.

International Holiday Cafe and Pub to be held at the close of the semester.

For further information, contact the Student Life Council.

Compiled by Danielle DeName
Expansion: SHU looking to branch out

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SHU’s expansion has many Bridgeport residents discouraged and even angry with the University. In the Connecticut section of the New York Times on Sept. 12, neighbor Samuel M. Rizzitelli Sr. responded to East Hall’s opening by saying, “Long term, there’s a potential for violence. Bottom line is, who knows what can happen. We at a neighborhood are very concerned about the defense of our homes.”

“Most kids are good kids,” Rizzitelli said when asked for further comment. “Take any group of kids and 95 percent of them are going to be good, but a certain percentage are going to misbehave, and we will deal with them.”

University spokeswoman Ellnor Biggs said that Rizzitelli was, “irresponsible,” for making the New York Times comment. “We have no reason to believe there’s any truth behind it,” Biggs said. “We believe the neighbors are responsible and good people and we believe they’d be outraged at this comment.”

Dean of Students Larry Wellr declined to comment on Rizzitelli’s quote other than to say that it was, “very disturbing.”

Neighbors are not the only ones in disagreement with expansion plans. In June, Bishop Edward Egan, chairman of SHU’s Board of Trustees, publicly voiced his opposition to East Hall, saying that he voted against building it.

“The Bishop has stated his position and we disagree on this,” Cermara said, denying that there are strained relations between him and the Bishop.

A spokesperson for Bishop Egan deflected questions about his relationship with the Board of Trustees, saying that the Bishop is still an active member of the board.

Public Safety Releases

Incident reports from Sept. 13 to Sept. 19

Sept. 13: 8:00 a.m. - East Hall resident reports a book missing from her room while her door lock was taped open.

Sept. 14: 9:54 a.m. - Neighbor called Public Safety and suggested build a crosswalk from East Hall down to the traffic light at the entrance of the University.

10:20 a.m. - Minor motor vehicle accident in the North Lot; no injuries reported.

1:53 p.m. - Minor motor vehicle accident in the Tennis Court Lot; no injuries reported. The Fairfield Police were called and responded.

4:05 p.m. - Resident injured herself while playing Rugby in the Quad area. She was treated by one of the University’s Medicine Trainees and transported by Public Safety to the Pint Center.

9:55 p.m. - Student having a diabetic emergency was given juice by a friend. Emergency personnel were called and responded.

Sept. 15: 11:00 a.m. - Resident student was ill (diabetic); Public Safety assisted and transported him to Health Services.

11:21 a.m. - Jefferson Hill resident reported the theft of his laptop computer from the Dining Hall, missing on Sept. 14, reported on Sept. 15. Fairfield Police were called and investigated the incident.

4:02 p.m. - Parkridge resident reported the theft of her Connecticut license plate when she was parked in the JCC Lot. She will notify the Bridgeport Police.

11:32 p.m. - East Hall resident reported the theft of $50 dollars from his wallet in his room.

11:43 p.m. - South Hall fire alarm; unknown cause.

Sept. 16: 12:59 a.m. - West Hall fire alarm caused by student hanging speakers from the smoke detector.

9:25 a.m. - Resident reported he found his laptop computer in the trunk of his vehicle; it was not stolen as originally reported. The laptop had been reported stolen on Sept. 15. Fairfield Police were notified.

4:12 p.m. - Buildings and ground employees reported he injured his right shoulder while painting.

11:47 p.m. - Officer cited South Hall residents for an alcohol violation; form completed and will be sent to Residential Life and the Dean.

11:49 p.m. - Non-resident student wrote on the wall in West Hall on the fifth floor. Two West Hall residents witnessed the vandalism.

Sept. 17: 3:50 p.m. - Student reported the theft of his personal belongings from the Pint Center. Public Safety and the Fairfield Police responded and investigated the incident.

8:30 p.m. - Officer cited West Hall residents for an alcohol violation; alcohol was confiscated. A form was completed and sent to Residential Life and the Dean.

11:32 p.m. - Officer cited South Hall residents for an alcohol violation. Alcohol was confiscated. A form was completed and sent to Residential Life and the Dean. The visitors were told to leave campus.

Sept. 18: 12:55 a.m. - In intoxicated South Hall resident became ill. AMR Ambulance was called; student was transported to the hospital.

1:04 a.m. - Officer observed males in front of South Hall; they were told to leave and escorted off campus by Public Safety.

3:11 a.m. - Officer observed visitors in West Hall on the third floor who were previously asked to leave campus due to an alcohol violation. Fairfield Police were called and cited the visitors for trespassing.

10:36 a.m. - Flik employee twisted her ankle in the East Hall parking lot. Public Safety responded and provided an ice pack.

6:09 a.m. - Jefferson Hill resident sent threatening e-mails to other Jefferson Hill residents. The Resident Hall Director was notified and responded.

5:53 p.m. - A Taft Avenue neighbor called and reported that SHU students were playing loud music. She was informed the university no longer houses students at Taft. She was referred to the landlord of the property or the Bridgeport Police.

Sept. 19: 12:48 a.m. - InInvestigators South Hall resident became ill; Emergency personnel was called and responded. Resident was transported to the ambulance.

1:59 p.m. - Officer was involved in a minor motor vehicle accident with a Public Safety vehicle on campus.

5:41 p.m. - West Hall resident reported she had her naval pierced earlier and it was bleeding. Officer responded to assist.

4:15 p.m. - Officer observed a Jefferson Hill resident on campus violating his sanction. The Residential Hall Director on Duty was notified.

11:03 p.m. - East Hall resident injured her back; AMR Ambulance was called and responded. The resident was transported to the hospital.
Editorials

SHU: Coming to a neighborhood near you
The addition of East Hall to Sacred Heart begs the question, “Just how much is SHU going to grow?” Will there be a day that the current students of this school return to find Sacred Heart University encompassing every piece of land within a two mile radius of its current location, or perhaps more? SHU’s administration has made it abundantly clear that it wants to be one of the top Catholic universities in New England. To do this, they hope to branch out beyond its current state.

Unfortunately rifts between SHU and the locals living in the immediate area is a shame, but there really is no way that the school can expand into the immediate vicinity without angering neighbors who do not want their neighborhood to change.

To improve the school should grow to fit the needs of a student body that is growing in size every year and expansion is a natural step forward. The concern is that the University must not look too far into the future and forget the present. If the students attending SHU right now get lost in the shuffle of Sacred Heart’s goals for growth, they would be defeating their purpose of becoming a top institution for higher education.

SET’s efforts should be rewarded by students
Just one week before Carrot Top is scheduled to perform in the Pitt Center, less than 100 tickets have been sold to SHU students. A recurring complaint among students is that campus events are boring and not worth attending. SET responded by landing one of the nation’s top comedians for this program as a bit of an encore for the first month of the academic year. The student body, so far, has answered back by holding an empty seat boycott of the event. Why?

Carrot Top may not be most students favorite comedian, but give it a chance. Flocking to the Page is becoming a weekly tradition every Thursday. Why not stay a bit closer to home for a change? The $7 admission will undoubtedly be less expensive than the bar, and the entertainment just might be worth it.

Correction: In last week’s issue, William O’Connell, director of Public Safety, was misquoted in the story on the passing of Public Safety Officer Corasaniti. His quote should have read, “He was a very selfless person, and he was always willing to help.” We regret the error.

New staff works to relay SHU news
Well, another year has come upon us filled with changes and new things to experience. Gone are several administrators, Taft, and the Marketplace, and to fill the void are several old faces and East Hall.

The Spectrum is also starting over with many new and some old faces returning to the fold as well. We are at a very exciting point in our history as a student newspaper. Not only do we have a talented staff again but we have a brand new computer system which will allow us to spread our wings and break free from the shackles our old computers had us under.

Of course, new technology isn’t always the best thing. You probably noticed we published on Friday last week instead of Thursday and our new miracles of modern technology can be thanked for that. But rest assured, the initial problems are on the mend and you can catch us at our regularly scheduled time from now on.

At this point I would like to introduce this year’s new staff members to you. Both News and Sports have new editors; Danielle DeName and Kelly-Ann Franklin respectively. They took the spots left by myself in News and Matt Duda, our other Co-Editor-in-Chief, in Sports.

We also have a new photograpy editor, Nicole Madzar. Nicole took over for Kerrie Darress, who graduated last year. Nicole is another talent we are thrilled to have aboard.

Also Claire Widman and Jeff Murray take over as our new design editor, this year. Their layout know-how and cartoons featured weekly are yet another valuable asset to this publication.

Our new advisor is Dr. Sandra Young, a new hire in the Department of Language, Literature and Media Studies. Sandra takes over for the recently departed Dean Hinnen, our previous advisor and a SHU legend in his brief stint at Sacred Heart. Sandra is another addition to the staff we are most fortunate to have.

We also are fortunate to have a new Business Manager, Doug Hanahan.

Returning to the fold are the A&E and Features Editors from last year, Frances Moore and Mike Kuchar. Both are very talented writers and editors who were an essential asset to the Spectrum last year and will continue to be this year.

And finally there’s Matt Flood, Gabriel Bonnani, Melissa Greenhalgh, Emily Greemough, Megan Flood, Brian Merwin, and the students from News Writing along with the freshmen we met at the Activities Fair on board this year. Forgive me if I forgot any names.

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But with that said, we are still looking for more people to add to our staff. All sections are looking for assistant editors, plus writers and photographers. If you have even the slightest interest, please stop by the Spectrum office and talk to Matt, myself or any section editor. Even if you have zero journalism experience, we’d love to have you on our team.

Who is your favorite professor and why?

Keysha Whitaker
Junior
Bridgeport

“Dr. Lily because he opened my eyes to the world of sociology.”

Rosanne Dileo
Sophomore
Union, N.J.

“Prof. Jacobs because her class is interesting, in-depth, and fun.”

Howie Kent
Junior
Newburgh, N.Y.

“Prof. Weinstein. He gets everyone involved and uses roleplaying.”

SHU VOICES

By Brian Corasaniti
Dear Editor:

Just recently, as I was walking through the bookstore in an effort to gather up all the books I needed for the semester, I came across a book which I found quite disturbing. It was entitled, “Women Philosophers.” As I stood there staring at the book, I really could not figure out why the title of this book bothered me so much. As I began to walk home, my objections soon came into focus.

Philosophy, I thought, had always been defined as the search for the truth. In this search for truth one is inevitably led to great philosophical works as well as works which are considered not as good. As students of a particular subject, we only study the works of people who have intellectually contributed the most to that subject matter. In essence, we study the best.

The reason I found the title of the book disturbing was that it denied the existence of a hierarchy of education. With only two words the book openly declared that it was not even interested in the truth of any subject matter, for if it was, it would not have narrowed its search to the works of only a few women. The presence of this book in a philosophy department, in my view, is about the worst thing I could have ever imagined.

It is bad enough this university is rewarding uneducated people with diplomas, a problem which has surfaced, in part, because of the technicalities of this book. As I began to walk home, my objections soon came into focus.

I stood there staring at the book, I really could not figure out why the title of this book bothered me so much. As I began to walk home, my objections soon came into focus.

What I found there was a continuation of an article on East Hall. I looked it over, wondering if there was anything that hasn’t been said previously about this controversial structure.

The last time I checked, universities weren’t designed to be extraordinarily expensive social clubs. They were supposed to be places where you went to get an education, not a place to participate in athletics or chit-chat at a cost of $6,986 per semester.

This excerpt from the university’s mission statement supports my contention:

“...the whole point of college is to socialize. Any social activity you have here are a complete sideline from the real reason this institution is supposed to exist.

I do not mean to suggest that you should avoid contact with fellow students. There are some great people here, and to miss out on the social aspect of college would be a very regrettable loss. But to say that socializing is the sole reason to attend college is quite ridiculous. Don’t lose sight of the real reason that college is supposed to be important. Socializing is fun, but it’s not going to look good on your resume.”

Chris Snyder

SG hopes to hear you at tonight’s town meeting

By Gabe Goodline

Student Government V.P.

Your Student Senate invites you to be a part of the first SHU Town Meeting at 5 p.m. tonight in the Mahogany Room. The format of this open forum is just like a Town Meeting at 5 p.m. tonight that traditionally has been responsible for consulting an education.

As your representatives, the Senate has several roles: safety, food, diversity, spirit and tradition, and technology. The Senate, especially, is given the power of changing campus life.

Each senator has created a committee that appeals to a specific topic for which the senator represents you. Stop by the Student Government office, located in Hawley Lounge, when issues arise.

The Senate, especially, is your connection to the University’s administration. The representative body has already established links to the appropriate administrators on campus who are given the power of changing campus life.

The output, that the senators are seeking, needs to come from those students who are tired of complaining and would like to see change happen.

Each senator has created a committee that appeals to a specific topic for which the senator wishes to pursue. Some examples are: safety, food, diversity, spirit and tradition, and technology.

The committees are comprised of at least five students who are not affiliated with Student Government. If interested, again, stop by the Student Government office or call at 371-7954.
WHRT taking leaps into establishing campus radio

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

WHRT, the campus radio station, will begin another semester of programming this week with a renewed sense of optimism and a plethora of new ideas to help establish 91.5 on the FM dial as the premier form of entertainment on campus.

"Were finally getting off the ground," said Station Manager and senior Lisa Pio.

"We could install a new responsibility in our efforts to keep this thing going.

Pio, in her second year as Station Manager has made various efforts herself to escalate the level of production in WHRT.

She has purchased a new 200-disc compact disc changer for better sound, and is in the process of running dedicated phone lines to East Hall and Parkridge so that WHRT can be heard off campus.

Just this past semester, WHRT made history by broadcasting the first of many live basketball games from the Pitt Center with the help of a remote console that was run through a phone line and could be heard all over campus.

According to Pio, the live broadcast got a positive response from listeners and has attracted many students to become interested in covering Sacred Heart's athletic events such as football and lacrosse.

"There are a good number of people in interested in broadcasting this year," said Pio. "It worked out pretty well, and was successful considering it was so new."

However, Pio's ideas didn't stop there. Currently Pio is working in conjunction with WSHU, Fairfield's classical musical station, on a low power FM license aimed for 10 watts so that WHRT could be reached in a five mile radius compared to the one mile reach that it spans now.

"With these 10 watts, we (WHRT) will be able to cover different parts of Bridgeport, Fairfield, and Trumbull," said Pio.

Patrick Connelly, director of Student Union and WHRT advisor said the new license to 5 watts would regulate WHRT under the Federal Communications Commission, which has many advantages.

"Being regulated under the FCC puts the station under a whole different league," said Connolly.

"A lot of music companies deal with college campus radio regulated by the FCC by giving out various promotional items and introducing new artists."

WHRT's programming started this Monday with time slots ranging from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. seven days a week. There are a variety of shows on campus where students can play a wide range of music from hip-hop to rock, to even country.

"We have a variety of shows," said Pio. "We mix in a little bit of everything."

Bill Tarinelli's show DJ Face and the Heads has been on the air for the past three years and can be heard from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday nights.

"It's fun to play music and get your music heard with other people," said Tarinelli, a junior from Meriden who plays mostly house and club music.

"It helps with your communication skills, and our voices get heard," said Gabriel Bonanni, who hosts P-Pod, a show held on Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Bonanni also dedicates a half hour of his program to talking calls from listeners seeking advice or voicing concerns about campus life.

Pio and Connolly are enthusiastic about the students running their own shows and are sure that WHRT is starting to take off in the right direction.

"I am excited at the amount of students that are interested in campus radio," said Pio.

"We are just underway in what will be a three year process for WHRT to become what they want to become...which is a professionally run radio station," said Connolly.

There are still slots open so anyone who is interested in hosting their own show should contact Patrick Connolly at Student Affairs at 365-7675.

Features

SHU's sponsoring first ever Habitat House in Fairfield
Volunteers needed who are interested in giving back to community

By Brian McGrath
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart will be the first University in Fairfield's history to sponsor a Habitat House. Sacred Heart's Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity has teamed up with St. James Church in Stratford and St. Charles Church in Bridgeport to build a three bedroom house for low income families.

Sacred Heart is looking for volunteers willing to help contribute from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 to 12.

Work entails anything from physical construction to baking and delivering baked goods.

"We're looking for volunteers with skills or anyone just willing to work and volunteer," said Phyllis Machleidt, director of service learning and volunteer programs and advisor of the University's Habitat Chapter.

"Anyone from SHU's faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to attend."

Sacred Heart's Chapter of Habitat for Humanity has been on campus since 1995. With other similar volunteer groups like Community Connections, numerous students have been already helping out the local communities around them.

"I've been a volunteer in Habitat since my freshman year when I participated in Community Connections," said Darlene Harris, a junior from Carmel, N.Y.

"It feels good to be able to build a house for someone, and I have a good time working with everyone," said Darlene Harris.

"It feels good to be able to build a house for someone, and I have a good time working with everyone," she added.

"Habitat for Humanizes has attracted many students who have never participated before, and has given them a chance to give back to the community."

"I am looking forward to chipping in and helping out in some way, even though I've never done Habitat before," said Andrew Erhartic, a junior from Massapequa, N.Y.

The week of Oct. 9 through the 12 is called "S.H.U. Habitat Blitz."

These dates fall close to Columbus Day weekend and because of the long weekend, Habitat organizes hope students will find a way to chip in and get things done.

Sean Otterspoor graduated from Sacred Heart University and is the president of the Sacred Heart chapter of Habitat for Humanities.

Otterspoor has devoted a majority of time to working at the site.

Volunteers are asked to contact Phyllis Machleidt or Sean Otterspoor at 365-7622 for any questions or concerns regarding Habitat for Humanities and the upcoming Blitz Week.
Pledges rushing to start semester

By Mike Acevedo
Contributing Writer

For soon to be brothers and sisters of Greek Life, it is the most important time of the year. A time when students have to face the vigorous tasks of performing up to their superior’s expectations, while trying to be a part of a brother or sisterhood.

Yes, Rush Week is here, and for the eight organizations of Greek Life the hectic time of finding out whether incoming associate members can survive the eighth-week initiation process is in the works.

The pledging process officially starts on Oct. 4. Initiation gives the associate members a chance to prove their worth and show that they are willing and able to become a part of a fraternity or sorority.

"We hope to receive brothers that can add to our image of the 'Distinguished Gentlemen' and carry out our tradition of 'Unity and Diversity leads to Knowledge,"' said Randy Pelkisson, a brother of Omega Phi Kappa.

"It is both a learning process for us as fraternity brothers and for the associate members,'" she added.

"The initiation process is a great learning experience in which a great bond is formed...and memories are produced," said Gregory Hamelin of Omega Phi Kappa.

"It is a great deal of time that goes into teaching them (pledges) with purpose and morals of the organization." According to Edgar Palacios, treasurer of Omega Phi Kappa, the upcoming initiation process will be an interesting time at the University.

"This school has been expanding over the past couple of years and Greek Life is becoming more of a positive influence on campus," said Palacios. "It is a great time to become part of Greek Life," he added.

The initiation process will in time institute a new class of Greeks.

All individuals interested in Greek Life should see the Greek Life Office located in the Hawley Lounge.

Campus Happenings

Irish/Scottish Coffeehouse slated for Friday

Tara's Thistle presents an encore performance of Irish and Scottish music and stories at 7:30 p.m. this Friday in the Mahogany Room. Get a chance to try the gourmet Irish creme flavored coffee and various other treats. Cost is $8 general admission, but free for all SHU students with ID. For more information on the band Tara's Thistle preview their website at geocieties.com/vienna/4037.

Community Service volunteers needed

Do you like helping others? If so, the Community Service Committee is open to anyone in the class of 2001. Anyone who is interested in lending a hand should contact Al Precourt at ext. 7969.

Commuter Council meeting Friday

The first Commuter Council meeting for the semester will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday in the Faculty Lounge. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of the Commuter Council should come and show their support.

Prizes given for Maybeline contest

Now through Oct. 8, a contest is searching for five women, ages 16-24, to represent Maybeline online for a year. 500 entrants will be randomly selected to answer additional questions and send in photographs. Judges will base winners on writing ability, and creativity. If interested, contact www.maybeline.com to begin the survey.

--Compiled by Mike Kuchar

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‘Top’ comedian comes from big screen to little SHU

By Frances Moore and Denise Hinkson-Grant

Students at Sacred Heart University will be treated to the obscure, yet critically acclaimed talents of comedian Carrot Top next Thursday.

The arrival of Carrot Top (given the name because of his unruly red hair) marks an important achievement for the University.

Carrot Top is coming off the heels of his latest film, “Chairman of the Board,” a comedy in which he plays the title role of an inventor who takes charge of a failing corporation.

He has also recently appeared on “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” “Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher,” and “Live with Regis and Kathie Lee.”

Among his other accomplishments, he has performed on more than 200 occasions this year, appearing everywhere from sold-out campuses to the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Justin Lear, chairperson of the Student Events Team (S.E.T.), said he is proud of his club’s accomplishment.

“This will be the first time that we have ever had a comedian of this level,” said Lear.

This is also the first time that the University will be exposed to a performance of this style.

Carrot Top’s act goes beyond normal stand-up. His repertoire includes an extensive use of props, and even an indoor fire display.

The act is also supplemented by Carrot Top’s use of silly and creative inventions.

Karen Manson is a graduate assistant for student activities, and encourages students to attend the event.

She said, “Carrot Top is not only a comedian but he is also an inventor. He invents things we can all relate to.”

Manson added, “In one of his recent acts, he invented a CB radio to illustrate, with humor, the unclear response that we often get when we place orders at a drive-thru restaurant.”

The comedian, whom The National Association of Campus Activities named “Entertainer of the Year” and “Comedian of the Year,” got his start in an amateur comedy contest as a senior at Florida Atlantic University.

Though he finished a degree in marketing, Carrot Top chose to become an entertainer. He found that his calling was making others laugh.

“We are very happy to showcase the work of this artist,” said Lear. “He is a talented comedian.”

Student response has not been as successful as expected, but members of S.E.T. are not worried.

“Ticket sales started off slow, but we predict there will be a steady climb until the night of performance,” said David Bould, chairman of the band committee.

S.E.T.’s has attempted to promote the event through extensive advertising.

They have purchased spots on KC 101, WHRT, Channel Six and in the Connecticut Post.

Student tickets are $7, general admission is $15.

The show will begin at 8 p.m., and will take place in the William H. Pitt Center.

Editor’s Note: Frances Moore is A&E Contributing Writer.

Finding a new voice:

Filter’s first new album in years does not filter enough of older, more hardcore sound on their newest release

By Chris Snyder

Four years is long enough for a band to completely disappear and be forgotten in today’s music business. In that respect, Filter is lucky.

The band has managed to stick around, despite the long break between records, by writing music for “The X-Files,” and contributing to the film soundtracks “Spawn” and “The Crow.”

Their latest release, “Title of Record,” is the notebook of band member Richard Patrick’s since the last album.

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“Title” is left with songs that contain more emotional and musical range.

Secondly, and though he might not think so, Patrick is already a rock star. His influence is more powerful than he thinks.

His hypocritical attitude, combined with controversial lyrics send a message that might not be intended, but has an effect, nonetheless.

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A number of prominent bands will be featured at Toads Place in New Haven this October.

Rahzel from the Roots will be at Toads on Oct. 4 and George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars will perform on Oct. 5. Led Zeppelin’s John Paul Jones will be appearing on Oct 13 for $20 advance and $25 at the door. Type-O-Negative will be performing on Oct. 28.

Prominent Irish band comes to New Haven

Fans of the international sensation Black 47 will be excited to hear that the band will be performing this Friday evening at Toads’ Place in New Haven.

Opening for the band is The Reilly Clan and The Frames. The show starts at 9 p.m. Advance tickets are $12.50, door price is $15.

Yankee Trip

Those who are still interested in attending S.E.T.’s Yankee Trip on Saturday should sign up in the Student Activities office. The bus will leave from Public Safety at 2 p.m.

Support fellow students tonight!

Greek Life is hosting a skit night tonight in the Schine Auditorium. Students from the various sororities and fraternities will perform skits for the approval of their peers. Those wishing to show their support should show up at 8 p.m. in the Schine Auditorium

Toads Place upcoming lineup

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SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
Student Events Team presents

Carrot Top
Lady Ruggers win opener

By Brigit Ryan
Contributing Writer

After a year of rebuilding, the Sacred Heart Women's rugby team is back on track.

With only two weeks of practice under their belt, the ladies traveled to New Jersey to face Seton Hall last Sunday.

The one drawback to the game for the women was that only 13 of the players were eligible to play but that wasn’t going to stop them.

Seton Hall faced a similar problem, but put players on the field that were not on the roster, forcing them to concede a forfeit.

Despite the forfeit by Seton Hall, the game was played and the SHU women rolled over the Pirates, 22-17 in their season opener.

"We played hard, tough, and hustled," said sophomore Danielle Panagos. "We proved to each other that we can stick together and work as a team."

Senior co-captain Kelly-Ann Franklin led the team on the field, pulling off the hat trick by scoring three tries and also tallying an extra point kick for 17 of the team’s points.

Also scoring a try for the women was junior Tricia Costanzo. On a breakaway play to the right wing, Costanzo rocketed down the sideline for her first career score.

"I think the pack did an excellent job on the lineouts," said Franklin. "Tricia did a very good job on the wing for us today."

Franklin also commented on the play of the rookies.

"Our rookies, Adriana Cordon and Denise Fuzie also played extremely well for their first game. It’s not an easy game to pick up," Franklin said.

"Meredith (Laparle) also played well. She’s our brand new scrum half and I thought she did a great job, considering she’s only been in the position four days."

The team has had the opportunity to bond since it began its season the first week of school. According to the women, practices are hard work but also fun.

"I’m very proud of the way the team played, and I really like the fact that I have made some great friendships on and off the field," said sophomore Ann Little.

The team is home this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. to face New Paltz.

The team is always looking for players and invites any girls interested to come out to the quad between 2-4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday.

Quinnipiac: Field Hockey splits two games

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With the win under their belt, the team then geared up for its game against Northeast Conference rival Quinnipiac College.

“They refused to even acknowledge that we were co-champions last year," Barbaresi said. "You always hate to lose against your rival."

Quinnipiac jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and never looked back. Forward Sarah Riley scored twice for the Braves in the first 13 minutes of play.

Both of Riley’s opportunities came off of penalty corners. With each corner, the Braves initial shot was deflected aside but Riley jumped in on the rebound and put the ball into the right-hand side of the box.

Quinnipiac then found two more goals from Catie Canetti and one more from Kristen Crosby. In all, the Braves fired 21 shots at Pioneer goalkeeper Virginia Capicchioni who stopped 18. On the other side, SHU only took four shots at the Quinnipiac goalkeeper.

Though not happy with the loss to the team’s primary rival, Barbaresi is optimistic for the rest of the season.

“We’ll get them on the back side,” Barbaresi said.

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**SHU sports briefs**

**Women's Soccer**
SHU got on the board first against Providence when sophomore Kristen Walker poked home the Pioneer's first goal of the season with six minutes left in regulation but Providence still came out on top 2-1 in the second overtime period.

**X-Men Rugby**
The X-Men Rugby team defeated Columbia University last week in its home opener, 12-9. This past Sunday, the team traveled to New Jersey to face Seton Hall but couldn't overcome the power and size of the Pirates losing 33-3.

**Men's Soccer**
The team fell to the University at Stony Brook 3-1 last Wednesday. Freshman Alex DeFaria of Belo Horizonte, Brazil answered an early Stony Brook goal by firing home his first collegiate score five minutes into the game.

**Women's Volleyball**
SHU's losing streak reached six games after the Pioneers dropped five matches last week. Against St. John's University, senior Tricia Moore of Lindenhurst, N.Y. had her best match of the season so far, registering 14 kills and a .444 hitting percentage.

Also for the women, freshman Keri Curkendall of Candor, N.Y. shined in a defeat against Chicago State, swatting a season-high 23 kills and scoring 22 digs.

**Women's Tennis**
SHU opened the fall portion of its schedule with a pair of home losses. The team fell to Northeast Conference foe Long Island University on Friday, 7-2. Junior Audra John Heyder, 203-750-2274, Eves: 254-9530 from Wrentham, Mass. "It's been as fortunate in the win column as any other team. However the team is last in its division."

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- **By Justin Lear Contributing Writer**

- **S.E.T plans trip to Yankee Stadium**

**Sacred Heart Athlete of the Week**
Sophomore Katie Sammon of Bellmore, N.Y. was a bright spot for Sacred Heart volleyball in the team's tournament at Wright State University. Sammon's best moments in the tourney came in SHU's heart-breaking, five game loss to Chicago State University. The sophomore set a pair of new school records for assists (65) and digs (30) in a game.

Sammon also added four service aces.

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Sports

Football blanked by Wagner, 33-0

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

The football team came off of its first win of the season with some momentum, but unfortunately for the Pioneers, momentum doesn’t always translate into points.

Things were rough from the opening whistle last Saturday at Wagner College as the Seahawks’ Rick Sarille ran the opening kickoff back 81 yards for a score to set the tone for a day that ended in a 33-0 Sacred Heart defeat.

Sarille carried 20 times for 101 yards to become the second-leading rusher in Wagner history with 4,188 yards.

The Pioneers were completely blindsided by a quick striking Wagner team that put 27 of its points up on the board in the first 10 minutes of play.

Sophomore Kheme Cowan shouldered a heavy load yet again, rushing for 78 yards on 23 carries.

In the third quarter, Cowan’s 12-yard rush pushed him up past the 1,000-yard career rushing total.

He is only the fifth Pioneer to break the 1,000 mark and he currently stands in fourth place on Sacred Heart’s all-time rushing list with 1,027 yards.

Senior co-captain Mike Kuchar moved up another rung on the school’s career sack list, racking up another two against Wagner.

Kuchar is in third place with 16.5 sacks for his career and only needs 4.5 more to overtake Russ Greenberg as the career leader.

The Pioneers face Iona College in New Rochelle this Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Gaels defeated the Pioneers 24-3 last season at Campus Field.

Still on tap for Sacred Heart are home dates with St. Francis (P.A.), Stony Brook, Monmouth and Robert Morris, Central Conn., St. Peter’s.

The Pioneers make visits to Quinnipiac College and Albany St.

Field hockey takes first win of year

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

The field Hockey team picked up its first win of the season with a 2-1 victory over visiting Umass-Lowell last Tuesday. But Washele was unable to maintain that momentum as perennial rival Quinnipiac College handed them a 5-0 loss.

"It just isn’t clicking yet," said coach Harriet Barbaresi. "It does take a while to come together.

Senior forward Sarah Morrill (Augusta, Maine) slapped in a corner of the net. Morrill’s blast sailed high into the right-hand side of the net.

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Senior co-captain Lauren Wiggins (Plymouth Meeting, PA) lunged at the ball out in front of the net as she was falling down, but Lowell goaliekeeper Jen Anderson made a kick save to keep it from the back of the net.

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The man who brought a national championship to the state of Connecticut will share some of his secrets at Sacred Heart University’s second Celebrity Breakfast at 7:45 a.m. on Oct. 5.

Jim Calhoun, who coached the University of Connecticut to the 1999 NCAA Division I national basketball championship, will be the featured speaker.

The event will be held on campus in the William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center.

Members of the Sacred Heart University coaching staff will be among the celebrity wait staff.

All “tips” received by the waiters will benefit the Pioneers’ intercollegiate athletic program which is in its first year of Division I competition.

The only other coach to lead a Connecticut institution to a men’s national basketball title will be among the celebrity waiters.

Dave Bike, entering his 22nd season as Sacred Heart University’s head coach, directed the Pioneers to the Division II national crown in 1986.

Calhoun has elevated UConn men’s basketball to national prominence, culminating in a 34-2 record and the team’s first NCAA championship.

In 13 seasons at Connecticut, Calhoun has guided his teams to a 304-120 mark, a record six Big East regular season titles and four Big East tournament championships.

Prior to his arrival at UConn, Calhoun coached Northeastern to five NCAA Tournament appearances during a successful 14 year reign.

He is the only Division I coach in college basketball history to record at least 250 wins at two different institutions. As a player Calhoun was a small-college All-American at Americnas International College.

For breakfast reservations, call Sheryl Madison at (203) 371-7917.

Wagner College has beaten SHU two years in a row.

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

The SHU women’s cross country team snatched a victory at last Saturday’s Monmouth University Cross Country Invitational at Tatum Park in Middletown, N.J.

The women gathered up 64 total points to obtain the win against several Northeast Conference schools.

“It’s a tremendous accomplishment for this team to beat schools like Iona, Rider, and Seton Hall, along with four NEC schools, in our first year in Division I,” said Christian Morrison, coach of both the men’s and women’s teams.

Morrison knew the women had it in them to win this meet, but only if everyone ran up to their potential.

“They put forth a total team effort and we ended up with the win,” Morrison said.

Although the men are still struggling with various injuries and other problems, they managed to make a drastic improvement from last week.

Individual performances turned out to be much stronger, even with the team’s overall finish of ninth place out of 12 teams.

Morrison is optimistic about the men’s team.

“They did beat two NEC schools, and I’m sure they will run much better before the season is over,” Morrison said.

Top finishers for the women were freshman Suzanne D’Angelo, finishing in fifth place with a time of 19:55.

Junior Heather Stockton came in immediately after D’Angelo in sixth with a time of 20:10.

Other varsity runners for the women were senior co-captains Jennifer McGovern (17th) and Michelle Wesolowski (27th). Sophomore Kimberly Almeida (22nd), freshmen Kristina Plourde and Mandi Ciparelli, finishing 29th and 36th respectively.

The men’s first place finisher was sophomore Christopher Ciparelli, finishing in third place with a time of 29:11.

Senior co-captain Brian Williams was close behind in 44th with a time of 29:22. Also placing for the men were freshmen Brian Koch (45th), sophomore Edward Njai (57th), senior co-captain Edward Mahoney (64th), and sophomores John Morash (83rd) and Brian Wrinkle (91st).