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Students still fuming over parking congestion East Hall adding more cars into a already crowded lot, many complain



Photo By Nikki Madzar

Jammed parking across campus is creating longer walks to class this year.

By Danielle DeName
News Editor

Parking problems continue to be a constant complaint by many in the Sacred Heart community.

The problem is that there is little parking, whether it be Jefferson Hill, Avalon Gates, Parkridge, North Lot, South Lot and now East Hall, say many students.

The key is to have a parking sticker for designated lots. Jefferson Hill residents earned their parking stickers by number of credits completed. The other residents at the Hill who did not receive parking stickers then had to purchase a sticker for North Lot.

Residents at Parkridge will receive their stickers by the same process of credit evaluation. Parkridge residents who do not

receive a sticker for the lot may park in the Jewish Community Center parking lot.

"There aren't enough spots for all of us and it is a continuous problem because we are receiving tow threats," said Samantha Fiedler, a senior from Yonkers, N.Y., who resides at Avalon Gates. "Avalon isn't the only place either," Fiedler added, "I leave early to get to school and I still wind up late for class because I search for parking in North Lot and then I have to walk through the whole building to get to HC".

Sacred Heart is not facing any new problems as far as parking is concerned, according to William O'Connell, director of Public Safety. "It is the same as any previous year," said O'Connell. "There may be a few more cars due to East Hall, but

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ID machine still broken down for now

By Matt Duda
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Students in need of a new school identification card have not been able to obtain one due to several problems with Sacred Heart's I.D. manufacturing machine.

According to Director of Student Life Patrick Connelly, the machine has suffered from three setbacks. "The first time we had a problem with the software," Connelly said. "We got that resolved for a day and got about 100 I.D.'s printed, then we

had some problems with the film." Connelly estimated that as many as 200 students are without school identification

Denise Tiberio, assistant dean of students, said that SHU has had a problem fixing the machine because it no longer has a company to perform the task. "MCI used to be our long distance provider and they would service it for us," Tiberio said. "When we switched to AT&T, they dropped us."

Connelly said that Tennessee based Lamination Services is sending a new film

canister, but the part was backordered, further delaying the repair process.

The Ryan Matura Library and Flick have been impacted the most by the I.D. shortage. Chip Kennedy, director of dining services, said his staff can not keep up with the extra work created when students don't have I.D.'s. "We're having people write down their name and I.D. number with their purchases," Kennedy said after pointing out a foot-high stack of papers.

"We're going to have to hire somebody part-time to help us

input this. Right now we're three weeks behind."

Connelly said that the machine will hopefully be fixed and running by next weekend. Student Life is considering installing a new system for next year. "The larger issue is that this I.D. machine is out of date," he said. "Even on its best day it's not capable of managing our I.D. load."

A new I.D. system could allow for debit transactions at campus vending, laundry and copy machines and in the bookstore.

Discovery Awards return to Sacred Heart for the 11th year to raise funds

Special to the Spectrum

Sacred Heart University's 11th Annual Discovery Awards and Scholarship Dinner will recognize four Fairfield County residents and one organization for significant community service accomplishments on Oct. 16.

The black-tie gala, which provides financial support for SHU's scholarships, will be held on campus in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Discovery Awards will be presented to Robert J. Trefry and Mary G. Trefry, of Fairfield; the Rev. William D. Donovan, pastor of Holy Family Church in

Fairfield; and the Near & Far Aid Association, Inc., of Southport. The annual Bishop Walter W. Curtis Medal of Honor will be awarded to Mary-Ann Bunting of Westport.

Since 1994, Robert Trefry has served as president and chief executive officer of Bridgeport Hospital, one of the state's largest health care facilities. He is also president and CEO of Southern Connecticut Health Systems, Inc., the hospital's parent corporation.

Trefry is on the executive board of the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy

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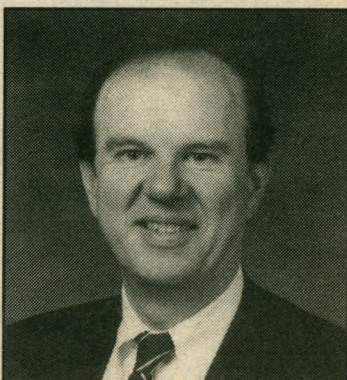
Rev. William Donovan



Mary-Ann Bunting



Mary G. Trefry



Robert J. Trefry

News Briefs

First Annual Youth Day coming Oct. 17

The New Beginnings COGIC Youth Department will be presenting its first annual youth day services at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Straford Ramada.

Bridgeport's Bethel Memorial Deliverance Church Steppers and Junior Choir will participate along with other area youth departments.

For more information, call Branda Wiggins, pastor of Bethel Deliverance Church at 333-6665.

Discussion on learning disabilities starting up

A monthly "Coffee and..." series is going to be held in the Jandrisevits Learning Center for faculty members. The series is meant to discuss various questions and concerns with respects to educating students with learning disabilities.

The series will be run by Jill Angotta of the JLC and will be first held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Telecomm. close to East Hall cable deal

Cable television will not be available in East Hall for an unknown period time, but Vice President of Technology Mike Trimble said that he is finalizing plans to bring the service to the new dorm.

Installation was delayed while the University could work out a plan that would efficiently bill students for an acceptable price.

Trimble said the University plans on installing a satellite dish which would proved the building with 62 channells, including Comedy Central, ESPN and MTV2.

-Compiled by Danielle DeName

More comprehensive Pre-Med program starting up

By **Brian Corasaniti**
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Sacred Heart University is starting a new Pre-Medical Advisement Program aimed at Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental, Pre-Veterinary, and Pre-Optometry students. The goal of the program is to help students receive a well rounded field of study in their majors, including literature, humanities, and other fields in addition to their science training.

The program is being co-directed by Carol Schoefield, assistant professor of Biology and Marian Silverstein-Calabrese, assistant professor of English and Communications. Schoefield and Silverstein-Calabrese said they wanted to start this program after hearing a lecture from Abraham Verghese at SHU. Verghese teaches at Harvard Medical School and is a proponent of this type of program.

The position to direct the advisement program was open after Philip Krebs, the program's previous director, left SHU last year to be Academic Affairs Vice President at Berkely College in White Plains, N.Y. Schoefield and Silverstein-Calabrese were then asked by

Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to be co-directors of the revamped program.

"What we hope to put is the wholistic component," said Schoefield. "We were exceptionally excited about his (Verghese's) message."

"We will be taking our pre-med advisees to the theater, literature, preparing them for the meat... The message is the science must be sound, but there is more to it,"

Dr. Marian Silverstein-Calabrese, co-director of the Pre-Medical Advisement Program.

There will also be an element of outside work involved in the program.

"We'd like to emphasize the service component. Students will work with groups they are interested in. It will give them a

chance to have real experience," said Schoefield.

"We will be taking our pre-med advisees to the theater, literature, preparing them for the meat... The message is the science must be sound, but there is more to it," said Silverstein-Calabrese.

"The whole idea of interpersonal communication is a focus," added Silverstein-Calabrese.

Students will also be attending the off-broadway play Wit and reading Verghese's book, My Own Country among other things.

Schoefield and Silverstein-Calabrese said that the program is not intended as a substitute for the student's regular academic advisers.

"They will also have advisers. It is not meant to replace their academic major advisers," said Silverstein-Calabrese.

There will be a webpage coming soon, according to Schoefield and Silverstein-Calabrese. They also said any interested students can contact Schoefield at 371-7784 and Silverstein-Calabrese at 371-7811.

"We've had a lot of inquiry. It's so different, we are so proud of its uniqueness," said Silverstein-Calabrese.

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Library looking to fill gaps

By Brenda Mendez
Contributing Writer

The Ryan-Matura Library is updating and expanding the library's resources to better support Sacred Heart University's curriculum and the needs of students and faculty.

The completion of this new long-term development plan is tentatively set for spring of the next fiscal year.

A Blue Ribbon Commission, a group of faculty members and Thomas Forget, vice president for Academic Affairs, have been asked to come forth with a plan to improve the library's current resources.

"The staff and myself are working together to meet our goal, which is to create an environment where service is the motto," said Mary Rogers, interim university librarian. "We want to be able to meet the needs of the students to the best of our ability."

The advice of Library Consultant Dr. Evan Farber is being sought to better determine the needs of the library. His two-day visit to the library, which occurred on Sept. 22 and 23, was to provide guidance for the early stages of the plan.

"Dr. Farber is very reputable in his field and hopefully his analysis of the library will put us on the right track," said Melanie Ferko, reference and acquisitions librarian.

A new online book catalog



File Photo

Many students are hoping for library changes this year.

similar to that used at the University of Connecticut will be installed in the reference area of the library to further facilitate the research process for students.

"This new online research system will be much easier to use and students will be able to gain access from their rooms without actually having to come to the library," said Ferko.

The Virtual Private Network is another program being tested that will be in place sometime this fall. With this program, the commuter student will be able to access library information from home.

Rogers is starting a project to improve the information liter-

acy standard, which will be fully developed by the end of this fiscal year.

"This project will give students enough knowledge so that they can visit any library, not just the one here at the University," said Rogers.

There has been an 11 percent increase in the number of people using the facility. Use of electronic resources has increased 15 to 70 percent, depending on the database.

In house use of books went up 8 percent.

A consumer satisfaction survey will be initiated next spring for the library staff to receive feedback of their service.

Awards: SHU gala returns for 11th year

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Scouts of America and is a board member of Voluntary Hospitals of America, Northeast Region; Bridgeport Public Education Fund Inc., and United Way of Fairfield County. He also chairs the Seaview Avenue Business Alliance, which has been instrumental in the redevelopment of that area in Bridgeport's East End.

Mary Trefry, who holds a doctorate from Columbia University, is an assistant professor of marketing in the College of Business at SHU.

She joined the faculty in 1994 as an adjunct professor in the MBA program.

Earlier, she served as a development consultant and management trainer with organizations as diverse as the United Nations, a multinational insurance firm and a Montessori school.

On the volunteer front, she is education chairman of the

Bridgeport Hospital Auxiliary and works with the Near & Far Aid Association on its annual Southport-Westport Antiques Show fundraiser.

Father Donovan, a Seymour native, has served as Holy Family's pastor since 1989. Prior to his arrival, he spent eight years as associate pastor of St. Leo Parish in Stamford, a period distinguished by his work on the boards of the Salvation Army, the New Covenant House of Hospitality and Stamford Hospice Home Care.

In 1985, he was honored as Stamford Hospice's Man of the Year.

Ordained in 1961 by Cardinal Lawrence Shehan, the first bishop of Bridgeport, Father Donovan spent 23 years as a high school teacher of English, Latin, and religion before entering parish work. He taught at Fairfield Prep, his alma mater, from 1973-1981.

The Near & Far Aid Association is an all-volunteer organization of women dedicat-

ed to raising funds for the needy. In the past year, it provided \$392,000 in grants to education and job training programs, families at risk, adults in crisis, community health agencies, the homeless, elderly care and the American Red Cross International. Accepting the award on behalf of the association will be Laura M. Wilbur, president and Cynthia Rubin, immediate past president.

Mary-Ann Bunting is a senior financial adviser with Bunting and Somma of Westport, a division of American Express Financial Advisers, Inc., and a member of SHU's Board of Regents, the Kennedy Center's Board of Directors, Bread and Roses and the Emmanus Community of Stamford.

The dinner chairs are Elinor Biggs of Westport and Gloria Paul and Bill Paul of Trumbull. For tickets and sponsorship information, call Laurie Bellico, director of Corporate Relations at 371-7862.

Public Safety Releases

Incident Reports from Sept. 21 to Sept. 24

Sept. 21: 9:00 a.m.- East Hall officer reported there was an East Hall neighbor with a complaint about the windows being open more than four inches.

10:00 a.m.- East Hall neighbor who complained earlier about the windows at East Hall came to the Public Safety Office and complained there were air conditioners and fans in the windows. The neighbor stated that if anyone comes to his house, he would put a shotgun in their face.

2:30 p.m.- South Hall fire alarm; no problem found.

5:10 p.m.- Students reported the theft of her license plate from her vehicle, which was parked in the North Lot.

6:56 p.m.- South Hall, first floor fire alarm caused by a cigarette smoke in the vestibule area.

Sept. 22: 8:13 a.m.- Staff member reported her wallet stolen from her pocketbook in the Main Academic Building; her office was unsecured. The wallet was stolen on Sept. 21, reported on Sept. 22.

9:15 a.m.- Minor motor vehicle accident in front of the Main Academic Building; no injuries. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

10:11 a.m.- Staff member reported five dollars taken from her pocketbook in the Main Academic Building; the office was unsecured. The money was stolen on Sept. 21, reported on Sept. 22.

11:43 a.m.- Staff member reported the theft of a Digital Video Disc from the Administration Building. At 4:08 p.m., staff member reported a camcorder, case, and charger were also missing.

4:29 p.m.- Minor motor vehicle accident on the Administration Road; no injuries. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

5:19 p.m.- Faculty member reported the theft of his laptop computer from the Main Academic Building. Fairfield Police were called and responded.

8:42 p.m.- A Pitt Center member reported the theft of her wallet from the gym area.

9:34 p.m.- Residence Hall Director requested Public Safety dispatch at South Hall. Officer responded and a small amount of marijuana and paraphernalia were confiscated.

11:49 p.m.- Officer observed a male distributing flyers in the Outpost Pub; he was told there is no soliciting and he would have to leave. The male refused to leave. The Shift Supervisor asked the male to leave and he complied.

Sept. 23: 12:52 a.m.- West Hall resident reported she had been threatened earlier in the day by another resident. Public Safety Officer responded and investigated the incident.

12:12 p.m.- Student reported she hit a parked vehicle in the North Lot while she was pulling into a parking space. A note was left on the windshield of the vehicle with the information.

2:52 p.m.- East Hall resident reported his vehicle had been hit while parked in the South Lot. Fairfield Police notified and responded.

5:40 p.m.- Library fire alarm reported; no problem found.

6:53 p.m.- Student reported she hit a parked vehicle in the North Lot while she was pulling into a parking space. The owner of the vehicle was located and notified of the incident.

Sept. 24: 3:58 a.m.- West Hall first floor fire alarm; no problem found.

Parking: Problems persist

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parking is always tight".

Jefferson Hill residents who park in North lot and are coming onto campus late at night can be escorted by public safety to their apartments.

"One thing that gets me is that we pay for stickers and tickets, and when there is an outside function going on, I can't even get to the Pitt Center for practice," said Tricia Moore, a senior from Lindenhurst, N.Y.

According to O'Connell, the money received from parking tickets and stickers is put into a

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Editorials

Add parking problems to list of growing pains

Another year rolls around and the typical student complaints follow. A lot of the old favorites are back, including parking. Yeah, it sucks again this year. In fact, it is not stretching the truth to say that it has gotten significantly worse this semester so far. With the rise in the resident student population and the addition of East Hall, parking on campus has become a major headache.

So, what should be done? Perhaps build a second tier above the North or Library Lots to accommodate more parking? Fat chance that will happen before the end of the year, but who knows down the line.

How many seniors would have thought there would be a new 10-story dorm, an \$18 million sports facility, and two additions to the Academic Building built before they graduated?

The school's growth will only make parking worse if nothing changes, so odds are, along with everything else at SHU, parking will expand. But like everything else at SHU as well, we will have to wait.

New pre-med program a smart operation

It's good to see that Sacred Heart is utilizing its role as a liberal arts school to help broaden the horizons of the pre-med students at SHU.

There is a great concern that students who get into pre-med programs in college do not receive a broad curriculum and end up just doing math and science for their undergraduate years.

With this new program, it looks like the same students who might not be able to differentiate William Shakespeare from John Grisham will now have a broader sense of our world and the culture in it.

This will be able to broaden their knowledge and help them when they hit the real world and need to relate to patients from a variety of backgrounds.

A program like this that broadens a student's knowledge of the world around them could put SHU on the map as far as pre-med schools go and give the school some well-deserved recognition if this program continues successfully.

The Spectrum now has email! Send us your comments or questions. Our address is corasanb@sacredheart.edu



By Claire Widman



The SHU Voices

If you could change one thing at SHU, what would it be and why?

Brian Merwin
Senior
Guilford, N.H.

"The ignorance of the majority of the student body towards the world outside SHU."

Matt Flood
Senior
Stratford

"To get rid of the channels and red tape that hinder any club from getting anything done"

Karen Craver
Sophomore
Londonderry, N.H.

"I'd bring all the on-campus housing together to create more of a sense of campus community"

Only your voice can change SHU

Last Thursday, Student Government officers organized an open forum that aimed to address concerns from the student body. The event was scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. but was delayed when few students showed.



By Matt Duda

5 : 3 0 rolled around and the Mahogany Room was virtually empty except for Student Government officers and a few diners. When the forum finally came to order at six, maybe a dozen people had showed up to take part in the meeting.

Oddly, it's hard to walk from the bookstore to the café without overhearing some complaint about Sacred Heart.

Maybe it's jammed parking lots that upsets one student. The cost of food in the dining hall irks another. Campus events are lame, laments a third.

If these complaints are sincere, why were those voices silent at the moment when campus leaders loaned their ears? It's doubtful that nobody knew about the event, as Student Government displayed banners throughout campus hyping the event while S.G. Vice President Gabe Goodine thoroughly described it in these very pages last week.

Perhaps it's not considered socially acceptable to participate in campus events such as this. That could also explain low attendance at S.E.T events.

Maybe most students expect problems to be fixed without any effort on their part. The only way to change SHU's shortcomings is to speak up

about them and bring them into the light. When Student Government hold a forum like the one last week, it does so to gather ideas on how to improve the university to better serve the student body. Student Government works for us, but is pointless if we don't support them in their jobs.

The *Spectrum* also is here to work for you. Your student activity fee that is included in your tuition each year fuels our budget. Therefore, we are accountable to you and we are obliged to serve as your voice even when it does seem that nobody is listening.

We want to know what students are thinking, but we hardly ever receive letters. We gather our information by what we hear in the halls and feedback from our friends (yes, we really do have them!).

We are obliged to print your

opinions on our pages every week. That's the whole purpose of student-run media. On occasion, a dissatisfied student will wander into our office with a problem. We listen and do a story if possible, often confronting administrators with student concerns. The administration usually cooperates with our mission as a voice for the student body.

The *Spectrum* and Student Government want to hear from you. It is only with your feedback that we can bring your concerns to light and, hopefully, resolve them.

Please contact our office at anytime, whether it's to talk about a problem or offer a suggestion. Even if it's to criticize our work, we will print it. Or, if you just want to comment on our publication, send an email to corasanb@sacredheart.edu. We will always respond to you.

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"Student responds to philosophy complaint"

This letter is in response to an editorial printed last week by a reader who was disturbed by the sale of the book entitled, "Women Philosophers" in our university's bookstore.

It was claimed that by publishing a book solely on the contribution of women to the field of philosophy, the author, "openly declared that it was not interested in the truth of any subject matter...it would not have narrowed its search to the works of

only a few women."

Is not the purpose of our education to get a more intricate understanding of the broad subjects which are taught here? Should we limit our studies to simply the overarching themes of the different disciplines? If so, we would be limiting our education to "Introduction to..." the subjects which caught our interest.

I cannot imagine any reason why one who takes enough

interest in philosophy to take this upper-level class should not be exposed to the many differing areas which compose it. By requiring a book such as this, the professor was simply attempting to expand the students' knowledge in one particular area of philosophy.

As I was in my Congress and Legislative Processes class reading the article, one example came to mind. I glanced down at the text we were using,

"Congressional Elections." The obvious aim of this book is to educate the students about the politics of the election of members to our House of Representatives and Senate.

By writing a book solely on the elections to Congress, was the author implying that the election of our president is unimportant? Of course not.

The singling out of one specific area of the election process in America was by no means

making the other less important. The close-minded opinion of the author of the previous editorial is a unfortunate representation of the mind-set of too many students at this university. I am saddened to think of the education with which this individual will graduate.

Melissa Hensley
Senior

Explore opportunities that Greek Life offers

Rush Week illustrates how Greek organizations contribute to SHU

By Vimala George
SG Rep. for Greek Life

First off, I'd like once again to welcome the freshmen to Sacred Heart University and welcome back all returning students.

I hope the summer was good to you and that this year will be filled with new beginnings and opportunities.

I know that you first-year students have probably already seen the Greek Life presence at Sacred Heart.

A Greek may have helped move you into your dorm or already approached about rushing a sorority or fraternity. I hope that Greek Life is something that you have thought about getting involved with.

Joining a fraternity or sorority is a great way to get involved on campus, meet people, make

lasting friendships and serve a worthy cause.

Personally, I believe that joining a sorority was one of the best decisions I ever made. I can honestly say that had I not joined a sorority, I would not be as involved with the SHU community as I am today. I learned a lot from pledging, including team work and time management.

It was an exciting and unique experience, one that I will always remember and cherish.

By the time this article comes out, Rush Week will almost be over. Prospective associate members were given the opportunity to meet the organizations individually last week.

This past Monday they were all required to meet each organization before they chose the one they felt most comfortable with.

They then were called back by the organization for interviews. If they were given a bid they will start the initiation process that will last eight weeks on October 4.

"I believe that joining a sorority was one of the best decisions I ever made. It was an exciting and unique experience, one that I will always remember and cherish."

Those eight weeks of pledging are worth it because the letters you earn in those eight weeks last you a lifetime and produce friendships that will last just as long.

I guess I'll also take this

opportunity to properly introduce myself. My name is Vimala George. Most people know me as Vim.

I am the Student Government representative for Greek Life and the head of Greek Council, a body composed of representatives from each Greek organization on campus.

I love this position because it gives me the opportunity to work closely with all the organization. I believe in Greek life and its positive influence on this campus.

Each organization has a particular purpose that they fight for. They work for this cause all year.

Greek Life organizations also work together. My favorite part of Greek Life is seeing all the organizations come together as one.

Last year all the organiza-

tions participated in a clothing drive for the Kosovo relief fund and entertained 4,000 children on Halloween.

This past Saturday we had the first Greek Life sports day. All fraternities and sororities played flag football in the quad. It wasn't one organization against another. The teams were mixed and the day was gorgeous.

I hope that those who have decided to rush are excited and that those who haven't think about rushing in the future.

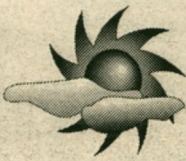
Greek Life isn't for everyone but you owe it to yourself to find that out.

If you decide that it is for you, it'll change your life for the better. I have met and worked with the most amazing people and I owe that to Greek Life.

The Weather Corner

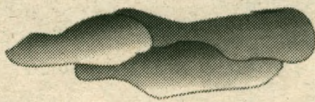
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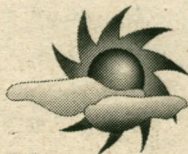
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Features

Forming friendships through your 'best buddy'

Campus club forms relationships with mentally disabled adults

By Megan Ambrose
Contributing Writer

One of the least publicized clubs on campus may also be the one that does the most good for the disadvantaged. It's known to its members as "Best Buddies."

"Best Buddies" is an organization established to promote friendships between the mentally disabled and student volunteers.

It was founded by Anthony K. Shriver, a Georgetown University student in 1987, and it has found its way into the hearts and lives of the students at Sacred Heart University.

Sacred Heart's "Best Buddies" program had been running strong for four years. The organization aims to give students the chance to form a one-on-one relationship with a person with mental retardation.

College students are assigned a buddy to keep contact with once a week by letter, phone, or e-mail. The buddies are all adults ranging from 25 to 60 years old.

Students and their buddies attend group outings, including walks, sporting games, and various other activities.

Many students feel that the

program helps to build strong relationships while helping members of the community.

"I enjoy Best Buddies because it is rewarding when a student sees a mentally disabled person so happy that someone is caring for them," said Julie Hutchinson, a junior from West Haven and second-year director of Best Buddies.

Campus Minister and program advisor Tricia Leonard-Pasley believes that the program develops very strong friendships over time and the learning that can be developed from each other is remarkable.

"I love 'Best Buddies' because it is an ongoing organization and not a one shot deal," said Leonard-Pasley.

According to Leonard-Pasley, about 20 dedicated students participate each year to provide friendship and companionship for disabled people.

"Students build a friendship throughout the entire year and it is great to see how this relationship changes both their lives," said Leonard-Pasley.

"These people are learning to go to jobs and live in the community while enjoying very full lives," she added.

Hutchinson said that the program helps mentally disabled individuals get involved with



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For the last four years, The Best Buddies program has developed many strong friendships.

society. "Best Buddies is a good way to reach out of these people's homes," said Hutchinson.

The buddies range in age from 30 to 60 years old, and according to Hutchinson, they do not have a hard time opening up to students.

"The buddies are affectionate, and they loosen up when they are around the younger students," said Hutchinson.

Sacred Heart's chapter includes around 15 college buddies and are always in need of new members.

Students can be either a college buddy or an associate member, which is someone who does not have a buddy but comes to meetings and events.

Anyone interested in joining should contact Julie Hutchinson at 396-1181.

Residential Life aims to improve living conditions *Machielson and staff members prepare for semester at new home*

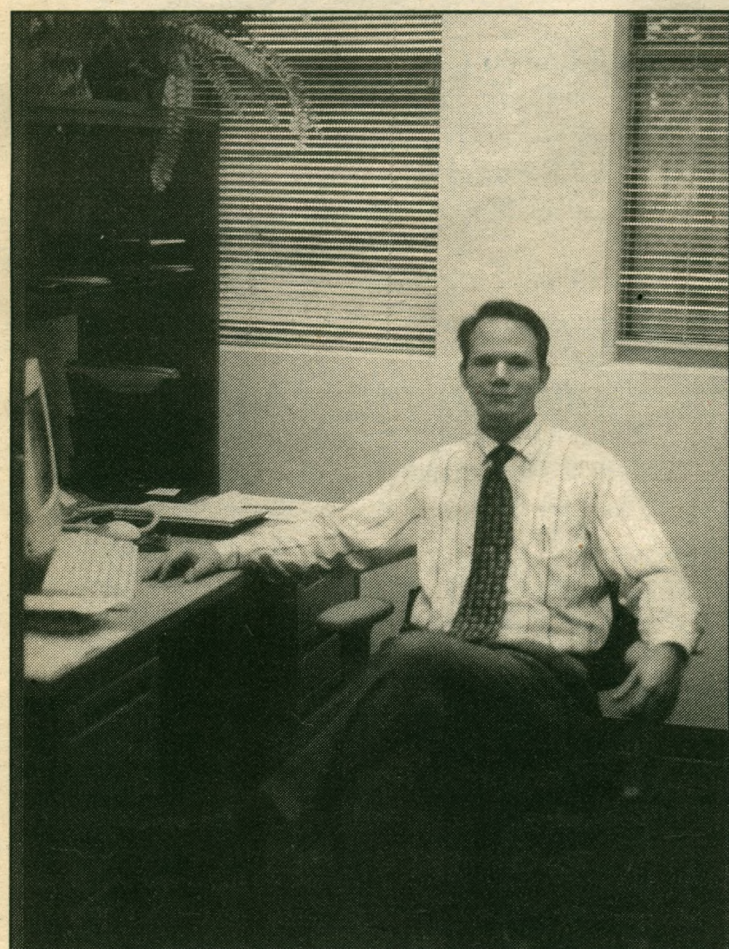


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Allan Machielson, the Assistant Director of Residential Life.

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

Sacred Heart University's Department of Residential Life added some new faces in its department this year with the hopes of strengthening security around campus and insuring for the well being of all its students.

With the departure of Cathy Raynis, director of Residential Life and Katrina Coaxley, the assistant director of Residential Life, new holes in the department had to be filled.

Although the University is still in search for a new director of Residential Life newcomer Allan Machielson will take over where Raynis left off for now.

Machielson is the Assistant Director of Residential Life this year and plans to govern students with the same University policies that were abided by in recent years.

"My concerns is to have better security and safety for students and to address all damage concerns," said Machielson.

The Residential Life office

has been moved this year from the Academic Building to the structure across the street known as East Hall.

The 10-floor dormitory has been getting a lot of heat from the community this past summer, but according to Machielson, recently there have not been any problems regarding the building's neighbors.

"Everybody's been pretty cooperative with us and there have been no recent complaints," said Machielson.

According to Machielson, tighter security in East Hall, such as separate keys for every floor of the dorm and windows that can open four inches, will help to prevent any serious infractions dealing with students and their chances of committing a violation.

"Because of the way East Hall is set up it is easier to know who's involved in any type of damage," said Machielson.

Larry Wielk, dean of students, believes that the main goal is to provide for the students and improve living condi-

tions in the dormitories.

"I think a lot of what we are looking to change is some policy enforcement issues including illegal substances, alcohol, and visitations," said Wielk.

"Spinning off of that would be more consistency of our sanctions," Wielk added.

Other than a few minor suspensions for illegal substances, Wielk reinforced the idea that everything is going well among student behavior.

Born in Chicago, Machielson graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., with a bachelor's in Fine Arts and had worked for three years in Residential Life and Admissions.

Since then, he had been a Resident Hall Director as well as a campus minister at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Penn. before coming to Sacred Heart.

"I had been looking at Catholic universities for quite some time, and I had the great opportunity to come here and I took it," said Machielson.

SHU offers semester at Luxembourg Courses scheduled for the Spring of 2000

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart University will be offering a chance to study in Luxembourg for undergraduate students in the spring semester of 2000.

Members of the history department as well as the Study Abroad office have initiated the program called "The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg".

The semester allows students to learn about European history, language, and to travel to various banks or museums located in the heart of Luxembourg.

"Students of any major may participate in the program," said Dr. Claire Paolini, director of study abroad and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Because they may fill area B requirements or general electives," she added.

Accommodations are made on campus in Luxembourg where students will stay.

The courses will make up 15 credits and are taught by professors from Sacred Heart.

The classes being offered include Comparative Western European Politics, Modern Political Ideologies, History of

the Benelux Countries, German and French literature in translation, International Marketing, and Independent Studies.

Students must have a sophomore ranking to participate as well as a grade point average of 2.75 or higher. The cost of the semester is relatively the same as a semester on campus at Sacred Heart.

"It is our hope that in the future, we will create an interest to others outside of the University who would like to participate (study abroad)," -Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

"If three credits makes a difference in a student going, we may offer independent studies to let them go," said Dr. John Roney, director of European studies.

Roney strongly believes that the trip to a different coun-

try will be a memorable and worthwhile experience.

"You may spend money constantly on food, clothes, or concerts here with no knowledge of where the money went, but I guarantee you will remember spending \$50 on a Rhineland tour," said Roney.

Many students feel that the opportunity to learn in different countries is worthwhile.

"If I had a chance, I would definitely take courses in a different area," said John Johnson, a senior from Rhode Island.

During October, Roney will offer meetings to present those interested with applications, inform them about finances, and the benefits of studying in Luxembourg.

Even though the program is offered at Sacred Heart, it is available to students who are not registered at the University.

"It is our hope that in the future, we will create an interest to others outside of the University who would like to participate," said Paolini.

Students can find information posted on bulletin boards throughout the University or contact Roney at 371-7741, or by e-mail at roneyj@sacred-heart.edu.

Campus Happenings

Pigskin classic-homecoming on Saturday

Sacred Heart University's Homecoming football game will take place on Saturday at Campus Field. A barbecue and a chili cook-off competition are some of the day's highlights. The Pioneers will take on the Red Flash of St. Francis College. Tickets, which include the game and the barbecue cost \$10 a person. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. Festivities will start at 10:30 a.m. For further information and reservations, contact Nancy Pruitt at 371-7725.

Trip to the United Nations this Sunday

A full guided tour of the United Nations for Sacred Heart University students will happen this Sunday. The trip is free for SHU students and \$8 for non-SHU students. The trip leaves at 9 a.m..

For more information, call Grace Lim or Tina Shah at extension 7614 in the International/Multicultural Center.

International Club meetings starting up

The International Club will be starting meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by the International Center. For more information, call Tina Shah or Grace Lim at extension 7614.

Psychology and social work workshop Oct. 6

A workshop for those interested in graduate work in the field of psychology or social work will be held from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Pitt Center Board Room.

Prizes offered for Mabeline modeling contest

A contest is searching for five women, ages 16-24, to represent Mabeline for a year now through Oct. 8. 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.mabeline.com to begin the survey.

-Compiled by Mike Kuchar



File photo

The International Coffeehouse series gives students the chance to experience different cultures.

Irish/Scottish duo charms crowd with authentic music and exciting stories

By Mike Kuchar
Features Editor

This past Friday night, the Irish/Scottish Coffeehouse was held in the Mahogany room. Faculty and students were invited to see the sights and hear the sounds of Tara's Thistle, a husband and wife duo who told their stories of adventure and shared their authentic style of Scottish music.

Tara's Thistle has traveled back and forth from Scotland to Ireland amassing instruments in both countries while learning the traditional music. One of the members of the group is a music professor at the University of Connecticut.

The duo had visited Sacred Heart University on three other occasions including during St.

Patrick's Day, and are always welcomed back to come play again.

"They are very authentic," said Grace Lim, director of the International/Multicultural center at the University. "They spoke in old-English terms, it was very exciting," she added.

Lim also said that in the four times that they had shown they routinely change their act.

"Every time they perform, they do something different, something entertaining," said Lim.

Up to 30 people showed up in the Mahogany Room to watch Tara's Thistle perform.

"They really had the crowd's attention, they shared stories and various photographs from their trips," said Lim.

Tara's Thistle will once

again make an appearance at Sacred Heart on Oct. 23 during Family Weekend. This time they will play the bag pipes during the celebration under the tent set up at the football field.

"Were extremely looking forward to seeing them play once again," said Lim.

For more information regarding Tara's Thistle and their music, students can preview their website at geocities.com.vienna/4037.

Other activities on Family Weekend include a hypnotist, hayrides, pumpkin carving, sample classes, and a dinner dance.

The ninth annual Family Weekend kicks off on, October 22, for any questions or comments contact Denise Tiberio, assistant dean of students, at 371-7736.

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Despite loss, music program continues to grow

By Brian McGrath
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart's music program is as strong as ever, despite the retirement of Leland Roberts last spring.

Roberts had been the head of the music department almost since the University's beginning.

The department is now under the direction of Dr. Claire Paolini, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

At the present time, no one has been hired for the chairperson position, and Roberts' duties have, for now, been divided between music professors Joe Carter and Barbara Rowe.

"So far this semester the music program is on track and running smoothly," said Carter, who has been a music program director and professor for the past 11 years at the University.

According to Carter, enrollment has been up in the past couple of years, and is continu-

ously building.

Carter added, "Music is the best kept secret on campus. I have had many students come to take lessons and say that they never even knew that the music department existed."

Although the school does not offer music as a major, it tries to provide an environment in which students can develop and nurture their musical talents.

"I have had many students come to take lessons and say that they never even knew that the music department existed," -Joe Carter, music professor

"I've noticed more students come to the department in the last couple years, having the will

to want to learn music, which impresses me a lot," said Carter.

The music program offers lessons in five different music disciplines: violin, cello, piano, guitar and voice.

Private lessons are available, and all lessons can be taken for one or two credits.

Students may enroll at any level with which they feel most comfortable.

Five other classes are offered which give insight to the history and exploration of music. Chorus and orchestra are also available.

Other alternatives include jazz ensemble and marching band, lead by Marvin McNeill.

Though both the chorus and orchestra are under new leadership, they have not fallen behind.

For the fall semester, the music program is conducting an orchestra concert on Dec. 5, followed by a chorus concert on Dec. 12 in the Mahogany Room.



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The music program offers guitar lessons, as in the case of Patrick Murphy, a junior from Worcester, Mass.

Stayin' alive, since the 70's

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

Over the past 25 years, we have all become familiar with the phrase, "Live, from New York, it's Saturday Night!"

Sunday night marked the culmination of the series' success, with a three-hour NBC special.

In attendance were many of Hollywood and television's biggest, and funniest stars. But more importantly, the show was attended by the comedy heavyweights that made the show as popular as it is today.

Who better to open the show than 6-year cast member Bill Murray. The hair was a little shorter, and much grayer than it was a quarter of a century ago, but everyone could recognize his character Nick, the lounge singer.

As he made his way through the audience, we saw famous faces of the Hollywood community who came out to support their friends.

Though so many cast members came back for this event, there were more than a few faces missing.

Some of SNL's best-loved comedians have died since their glory days on the show. Perhaps the two funniest, and certainly most popular, members of the original cast, Gilda Radner and John Belushi, were immortalized on the small screen in some of their most memorable roles.

Tributes to them, as well as



Bill Murray as SNL's "Nick, the Lounge singer.

to others, like Chris Farley and Phil Hartmann made us cry as we remembered how they used to make us laugh.

But the program did not focus on the many tragedies that have plagued SNL in the past, but rather, showcased some of the most hilarious sketches in SNL history:

Murray and Radner as nerds Todd De LaMuca and Lisa Loopner, The Coneheads, Opera Man, Mary Catherine Gallagher, Weekend Update, The Cheerleaders, the list goes on and on.

The show's producers did not forget to acknowledge the other aspects of the show that have also added to its success.

The cast members paid homage to the vast array of hosts and musical guests that have appeared on SNL over the past

quarter of a century.

Tom Hanks and Jerry Seinfeld each had tremendous success as hosts, just to name a few.

(Incidentally, Seinfeld hosts the season opener this Saturday.)

Amid the music montages from each decade, performances by The Eurythmics and Al Green were given, followed by the show's finale: The Beastie Boys and Elvis Costello.

Nothing was left out; they covered everything from commercial parodies to animation.

From its most successful seasons to its slumps, the producers found something to show.

SNL has had its high points and its low points over the years. Its controversial nature has changed since its racy beginnings, when the presidency and drug use were not too taboo to joke about.

Lately, the show has been in a bit of a slump, and probably should be "living in a van down by the river," but last night affirmed that they still know how to put on a good show.

Sunday night was reminiscent of seasons past, but it was also an affirmation that the Hollywood community, if no one else, continues to support SNL.

And, who knows, maybe the show will slide up the charts once again. As proved on Sunday, SNL has a rejuvenating quality that has sustained the show for 25 years.

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Carrot Top tonight at the Pitt Center!

One of today's most popular comedians, Carrot Top, can be seen tonight at William H. Pitt Center. The show begins at 8 p.m., and tickets are still available. Price of admission is \$7 for students, and \$15 for general admission.

Tenth Anniversary Celebration in Gallery

The Gallery of Contemporary Art celebrates its tenth anniversary with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and jazz by The Carol Sudhalter Trio at 6 p.m. tomorrow night. Guided tours of the University's recent acquisitions will be offered. The Gallery asks for a \$25 donation, and RSVP is required. Contact Sophia Gevas or Jeffery Smith at 365-7650.

George Clinton coming to Toad's Place

New Haven's popular club Toad's Place hosts another successful music group this coming Tuesday. George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars will take the stage at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$30, and are available now, as well as at the door. For more information, contact Toad's Place at 624-TOAD (8623).

New Folk Music scene opens in Bridgeport

A new coffee house opened on Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport recently. The coffee house calls itself "the best in the new folk music scene." It is a cafe that serves coffee, tea, desserts and sandwiches, but also a variety of live music. This weekend John Kelly and Sue Witty are scheduled to perform, and Tuesday is Open Mic night. Most shows begin around 8 p.m. "Acoustic Cafe," as it is called, is located near Black Rock Castle and Arizona Flats, and is open from 3-11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

-Compiled by Frances Moore

Italian community revives some of opera's greatest

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue so all of you would have something to do.

More than five hundred years since his historical voyages, one thing is for sure: the Columbus Day celebration is alive and strong in the Greater Bridgeport community.

The Council of Italian American Societies, headed by John Arcudi, fills the beginning of October with festivities for the holiday.

Perhaps the best way to sing the praises of Italo-American accomplishment is through a classical concert.

At 7:30 p.m. next Monday evening in Sacred Heart's Mahogany Room, the walls will reverberate with the song of local talents.

Five professional singers, from the North End studio of voice maestro Pasquale Pappano, will entertain what promises to be a large and diverse crowd.

The program will include operatic arias and duets, as well as Broadway musical selections and Neapolitan folk songs.

Pappano, proud of his pupils, assures, "Everyone is very, very talented. They're all phenomenal. You can hear it-

just listen!"

The opening number will be a piece from Rossini's "The Barber of Seville," performed by Sandy Densen, a basso.

Some of Giacomo Puccini's works will be featured. Stephanie Conte, a popular lirico soprano, will open with "Mi Chiamano Mimi," the heartfelt, yet humble work from "La Boheme."

Conte commented, "I absolutely love Puccini's music. It fits me, suits my voice, as much as I enjoy singing it. Verdi is becoming a favorite of mine as well."

Later, Mario Marra, a lyric tenor, will lament in the chillingly poignant piece from "Tosca," "E Lucevan le Stelle" ("And the Stars Were Shimmering").

Conte will follow with a piece from "Manon Lescaut." James Landers, a lyric tenor, will round out the set with a work from "La Fanciulla del West."

Works from Giuseppe Verdi's operas will provide a solo for Densen, and a few duets, including one from "Otello," which pairs Landers with Conte.

Conte anticipates a positive response from the audience.

"I'm looking forward to returning to sing for such an



Photo by Gabriel Bonanni

Mario Marra and Stephanie Conte joined forces at last year's CIAS production.

enthusiastic audience who truly appreciate the world of opera," he said.

Following a brief intermission, filled with frutta fresca, café caldo, and biscotti buoni, the concert will resume with a medley of Broadway tunes performed by Conte.

Last, but certainly not least, Marra will be joined by the veteran voice of Neapolitan tenor Martino Parella.

Parella appreciates his third opportunity to perform at the school.

"For me, it's always a

pleasure to sing for the Council of Italian American Societies at Sacred Heart University," Parella said.

He added, "I look forward also to seeing the young people of Circolo Italiano appreciating our songs."

The concert is co-sponsored by Sacred Heart's new Italian Club, "Circolo Italiano."

CI centers its celebrations around religious holidays, this concert falling on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The group is open to all students, Italian or not, and focuses

on supporting students in the Italian curriculum.

John Fuoco, a sophomore from Milano, Italy, and vice president of CI said, "I would miss my heritage if it weren't brought to Sacred Heart in some small part. I'd love to hear it here in the arias, and I really appreciate what else the Circolo Italiano has to offer."

For more information about the concert, contact the CIAS at 335-2407.

Those interested in Circolo Italiano can contact Gabriel Bonanni at 368-0230.

They went out with a bang: REM says 'good-bye to drummer, performing

REM says 'good-bye to drummer, performing

By Matt Flood
Staff Writer

REM's first tour in four years is also rumored to be their last.

After nearly two decades of touring and performing the band bid farewell to drummer Bill Berry who, due to ailing health, felt it necessary to file for early retirement

(Berry suffered an aneurysm onstage and has since gone through multiple operations).

While the band has not made an official statement about whether this will be their final tour, it has been understood that they would not continue long without Berry.

The final leg of the tour was to take place in the northeast, with stops on Long Island, Boston, and Washington, D.C.

I decided to catch what very well might be the final chance to see these legendary musicians play.

I caught their Sept. 4 show at the Jones Beach Amphitheater, and proceeded to watch some of this great band's final touring moments.

The show was opened by one hit wonders Spacehog, who, despite their fifteen minutes of fame being up about four years ago, seem to secure amazing touring partners.

So after an extremely bland set by the aforementioned openers, the crowd sat in relative silence and waited.

Michael Stipe, Mike Mills and Peter Dinklage took the stage to incredible round of applause.

Above the musicians, the stage was lit by dozens of flashing neon signs.

They played an amazing set of music, consisting of a mix of their newer material ("Monster," "Up" and "Adventures in HiFi"), and their classic material ("Murmur," "Green" and "Out of Time").

After nearly two decades of touring and performing, (REM) bid farewell to drummer Bill Berry...it has been understood that they would not continue long without Berry.

They rotated between old and new material, playing most of their biggest hits, spanning all of their albums: "The One I Love," "Crush with Eyeliner," "What's the Frequency Kenneth" and "Daysleeper."

Between songs, Stipe gave his usual political commen-

taries, as well as the stories behind their songs and an anecdote about Henry Rollins staying at his house.

After their incredible performance, they left the stage, only to come back with an even better encore.

The encore contained some of the most memorable moments of the entire show.

The final song, "It's the End of the World as We Know it (and I Feel Fine)," was accompanied by an incredible light show.

The crowd sang the refrain along with the group, even as Stipe admitted to forgetting the lyrics.

And with that, the show was over.

Some of the concert's highlights include a rendition of "Losing my Religion," complete with violin solos, an acoustic track by Stipe and a duet with the legendary Patti Smith.

While the rumors of the band's future plans may or may not be true, still REM remains one of America's most important musical groups, and has a definite place in American musical history.

Unfortunately, the loss of Berry will leave a huge gap. The loss of their stage presence will be even greater.

The nature of painting...

Special to The Spectrum

"The truth begins where words end," says artist Robert Dente, whose exhibit, "Transient Light, Enduring Form," is currently in the University's Gallery of Contemporary Art.

The exhibit is composed of approximately 20 landscape paintings and monotypes.

His paintings were created using thin layers of color that filter through another and reflect the transient light that surrounds us ever changing colors of the natural world.

Dente, from West Hartford, creates works that share what he has felt while walking in the woods or examining a particular site.

The artist works from memory. After having absorbed the various forms of transitions in the landscape, seeing and "feeling" with his eyes, he translates not only these forms, but his thoughts and feelings into canvas and on paper.

This is neither a romantic translation of the Hudson River School of landscape painters, nor a sentimental view of a beautiful scene.

His works eliminate specific detail for more enduring forms that are typical, yet specific, to something he has observed. It is a process of elimination and a study of exactly what can be deleted, leaving only the essence of a place.

The paintings are evoca-

tions of a time when the viewer has been lost in the natural world, watching the sun rise or the mist clear over a copse of trees.

His paintings are intended to encourage contemplation.

While no humans are portrayed in the landscape, there is an awareness of the interconnection between man and nature.

"We come out of nature, and looking at nature is like looking at ourselves. We grow out of earth," said Dente.

The artist is intrigued with the dichotomies of people's lives and of life itself-dark and light, life and death, water and land, details and generalities.

Many landscapes appear as though inspired by the American Midwestern terrain, although they are predominantly Connecticut scenes.

Dente has been awarded National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, and has exhibited widely in the United States. He has exhibited and lectured on contemporary American Art in Central and South America.

Most recently, Dente was the winner of Sacred Heart University's latest Voluntary Percent for Art commission.

Two of his murals, entitled "Morning Skies, Evening Skies," will be placed in East Hall.

Gallery hours are 12-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

X-Men, Queens of Heart win

By Brigit Ryan
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart University has some royalty on its campus. Just come out to the quad to take a look.

After winning its first game over Seton Hall, the women's rugby team, newly dubbed the Queens of Heart, hosted New Paltz this past Sunday at the field behind Jefferson Hill.

Again being forced to play one woman shy due to illness, the Queens never gave up and went on to shut out New Paltz, 11-0.

Senior co-captain Kelly-Ann Franklin scored six of the team's points in the first half, booting home two penalty kicks.

Before the start of the second half, Franklin tried to pump the team up by telling the women she wanted one of them to score a tri. She got her wish.

Rookie junior Jeannine Szamreta scored the first tri of her career with 12 minutes left in the game when the team managed to push the ball almost the entire length of the field. From its own tri-zone to New Paltz's.



The men's rugby team aims high for the season.

File Photo.

"I thought the team played extremely well considering we had only 14 on the field against their 15," Franklin said. "Not to mention the fact that they had about seven or eight subs they could use for the second half. We showed a lot of heart out there."

The team felt that junior Tricia Costanzo was the most valuable player in the game,

being asked to play two positions by running from one duty to the next without fail.

"Tricia did a great job for us in the back line, as always," Franklin said. "Even with the sore shoulder she has, she got right into the pack and pushed at eight-man."

The X-Men followed up the Queens' performance by rolling over Hofstra University 32-10.

Rob Walter took home the hat-trick, scoring three tri's in the game. Joe Regada, Wes Morro, and Jim Callahan each scored a tri.

Both teams have been working hard and deserved the wins. The Queens are now undefeated at 2-0 while the X-Men are now 2-1.

Next up for both squads is a visit to Marist College.

Stockton leads X-country

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

Junior star runner Heather Stockton was the champion of the Connecticut Intercollegiate Cross-Country Championships at Quinnipiac College in Hamden last Friday.

Stockton also won the race as a freshman in 1997, and placed second last year. Not only did Stockton win this race, but her time of 19:24 also allowed her to easily beat University of Connecticut's top regionally ranked runner, Allison Ciosek.

The women's team only lost to UConn's varsity team by 14 points to give them a respectable second-place finish. Coach Christian Morrison believes that Stockton deserved to win this race.

"She works so hard, and she showed a lot of courage in taking on UConn's top runner the way she did," Morrison said. "She's got the heart of a champion."

Also putting in a great performance for the women was senior co-captain Jennifer McGovern, who placed tenth overall with a time of 20:25.

This is McGovern's second top ten finish ever. Freshman Suzanne D'Angelo cranked in another solid performance, placing fourth for the team with a time of 19:46.

Other varsity runners for the women in the meet were senior co-captain Michelle Wesolowski (15th), sophomore Kimberly Almeida (16th), and freshman Diane Aiksnoras and Kristina Plourde who placed 21st and 23rd respectively.

The women beat Quinnipiac College for the fourth year in a row, and are now 6-0 against Northeast Conference schools.

As for the men, improvement is the key word.

The men placed fifth in the meet, also beating rival Quinnipiac who was ranked ahead of the SHU men in the Northeast Conference poll this fall.

"They are starting to put it together now," said Morrison. "I think they may surprise a few people in the Fairfield Invitational next weekend."

Sophomore Chris Ciparelli took the lead for the men, finishing 13th overall with a time of 28:21. Also running well for the men were senior co-captains Brian Williams and Ed Mahoney finishing 16th and 42nd respectively.

Junior Christopher Eaton (30th) and sophomores John Morash and Brian Wrinkle (34th and 53rd) also ran for SHU.

The meet at Fairfield University is at 11:00 a.m. this Saturday.

New face heads women's lacrosse

By Morgan Futch
Contributing Writer

Sacred Heart University has finally completed its Division I roster of head coaches by hiring Laura Korutz as the new women's lacrosse coach this season.

Korutz is a former member of the women's lacrosse team at UMass-Amherst. Korutz has experience as a four-year starter and leading scorer at UMass.

The coaching position opened this summer when Tara Fischer resigned as head coach to pursue a different career path.

"The team is excited about working under such a recognized member of women's lacrosse," said senior Keri Remington, last year's team captain. "I think this year looks extremely promising for the team."

The team has been forced to deal with the resignations of three head coaches in the past three years. Korutz accepted the position as a full-time coach and intends to build the program over the next several years.

"I am very intent on bringing this team to the top level in Division I," said Korutz. "I have a lot of knowledge and skill about the game to share with this team."

"I want to see us grow stronger and stronger over the next several years."

Last year, the team, led by Fisher posted an even record at 8-8. The women made it into the semi-finals of the Northeast Conference, where they were

defeated by the University of Maryland of Baltimore County.

"It is not easy to have a successful Division I program if there is no constancy in the coaching," said Laura Mack, a junior attack player from Franklin Square, N.Y. "Hopefully our talent and the new coach's experience will mix well and be successful."

"I am intent on bringing this team to the top level in Division I. I have a lot of knowledge and skill about the game to share with this team," Laura Korutz, women's lacrosse coach

This year's freshmen class brings strong new talent to the team. The incoming players were the most heavily recruited class yet. Twelve new faces appear on the roster for the school's inaugural D-I season.

"I am excited and ready to work," said Jeanne-Marie Raber, a freshman from Bethpage, N.Y. "I think we are going to have an awesome season and learn a lot from our new coach."

At UMass, Korutz completed a Bachelor of Science degree in May of this year. She is a native of Media, Penn. and she finished her career at UMass with 98 goals and 42 assists.

Korutz is in the top 10 of the school's record book for scoring (6th), goals (7th), and assists (6th).

For her senior season, she was named co-captain and tabbed for Pre-season All-Atlantic 10 Conference team honors, being named to the 1999 Atlantic 10 Championship tournament team.

This summer Korutz was an instructor at various camps in the Massachusetts area. In July, she helped run the Kelly Amonte-Nike Lacrosse Camp in Chicago, Ill.

While the search was on for the new coach, the women were conditioning and practicing with the help of Tom Mariano, head coach for the men's lacrosse team.

Although the season does not officially begin until the spring, the team will take the field in a fall tournament this October.

The tournament will be held at Quinnipiac College in Hamden where they will face host Quinnipiac, The University of Connecticut, SUNY Albany, and Marist.

Sports Schedule September 30- October 6

Friday
Volleyball (1-16) @
University of Hartford
Tournament

Saturday
Football (1-3) vs. St.
Francis 2:00p.m.

Field Hockey (1-7) vs.
University at Albany
10:00 a.m.

Men's Soccer (1-5) @
SUNY Oneonta 2:30
p.m.

Cross Country @
Fairfield University
Invitational 11:00 a.m.

Sunday
Field Hockey vs. Siena
12:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer @
Albany 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Women's Tennis (0-2)
@ Iona 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Women's Soccer (2-4)
vs. University at
Albany 3:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer @ Iona
3:30 p.m.

Noah: SHU hockey team aids ailing Middletown boy

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"This is the second year we've done it," said men's coach Shaun Hannah. "It's a great opportunity to help a child out, and make that child's wish come true."

Hannah feels that the event is how the team can stay active and be a part of the community.

"We try to help out in the community in any way we can," said Hannah.

Kathy Fortin a junior from Gorham, N.H. and the marketing manager for the team, hopes for a positive showing from the community at the game.

"We're hoping to have a good turnout," said Fortin. "We will be accepting donations at the door."

"(The family) is planning to go (to Disney) sometime in November, said Fortin."

Fortin is in charge of handling and organizing home games and benefits such as this one. She handles all themes for home games as well.

Although it was not known by press time whether or not Noah would attend the game, all are hoping for the best.

"The child we helped last year came to the game with the family," said Hannah. "It's good for the guys to see who exactly they're helping out."

Last year, the Pioneers' intrasquad scrimmage raised money for another local child to visit Disneyland. Fortin said the team plans on making the fundraiser an annual event.

Fortin would like anyone who can not make it to the game and would like to make a contribution for Noah to either contact coach Hannah or e-mail her directly.

For those interested in making a donation and would like to help make Noah's wish come true, checks should be made payable to:

Sacred Heart University
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Atten: Men's Ice Hockey

Sacred Heart Athlete of the Week



Kristen Walker

Sophomore Kristen Walker of Merrick, N.Y. scored three goals last week to help the women's soccer team record two for the win column.

Walker hammered in a pair of goals in the second half to lead SHU to the victory over Siena, and then added an insurance goal in the second half of the win over Mount St. Mary's.

Sports Briefs

Field hockey

The field hockey continued to struggle last week. With a 4-2 loss to SCSU, the team went on a 2-game weekend road trip but came up empty with back-to-back losses to Rider University (4-2) and Monmouth University (2-1).

Women's Volleyball

After a tough loss to Albany last Wednesday, the women traveled for a tournament over the weekend to the University of Delaware. The team faced Princeton, Syracuse, and West Virginia but came up short in all three matches. The team is now 1-16 for the season.

Men's Soccer

SHU dropped a pair of physical contests last week. On Friday, the Pioneers dropped a 2-1 heartbreaker to Mount Saint Mary's College. Junior James Schmidt tallied a first-half goal for the Pioneers. The team will lose four players for their next game because of red cards issued during the loss to the Retrievers.

Men's and Women's Tennis

Sonia Jalli had a nice run to the semi-final round of singles action at the Quinnipiac Invitational. For the men, Jeff Dewey scored a straight set victory before falling to the top seed of the tournament.

Pioneer Classifieds

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Women's soccer ends losing streak

By Gabriel Bonanni
Staff Writer

Putting it together. That was what the women's soccer team had to do after losing its first four games at the start of the season.

On a windy Wednesday, the team was not about to let its best opportunity for a win against Siena to just blow by.

Minutes into the second half, a SHU corner kick was kept in-bounds by Elena Rosero (junior, East Meadow, N.Y.) and played off to Kristen Walker (Merrick, N.Y.). The sophomore put it in for her first goal of the year.

A minute later, Walker took a pass up the sideline and angled a low shot into the opposite corner to cap the scoring. The assist came from the foot of freshman Barbara Simmons (Lindenhurst, N.Y.).

Sacred Heart went on to win the game 2-0 and give goal-

keeper Carlin Guarneri her first shut-out.

"The assist was one of my first points," said Simmons. "I hope I can contribute to the team as the season goes on."

With the win, the team took some momentum into last Friday's first Northeast Conference matchup against Mount St. Mary's. In that game, Rosero scored her first goal of the season and Walker added another midway into the second half.

"We came out here to win," said Denise Eisenberger (junior, West Caldwell, N.J.). "We knew what we had to do and we did it. We gave 110 percent from the first second on the field."

Guarneri posted her second 2-0 shut-out with 11 saves in the game.

Guarneri took that lift into Tuesday's games against Central Connecticut State University but a rebound got away from her and CCSU came away with the 1-0 victory.



Photo by Gabriel Bonanni

The women's soccer team is looking to build on the win in their recent game.



File Photo

This year's Red and White scrimmage will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SHU hockey to help grant a wish

By Kelly-Ann Franklin
Sports Editor

Sacred Heart University will officially kick off its 1999-2000 ice hockey season by making a special wish come true. The team will play its annual Red and White scrimmage tomorrow night, and take donations to benefit a special cause.

Noah, a four-year-old boy from Middletown has been diagnosed with Wilms' Tumor, a cancer that affects the kidneys.

Thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and SHU ice hockey, Noah will be granted his wish for an all-expense paid

dream vacation with his family to Disney World this November.

The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. at the Milford Ice Pavilion. A bus going to the game will be available for just \$1. Sign up for the bus trip is in the Student Activities office in Hawley Lounge.

"A lot of kids want to go to Disney," said Debbie Horne of the Foundation. "We make air flight arrangements, and they can stay in a special village that is all equipped for them."

The Make - A - Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children ages 2-18 who have life-threatening illnesses.

According to Horne, many children wish to meet celebri-

ties, sports heroes, and of course trips to Disney World.

"We even granted a grand piano to a boy who wanted one," said Horne. "We get all kinds of wishes."

Children are referred to the Foundation by hospitals, doctors, family friends or family members.

"They have to be medically eligible. We never turn away a wish," said Horne.

The Connecticut chapter of the Make-A-Wish foundation just granted its 500th wish this past year, and has already granted 77 this year.

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Iona hands SHU its second shutout

Special to the Spectrum

Coming off of a 33-0 shutout loss to Wagner College last week, the football team was looking for a win to get back on track.

The only trick was to get past Iona College, a team that SHU has never beaten in four meetings.

That streak remains intact this week as the team lost to Iona, 24-0 last Saturday.

The team's point production problems continued, making two straight shutout losses for the Pioneers and 10 scoreless quarters in total.

Sacred Heart has not scored since a four-yard touchdown run by sophomore Kiheme Cowan (Woodbridge, N.J.) in the second quarter of a week two win over Siena.

Against Iona, the Pioneer offense had trouble sustaining drives. Of 13 possessions, the offense could only manage four drives of longer than five plays.

Sacred Heart entered the second half of this game down by just seven points.

But the Pioneers lost the field position battle in the final 30 minutes, hampering any comeback attempts.

Last time the two teams met, Iona's defense held the Pioneers in check during a 24-3 win. In that game, there was a 20 minute difference in time of possession in favor of the Gaels.

Iona started four of their first five drives of the half in Sacred Heart territory.

Capping the victory for the Gaels was a 46 yard rush by Rob Terry after a six play-67 yard drive lasting just three minutes.

Last year, Iona was led by Ralph Saldiveri who rushed for 127 yards in the game.

This time, Saldiveri rushed 27 times for 84 of the Gaels 222 total yards in the game.

SHU's average starting position in the second half was their own 27 yard line and could barely convert on third or fourth down.

The Pioneers were 3 of 13 for third down conversions and 0 for 2 on fourth down.

Cowan shouldered the bulk of the load again, averaging 3.4 yards a carry against Iona. Cowan's backfield mate, Brandown Graham (Waterbury) is back at full strength.

Saturday, Graham and Cowan combined for 93 yards on 29 carries.

Junior Mike Toto had his best day since taking over at quarterback for injured senior Steve Ladd (New Buryport, Mass). Toto threw for 107 yards on 11 for 21 attempts. His 107 yards more than doubled his output from his previous two starts.

Defensively for the Pioneers, Mike Guarino, Jayson Jarrett, and Craig Capruso all registered eight tackles each.