CHECKING IN

Photo by Chris Eaton

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**Frosh standards raised**

**Breaking all previous records for both the quality and number of students in its entering freshman class, Sacred Heart University reported that it has received 847 deposits and over 4,254 applications for undergraduate admission, compared to 719 deposits and 3,152 applications for undergraduate admission in 1999.**

The average SAT score of the 847 students submitting deposits is 1060, up from 1020 last year. 290 students had an SAT score over 1150, and an average grade point average is 3.2. On average, the entering freshman was ranked in the top 25% of their high school graduating classes. The 2000 freshman class represents 21 states and seven foreign countries.

Total full time undergraduate enrollment for Fall 2000 is expected to be 2,600, with over 1,700 residential students.

James Barquinero, vice president for enrollment planning and student affairs, noted that the University's recent success is the culmination of years of hard work.

"We are proud that we are a more dynamic and appealing choice of prospective students. We look forward to welcoming the new members of Sacred Heart University community this fall. We will do everything possible to ensure that they have a smooth transition to the world of higher education."

The following profile of the entering freshman class reflects its academic proficiency and geographic diversity.

Karen Guastelle, dean of undergraduate admissions, added, "there has never been greater interest in Sacred Heart University. For example, we received over 800 applications just from Long Island," Guastelle said. "A proportional number of students from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Connecticut interested in a quality Catholic education are looking to us."

"This is a reflection of our steadfast commitment to quality in everything we do, from our transition to Division I athletics and our newly revised Honors Program, our strong liberal arts, health sciences, business, pre-law and education programs. The bottom line is that prospective students like what they see, and are finding Sacred Heart University a better, more appealing choice," added Guastelle.

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**News Briefs**

**Pioneer Weekend blowing on campus tonight**

Pioneer Weekend will be hitting the campus of Sacred Heart this weekend. The event kicks off with a barbecue at 5 p.m. on Friday on the patio until 7 p.m. The tailgate party outside of the Pitt Center begins at 6:30 p.m. leading to the Pep rally, from 8 to 9 p.m. Juniors Gaetano Marra and Mike DiPietro will be the MCs.

All senior athletes in fall sports will be announced. The cheerleaders and dance team will also be performing. T-shirts and candy will be thrown into the crowd and 10 pizzas will be given to the most spirited person there.

The football team will be playing at 1 p.m. at home against Central Connecticut State University. Another barbecue will follow at 4 p.m. on the lawn by the Pitt Center and Simple Jim will perform at 10:10 p.m.

**Freshman elections just around the corner**

Completed packets are due by 5 p.m. for any freshman who is interested in running for a student government office. Elections will be held on Sept. 27 and 28.

**New club established at SHU**

The MediaStudies department introduces a new club to SHU. Meetings are at 3:30pm every Thursday in the media studies department. The club plans to utilize the media studies capabilities to demonstrate what the department can offer.

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The return of the Marketplace

By Melissa Greenhalgh
Staff Writer

Flik International, which has been Sacred Heart University's catering service for the past six years, is in the process of adding new food centers located across the entire campus. Currently Flik has the main dining hall in the Academic Building, along with the Stop Gap stand in the Science Wing and a dining facility on the first floor of East Hall, and the Flikery Split Pizza Delivery service. Flik is currently in the process of constructing a new Marketplace to replace the old one that was taken out to make room for the CompUSA Help Center.

The Marketplace will be selling the usual pre-made foods as well as milk, bread and other supermarket-like items. Other new items like toothpaste and cigarettes will also be included. All these items can be purchased using your meal cards on the new Pioneer Points plan. The Stop Gap is a small food stand located in the Science Wing near the Cashier's office.

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By Brian Corasaniti
Editor-in-Chief

Approximately 65 Sacred Heart students had to move into the Ramada Hotel and AmentSuites in Shelton at the start of the semester due to a housing overflow and 45-55 still remain.

Larry Wielk, dean of students, said that 10-15 more students will be moved back into SHU housing in the next couple weeks. By the spring semester they will all be back on campus. Approximately five freshman man and other upperclassmen and transfers were put in there.

The overflow is due to a number factors, according to Wielk. One of the larger problems, and one that is effecting several other colleges in Connecticut and the northeast, is the number of potential commuter students deciding to go into housing and students deciding not to rent off-campus homes and apartments.

Wielk said the local rental market has dried up recently, with many owners refusing to rent to undergraduates and in some cases no students at all. Also better campus housing such as Avalon Gates and East Hall are keeping more students in SHU housing, said Wielk. Avalon Gates also cut back the number of apartments they rent to SHU due to behavior of some students last year. Wielk said Avalon's need for SHU apartments has diminished since their inception a few years ago when SHU's presence was needed for them to fill spaces.

"We need them more than they need us," said Wielk. Wielk added SHU will be more vigilant about monitoring housing regulations at Avalon because, "we can't afford to lose apartments there."

There were approximately 40 fewer commuters students this year as well.

Wielk said there has been a trend of students deciding to stay on campus over the past few years, but that number jumped dramatically this year. "When everybody left here in May, we knew we were short," Wielk said.

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Welcome from your friends at the Spectrum

Yup another year is upon us and so is another cliched editorial welcoming all the students back for this year. So here it is. Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a great summer, had lots of fun, blah, blah, blah.

Alright, now let’s get down to business. The Spectrum is looking for some new blood to help us out this year. We have positions open in every section for writers, designers, assistants, the list goes on. Anyone who has any interest in working for us should stop by the Spectrum office whenever it’s open and talk to who’s ever there about working for us. We could use all the help we can get.

If you’re inexperienced, don’t worry, we’re still interested in your help. There’s no journalism major at Sacred Heart so most beginners have little to no prior experience in the field. The advantage, though, is you receive much more hands on experience than at a major university with a full fledged journalism school.

So keep us in mind if your interested in joining a club or organization this year and keep watch out for our staff meetings and stop by if you want to.

They just keep getting smarter and smarter

Two years ago, we published a story about that year’s freshman class and how they had the highest test scores in the history of SHU. Well, it’s the fall of 2000; those freshman are now juniors and the freshman man tests scores coming into SHU are higher than any other class. We’re also seeing more interest from prospective students as well. Approximately 800 applicants for this year came from Long Island alone.

That only means good things for SHU. We’ve all heard people complain about how supposedly dumb Sacred Heart students are, but it looks like they might just be getting a little wiser.

The whole class isn’t full of Noam Chomskys by any means, but they’re not a bunch of mindless imbeciles either. A 1060 average SAT score and a 3.2 GPA coming in here is pretty decent, not Yale material, but good nonetheless.

Sacred Heart should also be commended on making it tougher for students to get in here. Not long ago we would hear that SHU will accept anyone that is willing to pay tuition to come here. While this school still certainly won’t say no to money, it’s nice to see that they are raising the bar for prospective students a little a year at a time like it should be.

Welcome back from Student Gov’t

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome all those new to Sacred Heart and welcome back all returning students.

For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Vimala George (Vim) and I’m your Student Government President for the 2000-2001 school year. I hope that everyone had a great summer, made a lot of money and is as happy to be back as I am.

I have no doubt in my mind that this year will prove to be one of the best yet. We have a great community here at Sacred Heart and I can only hope that our 847 new pioneers will become an integral part of it. This is a great place to be and a great time to be here. I promise you that student government is going to do its best to bring you exciting events, answers to your questions and solutions to your problems.

All is ask of you is to meet us half way with spirit and enthusiasm. That is what Sacred Heart University needs and this University can only go so far without it.

With every year that goes by we build a little more tradition, instill a little more pride, and become a little bit better. I challenge you all to help me raise the stakes and make a little more, a lot more.

This weekend is Pioneer Weekend. It starts off with the pep rally on Friday night. I hope to see you all there, and at a football game on Saturday as well. I especially hope to see that group of guys that’s always decked out in head to toe red and white body paint. You know who you are.

I just want to let you know that you’re very much appreciated. I wish everyone would have as much fun, spirit and enthusiasm as you did. Then we’d always be winners even if we lost.

The weekend continues with a post game barbecue sponsored by the senior class. All are welcome. Then that evening from 9 to midnight on the green outside of the Outpost, everyone’s favorite band, Simple Jim, will be playing and yes the pub will be open. So I hope to see everyone there.

I just have a couple of reminders. If you’re a freshman and you’re still interested in running for office please contact the Student Government office to obtain a packet.

Completed packets are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 21. Freshman elections will be held on Sept. 27 and 28. If you’re interested in Greek Life, general info sessions are at 10:10 p.m. on Sept. 18. If you’re interested in any other club or organization contact Kristy Pacelli in Student Government.

In conclusion I’ll just say that as Student Government President, my door is always open to any new ideas, issues, concerns and constructive criticism.

I wish everyone a terrific year. Once again to all new students, welcome and good luck. To all returning students, it’s good to have you back. Last but certainly not least to all my fellow seniors, let’s make this last year one to remember.

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George W. Bush is the best choice for president in this election year

Dear Editor,

Governor George W. Bush has been a leader in Texas. Not just a governor. Not just an elected official. But a leader. And a reformer. He cut taxes. He signed the law to cut the biggest tax cuts in Texas history, giving nearly $3 billion back to the people of Texas.

He improved public schools. He bettered the Texas school system by establishing tougher standards, stronger accountability and insisted every child learn to read. As a result, test scores are up in every child learn to read. As a Texas, especially among tougher standards, stronger accountability. A moment of truth when their Title I funds are divided up and distributed to schools or some other hopeful option.

In short, Governor Bush pushed for reform. But more important he got results. And he did it by listening to common sense of the people, while looking for common ground with his peers. Some leaders read the polls. Governor Bush decided to lead the polls. He raised his sights and lowered his voice. He shared the credit when he succeeded and shouldered the blame when he fell short.

George W. Bush will be a leader for America. Governor George W. Bush is running for president not to be something, he running for president to do something. He is the true reformer running in this state. During the past few months, while the vice president has launched a series of negative attacks, Governor Bush has outlined this hopeful, optimistic vision of the future. Governor Bush has an agenda of reform on taxes, education, community service and security.

The diminished hopes of our current education system are sad and serious. Governor Bush has set out a simple principle: Federal funds will no longer flow to failure. Schools that do not teach and will not change must have some final point of accountability. A moment of truth when their Title I funds are divided up and distributed to parents, for tutoring or a charter school or some other hopeful option. In the best case, schools that are failing will rise to the challenge and regain the confidence of parents.

In the worst case, the funds will offer funds to America's neediest children. In any case, the federal government will no longer foot the bill to cheat poor children. This isn’t acceptable. Governor Bush believes that the final object of education reform is just to shun mediocrity, it is to seek excellence. It is not to just avoid failure; it is to encourage achievement. His plan offers parents a chance, students a chance and schools a challenge to be worthy of our children's dreams. He believes our nation has a moral duty to ensure that no child is left behind. It is time to build a culture of achievement that matches the optimism and aspirations of our country.

Even in this time of pride and promise, America has determined enemies, who hate our values and resent our success-terrorists and crime syndicates and drug cartels and unbalanced dictators. The empire has passed, but evil remains. We must protect our homeland and our allies against missiles and terror and blackmail. Governor Bush believes that the morale of our military must be restored which has been squandered by shrinking resources and multiplying missions. Governor Bush will increase defense spending to provide three things: better pay, better training, and better weapons and equipment.

Alexis Harrison, senior and College Republicans president
The first year. His responsibility is to over- see all that.

McGill is a Program Assistant for Student Activities. She is responsible for the Student Events Team (SET), Commuter Council, The Heartbeat Monthly, Pioneer Weekend, Harvest Weekend, Christmas Week, Siblings Weekend, and Spring Week. Winter is also a Program Assistant for Student Activities. Winter is the advisor for the Class of 2003, the Senate, the Student Government Judicial Board, the Resource Room, Alcohol Awareness Week, and Date Rape and Sexual Abuse Awareness Week.

Lapp is the Student Life Graduate Assistant working with first-year students. His role involves ensuring that first-year students have a successful transition into all aspects of college life.

The new graduate assistants received their undergraduate degrees in a variety of fields. McGill graduated from Framingham State College in Framingham, Massachusetts. She was awarded a degree in Clothing and Textiles, with a concentration in design and modern arts. After working in the fashion industry, she decided to actively pursue a personal goal to work in student activities.

Winter received his undergraduate degree in Sports Management at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill, New York. Winter is a First Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Lapp holds an undergraduate degree in Human Services from Elmira College in Upstate New York.

In an interview, the three offered their input and knowledge. McGill is the Student Life Program Assistant and Kelly McGill is the Student Government President. I know we are going to have a good time together.

Winter: Since planning events is my forte, I am eager to work with SET. I am also looking forward to working with Commuter Council. Since I was never a commuter, it will help me understand both facets of the college community.

Andy: First-year students are new, energetic and not burned out. I want to introduce new ideas and feed off that. I know we are going to have a good time together.

Editor: Andy, do you feel coming directly from your undergraduate career will help or hinder you?

Andy: I am fresh out of school and I feel that is the biggest thing going for me. I feel I have a sense of what the first year students want and desire, and I especially haven't forgotten how to have fun.

Kelly: I came from a full-time career in which I had to juggle a million things to do. I have essential time management skills that will help me deal with what comes my way.

Editor: Joe, did being in the Freshman Seminar program.

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

Each year the freshmen class grows significantly in size. Michael Bozzone, Dean of Freshmen, is quite aware of this fact.

In the beginning of September, Bozzone reported 830 first-year students. The number is up 100 students since last year. But besides size, how does this year's freshmen class differ from its predecessors?

According to Bozzone, who has been with the University for close to 22 years, there are notable differences. The first is the racial composition of the population.

"The commuting population is dwindling. Years ago, when attachment to Bridgeport was high there was a larger ethnic minority population. But a lot of schools face this issue when they go mainstream. An ethnic place is an education in itself," Bozzone observed.

Bozzone pointed out that since Sacred Heart was originally a commuter school the change to a residential program has "changed nature of what we do for freshmen."

Many issues commuter students dealt with were taken off campus. Residents required a different type of attention. So in 1992, a committee led by Dr. Lauren Kempton of the Education Department developed the Freshman Seminar program. According to Bozzone, the program followed a "national trend" to help new college students adjust.

Freshman Seminar is a one-semester pass or fail course that teaches first-year students proper study habits, encourages them to explore various extra-curricular activities, and aids them on their journey to self-discovery.

First-year students take introduction courses with the same cluster of students in each class. This helps students to develop friendships with classmates and creates a new support system structure.

But what do students really think of it?

Sophomore Chad John of Mount Vernon, N.Y. reflected, "Freshman Seminar taught me how to manage my time and learn almost all the University's policies."
JUS2MAKEUPTHINK

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

I wish I was a dog. Well... not really.

But I am sort of jealous of our four legged friends.

I came to this conclusion one hot, lazy, summer day watching cable. I was watching the movie “As Good as It Gets” with um, Jack Nicholson perhaps?

But the part that sticks out in my head is when next door neighbor, the artist who happened to be gay, was looking for his dog.

So to make a long story short, he ends up finding the dog, and the little pooch, jumps right in his arms, with no hesitation and begins licking his face.

Meanwhile, Nicholson’s character is standing there taking digs at this guy because he is gay.

It was at that point when I decided I’d rather be a dog.

Animals don’t care whether you’re gay. Black and proud, raging Caucasian, Asian, Latino, 100% Italian, Fighting Irish, or about whatever petty little category you choose to identify with.

All a dog wants is to be fed.

“Animals don’t care whether you’re gay, Black or White...”

and loved. When you pour those morsels of tenderness into little Rover’s bowl, he’s not thinking, “Ruff, I don’t like to be fed by this German guy.”

I think we get caught up on insignificant characteristics, we forget why we were really placed on this earth.

The only time we seem to remember that we are all human beings who need the same amount of love and affection is when tragedy strikes, and then the concern is only temporary.

Tragedy and disaster is another unabashed baby of Mother Nature.

AIDS, cancer, death doesn’t care what color you are so why should we?

I’m sick of White people being accused of “trying to be black” if they listen to rap or dance to hip hop.

We should challenge ourselves not to fit the mold that’s been set for us.

And since it is the beginning of the school year, I think it’s as good a time as any to do a little self-evaluating.

You’re sure to live a miserably miserable life if you continue to constrain yourself the way you did when you lived in Anytown, U.S.A.

So what’s the bottom line?

Well, I know it’s hard to teach an old dog new tricks so I certainly don’t expect people to run around, hold hands and pick daisies, just ‘cuz I say so.

I just hope you and I will try to think twice before passing a judgement.

Life is just too short to walk around hating people you don’t really know anything about.

Registrar strives to provide better service

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

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With the increasing number of students, Bohn addressed the issue of overcrowding.

“Sections are tight, but new sections are being added daily to accommodate more students,” said Bohn.

“TheIRigator is doing a good job...”

Brownridge

said Bohn. “There is a movement to reduce class sizes to under 40 students.”

The Office of Registrar does have goals to work toward this year.

“There are two things we hope to work toward,” Bohn proposed. “We hope to move our offices to the new student service area that is being built in the old gym. If everything goes well, this may be as soon as the spring, but most likely first summer,” Bohn explained.

According to Bohn, the new location of the registrar would expedite many processes pertaining to registration and records, since other offices such as student accounts would simply be a few feet away.

“The new office space will resolve many problems, as well as provide a nice environment and most likely better service,” added Bohn.

Future years, this may equal fewer waits and less frustration.

“I think the Registrar is doing a good job, but they need to be more personable when we really need it,” commented Yvette Brownridge of Bronx, N.Y.

Never too late to learn The Facts of Life

By Joseph J. Brigante
Contributing Writer, Commentary

In 1978, the sitcom “Different Strokes,” aired. The show was about two black Harlem orphans who moved in with a suburban family, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and his daughter. The penthouse the family lived in also had a maid, Natalie Garrett. The penthouse the family lived in also had a maid, Natalie Garrett.

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Habitat for Humanity works towards another busy year

By Shannon Stone
Contributing Writer

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian Housing Ministry that builds homes for families in need. Those houses are not given to the families though. The families have to complete 500 hours of volunteer work, including the construction of their own house, and thirty hours of future homeowner workshops, such as budgeting and conflict resolution.

The homeowners have a zero-interest mortgage and end up paying about 2/3 of what they would normally pay for rent of a similar home.

This past year has been an eventful one for the Sacred Heart University chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Although the rest of the school was off for the summer, the volunteers for Habitat for Humanity were still working. A group of 15 volunteers went to the Philippines from August 1 to August 15 and built four houses for those in need.

On Sunday September 10, the Bridgeport chapter gave tickets to the Sacred Heart University chapter to go see Jimmy Carter speak in New York City about the Habitat for Humanity.

The homeown­ers have also enjoyed the short time with the band even though it included an early trip to camps for the pre-season. "Joining marching band has eased my transition into college," said Millard Fuller, the founder and president of Habitat for Humanity. International came to speak here at Sacred Heart for the Anniversary Habitation. This was a celebration with the families that own homes because of the help of Habitat for Humanity. One hundred and fifty families showed up, and there were many different events to enjoy.

SHU's marching band has increased its number and in talent this year. The drum line and the color guard are two sections that have welcomed the newcomers with open arms. The drum line includes six new members, four of which are freshmen. The color guard has seven new members and is under the instruction of Darren Delaney. Swamsc, Miss. "I think that the addition of so many freshmen has improved the marching band dramatically," said senior percussionist Chuck Benedum, Oceanside, N.Y.

"I was the color guard (6 to 13 members) has been a big boost to the marching band program," said McNeill. "At least 10 of our new freshmen this year attended Sacred Heart as a result of the help of Habitat for Humanity. One hundred and fifty families showed up, and there were many different events to enjoy.

Contributed photo

Kate Peters, Stefanie Basciano and Kayla McEnaney cook dinner for the golden hill community support program.

He announced the opening of the Jimmy Carter work camp, which is the group of volunteers sent to build the one hundred thousand-thousand house to be built by Habitat for Humanity. Friday September 8 was a night to remember for the Sacred Heart University chapter of Habitat for Humanity. In the front row was Millard Fuller, the founder and president of Habitat for Humanity. International came to speak here at Sacred Heart for the opening prayer at the assembly, and Sean Oterepko and Patricia Kowalski, both Sacred Heart University graduates, did a power point presenta­tion of the Habitat houses in Bridgeport.

If anyone is interested in getting involved with Habitat for Humanity, the following Saturday workdays have been scheduled and are open for volunteers: September 23 and 30, October 14 and 28, November 4, 11, and 18, and December 2.
The Center for the Performing Arts opens its season with the musical ‘South Pacific’

Special to the Spectrum

Rogers and Hammerstein’s musical, “South Pacific,” adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “Tales Of The South Pacific,” by James A. Michener, opens September 29 at the Center For the Performing Arts in Fairfield, as its season opener.

“South Pacific,” with music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan, will be directed by Maureen Hamill, with musical direction by Charles Wade and choreography by Kathleen Hellrigel, with a cast headed by Barbara Brown as Ensign Nellie Forbush, a young nurse and Raymond G. Michaud, as Emile de Becque, a French man who falls in love with her.

This romantic tale, which takes place on two islands in the South Pacific during World War II and features songs that have become classics such as “Bali Ha’i,” “Some Enchanted Evening,” “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Out’a My Hair,” “Younger Than Springtime,” “A Wonderful Guy” and “This Was Nearly Mine,” is considered by some to be the quintessential American Musical. It is a heartwarming story with comic and tragic elements which drives home a poignant message about racial prejudice and how it can destroy love with the song, “You’ve Got To Be Carefully Taught.”

Performances for the show, which runs through October 8, are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m.

For tickets, ranging from $17 to 20, contact the theatre box office at The Center For Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University at 5151 Park Avenue in Fairfield at (203) 374-2777.

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Pictured left to right are Michael Wright, Brendan Lynch, Bob Filipowich, as Luther Billis, Michael Minnock as Stewpot, and Nick Brophy, in the musical “South Pacific,” opening September 29.

A&E Briefs

We’re men, we’re men in ties

This year the only production being performed by the SHU Players will be a production of Robin Hood. The auditions for this production will be held at 2 p.m., Sept. 23 and at 8 p.m. on Sept. 24 in the theater. These auditions are open to all Sacred Heart students.

Any向下 interested in acting is encouraged to attend.

This year the student theater opens with two performances of “Drawing the Shades,” directed by Al Precourt. This play touches on the subject of date rape. It will be performed by the SHU Players and Lambda Sigma Phi. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Sept. 18 and at 2 p.m. on Sept. 20. All encouraged to attend.

What’s the fuss about Rush?

Interested in Greek life? Rush will begin on Sept. 18 and run through Sept. 24. Mandatory meetings will take place at 10:15 p.m. on Sept. 18 and Sept. 24 for all interested. These meetings will allow prospective pledges to meet with the different fraternities and sororities.

At 10:10 on Sept. 19, Greek life will host Skit Night in the Schine auditorium.

On Sept. 23, all Greek life organizations will participate in Greek Olympics Day. The games will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Interviews will be held by all Greek life organizations on Sept. 27 and 28. Times will be announced.

At 9 p.m. on Sept. 29 there will be a Rush Dance Party in the Outpost for all new pledges.

-Compiled by Megan Flood

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-Compiled by Megan Flood
By Emily Greenough

Sophomore Suzy D’Angelo led the Sacred Heart women’s cross country team to a kilometer of fourteen place finish against nationally ranked schools on Saturday at the Fairfield University Cross Country Invitational.

D’Angelo finished 15 with a time of 19:52 in a field of 145 runners.

The SHU team was only surpassed by Duke, Princeton, and Harvard University. SHU managed to blow away Holy Cross, Delaware, Fordham and Mt. St. Mary’s.

“The women have been very good for the past three years, but the results of this meet show we’ve moved up another level,” said head coach Christian Morrison.

D’Angelo’s finish was followed by a fourth place finish by junior co-captain Heather Stockton, who finished with a time of 19:56 on the five-kilometer (3.1-mile) course.

Freshman Katherine Wnek and Abigail O’Connor stood out in first college performances by finishing 4 and 5 for the SHU team, respectively.

The men’s team, on the other hand, had a tough day with the competition, due to the absence of some of the better runners.

The team placed tenth in a field of twelve teams.

“The men have been looking very good in practice, but we were missing a couple of key guys for this race,” Morrison said.

“They’re not going to be some of our key performers, but the rest of the men’s team with his best time ever on this course, which was 28:30 for the five-mile race.

The men’s team had a solid finish. William Figueroa (New Milford, N.J) and Barry Smith (Hartland, VT) placed in the top 10 of the race.

Figueroa finished with a time of 24:12, while Smith placed 10th with a time of 24:36.

Other varsity runners for the men were sophomore Joshua Slack, senior George Tafra, junior Edward Ryan, and sophomore Manori Orrok, who also competed in the top seven Sacred Heart runners.

Both teams will compete in the NECC Cross Country Invitational on 10 a.m. next Saturday at Tatum Park in Middletown, N.J.

By Jeffery O. Guillot

Sacred Heart soccer kicks off

by: Jeffrey O. Guillot

Staff Writer

Men and women’s soccer take the field this season as serious contenders in the Northeastern Conference.

The women hold a record of 2-1-1 with one win-loss and two ties against Sienna and Albany and a loss to Maine.

Head coach Joe Barroso is new to SHU and familiarizing himself with the league.

“We work very hard. Overall, the team has met its expectations. We rely on a great deal on our returning players,” said Barroso.

Barroso points to senior captains Elaina Rosero, (East Medow, NY) and Corrie Smith, (Hartland, VT) as focal points on a team with talent and passion to win.

The women compete this Saturday at Temple University.

The men’s team currently holds a record of 0-2-1.

The men lost to Binghamton and Dartmouth, both by a one goal margin, and a 2-2 tie to Maine.

Senior captains Jimmy Schmidt, sweeper, and Chad Allerga, mid-fielder, look to lead a team mainly comprised of freshman and sophomores.

“We’re trying to find our identity here. With... every game we are improving,” said head coach Joe McGuigan.

Strong offensive players Rodrigo Nunes, center half, and Alex DeFaria, striker, join the team from Brazil.

Other impact players Gustavo Reas, goalkeeper, and transfers Matt Christiansen and Jorge Delgado will contribute to their success.

The men take the home field this Friday against Quinnipiac College. They will also compete at home on Monday against UMBC.
SHU Athlete of the Week

Holfreter named NEC Offensive Player of the Week after Assumption win

Junior quarterback J.J. Holfreter was named the Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his stellar performance against Assumption College, on Sept. 2. The native from Quartz Hill, Calif, and Junior College transfer, completed 13-29 passes for a school record 300 yards and three touch downs to lead the Pioneers to a 55-21 victory over the Greyhounds.

Field hockey winsless after first three games of season

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

The field hockey team opened their season this past weekend with two losses against two nationally ranked teams.
The Pioneers lost to seventh-ranked Lake Forest 6-0 and Appalachian State 6-1.
The Pioneers only goal was scored off a penalty stroke by Jeanne Williams a senior from Centeret, N.Y.

"The competition was extremely strong and although we lost we played really well," said Angela Yuhas, sophomore from East Lyme.
The women also competed against Davidson College on Sunday and lost 3-0.

"The second half of that game we played more like a unit and we executed what we have been working on in practice," stated Yuhas.
Throughout the weekend goalie and senior captain Ginny Capicchioni, (Ordell, N.J.) faced 25 corner shots and allowed six goals.
"Capicchioni is not only our top producer but a great asset to our team," said Jeanne Williams.

Sports Schedule for Sept. 15 to Sept. 21

Friday
Women's Field Hockey vs. American, 12:30 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Quinnipiac, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Women's Volleyball tournament TBA

Monday
Men's Soccer vs. Iona, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Field Hockey @ Quinnipiac, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Women's Field Hockey @ Monmouth, TBA

Sunday
Women's Volleyball tournament TBA

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WEST COAST OFFENSE

Sacred Heart football coach Jim Fleming searched for recruits to help rebuild the Pioneers' struggling program and struck gold in California. J.J. Holtfreter and DeVeren Johnson gave up sun and surf to help the Pioneers start off their latest campaign with two wins. See story, page 10.