Meet the Candidates

Sean Hatch, Jeffrey Guillot, Stephen Giustano and Jeanne-Monique Sampson (not pictured) all want to be your freshmen class president. On Wednesday and Thursday, SHU students voted on which one will be it. See Story, page 3
News Briefs

Annual investment game starting Monday
The Finance and Economics Club will be sponsoring an investment game which will run from Oct. 2 to Dec. 8. Any interested students may participate by entering as individuals or in groups.

Students will be available on Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist anyone who needs help filling out the entry forms in EH-256. For more information, call Bridget Lyons at 365-7673.

Senior Portraits to be held next week
Senior Portraits will be held from Oct. 2 to 6 in the Prologue Office. There is a $10 sitting fee. To sign up for a time, go to www.ouryear.com or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR and use school code 328.

Loeb speaking at SHU next week
Paul Loeb will be speaking at SHU at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the University Theater. Loeb's work is based on years of talking with college students about their beliefs and choices. In his talk, Loeb will speak about getting beyond prevailing media stereotypes to understand the struggle of the current college generation to find its place in a confusing world.

Loeb said he challenges images of a generation perceived as apathetic and greedy. He asks how students and citizens in general can gain the moral, political and intellectual tools to take responsibility for the future and how faculty and staff can help in this journey.

The event is sponsored by the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics.

Winter looks to be a killer

By Kelly Smith
Assistant News Editor

Hold on to your hats and gloves SHU. Mother Nature is prepared to deliver a rude awakening to Sacred Heart this winter. If you think this week has been cold, just wait.

Fall has begun putting an end to the less than perfect summer weather Connecticut experienced.

Although the summer weather was not record breaking it certainly came close. Connecticut's summer weather was ranked the 26th coolest on record in the last 106 years, according to figures compiled by Keith Eggleston, regional climatologist with the Northeast Regional Climate Center.

The average normal summer temperature is 69 degrees. This summer was 1.1 degrees cooler and came in at an average of 67 degrees.

"There were no single record breaking cold days, the whole summer was just consistently cool," said Eggleston.

Besides the cool temperatures, Connecticut also experienced a wet summer. The region accumulated 14.47 inches of precipitation. That is 2.8 inches more than the normal rainfall of 11.67.

"La Nina began to break down in late spring, early summer," said George McKillop of the National Weather Service on Long Island.

"This means we can expect a colder winter than we have experienced in the past few years," said McKillop.

The record for the most precipitation in Connecticut was set in 1955 with a record accumulation of 20.66 inches.

"La Nina is a weather pattern caused by cooler-than-normal water off the equator on the western side of South America, extending into the Pacific Ocean. For New England, the pattern often brings warmer-than-normal winters. The National Weather Service could not predict if colder winter temperatures would bring more snowfall.

"Snow depends on precipitation, and it is too early to determine that," McKillop said.

Fartlek

Saturday, September 30 at Fairfield University

Come cheer on Sacred Heart's men's and women's cross country teams as they battle for the Fairfield Invitational team titles!
Frosh elections wrap up

By Shannon Stone
Staff Writer

September 27th and 28th are days that will mark out the path for the rest of the year for the Class of 2004. These are the days of Freshman Elections for student government. Although there is not much of a race for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Senate, the race for President will be an interesting one. There are four candidates for President of the Class of 2004. Stephen Giustino, Jeff Guillot, Sean Hatch and Jeanne-Monique Sampson.

Hatch's best friend was the president of his class in high school, and Hatch worked hand in hand with him throughout the entire process, so he has some experience.

Hatch works for the ideas of the class not just for himself. He says he can make a difference, and wants to do a good job. Hatch said his philosophy is that "everyone wants the chance to be heard, and I want to give them that chance." Hatch added that he wants to be the voice of the freshman class.

Giustino always wanted to run himself, but instead helped out his friend with the campaign, so he also knows how everything works.

Giustino came to school and said realized that here was his chance to finally run for president. Giustino said he likes to follow the age-old philosophy that when you want something done right, you do it yourself. Guillot added he always wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. He said that he believes that "the principle reason that people are here is to help each other." Guillot said everyone deserves a fair share and an equal voice.

Guillot added his goal for the year is to raise the collective morale of the class, and bring in more spirit. Guillot wants people to get involved with programs like Habitat for Humanity, and to raise money with different fun fundraisers for the purposes of helping out those in need.

Guillot said he wants to go down in history as the most involved class on the most involved campus. Guillot added he wants to "put Sacred Heart on the map."

Sampson was unavailable for comment.

As for the other offices, there is no competition for any of the races.

Chad Bauer is the sole candidate for Vice President, Gillian Weisman for Secretary, and for Senate, Carrin David, Adam Croce, and Jen Hradec are the candidates.

There is no candidate for Treasurer. Candidate speeches were held on Wednesday and voting was on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Laptop crisis averted in nick of time

Lori Singer
Contributing Writer

The 2000 freshmen class came very close to being without laptops, but due to the efforts of a five-member team in the Information Technology Department, all 1,017 laptops were distributed by Labor Day afternoon.

The freshmen class was unaware that there was a problem. They also did not know that they were receiving an upgraded model because there was no additional cost.

Initially, IBM was supposed to deliver the computers on Aug. 28. They would continue to do inventory, so that the laptops would be ready for distribution by Saturday morning of Labor Day Weekend.

In all, 20 people volunteered so the process could be run as smooth as possible. "It was touch and go for awhile," said Doherty.

Click over to shuspectrum.com for results of the 2000 Freshmen SG elections

Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Sept. 17 to Sept. 21

Sept. 17: 1:25 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a resident has something in his eye. Public Safety Officer flushed out the resident's eye. No other assistance needed.

4:10 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries. Public Safety Officer filed a report and is investigating.

4:14 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by malfunction.

9:29 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report of resident having illegal substances in their room. Public Safety responded. Resident searched the room and did not find anything.

10:00 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a resident was robbed while walking home from the Sports Page. Bridgeport Police were called and filed a report.

Sept. 18: 12:08 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm from a broken windshield. Bridgeport Police were called. Public Safety responded. Bridgeport police and Public Safety filed a report.

1:05 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by malfunction.

2:57 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by malfunction.

4:03 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a trouble alarm. Alarm was activated by accident.

5:18 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a vehicle was hit while parked on campus. Fairfield Police were called. Public Safety and Fairfield Police filed a report.

11:15 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by accident.

Sept. 19: 1:02 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by malfunction.

12:44 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report of a parked car getting hit. Fairfield Police were called. Public Safety and Fairfield Police filed a report.

1:30 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a delivery truck hit and damaged a bollard. Public Safety Officer filed a report.

2:43 p.m.- An employee came to the Public Safety Office and stated he hurt his arm while working. Employee refused medical attention and resumed working. Public Safety Officer filed a report.

7:44 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report of a minor motor vehicle accident with no injuries. The two people involved in the accident did not want the police to be called. Public Safety Officer filed a report and the two people exchanged information.

Sept. 20: 2:20 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by malfunction.

7:33 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by accident.

4:04 p.m.- A student came to the Public Safety Office and stated his car was hit while parked. Fairfield Police were called. Public Safety and Fairfield Police filed a report.

4:52 p.m.- A resident reported to Public Safety she was being harassed by another resident. Residential life was notified. Public Safety is investigating.

11:51 p.m.- An employee reported he splashed a cleaning chemical in his eye. 911 was called. Public Safety, Fairfield Police, and Fire responded. Employee was transported to St. Vincent's Hospital via ambulance.

Sept. 21: 12:07 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a resident punched a mirror and was bleeding. Public Safety Officer responded and filed a report.

12:31 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report of a resident with lacerations on his hand. Public Safety Officer responded and filed a report.

3:02 a.m.- An employee came to the Public Safety Office and stated he hurt his arm while working. Employee refused medical attention and resumed working. Public Safety Officer filed a report.

3:09 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a resident was robbed while walking home from the Sports Page. Bridgeport Police were called and filed a report.

4:18 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report that a resident was not feeling well. Public Safety Officers responded. Resident stated he was feeling a little better will go to health services in the morning.

16:38 a.m.- The Public Safety Office received a report of a small fire in a garbage can. Public Safety officer extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher.

12:08 p.m.- The Public Safety Office received a fire alarm. Alarm was activated by accident.
Editorials

At long last, the Marketplace has returned

By the time this paper comes out, the SHU Marketplace will have made its long awaited return to the SHU campus after a long one-year absence.

For those of you new to SHU, the Marketplace was a one-stop convenience store that was located where the CompUSA Help Center is now. It was like a mini-Flik, for those students in a hurry and needing to grab a quick bite between classes or on their way home.

Space demands forced the Marketplace to make way for the Help Desk to move in. But now it is back and not a second sooner. Students know that the lines that build up in Flik can be long at times, and they seem longer when all you need to buy is a quick bag of chips.

Now those students who need a snack can stop by and grab it quickly instead of going into the cafeteria to pick something up and waiting in the lines.

Getting rid of the Marketplace was an extremely unpopular decision among SHU students last year. It is nice to see the administration listen to the students and bring back the Marketplace where it belongs.

Let's pack campus field for every sport

This is an exciting time to be a student at Sacred Heart. The Marketplace is re-opening, there are some new renovations on the way and our football team is undefeated.

But football isn't the only sport that's doing well. We need to start a tradition of packing the field for every home game we have. The football team is starting to get the support all our teams need. That is a good thing.

So when our boys return for Parent's Weekend, we should make sure to cram the stand with every body that we can fit in there. And it shouldn't end with football.

SHU students should make the trip across town to cheer on the track team at the Fairfield Invitational along. And while we're at it, why not check out the next field hockey, soccer or rugby game that's here. We have over 30 division 1 sports included, now we do gigantic stories and now we boost their ego since they're doing well and doing so well, while we're at it, why not check out the next field hockey, soccer or rugby game that's here. We have over 30 division 1 sports teams at Sacred Heart right now and they all need our support every time they play. Let's make every visiting team dread a road trip to Sacred Heart.

Learning to appreciate all of the things in our lives that matter

And now we love the football team.

Don't get me wrong: we think it's wonderful. By Keysha Whitaker

That they are doing so well but what annoys me about us humble humans is how "phony" we are, in a way.

For example, Spectrum included, now we do gigantic stories and now we boost their ego since they're doing well and making a name for us and making us smile, but when they probably needed it the most, years prior to this, we did nothing.

We shunned and laughed at them.

We didn't go to games. Players who had good stats last year, or worked their butt off for the team got no love; if you don't mind me slipping into the vernacular a bit.

No big stories. No pictures. Just a better luck next time.

And we're all at fault.

Now the old players have the past hanging over their heads so maybe people are reluctant to give them any credit for the good things that are happening now.

Or maybe they're reluctant to give themselves any credit.

But what do I know? I went to a total of one football game last year. I didn't even go to any basketball games.

So I guess that makes me the Anti-Christ of SHU sports, but I'll tell you why.

I just didn't make time. I don't understand football, and I found it hard to dedicate 3 hours of my time and sit out in the hot sun, or cold, when I could have been doing something else. So it's not that I didn't want the team to succeed. (Red and White till I die) I just didn't think it mattered.

But this just brings me to a more philosophical point. Lots of time we do things, or don't do things, just because we don't think it matters. We don't think how much the act that seems insignificant to us, may mean so much to someone else.

Like the guy you sit across from in class? You see him each week, but don't even know his name.

Why? Because we don't think it matters.

One day I had a substitute. He was an older man. Grey and wrinkled just enough to for you to make a judgement.

The first half an hour or so, people tried to punk him. (More of that darn vernacular.) They thought they could rough him up a bit because he was older and wouldn't catch on.

So, that goes on for a bit, until he tells us he worked on numerous soap operas and even in The Muppets Take Manhattan.

Oh, now when people heard this you bet everyone wanted to hear his story.

The point is we're not interested in anything until it has some relevance for us. Until it matters to us. Until we're getting some kind of personal joy. I'm not perfect. We're all the same. It's just sickening.

But, then again, what do I know?

The SHU Voices

Have you been written up or written someone up this year?

Brian McGrath
Brookfield
Senior

“Not my mom, said not to break the rules, and I listen to my mommmy.”

Kris Tompkins
Toms River, N.J.
Senior

“No, I haven't been written up yet.”

Rahul Shaw
New Dehli, India
Junior, RA

“Yes, many times, because I believe in school policy.”

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Blacks and the democratic process: The illusion of inclusion

A man in a "free" black man in the 21st Century, still on the plantation? Is political slavery the oppressive state of being for blacks in the 21st Century?

Are blacks suffering with the illusion of inclusion in the Democratic Party? Why has the Republican Party excluded blacks from participating on that side of the political spectrum? These and other questions are being asked in the black community when the conversations turned toward politics.

There is a deep concern for where the future lies politically for the black community.

The 2000 Republican Convention was a blatant slap in the face to any black American who has a pulse and a conscience. Black Americans who are attempting to break the traditional GOP mold were constantly ushered onto the stage excepting why they feel the party of Abraham Lincoln is the party for blacks.

Retired General Colin Powell spoke passionately about his grave concerns, such as a race relations and affirmative action, which he feels the party must deal with honestly and sincerely if the Republican Party is seriously courting the black vote in this presidential election year. I have determined that the Republican faithful were oblivious to Powell's eloquent appeal. The convention ended as well-known black figures such as Chaka Khan and Brian McKnight, among others were paraded on stage performing for the party faithful, reminiscent of a black version of The Osmonds performing for white audiences but were not afforded basic human rights.

In the audience the percentage of black leaders at the convention was blatantly disproportionate to those on stage. All of this speaks volumes to the black community. Another point of contention is Presidential nominee, Texas Governor George W. Bush's position, amongst other issues, on the death penalty.

As a matter of fact, the state of Texas will be executing a death row "nominie" every other week up until the national election. This is of particular concern to the black community because of the disproportionate number of individuals on death row who are black.

The judicial system must take heed of the new DNA technology because many of these people may be executed while there is potential evidence to refute their total or partial guilt. Again, this does not bode well for Republicans trying to lure blacks into the Republican Party.

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Breast cancer is the growth of abnormal cells within the breast tissue. As these cells grow, they replace normal healthy tissue.

Initially, the growth appears as a small, firm, bump, not noticeable unless you are looking for it. With time, it can spread to muscle or skin tissue.

Cancer cells can be transported throughout the body through the lymph nodes under the arm. Without treatment, the cancer could spread to vital organs such as the liver, brain, and lungs.

Breast cancer among women in the United States seems to be rising. One in eight women in this country develop breast cancer. In spite of recent advancements in early detection and improved treatment, breast cancer is now the third leading cause of death among women in the U.S.

“A neighbor of mine had breast cancer... but her family is really supportive and that is a big plus,” Mike Pacheco.

Some women may be more likely to develop breast cancer than others.

Factors that could increase a woman’s chance include: having a close family member that had the disease such as a mother or sister; never having children; having a first child after the age of 30; and having a history of exposure to radiation.

Two factors that are being looked into are age and obesity and regular consumption of alcohol. Some research does suggest that women who eat a low-fat, high fiber diet, don’t smoke, exercise daily, and drink only on rare occasions, appear to have a lower risk of breast cancer.

However, any woman can develop cancer, and although less common, men can develop breast cancer as well.

“I don’t think its that big of a deal for men because more women are affected,” Pacheco said.

“But men should take more of an active role in helping fight it,” added Pacheco.

Early detection is the key to the prevention of the spreading of cancer.

To detect breast cancer at the earliest possible time, women should do a breast self-exam each month, have an exam by a doctor once a year, and get a mammogram at least once a year. Men should also be examined.

If detected early, there is a good chance for survival.

Over two million breast cancer survivors are alive in the United States today.

Seventy-five percent of women who have small tumors diagnosed before the cancer spreads to other parts of the body survive at least ten years beyond the first diagnosis.
**UMOJA’s KORNER**

By Marvin Royal

**Contributing Writer**

Whaassssuuup SHU!!!

This is the first editorial of UMOJA’s Korner.

UMOJA’s Korner is an editorial that will express the concerns of the students and is an opportunity for the UMOJA organization to share future events and ideas for student input and participation.

If you didn’t know about UMOJA, it is founded on the first principle of the Nguzo Saba (Swahili for Seven Principles) by Maulana Karenga.

UMOJA strives for unity in the family community, nation, and race the first of the Seven Principles.

The organization’s name is always written in capital letters to distinguish from the word, umoja, which is Swahili for unity.

It is based on Christian principles, which serves as a ladder for academic, social, and spiritual advice.

UMOJA intends to unify students of African-American descent and increase the minority population on Sacred Heart’s campus.

Ultimately, UMOJA will serve as a liaison between students, staff, and faculty in the realm of educating the Sacred Heart community on issues of African-American concern and the concerns of the student population at SHU.

UMOJA is open to and welcomes any Sacred Heart student, friend, staff, alumni and faculty member.

Our membership meetings are held at 6 p.m. on Mondays in the Mahogany Room.

(Anyone curious as to why the “K” is backwards, come to the next meeting!) Upcoming events include a Pioneer Party that is planned for Oct. 28, in the Outpost.

A trip to the African-American Day Parade in Hartford is on Sept. 30.

Editor’s note: Umoja’s Korner is a commentary submitted by Marvin Royal, president of UMOJA.

Peter Hahn and Janna Short are a couple who made their relationship at SHU work.

**Great love in three steps**

By Keysha Whitaker

**Features Editor**

**Commentary**

Communication is an integral part of the human experience.

From mundane daily interactions such as buying a candy bar, to taking the big leap and saying ‘I do’, all relationships fall prey to the communication monster.

Good relationships can turn sour very fast because of lack of communication.

SHU couple Peter Hahn, a senior psychology major from Staten Island, New York, and Janna Short, senior psychology major for White Plains, N.Y., shared their insight.

"You can’t avoid problems in relationships," Hahn said.

"You have to face them head on, it’s as simple as that."

Hahn’s advice coincides with three steps that may help SHU students have better relationships.

**STEP 1: Find out the problem.**

Relationships may sour because people do not communicate to each other that needs are not being met.

Let your partner know how you expect him or her to behave.

Never assume that you know exactly how the other person is feeling.

**STEP 2: Find out how the problem occurred.**

Always take responsibility for something that may have been inadvertently done and offended the other person.

Saying ‘I’m sorry’ may be an easy way to avoid WWII.

**STEP 3: Find out how to deal with the problem.**

Relationships may often come to a crossroads, and individuals have to decide whether they are going to stick together and try to work with the issue or abandon ship.

Short tells one way she feels is successful for dealing with problems.

"Just talk it out with one another. That is usually the best way," Short said.

Richard Grigg, Doctor of Religious Studies knows that there is one thing people must remember in order to grow with the relationship.

"I’ve been married for a long time and people have to be aware of the fact that relationships do change over time," Grigg said. "Sometimes problems occur when you are not prepared to deal with them, for example, having children."

Hahn feels the same.

"Being able to be light-hearted and not make everything that comes up an issue that can make or break you is important."

**Campus Happenings**

**Resume and Job Building Workshop**

There will be a resume and job building workshop on Oct. 2. The workshop will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Office of Career Development located on the second floor of Curtis Hall. Food will be provided. For more information call April at 371-1330.

**Learn more about the West Nile Virus**

There will be a seminar on the West Nile Virus at 7 p.m. tonight at Goldent Hill United Methodist Church, 210 Elm Street in Bridgeport. Dr. Joxel Garcia, Commissioner of Health for the State of Connecticut will speak. The event is sponsored by the West Indian Association of Greater Bridgeport. For more information call 380-8234.

-COMPiled by Keysha Whitaker

**Coke: SHU signs deal**

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Coke product, is something many SHU students will have to develop a taste for.

Wielk recalled the change in product was a problem in the first year of the contract.

“arithmetic means of how many people liked. We still will be drinking it because of positive feedback with the Coke.”


Apparentely the size of the university is a matter of how much money is offered.

Lambeck reported that Southern Connecticut State University receives $300,000 for a five-year contract with Coke.

The University of Connecticut is receiving $1,087,500 for a five-year contract.

The University of Minnesota is receiving close to $28 million. Enrollment is at 37,000.

“It has been a pretty good partnership,” said Wielk. “We have been talking about renegotiating the contract because of the growth of the University.”

So Dean Wielk, what’s your choice drink?

“Actually I do like Coke, but that was not a factor in the decision,” laughed Wielk.

“They just outbid Pepsi,” added Wielk.

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Photo by Keysha Whitaker
Marvin McNeill strolled into the halls of Sacred Heart almost four years ago to take over the SHU band program. He was hired as Coordinator of Bands, which meant that he had the responsibility of instructing the jazz band, marching band, concert band and pep band.

August of that year, the marching band and pep band could be heard practicing on the football field even after the sun had gone down. The practice paid off. They can still be heard each August, but now they are better.

"Freshman year I came in for preseason for soccer, and I remember the hearing the band practice. They weren't bad, but each year they seem to get better and better," said senior Jennifer Higgins, from Barre, Mass.

After graduating from the University of Connecticut with a master's degree in Trombone Performance, McNeill came to the SHU unsure of what to expect, but he knew that he wanted to have an impact.

"My main goal was getting the program off the ground and gaining a positive attitude towards the bands," said McNeill.

When McNeill arrived, he had a marching band of only 25 members, and an even smaller pep band. The concert band and jazz band programs were just trying to get going, but had not gotten off the ground.

Now all four bands are in full swing, with a marching band of over 45, including an expanded trumpet section and color guard.

Though the program has made great strides since McNeill's arrival, he is still looking to make improvements.

"I am pleased with the way the band has grown, but I'm looking to expand our personnel," said McNeill.

It should not be difficult for McNeill to find willing musicians to join his band. He is the marching band is one of the bands that coordinator Marvin McNeill (left) oversees at SHU, dedicated to his job, and enthusiastic about his students and his music. His hard work has paid off, though, and the bands have come a long way.

Recently, the marching band took a trip to Boston to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. They performed so well that they were invited back to Boston to play in the Columbus Day Parade. Success of this magnitude would have been unimaginable a few years ago.

When McNeill is not working on music or scheduling performances, he shares his time with the students. His students admire his work ethic and his generosity.

"He's willing to do anything for any of the band members," said Christopher Suzovich, a junior saxophone player from North Brunswick, N.J. "His dedication and enthusiasm rubs off on the rest of the band members, and we want to work hard for him.

The four of the bands that he controls are in session throughout the entire school year. In the fall, the marching band and jazz band keep him busy. The spring semester features the concert band, jazz band and a one-time performance by the marching band on St. Patrick's Day. The pep band performs at the men's and women's basketball games, as well as the men's ice hockey games.

The concert band will be performing at 8 p.m. on April 26 in the theater. In the mean time, check out the band on the web, either through Sacred Heart's homepage, or at welcome.to/pioneerbands.

By Ed Bourget

SHU band program keeps on growing

By Erica Beaulieu

SHU is alive with the sound of music

Every year, SHU undergoes many changes; new teachers, new staff and, of course, new students.

This year, one of the changes is occurring in the music department, beginning with a new director, Pat Smith.

Having taught in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., Smith was hired to "help the music department grow." "I'd love to see the choir grow," says Smith. And grow it has, with about 40 students already signed up to try out for the choir.

In addition to the choirs, Smith is planning a major production, with singing and an orchestra or some sort of instrumental accompaniment. "I want to get the kids involved," said Smith, "turn the kids on to what we're doing."

Also being planned for this year is a show choir, with auditions already in progress, beginning this week and continuing into the next. "The show choir will give students a chance to express their creative side and showcase their talents," Dr. Smith has hopes of bringing in a choreographer and a stage director when they begin rehearsal for the show choir performance.

You may have heard about this exciting new addition to the musical department through the famous "Mary" emails being sent out. It seems that as long as Smith has enough participation, she'll be up to doing just about anything. She said she was shocked at the amount of talent and enthusiasm that SHU students possess. "I can't believe the talent I've run into," said Smith. "I'm totally shocked." As of right now, there is no limit to how many students can participate in this show choir.

Many different Broadway musicals are being planned for this year, to be performed in the soon-to-be air-conditioned theater. It will be closed January through March, and reopen with a performance by the show choir. "Everyone loves music," says Dr. Smith, with a smile. "It's my job to bring it out of them."

With many new and interesting events planned for the music department this year, there are many different opportunities to get involved and participate. Just a reminder: auditions for the show choir began September 26th, then continue into next week. However, Smith urges that its never too late to take part.

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Danielle Moreau
Drama prof speaking soon

By Megan Flood
A&E Editor

Lenora Champagne, assistant professor of drama studies (SUNY/Purchase), writer, director and actress, will give a lecture at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the Faculty Lounge entitled "A Jester for the People: Dario Fo's Provocative Satires (with a gesture to Franca Rame)." This lecture is being sponsored by the department of languages, literatures and media studies, the Italian program, the theater program and the college of arts and sciences.

Champagne, a New Yorker by way of her native Louisiana, writes, directs and makes solo performances. She has established herself in the world of theater including having many of her works published as well as performed. She is a member of the New Dramatists and a Usual Suspect at New York Theater Workshop, through which she workshopped Culture Club show at Mohegan Sun cancelled

By Joseph J. Brigante
Contributing Writer

It is Sunday night right now, September 24, and I could be at a concert watching my favorite group at Mohegan Sun, Culture Club. Unfortunately, the show has been cancelled. But forget about me, and I will like to explain to you the reason I am writing this article.

The main reason the concert was cancelled is not a mystery if you are a fan of this group, or someone who just loved the group's music. I will remind you, Culture Club is the group whose lead singer is Boy George.

The reason the tour has been cancelled is that George's American record company, Virgin American, despises him. The reason Culture Club was coming to the U.S. this fall and winter was to promote their new album. But how can you promote a new U.S. album if it has not been released in the U.S.? The album, "Don't Mind If I Do," has been in Europe for almost a year, not to mention Canada and some Asian countries. The album is a gem, with virtually every song having a pinch to it. Yet, Virgin America refuses to have it released.

This is not the only Culture Club album not released in the U.S. Their most popular album, which labeled them the most popular band in 1984, "Colour By Numbers," has been out of print for almost two years. This album that contained not only "Karma Chameleon" and "Miss Me Blind," but eight other songs that were at par with these two. It was just like the greatest hits album. Also, their original greatest hits album, "This Time," has been out of print in the U.S. for more than ten years.

Even when Boy George was going through rough times in the later 1980's with a drug habit, he still was willing to entertain the world.

He got producer Arif Mardin, the same man who brought Chaka Khan and Bette Midler to number one on the charts and producer Lew Hahn, to complete his final group album, "From Luxury to Heartache." Culture Club was supposed to play at Mohegan Sun.

"From Luxury to Heartache." Not only is this album solid and fantastic, it is even written, sung and produced better that Madonna's "True Blue," which came out the same year, 1986. Yet "From Luxury to Heartache" has been out of print for more than five years.

Why does Virgin America dislike Boy George? Maybe it is because he is a homosexual, or someone who did drugs. I really don't know. Yet it is sad that America, the land of dreams, still can't let a great artist, no matter who he is, and group, show their stuff. Just look at all the other garbage the media allows in music and TV. But I guess that is another story.

A&E Briefs

Are you ready to rumble?
Northeast Wrestling presents Autumn Ambush at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Southern Connecticut State University in the Moore Fieldhouse, in New Haven. This event is to raise money to benefit SCSU women's basketball.

Wrestling superstars Psycho Sid Vicious, former WWF and WCW World Champion, Justin Credible, ECW World Champion and WWF stars Fabulous Moolah and Mae Young, Hacksaw Jim Duggan and the Beautiful Tammy(formerly WWF Sunny). Also preforming is SCSU and Hamden's own Big Daddy and SHU's own Johnny Heartbreaker.


The Rush is on...
Greek Life ends their rush week with a Greek Rush Dance party at 9p.m. on Friday at the Outpost. This event is mandatory for all.

Celebrations 2000
The Discovery Museum presents Celebrations 2000. At 1 and 3 p.m. on Oct. 15 Paul Winter will be preforming in concert. Tickets are $20.
At 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, 10 and 11, there is a performance by Continuum Marvels Multimedia. Tickets for this performance are $15. Ticket Packages for both shows are $30. For more information, call 372-3521.

Anyone for Mochachino?
The International Coffeehouse Series is up and running. Sponsored by the International/Multicultural Center, admission is $8, faculty and staff donation $5, children under 12 $4, students free.

The Chinese Coffeehouse is at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 in the Mahogany Room and Rainforest Coffeehouse, 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 26 in the Faculty Lounge.

-Shuffled by Megan Flood
Men and women's XC place ninth at Central

Emily Greenough  
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart men's and women's cross country teams faced some fierce competition on Saturday at the Central Connecticut State University Invitational at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain. The SHU raced against well-known teams such as Columbia, Colgate and New Hampshire.

The women tied for ninth place with Monmouth, which was ranked second in the Northeast Conference preseason poll. The men finished ninth as well.

“We ran into some very tough competition this meet,” said head coach Christian Morrison. “But I'm quite encouraged by how both teams performed against other NEC schools.”

As far as individuals performances, the athletes are stronger than ever.

The women have six runners finish under thirty minutes for the five-mile race. "I think this is our best men's team ever," said Morrison.

Football halts the Red Storm to stay undefeated

By Ed Bourget  
Staff Writer

The Pioneer football program is soaring to new heights in the 2000 campaign under the guidance of first-year coach Jim Fleming.

Sacred Heart continued its winning ways against St. John's by posting a 27-6 victory. Fleming has brought a new sense of urgency, and a sense of optimism, said junior running back Brandon M. Graham.

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The defense continued its stinginess to win football games, added Graham. The Pioneers pulled off a little razzle dazzle in the first quarter as Kiheme Cowan scored on a reverse punt for a 71-yard touchdown return.

The SHU fans responded to the play with tremendous excitement and the support lasted the entire game.

The team also dominated the Red Storm from beginning to end. Sacred Heart expanded its lead to 10-0 before halftime on a 39-yard field goal by Tim Redican. Redican has been solid for his team all season long as he leads the Northeast Conference in four different offensive categories.

"The talent has been here for two years and coach Fleming has recognized that talent and has put us in a position to win football games," Brandon M. Graham, junior running back.

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SHU Soccer comes home with a loss and tie

The men’s soccer team tied Mount St. Mary’s this weekend 2-2 and lost to UMBC 4-0. They come home next Friday at 1 p.m.

The women tied UMBC 0-0 and lost to Mount St. Mary’s 1-0. They compete this Sunday at 1 p.m. at FDU.

Men’s Tennis places fourth out of fifteen

The men placed fourth out of fifteen teams in the ECAC Men’s Tennis North Open Tennis Championships.

Sophomore Mark Zanetto from Meriden reached the finals in second singles flight.

Intramurals starting up

Co-ed volleyball starts in October. Rosters can be picked up in the Pitt Center and are due no later than Oct. 18. There must be five players on the floor with a minimum of two females or males. For more information contact Jenn Hoffmann, director of intramurals, at 396-8129.

A special event sand volleyball tournament will start this Saturday and continue through Oct. 1. For more information, contact Jenn Hoffman.

Support from the Fans

So far this season the undefeated football team has competed in three home games and one away game. Already the number of people in the stands at all four games has surpassed the combined number in attendance of all games last season.

This year SHU football averages 600 spectators including the 200 plus fans that traveled this past weekend to St. John’s.

Head coach Jim Fleming said “On our way into the locker room after our pre-game warm up vs. St. John’s there weren’t any SHU students in the stands, in fact, the lights weren’t on. But when we walked out onto the field we were greeted by over 200 fans waving the big SHU banner.

“It was absolutely thrilling, it gave us a tremendous lift in our game and level of play.

“SHU is a great environment to play in. Our approach is to represent and play for this university.

“The tremendous support of the student body is greatly needed and appreciated.”

-COMPILED BY KERI BLAIR

Sports Schedule for September 29-October 5

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She then followed up with the game-winner with 18:21 remaining, on a rebound shot that had gone off the goal post.

Athans lead the Pioneers to a 4-3 victory over Monmouth.

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SHU Athlete of the Week

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Football defeats St. John’s 27-6 to go 4-0

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(Top left) members of the SHU wrestling team show their support for football by painting their bodies for each game. The women’s volleyball team (top right) also shows up every time. Fan support like this has helped the Football to reach an unprecedented 4-0 record this year. See Story, page 10.