SHU Security Heightened

By Jill Tomasz
Staff Reporter

Do you always carry your Sacred Heart identification card with you at night? If not, you better start! Security is cracking down and if you want to get back to South or West Hall, Jefferson Hill, or even to park your car in North or South lot your identification card or a parking decal is required. Since mid-September, the security staff located at the front of the main entrance has been checking students' id cards. When this new security measure was first implemented students were shocked. Tiffany Cross-Monzo, a sophomore from Thousand Oaks, California stated, "I was kind of scared, thought something bad might have happened; it was the first time they have done anything like this in the two years that I have been here. I was lucky I had my id card on me."

However, according to William O'Connell, the Director of Public Safety, "We aren't too interested in the student id cards", but more on "enforcing the University parking decals and visitation hours." Any sort that an on duty guard would be checking students' ids, Cross-Monzo was not the only one that was stunned. "I don't have my id" was the first thing that struck Brynn Kushner, a sophomore from Staten Island. "I was shocked, but I think it is a good idea; I mean it is an inconvenience to always have your student id card, but I think it will help stop the vandalism." With good intentions, Public Safety is in the process of hiring a full-time security guard that will be on duty from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week.

Also, by the end of this week, there are plans to have a gate installed at the Jefferson Hill exit. This is in hopes not only to control night traffic but as well as daytime volume. These gates will remain down during the evening, while during the day will work as normal security exit gates, and will rise when cars are leaving. The purpose of these new gates, according to O'Connell "is to push the traffic to the main entrance during the night." In general, these gates will provide more control over the flow of traffic. There were many reasons for this new security system. "It was something we always wanted to do, we just never got the funding," stated O'Connell. This year though the funding finally came through from the President's office. "I am thankful that the President's office and cabinet approved it."

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Beta's Cause Shines This Month

By Keri Wilson
Staff Reporter

During 2002 an estimated 203,500 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States. Because of this, the sisters of Beta Delta Phi have increased their dedication to educating Sacred Heart University students about breast cancer. The sorority has been working hand in hand with Y-Me, a support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer, or are survivors of the disease. There will be events all throughout the month where students can come together for the cause. On October 20, 2002 the girls of Beta and any others interested will be participating in "Making Strides," a walk in Westport. The proceeds of the walk will raise funds for American Cancer Society research, education, advocacy, and patient support. Registration will be at 9 a.m. and the actual walk begins at 11 a.m. All those that are interested in participating in "Making Strides" can speak to a sister from Beta or can call 1-800-ACS-2345. There will be raffle tickets sold...
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By Michael Burns  Staff Reporter

Calling all Greeks! Greek fever is sweeping the entire Sacred Heart campus. Just this past week was Rush Week for all sororities and fraternities, and as the Greeks associate work to endure the pledge period, the second annual Greek Olympics are right around the corner.

Junior Kristopher Baffi, from Glenhead, NY, a member of Alpha Sigma Psi is very excited about this year's festivities. "It brings a competitive fun nature to Greek life. It's a really good way to integrate all of the organizations and to also help show associate members more of what Greek Life is about," said Baffi.

Last year was the first ever Greek Olympics held on campus here at Sacred Heart University, and it was an overall success, with the fraternity Sigma Delta Chi taking home the honors of the first Greek Olympic Champion. This year is shaping up to be just as successful. This year's competition is scheduled for October 18 - October 20.

The kickoff begins on Friday, October 18 at midnight with a Scavenger Hunt. The Scavenger Hunt will consist of a bunch of strategically placed around campus. Each clue will lead to another, which will eventually lead to the finish line.

Saturday starts off with Frats at Bat and SSBALL (Sorority Softball) which is tournament style softball games where the organizations will compete with one another. A Tag-Off War, Slip and Slide Relay, along with Apple-Bopping and Pie Eating Relay, will follow the softball extravaganza.

Each event will consist of a certain point value system. In the tournament style events, organizations need to win the round to get the points to move on. If a team loses, no points are allotted and the team will not move on in the bracket. In all other events points are given from first to ninth place. If an organization does poorly in one event, they have the opportunity to make up for it in another. After the last event, comes the awards, the points are tallied up from the whole weekend, and whoever has the most points wins overall. The winning organization will receive the coveted Greek Olympic trophy.

Senior Tayanna Rocourt, from Seafood, NY, Chairperson for the event and a member of Phi Omega Tau indicates that last year's event was a trial period for the Greek Olympics but assures that measures have been taken to liven up the competition. "This year, point values, and tournament brackets have been made more fair, giving all organizations an equal chance to win overall." I feel that this year can be close between the fraternities and sororities, which will make it more of a competition among all the organizations," said Rocourt.

Junior member of Phi Omega Tau, Kelly Mojka from Bridgewater, NJ, was not able to experience last year’s Olympics but is very much looking forward to this year's events. "It's a great way for all the Greeks to spend time together and get to know each other," said Mojka.

All in all, Greek Life has risen to the occasion and put together what looks to become a Big, Fat, Greek Good Time.

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News Brief

On-Campus Rape Charge Investigated

By Elaine McCauley  News Editor

According to a Connecticut Post article, Fairfield police are currently investigating a report of a charge of sexual assault of a woman on the Sacred Heart campus.

The woman, whose name was not released by police, is a Sacred Heart student. According to the report the incident occurred shortly after midnight last Saturday night/early Sunday morning.

Police released few details of the alleged assault, however the report did confirm that the event happened in a South Hall dorm room.

This ongoing investigation also cited that "the woman was not beaten and apparently knew her attacker," police said.

The student was hospitalized for a brief time but then released.

At the present time there is no further information available regarding the incident.

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Campus Ministry Offers "Faith and Living" Experience

By Elaine McCauley  News Editor

Campus Ministry, along with the Office of Residential Life are working on a project called the "Faith and Living" experience. In a recent article written by Sacred Heart's own Father Gustavo Falla, he wrote, "The project is based on the 2,000-year-old Catholic tradition of sharing a life with fellow Christians while maturing in the faith."

After incoming freshmen were given the opportunity to live on a "Faith and Living" floor, 21 students decided to sign up. "Some were attracted to the idea because of their own background and experience in sharing with others in the faith," said Falla.

"Still others joined because they felt a need to reconnect with their spiritual life while attending college, while some were interested in learning more about both the differences and similarities between the Catholic faith and other Christian denominations," Falla added.

To Falla's surprise the "Faith and Living" floor in West Hall has become nicknamed "God's Floor" by other students. However, rather than affecting those who live on the floor in a negative way, the nickname inspires the students to continue their will to be different.

"These students have a clear and positive stand on moral issues, clean fun, faith practices, and down-to-earth relationships. They believe in the need to celebrate their being Christians while observing moral traditions and cultivating values," stated Falla.

Although it has only been a month since school began, this group of students has already made an impression on the Sacred Heart campus. The group is starting to become "conversation material" according to Falla.

Falla hopes that "in the near future most of our students be nicknamed 'God's girls' and 'God's boys' - that we may not only have a 'God's floor' but a 'God's campus' here at Sacred Heart!"

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Beta Supports Breast Care Awareness

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has given her generous talents to make the quilt. All proceeds will be going to a hospital in the area that specializes in breast cancer. "If breast cancer doesn't affect you directly, I'm sure you know someone who it has. It would be great to be able to help with the research that saves lives," said Sue Haar, a sophomore from Long Island, NY.

On October 27 there will be a vigil held on the FHS patio. Then on October 28th, an event will take place along with co-sponsors, the PT and OT students, Nurses Association, and Residential Life night/early Sunday morning.

There will be an informational session held in the Schine auditorium at 7 p.m. "We encourage everyone to attend in order to help further campus-wide awareness, recognition and prevention of breast cancer," said Haar.

The sister of Beta Delta Phi will be selling paper pink ribbon cards, hoping to "Paint the Campus Pink." They encourage students, faculty, and staff to make a $1 donation, or whatever they can. The proceeds will go to one of Y-Me's many programs.

For more information concerning Breast Care Awareness month, visit www.y-meet.org, or speak with any of the sisters of Beta Delta Phi.
Editorials

Breast Cancer: Shouldn’t There Be a Cure By Now?

I remember the phone ringing that Friday afternoon... I knew it was my mother. But she didn’t sound like herself. She was a bit stuffed-up; she either had a cold or she had been crying. I immediately asked if something was wrong. She paused.

"Your aunt has been diagnosed with breast cancer," she said, sniffing a little and trying to disguise this from me. My first reaction was shock. My "Auntie?" How could this happen to her? Auntie who has traveled the world? Auntie who is a tenant landlord dispute lawyer? How could this be? She had never tried any crazy diets or did anything to cause her ill health. She had never hurt a fly. Why would this be happening to her?

My mom told me that my aunt was to have a lumpectomy on Monday. My aunt had gone for her scheduled mammogram and received a letter in the mail the Thursday after informing her that a lump needed a closer inspection. She went for a biopsy Friday afternoon and was told on the spot it was malignant. She scheduled the lumpectomy on Friday for Monday, so she in theory only had breast cancer for three days. I just cried and cried after my mother finished talking.

My aunt is a breast cancer survivor. She’s been cancer free for over 15 months now, and she still goes for her mammogram as the doctors recommend. As I dealt with my aunt’s ordeal, I thought about myself and if some advancement will be made by the time breast cancer might strike me. Shouldn’t I be on some preventative medication because I’m at such a high risk of getting it? (There is a drug, tamoxifen, which is available but has not been widely studied and the long-term affects on a person’s body have not yet been evaluated.) I don’t live in fear, because what good will that do me? But always praying in the back of my mind is the thought: "You are at high risk for breast cancer, you might be the next person in your family to get it." College life and choosing a career are stressful enough activities; I shouldn’t have to be worrying about getting breast cancer too.

I think that instead of putting such an enormous amount of money towards professional athletes, campaigns for political races, and movie stars, maybe more money should go to researching diseases that kill, diseases such as breast cancer. My family members have thankfully survived and are enjoying full and wonderful lives, but other families are not as lucky. I know people who have had grandmothers die of breast cancer. A coach from the high school I attended died before she was 35 from breast cancer that just spread too fast. During the time she was in remission, our coach traveled around NY and spoke to girls in gym class about the importance of breast self-examinations, which should be performed monthly. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has a comprehensive web site outlining causes and treatments of breast cancer. The Foundation has posted on its site that monthly breast self-examinations should be started at the age of 20. There is also a helpful link with directions and explanations of performing self-exams at \(<http: \//WWW, \//WWW, \//WWW, nyraceforthecure.org/ resources/selfexam.html>\).

Early detection is the best defense available right now. Hopefully with more technologically advanced advances and research, the battle with breast cancer can be won, or avoided, by all women. This month, take some time to learn the facts. Two main points were shared with the SHU community through a global e-mail recently. Those who are in charge of the breast cancer speaker in October included in their e-mail that 1 in 250 people are diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 50. Another alarming fact is that 1 in 36 mothers will be diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 50. The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation explains that breast cancer is, "the leading cancer cite among American women and is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths." The site also has a posting that says, "All women are at risk for breast cancer. The two most significant risk factors are being female and getting older." These facts should shock you and that is a good thing because they will make you think. Think of how many people you know who are directly or indirectly affected by this condition. Wear a pink ribbon in October and support wiping out breast cancer forever.

Kerry Freer
Pearl River, N.Y.

The SHU Voices

What Would You Do if You Were President of SHU?

Tom Ferguson
Manchester, C.T. Senior

Kathleen Decker
Warwick, R.I. Freshman

Geoff Rick
Garden City, N.Y. Senior

"I would go pick up my massive paycheck."

"I would put recycling bins all over campus."

"Put a real bar on campus."

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Iraq Posing a Real Danger?

Iraq. It is the word that is perched upon the tip of everyone's tongue, rattling around in the mind of every senator, professor and student alike. It would be on the mind of President Bush if he were capable of processing any form of complex thought, though it seems he prefers to act quickly rather than wisely. But I digress.

It appears that with the newly found support of Congress, Bush is riding his high horse to war. He has managed to escape the approval of Congress for a strike and therefore holds much of the power that could bring us into a bloody battle. And so the dictator rises another step. While I am sure that the majority of Americans think we would defeat the Iraqis without much of a loss, one must remember that many wars, including the American Civil War, World War I and Vietnam were never intended to last for more than a few months.

There is a very important aspect of things here that many people seem to be missing. Iraq is not our only threat! While we live in our sheltered dorms and townhouses far from much of the turmoil in the world, it is hard to deny that the majority of nations around the globe do not look up to us fondly. Many other potential terrorist threats lurk outside of our vision, all of which fit the criteria that we are using to condemn Iraq and more. China, Syria, Lebanon, and Libya, along with Iran and North Korea leading the pack, are very dangerous in relation to United States interests.

Iran, to begin with, is a rather isolated state that harbors many, militant Islamic groups, including our favorite, Al-Qaida. Iran is currently hiding Al-Qaida members on the FBI's most-wanted list who were involved in the organization of the Sept. 11, according to Arabic intelligence reports. There is currently no hard core evidence linking Iran to Al Qaeda. Labeled the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism by the CIA, this country also outfits other groups such as Hamas and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. Iran, which receives support from Russia and China, is rumored to soon have in possession intercontinental ballistic missiles that, as the name implies, could pose a grave treat to the United States.

Another threatening state is North Korea, with whom we have no diplomatic or trade relations, and is a staunch military dictatorship with quite a lot of muscle behind it. While Bush recently reached out for security negotiations, his proclaiming North Korea as an "axis of evil" only served to enrage its leaders. Basically, they are a long way off from becoming a friend of the United States. Like Iran, North Korea is labeled as a terrorist sponsoring state, meaning that the government supports terrorist groups directly. While this nation has not been directly linked to a terrorist attack in the last decade, it is undoubtedly capable of one, with its wide range of weapons. What puts North Korea high on the threat list? It is arsenal of chemical weapons, biological weapons and, scarcest of all, nuclear potential. They own extended range missiles that could strike much of our West Coast, and while its people are starving to death by the millions, it continues to work on missiles which could reach as far as the United States. While the government whines over a nation with only biological and chemical weapons, a state with nuclear bombs is tossed into the backdrop.

It would be a great folly to draw attention to the greater part of our resources on an rival who, while certainly motivated to do so, does have the capability to hit us as hard as other nations, thus leaving the door wide open for attacks from many unchecked avenues. This is not to say that Saddam Hussein is not a very real threat and should not be removed from supremacy. He certainly should, especially for the damage he has inflicted upon his own people alone is far more terrible than any havoc he could wreak on the United States.

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by Ronny Sazzarin
Contributing Writer

It is 7:45 AM, the sun peers through crisp blue skies, the smell of donuts and freshly brewed coffee are in the air. It is one of those early fall days with a slight chill in the air. Car horns are blaring, sirens echo, and a crowd can be seen outside of Planet Hollywood. A crowd gathers, to more, to windows and stand on their 'tippy toes' to peek in, and see what is going on.

Right on 45th and Broadway at Planet Hollywood in New York City is New York's Number 1 station blazin Hip Hop and R&amp;B's breakfast meet and greet. The hat­er's morning show starring Star and Buc Wild are introducing for the first time their new co-host.

"Have you seen the new girl?" a guy next to me asks. "Yeah, she's there," I respond.

"She looks cute," a guy behind me says. Everyone has an opinion on the new host, but who is she and where is she from?

Her name is Keisha Whittaker and she's from Bridgeport, CT. Perhaps you have heard the "... do Student Government Sacred Heart, she just graduated this past May with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Communications. Whittaker was working as a paralegal at a law firm in down­town Bridgeport, but now she works for Hot 97. Hot 97 is owned by Emmis Communication, Emmis in truth is Hebrew, one of the largest communica­tion companies in the country.

Keisha's co-stars on Hot 97.1, a NY rap and R&amp;B radio station.

"Administrators and staff came up with the Task Force to handle issues for GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) students, and our goal was to educate," explains Denise Tiberio, assistant dean of students and chairperson for the Task Force Against Homophobia.

"Our goal was to look at students, faculty, and staff and say 'what can we do to create a better environment?'" explained Tiberio.

The Task Force Against Homophobia was started in the Spring of 2000. The taskforce is responsible for the Safe Zone training here at the University. "We talk about how to be a safe person, we teach and educate how to be safe, and what it means to be safe," says Tiberio. "We go through scenarios and open up some discussions. People ask questions on pieces of paper and facilitators answer those questions.

The Safe Zone training sessions are open to all faculty, staff, and students. Sessions are also given to organizations on campus.

"We do Student Government training, we do S.O.S. training with our orienta­tion leaders, we have done a session with RA's. The turnout has been very supportive over the last few years, I'd love to see more," Tiberio said. Since Sacred Heart is a Catholic University, students may wonder what the reaction to the Task Force has been. According to Tiberio, "The University has been very supportive of the program. We have been rec­ognized by the Board of Trustees. The Safe Zone program went in front of them. It was recognized, so

6-10 AM along with hosts Star, Buc Wild, and DX 21. Whittaker works with the most well known stars, listening to their opinions while hosting shows on the east coast. Star is called the "ultimate hater" and is known for his tongue-lashings, and bold opinions from women to the black race. The morning show consists strictly on hating on people, celebrities and all that can take the hate. On the show, Whittaker delivers the "celebrity nonsense" which is a segment in which she talks about celebrities and some of the crazy things they do, and what current news shows in in each month. You may be thinking, "How did she get this hot job?" Back in April of 2002, the Star and Buc Wild show where taking applications for a new on air co-host. Women from all over the tri-state area were lining up in front of the Planet Hollywood in New York for a chance to win the co-host position. The application consisted of "silly" questions as Whittaker puts it. When asked what types of questions were on the applica­tion Whittaker said, "stuff like do you respect strip­pers, and rate your sexuality. Have you ever been on any drugs?" Whittaker explained was another question on the application to which she replied, "Prozac."

When she went on the air, Star the ultimate hater asked, "Are you really on Prozac?"

"Yeah I really am," Whittaker answered. "No, really, are you?" Star asked.

"Yes, I really am!" Whittaker answered because she really was on Prozac at that time, she was taking it for depression but now she is finished with the medicine.

Now when you walk through the studio and you hear "Prozac Girl" you know who they are talking to...Keisha Whittaker. The name has stuck.

Whittaker's job comes with its difficulties, but she does get to meet many celebrities. She has met Tweet, Morris Chestnut, Shaun Paul, Justin Timberlake, and India.Arie, she even got tickets to Timberlake's CD release party. "Justin is so cute," said Whittaker.

Now that you've heard about the ups of the gig, here comes the down side. She still lives in Bridgeport so her commute is long into the city. She has to get up at 4 in the morning so that she can take the Hutchinson parkway down to the city to be at the studio by 5:15 so that she can sit down with all the morning papers and summarize for the show.

"My job is 24-7," she says, "I always have to be on top of things, watching or reading things that would be of interest to our listeners..." Whittaker said, "I think that 10 a.m., the hosts are off the air and it is a wrap until the next morning, but that is not the case. After 10 a.m. comes the staff meetings, Hot 97 events where sometimes Whittaker has to record scripts for the radio.

Making SHU a "Safe Zone"

By Mike Renzulli
Staff Reporter

"Gay and lesbian students often feel invisible in their schools. Their invisibility is typically reinforced by heterosexism in their environment, which cause gay and lesbian young people to feel invisible, unsupported and isolated." This statistic, taken from the Sacred Heart University Safe Zone Manual, is a good explanation as to why Sacred Heart's Task Force Against Homophobia was started.

The Task Force Against Homophobia has been given to organizations on campus that would serve as a resource manual to students or staff when they come in. The manual includes the objectives of Safe Zone training, terms and definitions, suggestions for reducing homophobia, strategies for educators and staff members, and many resources.

"We talk about how to be a safe person, we teach and educate how to be safe, and what it means to be safe," says Tiberio. "We go through scenarios and open up some discussions. People ask questions on pieces of paper and facilitators answer those questions.

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it is a University sponsored event." The Task Force has accom­plished much since it began two years ago, but planning other events or programs is hard due to low numbers in membership.

"It's hard when you don't have the attendance and you don't have the participation. There is a lack of student involvement, and it's the student's involvement that's really the key to the taskforce," states Tiberio. Despite low numbers in membership the Task Force is still going strong. "Our long term goal is to have a staff member and have an office and be a part of the students life department." The Task Force has also spawned another organization at the University.

"Through this the Gay/Straight Alliance did come forward, and I think it's great, says Tiberio. The Taskforce Against Homophobia has contributed in many ways to the SHU community, and it shows no signs of stopping. The next Safe Zone training is on Nov. 14th at 3:00, in the faculty lounge. Because of the Safe Zone training out campus is more aware of the Safe Zone for all. Another line from the Safe Zone manual is: "...to make the Safe Zone program known."

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Features

SHU Graduate is Rap Station’s Newest DJ

By Eileen Gulian
Staff Reporter

Wouldn't it be a great idea to have a mural on campus that would serve as a remembrance for those lost in 9/11? Last year the Sacred Heart University Art Club had a vision: to have a mural in memory of 9/11.

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Campus Ministry Spreads Faith at SHU

By Matt Norris
Staff Reporter

It's the door across from the yearbook office. Outside, a bulletin board shows the Golden Rule in the holy texts of each world religion. As usual, there's something going on at Campus Ministry. Each of Campus Ministry's activities is run by staff and volunteers. Father Gustavo A. Falla, interim Director of the Department, says, "Campus Ministry has a good number of activities going. From liturgical life, to community service, Protestant weekend retreats to vigils, from a Protestant Fellowship group to our new inter­need group. As you can see, Campus Ministry is always on the go!" Campus Ministry's main focus is to serve the community in the faith. All the programs run by Campus Ministry are aimed at giving the University community a chance to appreciate faith and an opportunity to integrate faith and life. The message to the Christian community at SHU is that Christ calls each and every person to be authentic and faithful followers.

Sacred Heart is a Catholic school and Catholic students are challenged to be faithful to the Lord. The Eucharist is a focus and love for others is to be expressed through specific works of charity. On the other hand, Campus Ministry is also committed to the University as a whole. Every person is to have a place in school and every faith background is important here. As Father Gustavo men-


WSHU Pledge Drive: Striving for $300,000

By Christina Donnenec
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University's Professor Mark Edwards is running a pledge drive to raise approximately $300,000 for WSHU, a public radio station. WSHU is a classical music radio station with original programming, which proudly boasts that it has about 200,000 listeners and is part of the highly respected National Public Radio (NPR) system. "We have about 200,000 listeners but only about 19,000, which is roughly 10%, help foot the bill [for the station]," stated Professor Edwards. This poses a problem because public radio stations, much like public television networks, are 60% members supported. That is why three times a year, for approximately a week and a half the people at WSHU interrupt their programs and get on-air to ask for money and do not take time off. But it's all worth it, said Professor Edwards says, "We generally make our goal, or at least get very close to it." As of Saturday night, WSHU had raised approximately $60,000. Professor Edwards went on to explain that this specific pledge drive is going on for 13 days, it began on Wednesday, September 25th and it ends on Tuesday, October 8th between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. "My job," says Edwards, "is to write scripts for people to go on-air and pitch to the audience [to ask for money]. I've been doing it for WSHU for two years."

Those who pitch on-air are a mix of people who are polished and sound good when pitching for money. However, "regular people" are usually "good", but "not polished like the professionals," Professor Edwards says. Why? "People to get comfortable when pitching for a pledge drive. When running a pledge drive, WSHU relies solely on pitching on-air. They do not participate in any other advertisements other than mailings to their current members asking them to renew their membership and donate more money.

Edwards also stated that after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the pledge drive that immediately followed was their biggest ever. "I think that the people were grateful for the wholesome news the station put out. It wasn't like tabloid news, you didn't hear people in the background screaming," Edwards explained.

Professor Edwards and the rest of the people at WSHU are in the beginning stages of trying to create interesting internships for SHU students, specifically media studies majors, to participate in. As for the pledge drive, some students can volunteer to answer telephones, but they aren't much else they can do since student involvement in the pledge drive is also in the beginning stages. All in all, however, the response to the station's work and to the pledge drive is a good one. "My job is to keep us on track and keep us on target as best I can," said Edwards.

Edwards is not only the pledge drive producer, he also teaches Introduction to Media Studies and Screenwriting courses here at SHU.
Christina’s Gettin’ “Dirrty”

By Colleen Mitrano
Staff Reporter

Although it’s only been three years since Christina Aguilera burst onto the music scene with her enchanting hit “Genie in a Bottle”, the Grammy award winner has certainly turned some heads in the last year. Following in the footsteps of Britney Spears who changed her image from sexy girl next door to sex icon, Christina has just taken it to the extreme, changing herself into well a super vixen.

With her aptly titled sophomore album, “Stripped” finally due for release this fall, the audience will finally be able to decide whether they like the new Christina. Although the album’s title “Stripped” gives that dirty connotation, Christina has stated in interviews that her latest album is personal. “The album is full of a lot of personal songs, therefore stripped is a perfect title, because all of my emotions are there for people to hear,” she said. Not only is the album according to Christina very personal, it is quite a change from her self-titled “Dirty”. With lyrics like, “Tight hip-huggers (low for sho’), Shake a little something (on the floor), I need that... to get me off, Sweating till my clothes come off”, it’s no wonder that people are not sure how they feel about the “new” Christina.

The recent release of the raunchy video for “Dirty” is one of the main reasons that there has been a recent mixed buzz around Christina. The new video which is a far cry from her previous videos like “Genie in a Bottle” and “What a Girl Wants”, which display Christina dancing to a somewhat sexual extent, but just having fun; “Dirty” is just full of sex everywhere.

The video which has Christina dressed in a barely there bikini top and red panties, dancing risqué with males and females while being showered with water, and mud wrestling has evoked many opinions with viewers. When asked, Carolyn Rich a sophomore from Little Falls, N.Y. said, “I do not know if it’s a good change or a bad change, but I like the song.” However, Angela Koenig a sophomore from Harrison, N.Y. stated, “I think the way she’s presenting herself is degrading to women. Little girls look up to Christina hoping to be her, and when they see this image they will get the wrong idea.” When asked, it appeared that many Sacred Heart students have mixed but mostly negative attitudes towards Christina’s new image. “I think she’s slutty yet guys would still have sex with her, but they have lost all respect for her”, stated Hassan Reda a sophomore from Little Falls, N.Y. and the fans either buy the album “Stripped” or they pass it on by.

The good thing about this new album is the fact that many Sacred Heart students have stayed with the innocent and the fans either buy the album “Stripped” or they pass it on by.

Aguilera’s image was much more innocent with the release of her first album in 1998. Her self-titled debut released back in 1999. Unlike her debut, which was full of pop tunes, “Stripped” is full of much edgier tracks. On the new album Christina has even teamed up with the rapper Redman for her first single off the new album appropriately titled “Dirty”. With lyrics like, “Tight hip-huggers (low for sho’), Shake a little something (on the floor), I need that... to get me off, Sweating till my clothes come off”, it’s no wonder that people are not sure how they feel about the “new” Christina.

At this year’s VMAs, Aguilera found a new use for the scarf.

By Danielle Pesce
Staff Reporter

With the warm weather slowly fading, and the cool temperatures approaching, it is once again, time to put away the swimsuits and start re-vamping ones wardrobe for the newest trends of the fall season and figuring out what clothes to put on for what occasion. This season’s fashions seem to have expanded on what was current last fall, with a few updates.

The good thing about this season’s trends is that everything is interchangeable. This meaning that what’s worn in the day can even be worn at night. Last seasons popular styles such as the “prairie look” as well as bohemian-soft and versatile, corduroy is very popular this fall.

The runway for example, are dictating the use of deep purples. Deep tones such as these, as well as browns set an appropriate mood for the fall season and are good colors to wear at nighttime.

Along with colors, different fabrics are being emphasized as well. The use of corduroy in skirts, pants, and jackets is also very popular for this season. Corduroy gives a relaxed look and is extremely versatile, making it almost as popular as denim.

This is extremely convenient because just like jeans corduroy can be worn casual to school or even on a casual night out. Both comfortable and in for this fall are also, big sweaters and heavy fabrics for both men and women.

Everyone should have at least one of their very favorite sweaters in their closet to throw on, on a cool fall morning or afternoon, to wear to class. Sweaters are also a plus for the fall because they eliminate the hassle of having to carry around a jacket.

As important as clothing, are accessories. Turquoise jewelry is still being worn and can turn a simple day outfit into nighttime one. Shoes however for this Fall round toed Mary Janes for example are becoming increasingly predominant in department stores and boutiques and are very popular even to wear with jeans during the day.

For anyone interested in reading more about new styles, log onto www.fashiononlinedaily.com
Springing for a Break

By Melissa Munoz  
Staff Writer

Although school just started and everyone is just trying to get settled into their classes and work schedules, some have one more thing on their minds, SPRING BREAK! Ah yes, it is that time of year where people start thinking where they want to go for spring break.

Some of the hot spots through the years have been Cancun, Bahamas and Jamaica. With the sleep all day on the beach and party all night attitude, spring break portrays, it takes hard work to finally get there. “You would think that at 11 o’clock about spring break would be fun and exciting, but when you have to deal with people who say that they are definitely in, and then those who want to come but don’t think they have the money is hard. You want everyone of your friends to be there, but as time rolls by, so do the prices, and the more you wait, the more expensive your trip gets.” says senior Heather Marchand from Charlton MA.

Price is usually at the forefront of the drama of every group. Yes, spring break does put quite a dent in your wallet, but it is worth it. Spring break is a time to just get away from not just school, but sometimes your roommates too. Plus a nice tan is always uplifting while everyone else is still pale from the winter.

This year spring break is a little more difficult. Students have called their travel agents about going to the Bahamas and even Jamaica, however it seems like there will be no spring breakers amongst those places. It seems that the people of the Bahamas and Jamaica are shutting their doors on spring breakers.

Since Sacred Heart’s spring break is so early it might still be too cold to take a trip down to Daytona, but there is one place this year that will be hot and wild no matter what the temperature is, Mardi Gras! Another choice would be a cruise. Instead of taking just one trip and staying in one place, a cruise can take you to three or four different places. “I get to go to the most places for my money, and I don’t have to do anything if I don’t want to because everything I need is right on the ship” says senior Kristen Idol from BKJ.

So if you haven’t started planning your trip, you might want to get started because time is flying by.

College proves to be a trying time for this four-some of friends.

Dawson’s Creek” Flooded with Fans

By Kristen Cooper  
Staff Reporter

Every Wednesday night at 8:00p.m., people dash for the best spot on the couch to watch one of the most popular WB drama series, “Dawson’s Creek” “Dawson’s” portrays a realistic depiction of the transition period between adolescence and adulthood.

The show takes place in Boston, where some of the characters are attending college, while others are working jobs. “Dawson’s” began its 6th season on October 2nd.

The season premiere was definitely one to remember. The show started out just the way it had left off. Dawson returned to Boston after having worked as an assistant director in Los Angeles over the summer. He reunited with Joey, who had spent her summer back at home in Capeside. After a very passionate moment, Joey, played by Katie Holmes and Dawson, James Van Der Beek, begin to once again, realize their trust and intimacy, and they made love. Things then became unraveled when Dawson received a phone call from another woman, Andrey, played by Busy Phillips, and Joey are roommates once again. Andrey and Pacey, Josh Jackson, spent their summer in Los Angeles also. Jack Osbourne, a popular star from MTV’s hit show “The Osbournes”, guest starred as Andrey’s childhood friend. Pacey has decided he would like to make more of his life, and become a stockbroker, while looking for a place to live with Jack. Meanwhile, Jen had sparks flying with an attractive new peer counselor at school.

Dawson, Joey and Pacey are the core of the show. They have been friends since they were little and have been through all with their relationship that goes beyond just friends. Jen has lived with her grandmother in Capeside before she went on to college, and captured Dawson’s heart. The two now remain just friends. Pacey is a bit of an outsider, and keeps to himself trying to keep from getting stepped on or broken hearted. Jack, who had a hard time with admitting his homosexuality, became close friends with the others, and together they all formed lifelong friendships, even with all of the twists and turns, and the ups and downs life hands them.

A popular television show with the teenage generation and young adults, “Dawson’s Creek” continues to fascinate its audience with each episode. After every show, squeals of delight or disgust can be heard throughout college dorms everywhere. Either you love it or you hate it. Emily Keeney, a junior from Winchester, CT, says the show is fun to watch, but “it doesn’t make a good representation of real students, especially those in college.” How many people did you go to high school with and get ready for another billed hour with some of your favorite characters from down the creek.

Art Gallery to Open New Exhibit

By Patrick McMahon  
Staff Reporter

How many times a day do you see fellow students walking mindlessly through the halls? How often do you feel a void of intellectual stimulation on your day off from classes? Many of us quickly stop by Sacred Heart’s Gallery of Contemporary Art, next to the phone booths in the hallway across from Flik, could change all of that. Right here in our hallways there are works of art that sell for hundreds of dollars and are free for you to view.

A new exhibit, beginning Oct. 20, will exhibit the art of the respected artist, Will Barnet. Barnet, a 92-year-old Massachusetts native, has been involved with art for most of his life. His work is very well known in the art community and is “represented in many museum collections such as the museum of Modern Art, the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, and the Smithsonian Museum of American Art in Washington D.C.” says Sophia Gevas, gallery director.

As director of the gallery, Gevas chooses what art is shown. As a result of her work, Sacred Heart’s art gallery is listed in a number of art guides, and “we get tons of submissions,” says Gevas. “We have a great reputation and don’t need to advertise.”

Having Barnet’s work on display will no doubt boost the galleries reputation even more. His work shows “everyday human interaction,” says Gevas, “making that which is ordinary seem serene and special.”

“Some of the artists I’ve met are really interesting,” says Mike Maziarz, of Wilbertha, MA. “They have a very fascinating and creative aspects of life.” Maziarz, who works in the gallery, is excited to meet Barnet. “He has seen so much change through time and it shows through what I’ve seen of his work,” says Maziarz, “I can’t wait to meet him.”

Starting October 20, you will be able to view Barnet’s work in the Gallery of Contemporary Art’s exhibit: “Will Barnet: An American Icon.” If you are interested in Barnet’s work, and would like to see him speak on November first, you can call Sophia Gevas for reservations.

“Dawson’s Creek” is a very popular show, some tend to think that it is not as realistic as it is made out to be. Amanda Poniatowski, a junior from Winchester, CT, says the show is fun to watch, but “it doesn’t make a good representation of real students, especially those in college.” How many people did you go to high school with and get ready for another billed hour with some of your favorite characters from down the creek.

Photo courtesy of Mexican board of tourism. Surf, sun and sand are definite spring break requirements.
Creating Lasting Traditions

Sacred Heart’s very first homecoming pep rally was held this weekend

By Amy Toohey
Sports Writer

This past Friday evening, Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2002 kicked off with the 1st annual Homecoming Pep Rally. This was the first year in SHU history that current students were able to participate in Homecoming activities.

“We really wanted to shy away from excluding the student body totally and just including athletes, therefore, we decided to create the ‘Battle of the Classes,’ a series of activities designed to promote enthusiasm and unity amongst different grade levels,” said Michelle Hubbard, Intern in the Alumni Relations Department.

The “Battle of the Classes,” included a tug-o-war, and various relay racing events that students could partake in to increase levels of pride and school spirit.

“At first I felt a little silly walking around like I was at an elementary school field day, but then I found myself having a great time relieving some stress and representing the sophomore class at SHU,” stated Robert Breer, from Montpelier, VT.

“The ‘Battle of the Classes,’ was lively, fun and spontaneous. For a first time event, the evening proved to be successful and students seemed eager to involve themselves in new traditions at their school,” said Rebecca Rickert, Associate Director of Alumni Relations.

“The dance team, as usual, was awesome. After their performance, I was really excited to attend the football game on Saturday. The event put me in the mood for a great weekend.”

Sophomore Gina Porzio

Wrinkle and “Uzi” Lead Pioneers

Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Team both took second at the Fairfield Invitational this past week

By Christopher Giarrusso
Sports Writer

The Men’s and Women’s Cross Country Team returned to action on a light raining Friday of Oct. 4 at the 26th Annual Fairfield Invitational. The men tied for second place with a team score of 55 points with Northeastern University. They had a few other top five finishers overall. Each place is worth a point (i.e. first place overall equals one point, 15th place equals 15 points.) The team with the lowest team score wins. The Sacred Heart men had five runners in the top 15 overall.

They were led by Junior co-captain Matthew Lesinski “Uzi” (Oceanside, NY) who came in first with a time of 27:24, which was 15 seconds ahead of the second place finisher from Fairfield University for the five mile course. Uzi is also the first ever, individual Men’s Race winner for Sacred Heart.

“I felt that I ran a good race and was with the pack going through the miles...I was planning on hanging on Fairfield’s top man for the first two miles but he wasn’t there so I broke way,” said Uzi.

He was followed by freshman Tyler Arnett (Clinton Corners, NY) for ninth place with a time of 28:38. Freshmen Robert Howard, Junior co-captain Andrew Renna and Junior William Figueroa finished 14-16. Uzi said, “I feel that the team did good overall and Robert Howard and Michael Berluti (36th place) ran well.”

“I felt very good I planned on hanging with the Fairfield girls till a half mile was left but it ended up being the Siena University girls. We traded the lead and with a mile to go and at the half mile I pulled away.”

Stated Katie.

This is Katie’s first win since her freshman year when she had two. She was followed in seventh place by Senior Suzanne D’Angelo (Hartwick, CT) 20:06, and Senior Kri’ina Plourde (Westbrook, ME) was in eighth just one second behind.

Charles Mendosa (Union City, NJ) and Suzanne Neglia (Andover, NJ) finished in 14th and 15th, respectively. According to Katie she felt the team did, “Good but a few people are battling injuries...we did the best we could.”

According to Head Coach Christian Morrison for both the men’s and women’s cross country as well as track & field, "Both teams ran hard and gave it the best shot that they could. It was a little disappointing to see the women take second since they have won it for the past five years." Coach Morrison said that Katie had a great race and battled several other women and lowered the hammer when it was time to do so. Coach Morrison also said, “It was nice to see Uzi win because it was a culmination of all the hard work he has done...which allowed him to be in that position.” Both teams will be competing in the New England Championship at Franklin Park in Boston Mass. Tomorrow.
Weekend Rally Sparks Hope

The Sacred Heart Field Hockey team kept their tournament hopes alive with weekend clean sweep.

By Greg Tonzola
Sports Writer

A week ago the Sacred Heart field hockey team was not exactly pleased with their current situation. Their record was three wins and eight losses, and they had been outscored by opponents 31 to 10 over the course of the season.

After a disappointing loss to the conference leader, Quinnipiac, the girls were on the verge of being excluded from any chance of making the NEC tournament.

"We had to reevaluate what we had done and make some changes," stated senior defender Courtney Alger (Shrewsbury, MA). With two games against conference foes Rider and Monmouth, this first weekend in October would be a do or die for the inconsistent Pioneers.

"We really couldn't afford any more league losses or there was a chance that we wouldn't make the post season," stated Junior defender Andrea Marsden (Bennington, VT). Stepping up to the challenge, the team played better than they had all season.

Saturday morning, the girls suited up against rival Rider University here at Campus Field. Finding an off-absent offense, the team scored four goals and held conference leading scorer the team scored four goals and held conference leading scorer Courtney Bertos and the explosive Rider offense to two goals as well as their first touchdown, which came after quarterback Joe Knolls drove one yard after 11 plays.

"We just have to keep playing like a team and keep up the intensity we showed this weekend," added senior midfielder Michelle Buecker (Carle Place, NY). The postseason is looking brighter now and the Pioneers look to continue their newly found winning ways at conference rival Siena on Saturday and next Tuesday against Maine here at home on Campus Field.

Photo by Susan Magnano
Pioneers against Rider University who they beat 4-2 on Saturday.

By Shaun Mitchell
Sports Writer

Sacred Heart University senior defensive lineman Odain Mitchell was named a College Sporting News I-AA All-Star for his outstanding performance against the Robert Morris College Colonials.

Mitchell achieved his second quarterback sack of the game in the opening moments of the second quarter. Senior Blake Neri (Dover, NH) recovered the loose ball and ran it to the Robert Morris 20 before being forced out of bounds. Once again, Sacred Heart failed to record a touchdown but added to their lead with a 25-yard field goal by Redican.

The start of the third quarter saw the Pioneers record their longest drive of the game, as well as their first touchdown, which came after quarterback Joe Knolls drove one yard after 11 plays.

"We have never showed as much togetherness as we did this weekend... we have so much confidence now and we finally believe in each other."

"The Defensive line dominated the game," Stated head coach Bill Lacey. Shaun Hubbard had 12 tackles 3 for a loss and 2 sacks. Odain Mitchell had 9 tackles 6 for loss, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery, 4 sacks and a safety.

"The Defensive line dominated the game."

Head coach Bill Lacey

The team played an amazing game, we seemed to put everything together all at once. Offense was able to put points on the board and the Defense was absolutely perfect." Senior co-captain Jason St. John stated after the contest.

The Pioneers, now 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the Northeast Conference, will next face Stony Brook on October 19th at 4 p.m.

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THE DEFENSIVE LINE DOMINATED THE GAME

FRIDAY, OCT 4

Men's Cross Country at New England's Women's Cross Country at New England's Women's Soccer at Brown

Franklin Park, 1:00 PM
Franklin Park, 1:00 PM
Providence, RI 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCT 5

Men's Tennis at St Peters Field Hockey at Siena Women's Volleyball at CCSU

Jersey City, NJ 1:00 PM
Loudonville, NY 1:00 PM
New Britain, CT 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCT 6

Women's Rowing at CT Regatta Women's Equestrian at St Joseph Inv Women's Soccer at Maine Women's Tennis vs Marist Men's Soccer vs Bucknell

Middletown, CT TBA
Yaphank, NY TBA
Orono, ME 1:00 PM
Fairfield, CT 1:00 PM
Fairfield, CT 2:00 PM

SPORTS SCHEDULE
Mitchell and Redican lead Sacred Heart past conference favorites Robert Morris College

By Katie Atkins
Sports Writer

History was made and records were tied on Saturday at the Pioneer's home field. Senior kicker Tim Redican (Meriden, CT) and senior defensive end Odain Mitchell (Bridgeport, CT) led Sacred Heart to a stunning 34-0 upset over Robert Morris, who were coached by former New York Jets Head Coach Joe Walton. Redican kicked four field goals to tie SHU's record while Mitchell posted four quarterback sacks.

"We have nothing but confidence after a win like this," said junior offensive lineman Steve Soldano (Utica, NY), "we know we can hang with anybody in the league in order to defend our title."

The Colonials, picked as the Northeast Conference favorites to win the title, were shutout for the first time since the football program's inception in 1994. The win also marked the first time the Pioneers have ever achieved back-to-back shutouts. Earlier in the season, Sacred Heart lost two games and badly needed a win against a tough opponent to prove to themselves and their fans that they could still contend for the league championship.

"The team played an amazing game, we seemed to put everything together all at once. Offense was able to put points on the board and the Defense was absolutely perfect." Senior co-captain Jason St. John

"It was a good win and we played hard," said senior linebacker Kayode Mayowa, "It's the first time this season we have won back-to-back games."

"This is the first time we actually want to watch the same film!" joked senior defensive back Pete Ashams (Ocean, NJ) and Mitchell.

The Pioneer scoring began with a 17-yard field goal by Redican, the result of the first of six Robert Morris turnovers. For the Colonial's next possession, a holding penalty cost them nine yards. Mitchell sacked Robert Morris quarterback Shaun Martin on the next play in the end zone for a two-point safety.

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Sophomore decathlete Gregg Curley looks to improve on his second place New England finish last year

For my first interview ever, I thought this would be a piece of cake, interviewing someone who has so many achievements on his plate already. We met on Friday, October 4, 2002, at the Pitt Center to conduct his interview. Honestly, all I was told to do was have an information session with him to discuss some of the highlights of his career. That is it.

As I sat down and introduced myself, I told Gregg without being modest, tell me why I am interviewing you? His first response... "Where is the rest of the team?"

After a few minutes trying to convince him that this interview was to highlight all the hard work and dedication he has put into at Sacred Heart University's Track and Field team, I finally got him to answer some questions. Every answer ended with a compliment towards the team as a whole. It was not a difficult interview, but it was very challenging trying to convince him that his achievements should be recognized.

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Sophomore wide receiver Marlon Ward flies past a Robert Morris defender this past Saturday

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Curley hit a slight bump in the road during January 2002. He broke his ankle during the triple jump at an outdoor season event. The medical term is a bi-maliosis fracture. "I missed three meets but without the help of someone who gave their time to a full recovery, I wouldn't have been able to return as fast as I did."

Curley commented on the situation after he broke his ankle.

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