



Despite Cure, Virus Thrives

By Greg Cappello
Staff reporter

Summer is over, and school is back in session. Sacred Heart is up and running as usual with their focus on another successful academic year. Upon returning from their summer breaks, the students of SHU came back to a few more problems than they were used to. The most damaging was the computer viruses clogging up computers and networks all over campus.

Over the summer there were a few computer viruses that were released all over the United States. They affected companies, homes and schools all over. Sacred Heart was no exception. The Blaster, Sobig and Well Chia viruses all found a way to interrupt the computer harmony Sacred Heart had created over the last couple of years.

Any virus is a software issue. Bill Mumper, senior Network Engineer, commented on the difference between a common virus and the ones that infected our school. He later explained how, unlike usual software viruses, these are better characterized as worms because they do not use software to infiltrate a system. They also never damaged any of the software in our school; these worms just flooded our networks, which then slowed everything up.

These worm viruses worked by using our ports against us. If a computer was turned on to the network it would listen to the port.

The virus used this as a way to spread.

The computer team was quick to try and fix the worm and solve the network problems at SHU. Thanks to men like Mike Trimble, Wang Cheng and Bill Mumper, and the rest of the people who worked on the virus, huge steps were taken before the students came back for the start of school.

The first step was to go through the school and put what is called a patch on every computer Sacred Heart owns. The patch was a device that would take away the computers vulnerability but not get rid of the worm. The Assistant Vice President in charge of IT (Information Technology) said every desktop in the school had to be touched. Also, every student returning as a junior or entering as a freshman had their new laptops opened and patched before they arrived at school to pick them up. In just three days over 1400 computers were opened and fixed without the students even hearing about it.

After the school had been

patched up and the worm was contained, the only problem left to solve was the returning students bringing their computers back to school. Any infected computer could clog up the network enough to shut down an entire dorm. So steps to segregate the dorms from each other and the academic building were taken. This made it so there wasn't any traffic traveling from one building to another, and that contained the infected computers to their own sites.

Once the dorms were contained, the workers in the IT office and The Factory took it upon themselves to fix the students computers one by one. In fact according to Wang Cheng, the manager of the call center at Sacred Heart, he personally went to East Hall and patched up each laptop one by one. Over \$3,000 was spent to create a CD patch that could be installed into every student's laptop.

"As long as the machine is unpatched you will keep getting infected," expressed Wang

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Photo by Robert Trenske

Above: The laptops were not immune to the virus.

Services in Remembrance of 9/11

By Sharmila Munver
Staff reporter

Sacred Heart University will hold a vigil tonight at 10:10 p.m. in the Quad commemorating the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 tragedy. Candles will be distributed along with red, white & blue ribbons.

"It's a ceremony to remember all lives lost on the tragic day, especially the relatives and friends of students whose lives were lost," said Jennifer Hradek, who belongs to the Zeta Iota Lambda Sorority, one of the hosting groups.

The events will begin in promptly at 8:30 a.m. The flag raising ceremony near the main entrance of the campus will occur precisely at 8:42 a.m., when the

first tower was hit, followed by a speech and a moment of silence. Later, Campus Ministry will hold a 9/11 Prayer Service of Remembrance at noon for 20 minutes in the University Commons. Also, Mass was rescheduled to 8 a.m. today to accommodate the prayer service.

"[Vigil] is going to be the same as last year," said Sue Haar, a member of Beta Delta Phi Sorority. Furthermore, she added that during the vigil tonight, a student will read a poem of prayer and students will be given an opportunity to step up to the microphone to mention name(s) of their loved ones who perished during the tragedy.

"It will be done to help people bring closure," Haar said. Additionally, counselors will be available tonight for those who wish to speak about their concerns.

"Nine-eleven is a day by which this generation of students will mark their lives like my generation was marked when President Kennedy was killed," said the Dean of Students, Larry Wielk, in his message to students.

"Nine-eleven has really become a turning point in all our lives as we have all lost our comfort zone and our loved ones. Hopefully, the university community will come together [again] in prayer and silence to remember those who lost their lives and their families and friends, and those directly connected to Sacred Heart University."

Tonight's event is organized and hosted by Campus Ministry, Kappa Phi, Zeta Iota Lambda, and Beta Delta Phi Sororities.



Above: a conceptual drawing of the new residence halls at 5252 Park Ave. Contributed Photo

SHU's New Dorms

By Anthony Franciosa
Staff reporter

At 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 the ground at 5252 Park Avenue will be broken, commencing the construction of a new housing development that Sacred Heart University plans to open in September 2004. Once completed, the unnamed development, which is temporarily being referred to as "North Residence Halls," will provide living quarters for 403 students.

When the new dormitories are opened they will not only provide more on-campus housing for students but they will also reduce the current upper classmen housing shortage as well.

"There will be a greater sense of community at Sacred Heart when the new dorms are put up," said Bernard Gilmore, the Director of the Public Relations at Sacred Heart University, "because there will be more students living in proximity to campus."

The new \$18 million development, which was designed by Rose Tiso and Company, will consist of three, three-story residence halls that will be fashioned in the old collegiate style. The detailing of each building's exterior facade will also be more residential than the other dormitories on campus, which will allow the development to blend in more with the residential homes in the surrounding community.

According to the project's blueprints, each residence hall will contain twelve quads that will be positioned four to a floor. Each quad will be a suite housing either eleven or twelve students in six bedrooms. They will also have a study lounge, a living room, a galley kitchen, and two

bathrooms. In addition, one of the buildings in the complex will have a fitness center and a coffee-house-style cafe.

The struggle to build this housing development began in 1999 when Sacred Heart was granted legal permission to build a residential facility on the 5252 Park Avenue site. According to Michael Giaquinto, the Director of Facilities Management and Construction at Sacred Heart University, the university had planned to construct a ten-story high-rise that would have been a sister building to East Hall. However, the surrounding community did not want another tower being raised on Park Avenue and preferred that the university not build upon the site at all. Rather than alienating the surrounding community, Sacred Heart honored their request and began searching for alternative areas where they could build a new residence hall, explained Giaquinto.

"Sacred Heart had the legal right to build another East Hall but opted to compromise with the surrounding community instead," said Allen Machielson, the Director of Residential Life at Sacred Heart University.

Subsequently, the University began to look into buying a portion of the property on the Fairchild Wheeler golf course, which is located in Fairfield County but owned by the City of Bridgeport. But their offers were rejected by the Bridgeport Parks and Regulations Department, who would not give up the land for residential use.

Thereafter, Sacred Heart contacted the North End Leadership Committee, a coalition of community residents opposed to the construction of another ten-story

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Class of '05 Fills Student Government Positions

By Steve Horvath
Staff reporter

The members of the class of 2005 can breathe a collective sigh of relief as of Friday, Sept. 5 as Danielle Bachini and Kristen Fritsch were sworn in as president and vice president respectively, filling a void left by the previously elected Paul D'Ambrosio.

"I am extremely pleased and hopeful for our new junior class leaders"
Angela Hartman

Unbeknownst to many members of the junior class, the incumbent president transferred out of the Sacred Heart community this past summer, leaving the junior class without its elected leader.

Ordinarily, this would not present a problem as the vice president would then assume the title and responsibilities of president. However, Vice President elect Fritsch had no desire to become president and stepped down when asked to take over control of the class.

"As a result I had to resign," said Fritsch, a native of Millstone NJ. "Then when both positions were reopened, I had to reapply for the vice president position."

With the start of the fall semester and time in short supply, the Office of Student Government became anxious to fill the two vacant positions. This past Thursday, a two member council interview team, led by Angela Hartmann, interviewed two candidates as possible presidents and three candidates for the position of vice president.

Due to the time constraints, a full election was not possible so the interview team chose new

leaders based on criteria such as; leadership abilities, prior involvement in student government, organizational skills, as well as dedication to the junior class and amount of time available for student government.

"Time availability was a big part of our decision. We need leaders who can be counted on to help at a moments notice." She added, "I am extremely pleased and hopeful for our new junior class leaders," according to Hartmann.

Due to past experiences and relationships, the interview process was fairly stress free for the two up and comers.

"The interview went well and I wasn't too nervous going into it since Angela and Guy were conducting the interviews and I know them both well," said Bachini.

Fritsch also thought the interview went well, though she was a bit more apprehensive about the questioning.

"It's just nerve-wracking because you don't know what questions they're gonna ask you."

Despite her tumultuous pre-term experience, Fritsch remains positive and is pleased by the appointment of her roommate as president. "I think Danielle (Bachini) is going to make a great president. She is very knowledgeable about our class. Her enthusiasm and determination will make our class board one of the best."

Danielle Bachini, a Media Studies major from MA, mirrored Fritsch's optimism: "I'm very pleased Kristen was appointed V.P. Not only is she my roommate and one of my best friends, she is also a hard worker who will be totally dedicated to her class."

Bachini's first task will be to appoint a new class senator, filling the position she left to become president. The first major concern for the new team is the planning of the annual Winter Semi-Formal. According to Hartmann, "Junior year is the

big year for student government. Planning and running such events as the Winter Semi-Formal and the Mr. SHU Competition require a great deal of commitment. Our new officers are going to have to generate interest and recruit volunteers for various committees."

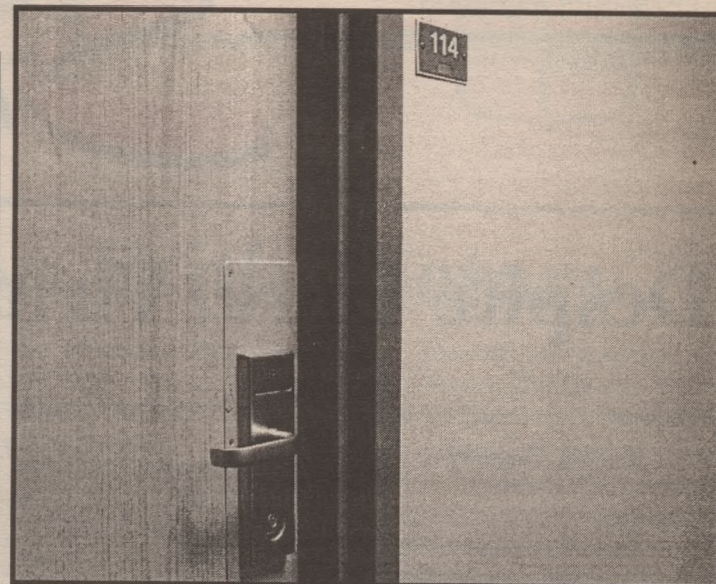
Though time is short, neither girl foresees a problem due to their "late" start. Fritsch pointed out that, "I'm just going to do what I can to ensure that everything runs smoothly."

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Kristen Fritsch

Added Bachini, "A lot of the actual planning started last year when I was a Senator. Plus having Angela (Hartmann) as the advisor is great because she was the Senate advisor last year and I am very comfortable with her."

Both girls are intent on increasing class awareness and cooperation. They are more than willing to take suggestions and hope that members of the class will avail themselves of the opportunity to share their feelings at their weekly Monday night meetings. Bachini looks forward to increased class involvement and inter-class collaboration.

"I would definitely like our class to do more community service," stated Bachini. "It's a great thing to do and it brings the board closer together. I'd also love to work with the other class boards more, and possibly plan or cosponsor events with them."



Picture by Robert Trenske

Above: Picture of South Hall

Suspected Theft at South

By Brian Thorne
Staff reporter

A dorm room on Sacred Heart University's campus was allegedly burglarized on the afternoon of August 30. Freshman Peter Greco from Hamsburg, NY was the victim of the larceny.

According to a Fairfield police incident report, Greco reported that his black leather wallet containing various items was stolen from his room in South Hall sometime on Saturday, August 30, the day he moved in. The report listed a debit card, a New York State operator's license, a Sacred Heart University ID card, a dorm room key, a union card, and fifty dollars in cash among the stolen contents of the wallet.

"My social security number was on a card inside of my wallet, so that's a concern of mine as well," said Greco after the incident.

According to Fairfield police, Greco stated that on Saturday his wallet was on his desk in his dorm room, which he shares with two other students. Because

Saturday was the designated day to move in at South Hall, there were many people in and out of his dorm as well as many people in the hallway around his room. The student's roommates did not see anyone take the wallet. Greco also stated that, when he noticed his wallet was missing, he searched the room completely to see if it had fallen under furniture. "I must have searched my whole room four times that day," said Greco.

"This was classified as a lost or stolen case," said Linda Maloney, director of Sacred Heart University's public safety, "because he wasn't quite sure of exactly what happened."

Greco waited two days to report the theft in hopes that the wallet would turn up or be turned in by somebody. The Fairfield Police were notified of the larceny on Monday, Sept. 1. Officer Peter Koval was dispatched at 4:04 p.m. to file an incident report. If the wallet is recovered, it can be turned in to public safety.

Greco classified his first college experience as, "educational; this has definitely been a learning experience."

Curing the Virus

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Cheng. He expressed this issue because it is the main reason why Taft and Park Ridge have not had the Internet longer than any of the residential halls.

Since they are both off campus, they are not under the school's firewall or main network. They have their own, so it is up to the students living there to fix their computers and get them patched. One infected computer will take away all services for the rest of the hall.

If you think you have this virus call the Call Center at extension 7575. The students in there will walk you through the steps to get the virus off according to the computer experts on campus.

Mike Timble wanted to emphasize this especially to the students living in both Taft and Park Ridge. The worm is out of SHU's hands when it comes to those halls.

Our computer teams on campus quickly targeted the worm virus that took over the network at school. IT and the Call Center both worked hard to solve the problem for the students so the academic year could resume smoothly. The work is done, and the software to fix the problems has been created. The rest is up to the students to take it upon themselves and install their patch CDs. Once every laptop is patched, the worm virus will never be heard of again.

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Three New Dorms

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that the University had to build the new dormitories at the 5252 Park Avenue site because no other developable plots of land were available.

"Sacred Heart needed to build a facility that could house 400 students"
Micahel Giaquinto

Nonetheless, Sacred Heart promised the committee that it would not construct another high-rise if the committee helped the University get

Fairfield County to modify their strict building regulations, which limited the amount of space the University could build on at the 3.77 acre site.

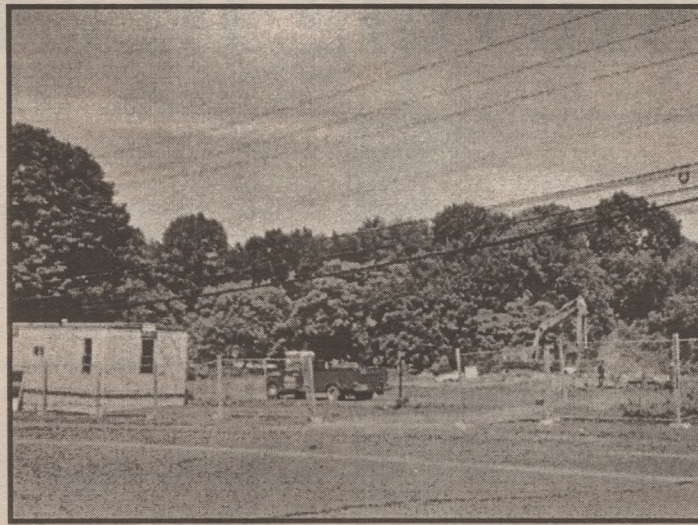
"Sacred Heart needed to build a facility that could house 400 students," said Giaquinto.

"The problem was that the strict zoning laws in Fairfield would not allow the university to build on the entire plot of land, only a portion of it.

With this restriction, the University would have been forced to build upward rather than outward."

Ultimately, Sacred Heart came up with a design that was approved by all parties.

The groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday will initiate the construction of the new development, which will be



Contributed Photo

Above: Current construction work at 5252 Park Ave, the site of the new dorms to open in September, 2004.

supervised by the Klewin Building Company.

Local politicians and others from the surrounding community, as well as the Sacred Heart University Board of Trustees, will be in attendance to celebrate the event.

All are invited to come and witness the ceremony.

Sacred Heart is not currently planning on building any additional dormitories in the near future.

Instead, the university will concentrate on improving their academic facilities.

The university is now actively planning the expansion of the Ryan-Matura library and the construction of a new Humanities building.

Maloney Takes Reins at Public Safety

By Courtney Gotshall
Staff reporter

To most at Sacred Heart University, Public Safety is known as the office adjacent to the University Commons and the window where questions and answers regarding parking, safety, and other issues occur.

Also, officers can be found walking the hallways and driving through the parking lots keeping watch of the grounds. However, there are many aspects to this part of SHU that are changing or are simply unknown.

There are many misconceptions and rumors about modifications going on regarding Public Safety, including the changing of its director, as it seemed to happen in an abrupt manner. Although the reasons behind the departure of the former Director of Public Safety are unknown at this time, students, faculty, and staff who don't already know Linda Maloney can welcome her as the new Director of Public Safety.

In just days, Maloney will have been here for three months.

Maloney brings with her over 25 years of law enforcement and corporate security experience and she is a retired police detective for the town of Norwalk.

During an interview, Maloney mentioned, "I'm a licensed private investigator and former owner of a private investigation agency." Her experience includes undercover operations and municipal corruption cases, but her area of expertise is that of sexual assault investigations and workplace violence.

Maloney graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a Master of Arts Degree, majoring in Women as Criminals and Crime Victims. Joining Maloney in heading Public Safety is Jack Fernandez, who is now the Assistant Director. Fernandez has been with SHU Public Safety for approximately 11 years.

Aside from rumors about changes in Public Safety staff, there has also been talk through the SHU halls regarding such things as parking problems and burglaries like those at the residence halls, such as Taft.

While interviewing Linda Maloney, questions concerning these issues were posed, and not only do we now have answers, but SHU students and faculty will get a glimpse at all that's new with Public Safety, such as programs including "Adopt-A-Dorm" and Rape Aggression Defense.

Posted on the window of the Public Safety Information Booth, are signs that clearly state to students that there is now a Commuter Parking Fee of \$20 for a parking permit.

Many commuters are trying to fight this new rule and do not understand how the fee was calculated to exist.

To explain the fee, Maloney stated that it is due to higher security costs and reminds us that Public Safety provides a service and it costs money to do so.

Also, there is a usage of a similar fee used by other universities, to which Maloney said, "I think it's a modest fee if you compare it to what other universities are charging." She also mentioned that, as a former student at SCSU, she experienced parking problems first hand and knows

what its like, and says that "this situation is kind of state-wide as far as parking at universities go."

Parking changes were not made just for commuters, but also to faculty and staff, who now have to pay for parking violations, whereas, they didn't have to in the past. Faculty and Staff are now asked to obtain a parking permit by September 26 and the enforcement in that particular parking lot will begin on September 29. Public Safety recently sent out a notice regarding this issue.

As for parking problems in general, Maloney is "exploring every option available to help alleviate the parking crunch." She states, "it's my number one challenge."

Among the other Public Safety rumors are those that concern burglaries at the residence halls, such as those that occurred at Taft.

After mentioning these burglaries, Maloney shared a story that reveals what Public Safety has been up to with regard to these safety issues: "We're stepping up patrols at Taft and other residence halls and most recently while I was at Taft, I noticed an unlocked apartment and I took the student's laptop for safe keeping."

When the student approached me about her laptop, I told her I was concerned about her property, but more concerned about her safety and well-being.

"After reminding her of the dangers of leaving the door unlocked, such as a possible unwanted intruder, Maloney noticed that "the student was very, very appreciative that I took the time to talk to her about it." Aside from this experience,

Maloney predicts that she is "also going to be going through residence halls from time to time to check on the safety and well-being of our students".

Maloney expressed that "Public Safety has become a very proactive department. Our goal is to educate students, faculty, and staff about crime prevention and other safety measures." Also, "we're more public relations oriented. We want to get to know students better and maintain good relationships with them." On that note, Maloney mentioned a new program that has gone into effect recently here at SHU.

"I initiated an Adopt-A-Dorm program," she stated. Adopt-A-Dorm is a program in which officers adopt a residence hall and spend time getting to know those in that hall. "I adopted South Hall," she proudly announced. Other officers volunteering include: Lisa Dietrichsen and Jim Ruszkowski, also at South Hall; Adam Hurre, Rodney Sadler, and Corby Oulette at West Hall; and Victor Pianello at East Hall. Officers are still signing up for this program.

During the visits, safety issues are talked about and the message is spread to the students that "if they need us, we are available all the time," Maloney said. Through this program, the officers are "trying to develop trust" with the students.

Fire safety is another issue Maloney has engaged.

To help with this concern, she appointed a fire-safety officer. This officer is a full-time Fairfield firefighter and works with Public Safety on a part-time regular basis.

"He will be implementing policies and procedures for our

department and also will run drills and all fire-safety inspections. He is very experienced and highly knowledgeable in his field," Maloney noted.

Also in the works at Public Safety is a program known as R.A.D., or, Rape Aggression Defense. Maloney explains that R.A.D. is "a self-defense program for women; a comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk-reduction, and avoidance."

She also mentioned that, as a police officer in Norwalk, she taught rape prevention for many years and it was very popular. Here at SHU, Officer Lisa Brown is a certified instructor and Linda Maloney will be co-teaching. It is a nine-hour program with three hours per class. One hour of the class is a classroom instruction and two hours of the class are physical/self-defense lessons in the gym. Class size will be limited and sign-ups will be posted. Classes start on October 7.

"My door is always open and I encourage students to come talk to me," Maloney said, after revealing much about what's new with Public Safety, including herself. "I really look forward to meeting everybody on campus," she added.

Maloney's office is located in the hall directly across from the Public Safety Information booth. It is the first door on the right. She can also be reached by email at maloneyl@sacredheart.edu or by phone at (203)-371-7996.

Moving In (And On)



Upper left and right pictures: Public Safety officers are on hand to help students move into East Hall. The officers directed traffic and answered questions.

Lower left: Parents help their student move into East Hall by rolling suitcases and disposing of unnecessary boxes.



Lower right: SHU families and students keep hydrated and in positive mindsets with an East Lot picnic lunch on move-in day.



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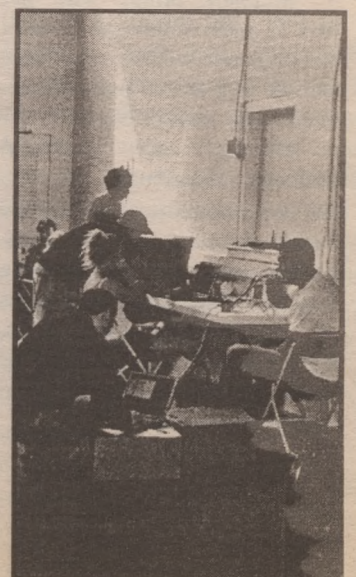
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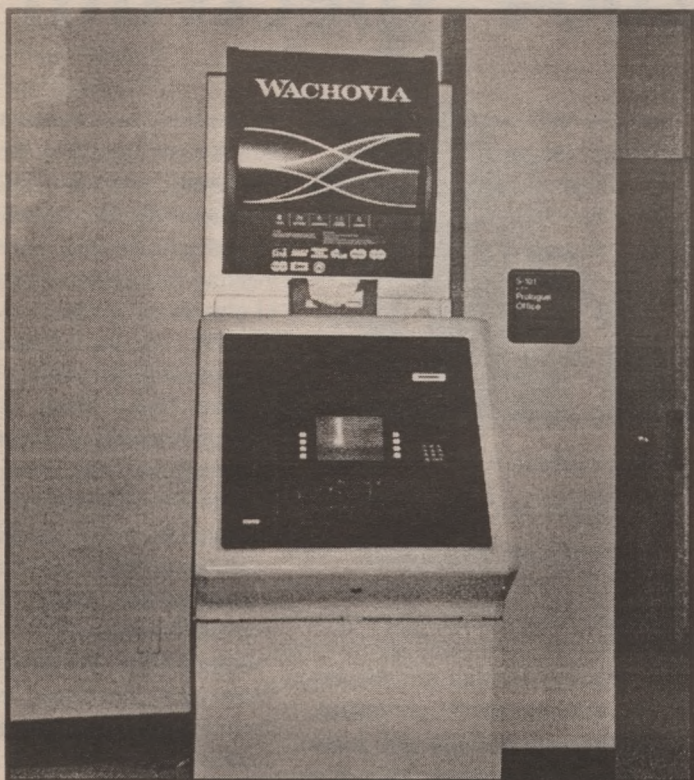


Above: Students prepare for class by getting one of the most valuable necessities, books!
Below: SHU students flood the University Commons to pick up laptops.

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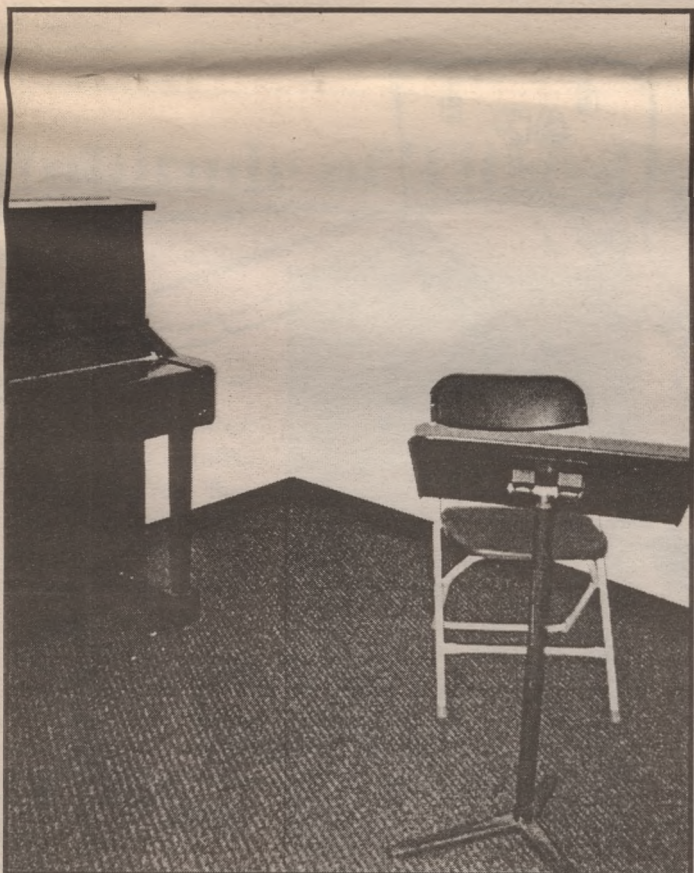
We've Noticed... Here's What's New at SHU



Above: The First Union ATM becomes the Wachovia ATM across from the Marketplace.

Below: One of the new music rooms which was installed over the summer. Private piano lessons can be offered in this room.

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The main music room gets a new stage to give the room a different look. Now show choir will be able to practice in here as well according to Dr. Patricia Smith of the music department.

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New paving improves the smooth drive into the north and commuter parking lots from SHU's main entrance.

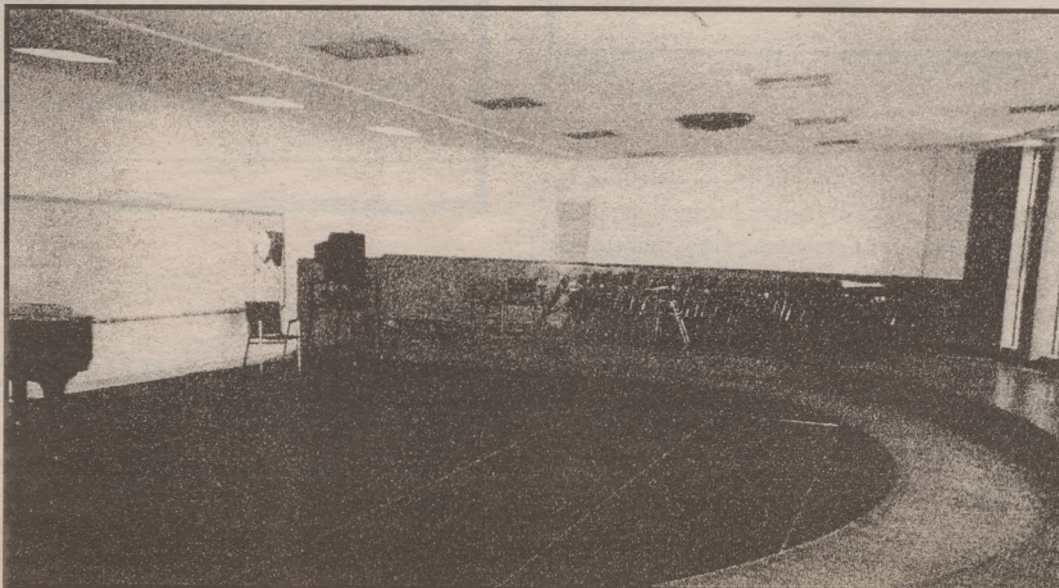
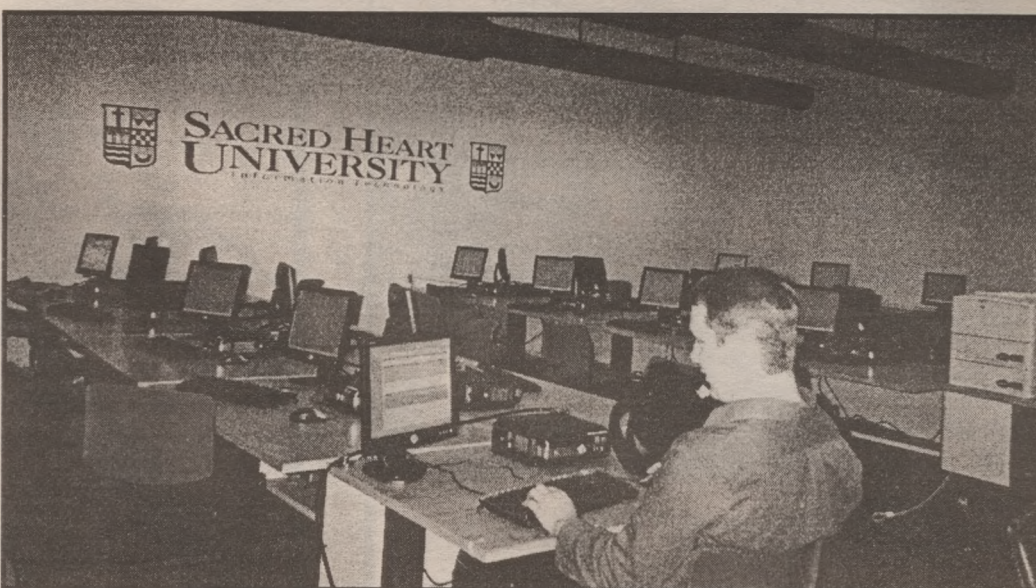
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Above: Workmen wrap up the finishing touches to the new set of doors that connect the walkway into the academic building from the freshman dorms across from Flik.

Below: The computer lab gets updated with new Dell computers in the HC wing.

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EDITORIALS

Welcome to the 2003 - 2004 Spectrum

By Kerry Freel
Editor-in-chief

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." is how *A Tale of Two Cities*, by Charles Dickens, opens. I feel the quote applies to the opening of each new school year as well.

For some it's their first year at SHU and for some it's their last, which is as dramatic as living in two different cities. The best of times, being around friends and staff who share your interests, and the worst of times, getting course schedules with massive amounts of work lined

up for your immediate future and having your free time eaten by classes (some of which you may not enjoy...).

It's amazing that such opposites can occur simultaneously, but they manage to, and you will all manage to get through this year at SHU. Events may not occur as you had wished, with your major, your friends, your money, but everything will work out for the best.

Students and staff can realize they are not alone at all, no matter how unique circumstances may be. There is another heart in another human, beating right near you in the hall, classroom, or dorm. We're all in this together.

College is an experience that

incorporates the good and the bad, liberates and binds you, and its goal is to prepare you for the "real world," many will tell you.

While the Spectrum staff will not be handing you a diploma at the end of any year, we hope to bring you what is sacred and what is near to the heart, the issues that affect this campus and its people.

News and Sports will keep you informed on the latest information around campus and explain how it affects the student body. Features will discuss important topics for college students and allow you to meet many different kinds of people by reading their stories. The Arts and Entertainment and Editorial

sections will strive to entertain, perplex, and provoke thought.

I hope as editor to inform and serve the SHU community each week through the newspaper.

"We're all lost. We're all found. We're all the same. Just one heart beats in us with different names"
Vertical Horizon

Please contact me at any time with questions, comments, editorials, or anything you'd like to say. We've moved, as a few

offices have over the summer, so now we are located by the school bookstore and the HC wing computer lab. Our hours will be posted shortly and our weekly meeting takes place Thursdays at 11 a.m. in SC 200B.

I'll end, as I started, with a quote by the band Vertical Horizon that I think is important and touching, considering we're all in similar situations at college. We all "live" in Fairfield, Connecticut while attending or working at SHU, we've all eaten from Flik and walked the hallways of the HC and SC wings... "We're all lost. We're all found. We're all the same. Just one heart beats in us with different names."

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East Rutherford, Rain, and Rock-n-Roll

By Kerry Freel
Editor-in-chief

The date: Thursday, August 7, 2003

The location: Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey.

It was a truly magical night. Enthusiastic fans, grinning ear to ear, anticipating the arrival of the main act. I arrived with my sis-

ter-in-law at Giants Stadium at 7 p.m., so we unfortunately missed opener Jason Mraz- who I heard after the fact was amazing!- and saw a girl that had lived on the same floor as me in South Hall freshman year.

We walked up to our upper tiered seats and were surprised to actually be able to see the stage, and Pete Yorn the middle act, from such a nose-bleed section of the stadium.

It began to drizzle. When the rain picked up, everyone was

running to the overly-expensive concession stands to buy ponchos (umbrellas were not allowed in, apparently they're in the "weapon" category).

On our way back to our seats, with a glorified piece of plastic turned poncho in hand, we saw yet another SHU goer, who didn't mind the rain I bet since she was on the swim team here.

Fans sang along with hits such as "Living on a Prayer," "Bad Medicine," "Wanted Dead or Alive," "Bed of Roses," and

"It's My Life."

Concerts are great opportunities to meet new acquaintances, catch up with old friends, and just enjoy quality live music. Remember to leave your "umbrellas of mass destruction" and cell phones (which are easily damaged in extensive heavy rain) at home or in the car.

I think a catchy Mastercard ad most people are familiar with works well to summarize the night:

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Sometimes things happen at SHU that just boggle my mind. Here in the Spectrum office, we are in great disarray because we moved near the Bookstore and Student Union moved into our former location. We currently have no:

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In other issues, not Spectrum related, I spoke to a few people in the hall who, like my roommate and myself, had classrooms changed without being notified. My roommate changed a class, and then on her new schedule one of her classrooms was changed. My Wednesday class was scheduled for Notre Dame but was held in the HC wing.

- By Kerry Freel

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FEATURES

Senior Returns to Honduras to Help Children In Need

By Katie Carroll
Features Editor

While most students wrap up their summer jobs and buy last minute school supplies the week before a new semester starts, one Senior Sacred Heart student prepared for her first week of school in a very different way. Jessica Irias, a Computer Science major with a minor in Math, packed up the children's clothing she had collected over the summer in addition to her own clothing and headed off to Honduras for her first week of school.

Honduras is a country in Central America which is bordered by Nicaragua and Guatemala. Ninety percent of the population is *mestizo*, or persons of Native American and Spanish ancestry, and the remaining population is Native American, black, and white. The economy primarily relies on agriculture for revenue, with coffee and fruits as the largest cash crops. Hurricane Mitch devastated the country in October 1998 and questions have arisen whether or not Honduras ever fully recovered.

Jessica was not attending any classes in Honduras as part of a semester abroad, but instead returned to her birth village for a lesson in life. What originally started out as a trip to visit relatives turned into a quest to help others.



photo by Jessica Irias

One of the children that Jessica spent time with and gave clothing to sits in a dilapidated home.

"When I lived in Honduras my family was very poor," remembers Jessica, who was born in Honduras and grew up in Spain. "During this visit, I didn't want to be another tourist, I wanted to make a difference and help the children."

To accomplish this goal, Jessica turned to the internet, where she found *Proniño*, also known as For the Children, which is a non-profit organization that provides counseling to children who live in the streets. Specifically, *Proniño* helps chil-

dren with life issues and homework and encourages involvement in everyday activities like children's games.

For two days of her trip, Jessica volunteered with *Proniño* and not stopping when the organization broke for vacation, Jessica further volunteered on her own. She decided to visit the poor villages in La Ceiba, a principal city of Honduras, to donate the rest of the children's clothing. In addition to providing clothing, Jessica supported, played with, and encouraged the children to

stay in school.

These tasks may seem commonplace to children of the United States, but are much harder tasks for a child from Honduras. Considering that in 2000 the Honduras government reported that the enrollment rate for secondary school-age children was only 32 percent, Jessica's work seems even more important.

Using her own early life of, in which she was exposed to hunger, malnutrition, abuse, and racism, as an example, Jessica told

the children, "You never have to give up your dreams."

Some situations, though, may be beyond help. Jessica explained, "Children of a very young age have tattoos on their bodies. Most of the children that have tattoos belong to gangs. They don't have families, so they decide to be part of gangs and then they feel like they have a family."

Jessica noted that she visited a house in which a child was just born to a 16 year old teenager. The house was made of discarded materials found on the street and the father of the child was a member of the gang, with the tattoos on his body to prove it. The father claimed that belonging to a gang was the only way to provide food for his family.

Jessica shares her experience with the hope that those who grew up in the United States will realize that the rest of the world does not necessarily have all the comforts they did.

To sum up her experience, Jessica stated, "To go to Honduras or any other poor country, you need to be open-minded and think that this experience is a blessing from God. I am glad I went to my country because now I have the courage to keep forward on my education. I was one of the few lucky ones and I should keep going forward and looking back in order to give back to those that need it most."

More Americans Investing in Plastic Surgery

By Vanessa Rubino
Staff Reporter

Have you noticed that the girl that used to live down the hall from you looks a little different? You can't seem to pick out exactly what has changed. Maybe she has been working out a little more. Maybe she has a new haircut. Or maybe has a new nose.

The summer used to be a time for hanging out at the beach, relaxing by the pool, or working to make some extra cash. Now, more than ever, college students have been using the summer months to recover from plastic

surgery. Breast implants, liposuction, nose jobs, and botox injections top the list of popular procedures.

An increasing number of college co-eds have been opting for cosmetic surgery to enhance their appearance. According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the 19-34 age group had 1.6 million people choosing cosmetic plastic surgery, representing 24 percent of the cosmetic surgeries performed in 2002. Also noted by the ASPS was that breast augmentation topped all surgical cosmetic procedures with 126,643 people undergoing it last year.

"People are willing to make an investment in themselves to achieve the look they want"

**James Wells
President ASPS**

A female student from Sacred Heart University who asked not to be identified was recently a part of this growing trend. After careful deliberation, she invested nearly seven thousand dollars in breast augmenta-

tion. She increased her size from an A cup to a full C cup.

Once the bandages came off and her incisions began to heal, she was thrilled with the results.

"I felt more confident," she said of her new body.

Yet her story also reminds us of the dangers of plastic surgery. After a few months, she realized that there was a problem with one of her implants. Her right breast had not healed properly and she had to return to the doctor's office for additional surgery to have the problem corrected.

According to the ASPS, more than 6.6 million Americans had some sort of cosmetic sur-

gery last year. Is it simply the vanity factor that drives college students to get a nip, tuck or lift? Or is it self-esteem issues that force young people under the knife?

Although there are many explanations for students getting cosmetic surgery, it is nearly impossible to deduct what drives them to such drastic measures.

ASPS President James Wells, MD, Long Beach, CA, offers an explanation. He said, "People are willing to make an investment in themselves to achieve the look they want." Whether cosmetic surgery can be seen as an investment in self-esteem can only be determined individually.

Tattoos Return to Mainstream Culture

By Deborah Carrara
Staff Reporter

For thousands of years people have been marking themselves with ink for the purpose of identification. Reasons and meanings for tattoos may vary, as do levels of acceptance of this form of expression. The rationale behind the tattoo is as varied as its markings.

Thousands of years ago, ancient Egyptians practiced the art of tattooing. From there, it spread across Greece, Persia, and Arabia. And somewhere around 2000 B.C., it became integrated into the Chinese culture. Additionally, the Norse, Saxons, and Danes favored family crests as subjects of tattoo art as late as 787 A.D.

About that same time tattooing was banned by Pope Hadrian for religious reasons. Following the path of tattooing in Japanese culture, Japan changed its original use for tattoos from a way to mark their criminals to an aesthetic art. Sailors in the late 1600s reintroduced the art to the West by bringing Polynesians back with them from their excursions. Tattoos also became a fancy of the Western world's upper class and were sought after by women.

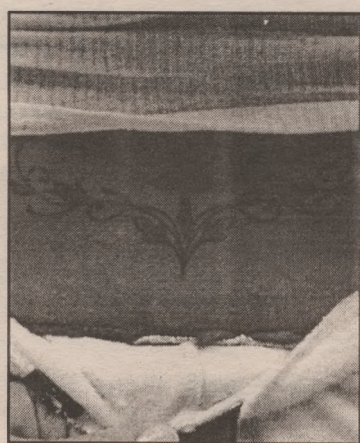
The introduction of the electric tattoo machine in 1891 precipitated a steady decline in the demand for tattoos. No longer a labor intensive art, the upper classes turned away from it. Ultimately the tattoo trade had become an art of poor taste. Since then tattoos have gone underground, finding a faithful following, and emerging yet once again with the affluent.

An example of this is found in the women of Borneo, who are the tattoo artisans of their culture. They have always marked themselves with symbols on their forearms, which indicate their particular craft and skill level. Arctic women have used tattoos as a means of appeasing their gods as well as a way of ensuring their protection.

Today, American women are getting tattooed, and the female body has become a living, breathing canvas for expression of individuality, rebellion, spirituality, and personal milestones. Gone are the days of assuming that the tattooed are criminals, bikers, or social misfits. Reducing these tattoo stereotypes, today's tattoo trade has transcended social boundaries.

Presently, tattoo art has become so much more commonplace in American society that it has created diminishing

controversy between the classes. Tattoos are becoming so accepted in mainstream society that they have even popped up on Barbie. The Tattoo Fun Skipper Doll now comes with various flower and



A SHU Student Displays Her Tattoo

peace sign tattoos. What is it that has caused such huge acceptance to take place? What has caused so many of our young women to join the ranks of the tattooed?

Anne Velliquette, a Ph.D. candidate and instructor of marketing at the University of Arkansas has spent more than two years studying the tattoo industry. Her research in tattoo parlors across the country has yielded her over 300 pages of information.

"The body is the one thing you have ultimate control over. Tattoos are a way of committing to something permanent and stable, or recording who and what you are right now," Dr. Velliquette explained.

She cautions against impulsive decisions, citing the numerous businesses devoted to covering and obscuring tattoos. Dr. Velliquette also attributes the decision to tattoo as a means of social integration. Fraternities, sororities, biker clubs, and music bands make up a large base of the tattooed for identity purposes.

All around campus females who have spotted and dotted themselves with tattoos of every size and shape is evident; they may bend over the wrong way, exposing the ink on their back; or they might stretch during a yawn to reveal a colorful belly. Their forms of self expression are eye catching and portray them in a more intimate way. The number of tattooed females is on the rise, and one can't help but wonder where it will go from here. History suggests the appeal will reverse itself and I wonder if I've still got enough time to get one.

Freshmen Role Models Find Comfort Together

By Brandon M. Graham
Staff Reporter

They met through a completed roster list accompanied by a short bio and a headshot. Each smiled and joked of the comfort they felt when the sight of a familiar face appeared out of the bunch. There was a sense of relief, sisterhood, and of not going it alone before actually meeting each in person. Minority student-athlete standouts Mary Rush and Jasmine Walker are lucky to have each other to lean on outside the classroom, spot each other in weight room, rebound on the court together, and to share this experience of playing Division I Basketball.

"I really feel lucky to have such a great coaching staff and such cool teammates," says Rush.

Walker echoes Mary's comments, "Coach (Mary) Randall and everybody has been so nice and having Mary (Rush) here is really nice."

Isn't luck just being prepared to capitalize on the perfect opportunity? Well if it is, then that is exactly what Mary Rush and Jasmine Walker plan to do over the next four years.

On a late Friday afternoon, the Mahogany Room, located in the Main Academic Building, can be one of the those rare, quiet, tucked away corners of Sacred Heart University, despite undergraduate classes getting underway earlier this week. On this sunny fall day, Rush, a Waterbury native and a former Holy Cross High School standout sits quietly in her SHU basketball trunks, t-shirt, and lowered baseball cap chatting with Coach Heather Kappes, a recent addition to the Women's Basketball Team's staff.

Rush, a 5'10 shooting guard/small forward, New England High School Girls McDonald's All-American Nominee for 2003, and a 3-year starter under Coach Frank Lombardo will surely be missed by her former high school teammates. Rush has helped Holy Cross achieve an 83-12 record and register a 72-8 mark in the NVL during her four-years of high school. With her great athleticism, height, and explosiveness she is looking to immediately step in and contribute to her college team's success.

As someone who possesses a quiet demeanor and takes a vested interest in education off the court, Rush intends to study chemistry during her tenure at SHU with the hopes of someday becoming a pharmacist.

When asked about how basketball is going to fit into her life over the next four years, Mary said, "I think basketball will become a safe haven. I realize that not everyone has the opportunity to play basketball at this level, so in a lot of ways I feel very fortunate."

Coach Ed Swanson, who this year enters his 14th year of coaching at the collegiate level, commented on her character, "Mary is a great kid off the court, but on the court she is fierce competitor. We are confident that she will do fine here."

"We as administrators feel that (SHU) is a place where student-athletes can really flourish and do well regardless of race and our track record has proven just that over the years"

Don Cook
Athletic Director

Tall, taut with an excellent athletic frame Jasmine Walker is all smiles as she walks in and greets her teammate and "new best friend", Mary. She is another powerhouse edition to Swanson's recruitment class of six. Walker, a 6'1" freshman from Copiague High School in Amityville, NY is the second half of this dynamic duo. Outside of basketball, Walker is excited about celebrating her 18th birthday in the upcoming weeks.

Walker piloted her school to its first ever state championship, securing a place in history with the New York State Class "A" title this past season. She averaged 12.8 points, 10.8 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 2.6 steals and 1.7 blocks in the 2002-03 season and lead the Eagles to an impressive a 25-2 record while earning All-Long Island honors. Walker amassed 1,045 points and 1,076 rebounds in her four-year varsity career.

Coach Swanson, who was impressed by her stats and tenacity down in the paint says, "Jasmine really stood out in our minds because she is someone who really eats glass, she is great offensive rebounder."

These young ladies are the result of Sacred Heart University's ongoing efforts to tap into the talent pool of extremely gifted female African-American student-athletes over

the past few years.

Serving as Athletic Director, Don Cook—a native of Brooklyn, New York, an outstanding catcher at Fairfield University, and a former player in a semi-professional league—understands the importance diversity in athletics at any university.

"We as administrators feel that (SHU) is a place where student-athletes can really flourish and do well regardless of race and our track record has proven just that over the years."

As a seasoned senior athletic administrator with 30-plus years under his belt he commented, "We want to ensure that Sacred Heart University can project all of our student-athletes' successes and we want them to have a good experience both inside and outside of the classroom."

When coming together to discuss Sacred Heart's dedication to the female minority student-athlete population, Rush and Walker exposed their common backgrounds and interests. The two got on like sisters, showing their affection for each other like one athlete demonstrates to another that has come from a similar upbringing and a shared experience. Both students are the oldest of their siblings and the first in their immediate families to go a 4-year university to play Division I basketball. Equally noticeable, they both share a certain level of responsibility to achieve and do well in school, basketball, and life, especially because their siblings and so many other people are looking up to them.

Rush said, "My 14 year-old little sister follows in my footsteps by participating in AAU. She says that she is going to be the next me."

In response Walker smiled and commented on her sister, "My sister is 12 and plays AAU year round. She said that she is going to actually outdo me in the future."

Of course flattered by comments of younger sister aspiring to become like them, they both realize this is a great situation for themselves and for their families.

"I realize that I am setting the example for my younger sister by going to school and playing and doing well academically so that she has the opportunity to do the same and hopefully she will achieve her dream of being in the WNBA", says Walker.

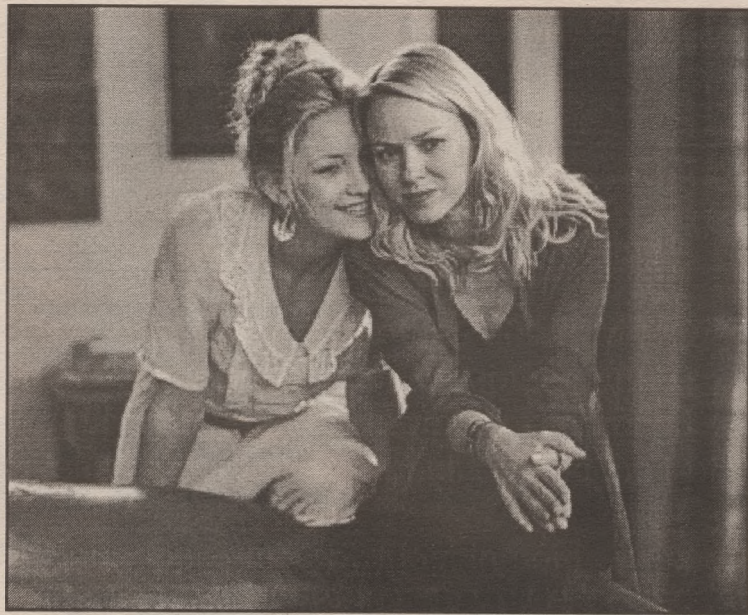
Coach Swanson believes with the addition of these two stellar athletes and the others of this talented recruiting class that the future of SHU Women's Basketball is in good hands.

“Le Divorce:” Comedy or Drama?

By: Nadia Korovesi
Staff Reporter

Despite the film's witty portrayal of French and American attitudes towards love, marriage and life in general, strong performances from an all-star cast, and an elegant Parisian atmosphere, “Le Divorce” seems lost in its own multitude of sub-plots and fails to effectively connect with the audience.

Released in theaters on Aug. 10 and receiving little notoriety until the last week of the month, “Le Divorce” has finally started attracting larger audiences to theaters across the country. The film is based on the 1997 novel by Diane Johnson and is directed by James Ivory. The diverse cast includes Kate Hudson, Naomi Watts and Melville Poupaud in the starring roles and such names as Glenn Close, Matthew



Watts and Hudson shine but the plot of “Le Divorce” leaves something to be desired.

Photo courtesy of The Internet Movie Database

the middle of a divorce with her French painter husband Charles-Henri (Melville Poupaud). His family, especially his mother, have gotten heavily involved in the separation, which revolves around the division of property and a valuable family painting that Roxeane brought with her from Santa Barbara. In the midst of all this, Isabel find that she

divorce or a picture about what people do when they become desperate? Is it a study of the French and American culture? Or is it a story about a painting everyone would like to claim ownership of?

The answer is probably all of the above, but, in the end, the viewer is left with a feeling of not getting the whole story

Events seem to take place arbitrarily and, unexpectedly, leave the audience guessing.

must continue with her own life in Paris, finds employment with a well-known American writer (Close), and starts her own affair with Charles-Henri's attractive—and married—politician uncle.

As a Merchant Ivory film, “Le Divorce” embraces Paris and pays tribute to the French taste for fashion, food and elegance. The film is also very successful in its depiction of the differences between the American and French culture with a touch of good comedy and subtle irony. The weakness of the movie is its directionless main storyline adorned with so many things happening in parallel that compete for the viewer's attention.

So, into what genre does this movie really belong? Is it a comedy of manners as the trailer suggests? Is it a melodrama about

behind each sub-plot. Events seem to take place arbitrarily and, unexpectedly, leave the audience guessing. Kate Hudson and Naomi Watts do a fine job in playing two American sisters in Paris and are supported by brilliant performances, such as Stephen Fry's arrogant English appraiser from Christie's or Leslie Caron's traditional French mother-in-law. However, the beauty of these performances is often lost either because of their insignificant part in the movie or its weightless plot.

If you are in the mood for a light-hearted romantic comedy about Paris and the seemingly strange ways of the French, “Le Divorce” will probably be enjoyable. Otherwise, it may leave you wondering what this film is really about.

Art Gallery Gears Up for an Exciting Year

By Jess McCann
Staff Reporter

Once again, a new semester has begun and this year the Gallery of Contemporary Art run by Sophia Gevas has a number of exhibits in store not only for the students of Sacred Heart University but also for the out-

“We have a dual focus to provide a service for the University community as well as the public”
Sophia Gevas



Nadin Ospina: “Idol”
Courtesy of Leon Tovar Gallery

uled for Friday, October 24. Reservations are required. The Gallery hopes that there will be a good turnout for these upcoming events and that students will become more actively involved in this wonderful art gallery we have right here on campus.

When I spoke with Ms. Gevas about the plans the Gallery had for the upcoming year, she expressed how she feels the gallery serves our campus: “We have a dual focus to provide a service for the University community as well as the public. We mount exhibits of contemporary art with a wide variety of media approaches.”

SHU was also lucky enough to have some wonderful works of art donated to our campus to be put in our hallways. It was Ms. Gevas' hope that the students admire the work, but also respect them and make sure that they stay safe while on campus.

Other events that will take place this year in the Gallery include a second art display entitled “Uncommon Portraits, Uncommon Views” from February 1 through March 4 and a student art exhibit featuring works by SHU students, themselves. This final event will cap off the year and will take place from March 21 through April 18.

A reception is always held to commemorate the beginning of an exhibit and is a chance for students to take a break and relax for the afternoon. Taking advantage of this event is just one way to experience the many great on-campus programs sponsored by the Art department.

side community. To kick off the year is the first exhibition entitled “In the Realm of the Absurd.” Curated by Nohra Haime, the display will run from September 1 through November 6. A reception for the opening of the exhibit will be held on September 14 from 1- 3:30 in the Gallery.

Students are encouraged to come to a Sunday afternoon enriched with culture, food, music, and works of art that will be sure to captivate the eye. The exhibit will also have art and sculptures created by Latin American and Caribbean artists on display.

SHU students are encouraged to take a break from the books and, before getting the week started, to enjoy an afternoon that will have Latin jazz and some great art. Besides, what college student can refuse some delicious, free food!

In addition, the Gallery also has a fundraiser event sched-



Should “Le Divorce” be called a comedy or a drama of manners?

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Modine, Stockard Channing, and Stephen Fry alongside in supporting roles.

When Isabel Walker (Hudson) visits her pregnant sister Roxeane (Watts) in Paris, she discovers that her sister is in

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" Makes Splash With Women Viewers

Jayde Levesque
Staff Reporter

Women everywhere are raving about Bravo's new television show, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and for good reason. Finally there's a show that miraculously transforms our hopeless, messy, macho men into well-dressed chefs with clean rooms. For some women it's a dream come true, but is it for everyone?

Erica Interdonatto, a junior at Sacred Heart University, states that she "loves the program because it takes disheveled, straight men and shows them a new outlook on life." While this may be true, the show also sets out to accomplish much more. Every week, the Fab Five—Ted Allen (Food & Wine Connoisseur), Kyan Douglas (Grooming Guru), Thom Filicia (Design Doctor), Carson Kressley (Fashion Savant), and Jai Rodriguez (Culture Vulture)—enter the



The Fab Five dressed and ready to reform.
Photo courtesy of Bravo Television

home of a heterosexual male and most successfully groom, dress, furnish, and culture him. They even teach him how to cook! Impossible, one might ask? Definitely not! The Fab Five have an ongoing track record of heterosexual men whose lives they've touched—and they're out to get everyone!

What started as five men's individual goals to change the fashion world has become a hit with viewers everywhere.

Although it may seem like another knock-off of The Learning Channel's "While You Were Out" or "A Makeover Story," "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" inadvertently teaches viewers that there is room in television for homosexual icons. It has even opened doors for other homosexual-based programs such as "Boy Meets Boy," also on Bravo. While it may appear difficult to bring a homosexual show to primetime television,

the extensive humor is what has catapulted the Fab Five into the mainstream. Loaded with hysterical pokes at their own sexuality, the cast members lighten the atmosphere with their own over-the-top flamboyant behavior.

But is "Queer Eye" too much for some people to handle? In the same sense that these men can joke about their sexuality and poke fun at their obvious flamboyance, the show also nails a pretty hard stereotype of all gay men. Some complain that this perpetuates the belief that *all* gay men are very loud, obnoxious, and better at anything than most heterosexual men. While not all members of the cast act this way, it is a seemingly prevalent theme throughout the entire show that some feel is an extremely inaccurate representation of the homosexual community.

On a lighter note, "Queer Eye" is certainly more uplifting than other makeover programs. Each candidate is made to feel like a child on Christmas and instead of setting a budget for

the entire show and telling how much they spent, the Fab Five do not reveal prices. The men simply overhaul the candidate's life with a fresh, new look at any cost. This gives the viewer the feeling that the cast members really care about their subjects. One of the main reasons this show is a better pick than others like it, is because viewers can easily identify with someone who cares about them. Whereas "While You Were Out" exemplifies the interior designers ability to out-do themselves each time, "Queer Eye's" focus is entirely built around the subject and how to make his situation better.

Essentially, who wants to watch a boring makeover-style show that doesn't have any fun with their projects, when you can watch a group of hysterical gay men teach culture to unsuspecting heterosexual men? In the end, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is still a much better choice for entertainment value because of its bold and daring content.

A Multitude of Titles Dominate Rental Shelves This Week

Patrick Scalisi
A & E Editor

The week of September 8 will see several high-profile titles hit rental shelves that span a variety of genres. Fans of science-fiction, martial arts, and comedy will all get ample helpings as "Bulletproof Monk," "The Core," and "Malibu's Most Wanted" each premiere on VHS and DVD this Tuesday. With such a variety—not to mention almost six hours of film—telling the difference between the hits and the bombs is most essential.

"Bulletproof Monk"—How can Chow Yun-Fat's follow-up to 2000's visually stunning epic "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" be so dismal? The answer lies not only in poor writing but also in sub-par special effects that truly hamper most of the action sequences. With a plot that's almost too ridiculous to name, "Bulletproof Monk" drowns in a sea of its own absurdity. Yun-Fat plays The Nameless One, a legendary warrior charged with the task of protecting an ancient scroll that has the power to protect or utterly destroy humanity. Along the way he teams up with a New York City



Hillary Swank sets out to save the world.

Photo courtesy of The Internet Movie Database

pickpocket named Kar (Seann William Scott) who is destined to be he successor, and the daughter of a Russian mob boss ("Pearl Harbor's" Jaime King). While casting against type may have worked for the ever-maturing Scott, it does little to help Yun-Fat who simply muddles through his role with a dull smile and always seems to be asking him-

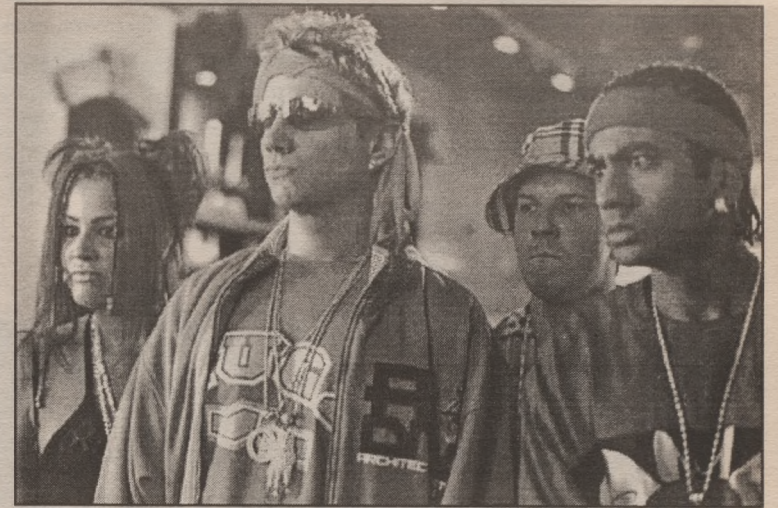
self why he ever decided to take this role.

"The Core"—Better than the trailers ever made it look, "The Core" is one part "Armageddon" and one part "Journey to the Center of the Earth" mixed together in one special-effects laden disaster flick. When Dr. Joshua Keyes (Aaron Eckhart) discovers that the spinning core at the center of the Earth has stopped moving, he is instantly recruited, along with a handful of others, to literally save the

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planet.

While the plot is completely implausible, "The Core" manages to employ its ensemble cast in a particularly effective manner and rounds off the supporting roles with Hilary Swank, Stanley Tucci, Delroy Lindo, and Bruce Greenwood. While not seeing



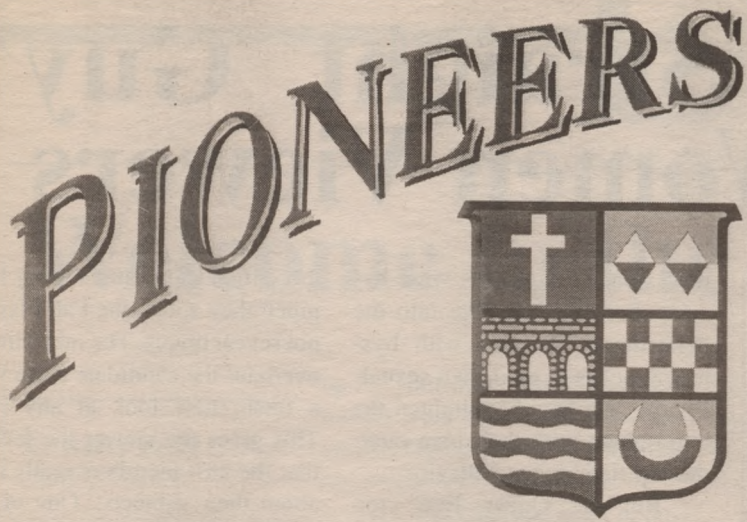
B-Rad (Kennedy) and his wannabe rap crew.
Photo courtesy of The Internet Movie Database

much theatrical play, "The Core" gets proper DVD treatment with deleted/extended scenes, a feature commentary, and a making-of special.

"Malibu's Most Wanted"—How does a candidate for governor scare the living daylights out of his rapper-wannabe son (Jamie Kennedy) who keeps crushing his image? What better way than to have him kidnapped by some gangstas from the 'hood! Except that these gangstas are really actors and the ghetto is really a nice suburban area of central-California. Thus, the debauchery begins when Kennedy makes

his big-screen debut as B-Rad, a rich politician's son who wants nothing more than to make a rap record. Poking fun at films like "8 Mile" and "Blood In, Blood Out," "Malibu's Most Wanted" is worthy of a laugh or two, but one might be better off sticking with Kennedy's primetime reality show "The Jamie Kennedy Experiment."

So, how do this week's heavyweights stack up? Well, as evidenced, not all blockbusters are created equal. While this week's rental counter may claim to satisfy a variety of tastes, not all offer the promised filling.



Women's Volleyball Defeats FDU, Falls to Army

By Katie Atkins
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University women's volleyball team was swept in their season opener 30-24, 30-14, and 30-16 by the Iona Gaels at the Second Annual Gael Classic, which took place Aug. 30 in New Rochelle, NY. SHU junior Stacey Geyer (Amityville, NY) collected nine kills as team-mate sophomore setter Michelle Clark (Baltimore, MD) tallied 22 assists and 11 digs.

In the next match, SHU picked up their first win of the season with a victory over Fairleigh Dickinson University, defeating them 28-30, 30-22, 30-27, 30-24.

Senior Lauren Lamb (West Bloomfield, MI) led the team with 19 kills on 32 attempts with

no errors. Geyer tallied 11 kills while senior Caitlin Azdherian (Sebastopol, CA) collected 10.

The Pioneers dropped their next match to St. John's University in three games, 30-19, 30-20, 30-15. Geyer led SHU with seven kills.

At the SHU invitational, which took place this past weekend, the Pioneers dropped their first game, losing three games to the University of Maine.

Senior co-captain Meghan Eaton (Colorado Springs, CO) had eight kills and five digs while Clark had 34 assists. Sacred Heart lost their last game of the SHU invitational 3-0 to Army. The women's volleyball team is back in action this Friday at the Yale-Army Invitational, which will take place in West Point, NY starting at 5 p.m.



Women's Volleyball is back in action this Friday in West Point, NY at the Yale-Army Invitational.
Photo by Meghan O'Connor

Guess Who's Back?

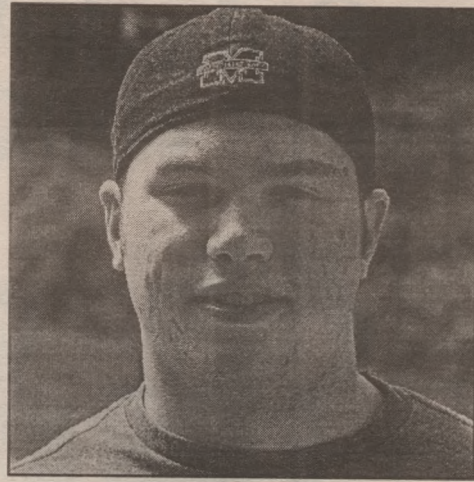


Photo by Robert Trenske

By Hank Gargiulo
Staff Reporter

After a Summer Hiatus Hank is Back. That's right ladies and gentlemen, the editor of this fine newspaper has seen it fit to give me back my space for my usual rants, raves, pointless statistics and useless opinions. And after a sporting weekend such as this, there is little space to waste so lets get going.

We'll get started with America's past time where there are more story lines than I can count. The most important, of course, is the Red Sox pursuit of Captain Steinbrenner's Yankees. Now, for the last eight years, the Sox haven't been close enough to the Bronx Bombers this late in the year that the boss is threatening sweeping changes if his mercenaries don't get him another World Series ring. With the deficit sitting at 2 1/2 games at press time and about three weeks remaining in the season, this will no doubt go down to the end.

The AL Central race will also keep fans interested as the top three teams separated by just 3.5 games. Chicago is in the top spot now, but Minnesota is pressing and the surprising Royals haven't given up yet. Which begs for me to ask, how the heck are the Royals in contention this late in the season?

They don't have a single pitcher with 10 wins, and their wins leader, Chris George with 9, is in the minors because his ERA is over 7. Credit must be given to manager Tony Pena for keeping his team in the race despite constant injuries. They should just give him the manager of the year award now.

Another major ongoing is the seemingly 38-team race for the NL wild card. Okay, maybe it's just five teams battling it out, but does it really matter? Lets start eliminating teams

from this before we start breaking it down. With both Houston and St. Louis closer to a division lead than the wild card it is a safe bet to say the NL central will not be sending two teams to the playoffs.

This leaves the current leaders Philadelphia, division rivals Florida and the "if we're up after eight its over" LA Dodgers. Now these three teams are where all the action will take place.

How I have missed sitting down in front of a television from noon till well past midnight on a Saturday watching football, only to repeat the cycle on Sunday

The Phillies and Marlins are separated by one game, but well behind Atlanta for the division lead so both teams are squarely focused on each other and the wild card. The key for these teams is the remaining six head to head games and pitching. Both teams have effective, but not dominating bullpens, and with Jose Mesa's recent implosion, the

Phils might be in a little hot water. With the Phillies and Marlins beating up on each other the door may squeak open enough for the Dodgers to swoop in and capture the spot. With their pitching staff and un-hittable closer from up north, the Dodgers will certainly stick around, the only problem with them, is well, with the sticks.

The Dodgers are in the basement in the NL when it comes to runs scored and batting average. Pitching and defense may win championships, but if you can't put anything on the board, then it really doesn't matter how good you are at both of those things.

With baseball winding down it can only mean one thing....FOOTBALL! How I

have missed sitting down in front of a television from noon till well past midnight on a Saturday watching football, only to repeat the cycle on Sunday.

Some random thoughts from the weekend that is football:

1.) Did anyone else have a strange tug of war going on during the Florida Miami game? Now I'm a staunch Florida State fan and I couldn't figure out what I wanted to happen more, for Florida to blow a large lead, or for Miami go down to the hated Gators. Will someone please write a set of rules dealing with these situations when two hated teams are in this situation? Someone needs to get on this.

2.) When will Giants fans shut up? I have lived in the shadow of Giant country for all of my life and no matter how good or bad the G-Men may be there is an endless rambling from Giants fans that is pure nonsense.

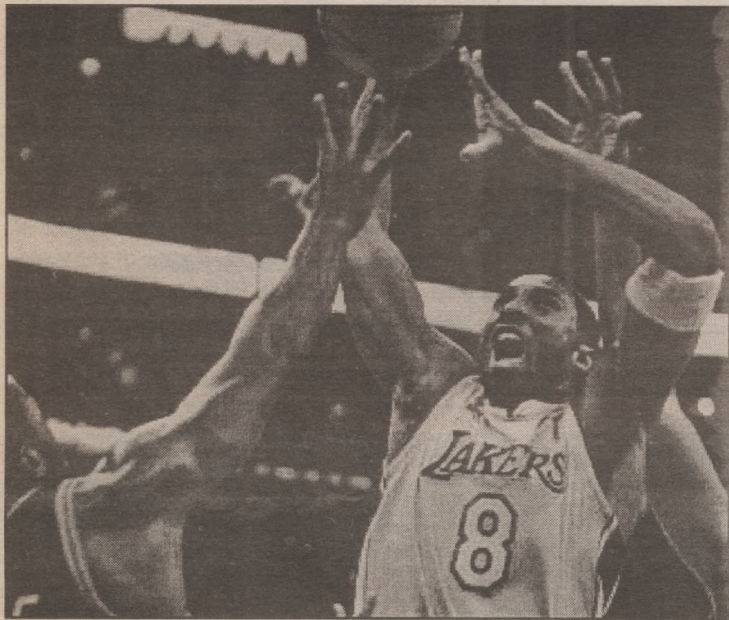
Yes, you are a good team. No, you are not winning the Superbowl. Yes, you did get hosed in the playoffs, but get over it.

3.) Is there any reason for John Madden and Al Michaels to discuss the amount of sweat on Buccaneers center John Wade's rear end. Honestly, did they need to spend time in the game talking about how quarterback Brad Johnson would have to deal with the excessive sweat? And was this so a big deal that they had to throw it down to Lisa Guerrero on the sideline for a report on the situation? Not to mention the close ups on a grown mans sweaty behind is not exactly good television. Someone please write a memo to ABC and the gang advising them of this.

4.) And finally, I wonder if Peyton Manning still thinks Mike Vanderjagt is an "idiot kicker". Granted he made some dumb comments, but Vanderjagt's leg is the only reason the Colts were winners in week one.

See you next week when I will undoubtedly be talking about more football!

Bryant's Squeaky Clean Image Tarnished



Kobe Bryant's career may be put on hold if he is convicted.
Website photo (kbenhanced.com)

By Greg Maurice
Staff Reporter

Kobe Bryant, also often referred to as "the next Michael Jordan," was charged with sexual assault on a 19 year old student on June 30, 2003 in Edwards, Colorado. If convicted on trial, Kobe Bryant could face between four years to life in jail or probation of up to 20 years. He is about to fight for his future, his career, and his squeaky clean image.

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The whole sports world could not believe the 24 year old married father of a six month old daughter could have been involved in such an attack. Bryant has often been described as a respected individual that is not involved in the party scene and was only dedicated to playing basketball. All the major endorsement companies such as Sprite, McDonalds, and Nike are already thinking of letting Kobe Bryant go as their spokesperson because of his actions and the possibility that he could become a convicted felon.

Trim Kimbwe, one of the Sacred Heart University basketball players had this to say about the Kobe Bryant situation: "I think that because Kobe is Kobe it makes a good headline for

someone so highly respected in the community to be caught in a scandal. Unfortunately, that is what sells in today's society. Kobe admitted to committing adultery and that is a crime that, in this day and age, every Tom Dick and Harry commits, especially professional athletes caught up in the whirlwind of womanly attention and money. But the fact that it is Kobe, again puts a different twist on it."

With Karl Malone and Gary Payton as their newest superstar additions, the Lakers are even more favored than ever to capture the title. Malone and Payton, both deep into their careers and still without championship rings joined the Lakers in hopes of giving it one last shot. But, if Kobe is convicted and sent to jail, their plans will be severely altered.

Bryant has entered the most difficult time of his life. The trials are going to interfere with his professional career, and he is under tremendous pressure to win the case to save his endorsements, his career, and the love that all the sports fan had for him before the accusations.

"It makes a good headline for someone so highly respected in the community to be caught in a scandal."

Cross Country Off on the Right Foot

By Ashleigh Bepko
Staff Reporter

In Sacred Heart's cross-country debut, the men's and women's teams placed sixth and third respectively, with the women's team beating out all other Northeast Conference teams that attended the meet. The men also had one of their best showings by falling to the number two pick Monmouth by only three points, while beating out Wagner and Long Island University.

The course that was set in front of these teams, Sunken Meadow State Park in Long Island, was not an easy one. It is rated in the top five for most difficult courses in the Northeast due to a severe incline commonly referred to as "cardiac hill". With no surprise, the top women's runner for Sacred Heart was senior Katie Wrinkle from Medford, NY, with a finishing time of 20:03.

"The team looked really good," said Wrinkle, "especially for the first race of the season."

Close on her heels was

freshman Katie Duffy from Monroe, CT, with a time of 20:29, "It was exciting running and coming in second for the team, and I am looking forward to having fun for the rest of the season," said Duffy. Other top finishers for the women's side were seniors Suzanne Neglia from Andover, NJ, and Christina Mendoza from Union City, NJ, with a time of 20:46

"The team looked really good, especially for the first race of the season"
Katie Wrinkle

The men's team also had a positive start to their season when they only fell to NEC rival Monmouth by three points. Senior Matt Uzenski from Oceanside, NY, set the pace for the Sacred Heart men with a time 16:44,

"I felt it was an ok race for me because I felt that I could

have been more aggressive at points," said Uzenski, "I maintained focus and had strong drives at the middle points of the race."

Behind Uzenski there were four of his teammates in a close pack, sophomore Bobby Howard from Levittown, NY, (17:39), sophomore Tyler Arnett from Clinton Corners, NY, (17:43), senior Andrew Renna from Danbury, (17:51), and senior Joe Zalak from Middle Village, NY, (17:55). The four ran strong together through most of the race, not even the treacherous "cardiac hill" could separate them.

"We were a solid pack of guys close in time and through the season we will try to move that pack closer to the front," said Howard.

Sacred Heart will be back in action on Saturday for the Fordham invitational at VanCortland Park, in the Bronx. "This is a course that the team is very familiar with," said senior Meghan O'Connor (Scotia, NY), "so we should come out with strong performances, and a solid overall finish."

THE PIONEER SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 12th

Women's Volleyball vs. Yale West Point, NY 12:00 PM

Saturday, Sept. 13th

Football	vs St Francis PA	Fairfield, CT	1:00 PM
Women's Tennis	at Fairfield Invitational Fairfield, CT 8:00 AM		
Women's Cross Country	at Fordham Invit	Bronx, NY	11:00 AM
Men's Cross Country	at Fordham Invit	Bronx, NY	11:00 AM
Women's Volleyball	at Army	West Point, NY	12:00 PM
Field Hockey	at Drexel	Philadelphia, PA	2:00 PM
Women's Volleyball	at Marist	West Point, NY	2:00 PM
Men's Golf	at CCSU Invitational New Britain, CT		
Women's Golf	at Dartmouth Invitational Hanover, NH		

Sunday, Sept. 14th

Men's Soccer	vs Fairleigh Dickinson	Fairfield, CT	4:00 PM
Field Hockey	at St Josephs	Philadelphia, PA	2:00 PM
Men's Golf	at CCSU Invitational New Britain, CT		
Women's Golf	at Dartmouth Invitational Hanover, NH		
Men's Tennis	at Fairfield Invite	Fairfield, CT	TBA

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Field Hockey

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Greco (Merrimack, NH).

The Pioneers opened the first game of the season against Rhode Island with a 1-0 victory in the Pride Invitational at Hofstra University. Messenger scored the only goal of the game with 16:36 remaining in the first half. Breer had her first shut out of the season.

The Pioneers second game of the season, which was also played in the Pride Invitational, was a 4-2 loss against LaSalle University. Sacred Heart took a 1-0 lead with

4:51 left in the first half with a goal scored by Messenger from a rebound by Ford.

With 1:49 left in the first half La Salle tied it up with a goal by Tracy Guenther. Early in the second half, Messenger scored another goal with assists Bobe and Marsden, bringing the Pioneers back into the lead. La Salle tied the game with a goal at 19:03 from Sarah Camilli and an assist from Amy Dalrymple and her second goal just over a minute later. Dalrymple finished it off with a final goal with just 9:11 left in the game.

SHU, who qualified for post-season play the past three years, was named third in the preseason poll taken by the Northeast Conference. Messenger, who was mentioned as one of SHU's

standouts, led the team with 25 points in 2002 and ranked second in goals per game in the NEC last season.

The Pioneers played their first home game of the season on Sunday against their first conference opponent St. Francis (PA). Messenger led the Pioneers in scoring with one goal and three assists for five points in the game. Bailey and freshman Ford scored two goals each in the win. Tucker, Carney, and sophomore Amber Holcomb (Essex Junction, VT), scored one goal each for SHU.

The Pioneers kicked off a nine game road trip yesterday at Brown. Their next home game is Oct. 10 at Campus Field vs. Colgate at 10 am.



Field Hockey is back in action this Saturday against Drexel in Philadelphia.

Photo by Meghan O'Connor

Men's Hockey Gears up for New Season in New League

By Brittany Hoole
Staff Reporter

With the loss of graduate goalie Eddy Ferhi (Charenton, France), who was signed to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks of the National Hockey League in July, and the loss of other key players who graduated this past year, how will SHU's men's ice hockey team fare this year? So far, it looks as though they will hold their own even with the stress of other changes that have been made, including a change of league.

This is the first year the team will not be part of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), as it has decided that it will no longer sponsor ice hockey. This decision has caused a new league to be formed titled

Atlantic Hockey. Atlantic Hockey will carry the same teams that MAAC did, including American International College, Bentley College, Canisius College, the University of Connecticut, the College of the Holy Cross, Mercyhurst College, Quinnipiac University, Sacred Heart University, and the United States Military Academy. The league's first commissioner will be former Merrimack College Athletic Director Robert M. DeGregorio, Jr., who has also previously served as Commissioner of Hockey East from 1993-1996. The MAAC Hockey League has been around for five seasons and has sent its tournament winner to the NCAA tournament for the past three seasons, and fortunately Atlantic Hockey will inherit this automatic bid to the tournament.

So how will the change of league affect SHU's men's

hockey team? According to head coach Sean Hannah, it won't. Because the teams are the same, they will be facing the same level of competition within the league. Outside of the league, however, they have set up an extremely competitive schedule for themselves. In addition to the teams mentioned above, this year they will also face Merrimack, Providence, Maine, Clarkson, RPI, Air Force, and Army, among others. "We have a very competitive schedule before us," says Hannah, "but we are very excited about it."

As for new faces, we will be seeing ten of them this year, including nine recruits that have much to offer the team. Perhaps the most exciting addition this year will be goalie Jason Smith, who was drafted in the sixth round of the National Hockey League entry draft by the New Jersey Devils this past June.

Smith is one of three recruits that have been pulled from Quebec, the other two being defensemen Charles Veilleux and forward Pierre-Luc O'Brien. Smith comes to Sacred Heart from St. Lambert and played last season for the Lennoxville Cougars of the Quebec Junior AAA Hockey League where he set a league record with a .920 save percentage and was named the league's most promising player, leading goaltender, defensive rookie of the year, and a first team All-Star. Other new faces to look for on the ice include defensemen Rich Poganski of Hamden, forward Peter Ferraro of Pleasantville, NY, defensemen Todd Spencer of Brentwood, NH, forward transfer Chris Connerty of Rayham, MA, forward Drew Sanders of Modesto, CA, and defensemen Kalen Wright of Candle Lake, SK. With four new defensemen, four new forwards, and a new

goalie, Coach Hannah admits that they are a young team, but believes that they are up to the challenges that lie ahead of them. He has an especially high confidence that they will do well in the net, as they have always done.

The team will kick off its season with the annual Red and White Game on October 4, and follow that with an eight game road trip. They will return to their home rink, the Milford Ice Pavilion, on November 15 to face Army. The team will also compete in the UCONN Hockey Classic held in late December, and play, for the second year, at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport against Colgate on December 12.



The men's soccer team is very young with only one senior.
Photo by Meghan O'Connor

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Head Coach Joe McGuigan said the team missed too many open goals, and had trouble finishing when they had the opportunities. "There are periods where we [would] play well," McGuigan said, "and then we [would] drift off and forget what we practiced in preseason."

There is a learning process with the beginning of each new season, and with only one senior on the team, a young and maturing group of men is stepping up. The team graduated six starters, and lost one more from last year's team, but brought in five new men to fill the void.

According to McGuigan, these athletes are already making an impact. A problem that the head coach sees right now with his team is that they haven't found continuity between the new players and his returnees.

"Every game we are playing better as a whole," said sopho-

more Neal Shapiro (Vernon, NJ), "it's only a matter of time before we start turning heads in the Northeast Conference."

Shapiro, along with fellow sophomore Glenn Wilken (Ridgefield), juniors Rui Rainho (Bridgeport) and Carlos Caracas (West Haven), and senior Carlos Silva (East Haven) are considered by Coach McGuigan to be responding well and performing at the Division I level. McGuigan also pointed out three new team members to keep an eye on this season.

"Every game we are playing better as a whole. It's only a matter of time before we start turning heads in the Northeast Conference"
Neal Shapiro

"Irish transfer Eric Bradley

(Wexford, Ireland) gives stability in the back. Sylvester Kaar (Hayward, CA) has lots of speed, but needs to tone up his finishing ability; and Ricarti Mendes (Campinas, Sao Paulo) is doing a fantastic job at midfield," said McGuigan.

Coach McGuigan is setting realistic goals for his team this season, and is looking to improve on last year's record with the help of captains Carlos Silva, Rui Rainho and Alan Tomczykowski.

The team played their first Northeast Conference game yesterday at Campus Field against Central Connecticut, however the results were not available at press time.

The next time to catch the Pioneers in action is this Sunday the 14 at 4 p.m. as they take on the Knights of conference rival Fairleigh Dickinson.

SHU Women's Soccer Kicks off A New Season

By Loren Aversa
Staff Reporter

While most students were moving into new dorms or apartments, the Sacred Heart women's soccer team was opening the season on home turf.

"Every year our goal is to make it to the NEC playoffs and to work hard and play well. I'm excited to start the season and feel that we have an excellent chance in fulfilling our goal of the year," said junior midfielder Kate Busam (Smithfield, RI).

The Pioneers battled their season opener with a 0-0 tie against Lafayette College on Sunday, Aug. 31, in a non-conference women's soccer game.

"There isn't a doubt in my mind that we worked hard in the game against Lafayette, but we can do even better. We know our abilities are better than our performance so all we have to do is step it up a bit," said Busam.

Senior goalie Leslie Konsig (Milburn, NJ) contributed to this scoreless game, making four saves for Sacred Heart. The closest thing to either of the teams scoring a goal was made when freshman Randie Quaglia (Manchester) passed the ball to senior forward Paula Pineda (Virgo, Spain). Pineda followed through with the pass and whacked a ball off the cross bar in the final five minutes.

In Portland, ME, the Pioneers were defeated (0-1) in their second game of the season against the University of Maine's Black Bears on Sept. 1.

"It was a (0-1) game against University of Maine. We simply lost to a great team. No excuses about it," said Head Coach Joe Barroso. Konsig's six saves for Sacred Heart didn't seem to be enough when Black Bear's senior Katie Hodge scored the only goal in minute 53 with a shot about 10 feet out. The loss against the Black Bears drops Sacred Heart to a 0-1-1.

"We know our abilities are better than our performance so all we have to do is step it up a bit"

Kate Busam

"At this point, nothing less of a conference berth are my expectations for this year. I am confident that we are among the top four teams in making the NEC conference," said Barroso.

The Sacred Heart women's soccer team can be seen in action once again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Yale.



Men's Soccer is back in action this Sunday as they take on FDU
Photos by Meghan O'Connor

PIONEER ATHLETICS



Pioneers Kick Off Season With Victory

By Bryan Fogle
Staff Reporter

The Pioneers got the 2003 season off to a great start on Saturday by defeating St. Peter's 24-19. Despite being out gained in yards 425 to 205, the Pioneers still managed to pull away with the victory and a 1-0 start to the season.

The Pioneer offense was led by senior quarterback Joe Kroells (Burbank, CA), with six completions for 133 yards and one touchdown. Catches were made by junior tight end Mike Peshler (Hopkington, MA), who had two catches for 43 yards, and freshman wide receiver Alvin Franklin (New Haven), with 2 catches for 24 yards and one touchdown. Junior running back Jason Healy (New Milford), had one catch for 54 yards to go along with his six

carries for 12 yards giving him a total of 66 yards for the game. Senior wide receiver Marlon Ward (Revere, MA) finished the game with one catch for 12 yard.

The ground game was led by senior running back Jason Bonadies (Southington, MA), with 17 carries for 39 yards, sophomore running back Ed Pricolo (Johnston, RI), with nine carries for 26 yards and one touchdown, and the with six carries for 12 yards.

"We are as deep at the tail back position as any other team in the nation"
Coach Bill Lacey

The rest of the Pioneer scoring was done by senior cornerback Pete Athans (Ocean, NJ), who returned a 51-yard interception

for the touchdown, and a 24-yard field goal by senior kicker Greg Tonzola (Denville, NJ).

This season looks to be another promising one for the Pioneers. The offense will be headed up by Kroells Ward,



Coach Lacey gears up for another season.
File Photo

junior captain and center Terrance White (New Haven), and junior offensive lineman Tim Stone (Somerville, MA).

After graduating the front seven men on defense, the only returning starters and key players are Athans, senior safety and four year starter Brian Pawlowski (Branchburg, NJ), and senior cornerback Ron St. Juste (Stamford).

The defense will have some large shoes to fill after the graduation of three defensive All-Americans in Kayode Mayowa, Odain Mitchell, who has stayed on as a coach for the Pioneers, and Shawn Hubbard.

Among this year's freshman class, there are a few players who will be seeing extended playing time. Alvin Franklin, who caught his first career touchdown in the season opener against St. Peter's, tail back Shaun Hunte (Shelton), and Bill Hayden, a defensive lineman from Milford, PA.

Coming into training camp this season, Kroells was "feeling and looking more comfortable in the pocket," according to head Coach Bill Lacey. This is among one of the improvements of this year's team over last year's. Another improvement is the depth in the tail back position.

"We are as deep at the tail back position as any other team in the nation," said Lacey.

One last area of improvement is in the defensive backfield. With three of the four starters returning (Athans, Pawlowski, and St. Juste), there is a solid core of players to help the defensive effort.

The Pioneers open their home schedule at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Campus Field against St. Francis of Pennsylvania. It will be Armed Forces day and there will be a pre-game ceremony for them, including a tribute by the Sacred Heart Pioneer Marching Band.

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Pioneers Looking Strong This Season

By Megan Pompey
Staff Reporter

SHU's field hockey team is expected to be a strong force this season. According to head coach Chris Blais, the players are fit and athletic approaching the 2003 season.

"We had 16 athletes return, who strength trained and conditioned from winter break right through the spring. It's the difference of us getting stronger, faster, and more athletic. It takes us into preseason fit and prepared, stronger and faster, and allows us to use the time to work on tactics and strategy," Blais said.

The Pioneers welcome back 16 letter winners and eight starters from a team that finished third in the NEC last year. Senior captain Julie Messenger (Hinsdale, NH) is looking to continue the scoring pace she has maintained in her first three seasons.

Also returning to the front line are juniors Christy Bobe (Northfield, MA), Allison Enderly (Ocean, NJ), and Marie Aiello (Stamford). Newcomer freshman Becky Ford (Salem, NH) is

expected to excel on the front line this season. The mid field will be anchored by junior Kristen Van Buskirk (New Milford), as well as three key freshman players Bryna Bailey (Barre VT), Sarah Yeaton (Hampton, NH) and Colleen Carney (Yorktown Heights, NY).

"Having been on the team for three years, I have seen the team develop into something that has limitless abilities and an intense desire to succeed. In my eyes, this is the year," said junior defender Kristen Masino (West Islip, NY).

The defense is composed of three returning starters: senior captain Meghan Tucker (Carle Place, NY), senior Andrea Marsden (Benington, VT), and junior Jeannie Ann Walls (Drexel Hill PA). Junior Laura English (New Milford), and sophomores Erika Francisco (Newton Square, PA) and Nicole Falco (Ocean, NJ) are returning to the back field as well this season. Junior goalie Robyn Breer (Montpelier, VT) will be returning as a starter in goal with newcomer freshman Ashley Del

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Men's Soccer Kicks Into Action



Men's Soccer dropped their first game of the season to Army
Photo by Meghan O'Connor

By Meghan O'Connor
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart goalkeeper Jason Roeder (Independence, MN) played a solid game in the net, but the men's soccer team dropped a well-fought battle to Army last Friday, losing 1-0 in overtime. The extremely physical game ended with 2:01 remaining in the first sudden death overtime by Army freshman Adrian Moreno, who was assisted by Lloy Osafo.

"It was a very enduring game. Not only was it our third game in six days, but it was also

the second one in a row that went into overtime," said sophomore Mike Beecher (Brentwood, NY).

Sacred Heart had opportunities to get on the board during regulation play especially when junior Sylvester Kaar (Hayward, CA) challenged the Army goalkeeper more than once. But each shot ricocheted off either the post or the crossbar. "We had our chances, and it was unfortunate that we were never able to capitalize," said sophomore midfielder Tony Allegro (Enfield).

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