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Sacred Heart University

Flik gets a facelift

By Kacey Semler
Staff Writer

As the third week of school closes, Flik is still under construction.

With summer ending and the Labor Day weekend approaching, incoming and returning Sacred Heart students anxiously awaited the year ahead.

Thoughts of new classes and professors filled the minds of many. But as students unloaded their cars and unpacked their belongings, they noticed that something was different.

An enormous white tent had been constructed on the grounds.

As the first academic week began, it was learned that Flik, Sacred Heart's food provider, was remodeling the main service area. The result was upset students voicing different opinions and complaints.

"I think it's a hassle right now, because of the tent and everything," said Keith Morrissey, a sophomore. "I prefer to eat in a building rather than a 'circus tent,'" he added.

"I can't wait until we can

eat in a real food facility. It should've been done sooner," said freshman Paul Coco. "I didn't know anything about this before I came to school."

The main reason for the initiation of this highly expensive project, which began during the summer months, was due to the fact that Sacred Heart's student body was quickly expanding in number.

"This was decided upon about a year ago. The student body was increasing and Flik wanted to enhance the program. We have added much more square footage to the servery," said the Food Service Director of Flik.

However, Flik's main concern was alleviating the number of long lines that often times form during those crucial hours of breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

"I wish it would have been done before we came back to school, but I heard it's supposed to be a lot nicer when it's done, so I guess it will be worth the wait," said Kate Hellmann, a sophomore from Queens, NY.

The redesigned Flik will apparently be much more modern and will be provided with "state of the art" culinary

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Photo by Ryan Greenfeld

The projected date to open the new Flik Dining services is October 1st. The new dining area will contain more server stations that will allow students larger varieties of their favorite foods.

Where Can I Park?

By Kerry Freel
News Editor

sophomore commuter from Southbury, CT.

Parking decals for the various residence areas have been distributed this week.

"The criteria for choice parking spots," said William O'Connell, Director of Public Safety, "was one, if you had no outstanding parking tickets, and second, your year."

Students who had parking tickets from last semester had all summer to pay. If someone owed money, he or she was put at the bottom of the list.

Undebted sophomores in East Hall had more of a chance to get a spot in the South Lot as opposed to freshman who have their cars on campus and live in South or West.

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Don't park in the East Hall lot, that's for the people that work in that building. Don't park in the Commuter Lot, that is exclusively for commuters. Don't park in the North Lot if the school is hosting a Flea Market.

So, where can you park?

Many SHU students and faculty have been asking this very question.

"Parking here is terrible. I didn't want to miss my class, and I had already circled the parking lot a few times, so I just drove to the mall and walked back," said David Harman, a

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On September 13, a conference was held with a wide range of guest speakers including Dr. Cenera, Dr. Amy Van Buren, Dr. Linda Strong, Dr. Stiltner, Dr. Gary Rose and Dr. Kikoski.

"I hope to gain a better understanding of the crisis in America. I'm intrigued by the events that have occurred," said senior, Michelle Barretta.

Dr. Rose is completely supportive of President Bush, as were many of the panel members.

He mentioned an NBC poll which showed that 80% of Americans approve of how Bush is handling the situation. Eighty-three percent of Americans feel action is needed. Dr. Kikoski feels that this

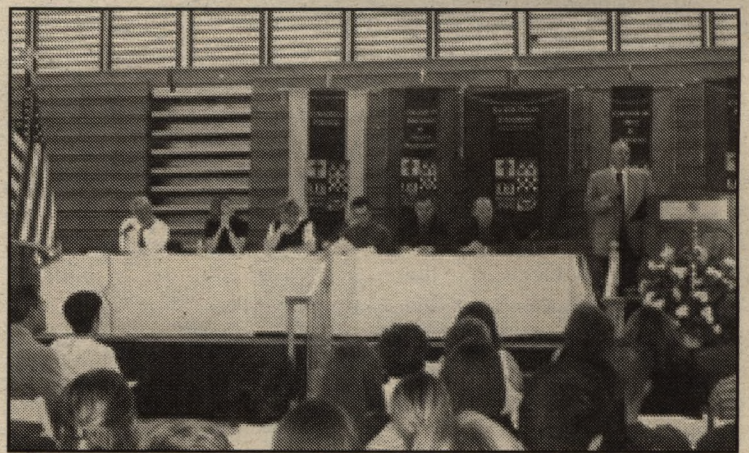


Photo by Megan Flood

Dr. Kikoski leads the academic conference held last Thursday to discuss the terrorist attacks on America.

event ensures that no one's life will ever go back to what it was.

"People hate us and what we stand for," Kikoski said.

He also voiced that serving one's country is a noble cause, it is how to protect loved friends and family.

The topic of America's eco-

nomics came up. There has been an increase in military spending, at least 100 billion dollars this year alone.

Many have lost their jobs over the past two weeks.

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News Briefs

Car Wash Raises Money For Relief Efforts

On September 16, the Class of 2002 raised \$900 from a car wash. All the money was donated to the United Way Emergency Care Foundation.

Still No Cable

Residents in East Hall still have no cable, unless they call to activate it. That "all important" number to reach Telecommunications at is 1-866-286-9638. Students should have their credit cards ready, unless they want to wait several days for a check to clear.

No Permanent Librarian for 2001-2002 Academic Year

The University has been in search of a replacement for Dorthy Kijanka, the former university librarian, who retired during the 1998-1999 academic school year.

According to Clair J. Paolini, head of the search committee and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, a recommendation has been made to the offices of the academic President and Vice President following a lengthy interview process. The likely replacement for Kijanka is said to possess all the qualifications necessary to head the major library expansion that will be taking place throughout the next five years. The university has had two interim librarians, the first being Mary Rogers and the current, acting librarian Susan Broadstone.

Work Begins On Park Ave Light

Traffic light construction is underway on Park Avenue by East Hall. Construction workers have been working since September 18.

-Compiled by Kerry Freel

The New And Improved Flik

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equipment. A "pizza station" will be available where students can sit at a bar-side table and enjoy a delectable slice of pizza, a calzone, or a stromboli.

"There will be a plethora of improvements," said the Food Service Director of Flik, "The deli area is being expanded, as well as the grill, and there are going to be two salad bars."

He also announced that the cafeteria would be officially completed by October 1, promising that construction would not continue through until November.

"I think they knew we were coming back to school, and they should have planned ahead a little better or reduced our meal plan rates due to the reduced selection of food," said sophomore Derek Allison of Pawtucket, RI.



Photo by Ryan Greenfeld

As of Oct. 1st students will be moved back indoors.

Since Flik managers realize that this undertaking would not be finished in time for the start of this academic year, their only choice was to erect the tent, which is fully heated and air-conditioned, depending upon the days' weather.

"We are really excited. You guys are going to be really surprised," assured the Food Service Director of Flik.

It is now evident that in due time, Sacred Heart students will be able to benefit from Flik's remodeling project. However, in

light of last week's tragic events, has this really been an inconvenience?

Lives have been torn apart, close friends and relatives are missing, and cherished loved ones have passed on. The world as we once knew it has drastically changed.

So the next time you are waiting on line for a sandwich or swatting flies away from your food, be grateful that you are alive, and laugh at the trivial inconvenience.

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Ribbons Are Not Enough

By Tina Shushelnycky
Contributing Writer

Shock and disbelief were just the first reactions to the Attack On America. For many people, this shock and disbelief soon turned to grief and outrage. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on the morning of September 11 were unfathomable to most citizens of this country.

Why were these attacks so hard to believe? Until now, America has enjoyed the security of a relatively sheltered environment. We have become accustomed to a peaceful country to live and work in.

Unfortunately, we have taken our freedom and safety for granted. How many of us have even thought twice about our safety when boarding a plane for a domestic flight or when visiting a national landmark?

How many of us have ever thought about terrorism at all?

Now the entire country is consumed with images of death and overcome by emotions

mixed of fear, anger, and grief. People are coming together for candlelight vigils, prayer groups, and even therapy to help cope with their feelings of loss. Already some communities are making ribbons and banners and putting up American flags.

Ribbons and memorials are all very nice, but they are not enough. What do they say about us as a country or as human beings? The fact is, as Americans we can be very arrogant.

When it comes to terrorism in our country we have the mentality of a teenager. We think we are invincible. Yet now we have been attacked in our own backyard. These ribbons we wear symbolize nothing unless we become more aware of what is going on.

We grieve for our own and we vow revenge. We mourn our loss of security and sense of freedom. This cannot be enough to heal the worldwide live in. This should be a wake-up call to all Americans. We must learn something from this tragedy.

It is unfortunate, but it is human nature not to take action for a cause unless directly affected by it. We like to pretend

that certain things, whether they are terrorist attacks or fatal viruses, only happen to other people.

AIDS used to be a disease many considered only to affect gay men, until Magic Johnson became afflicted with it.

As more research was done, it was found that AIDS does not discriminate. Thus, we opened our eyes and we changed our perspective. Now we have walks to fight AIDS, countless charities, and of course, a ribbon to promote AIDS awareness.

The attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon should open our eyes in the same way.

We cannot go on living the way we used to unless we take action. We take action by cultivating awareness and peace.

We must develop a standard of no-tolerance for any terrorist act.

As we brace ourselves for the future, hopefully we will not take our freedom for granted. We should take time to mourn all the men, women, and children who have been killed by terrorist acts. Hang the flag, tall and proud, but save the ribbons for another occasion.

Conference helps students cope

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there. Twenty billion dollars of an insurance company was lost. But the speakers seemed to agree that the economy will bounce back.

Dr. Stiltner focused on ethical responsibilities.

"How do we respond?" he asked the audience.

Stiltner's plan includes three basic points. How to deal with revenge, justice, and forgiveness.

He believes the perpetrators must be brought to justice because they are still dangerous. But he urges the SHU community to reflect on the events, not to take revenge.

"Avoid harming the innocent," he said.

In the process of maintaining justice, Stiltner wishes the world's civilians to be kept in mind.

Dr. Strong explained how these tragedies effected communities across the country.

"The media makes us a part of it," Strong said.

It is hard to find someone completely unaffected, whether it be a friend's family or their own. Everyone seems to know someone who was actually there or was supposed to have been

there. "The loss of a loved one is not short term," Strong said.

Besides affecting the World Trade Center and Pentagon workers and rescue workers, people in the surrounding areas are also affected.

Strong shed light on future damage that can still affect citizens for days, weeks, months, possibly even years to come.

Asbestos has been released into the air and extensive sewer damage occurred.

"Shock and Denial are two of the most common reactions, but remember, there are no right or wrong reactions," said Dr. Burren.

She explained that the shock reaction makes one feel as if they are watching a movie, that the event wasn't really happening. With the denial aspect, people can comprehend what is going on, but they can't accept it.

Burren also mentioned other common feelings like anger and vulnerability.

"It is beyond our ability to fully grasp and comprehend what happened. We are blessed so that we might be a blessing for others. Go out and be a healing presence in the world," urged Dr. Cenera.

Cars, Cars Everywhere

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To help ease the traffic flow and squirm for parking spots, a few changes are going to be made.

"This Thursday, the visitor parking out front will become more handicapped spaces and 4 20-minute-parking spaces," said O'Connell.

Expect to see the blue lines painted Thursday and the signs shortly thereafter.

This means no more excuses for parking in the fire lane. Students should use these spots for quick trips into and out of the building, and the 20 minutes will be enforced.

Avalon and Park Royal seem to have sufficient parking. Taft does not have enough spaces for the mass of students, so many students park on the street. A safer alternative to this is to get a decal for the North Lot and park there overnight and take the shuttle back and forth.

Jefferson Hill residents had to apply for a decal for about 74 spaces in the J-Hill Lot. East, South, and West Hall residents have about 132 spaces in the South Lot.

For these parking lots, the number of decals matched the number of parking spaces. In the South Lot, the trailers that are currently there were not included, so every decal issued is a legitimate spot.

Churches in the nearby area are being asked if there is any



Photo By Megan Flood

Cars like these can be found all over campus, using curb-side parking because of the lack of spaces.

way Sacred Heart might be able to use some of their parking for next year.

Also for next year, O'Connell hopes to be able to have mailings next summer. This would allow for problems to be dealt with before students return in the Fall of 2002.

This way it could be determined if there were any outstanding balances beforehand, and more students would have an opportunity to get choice parking.

Faculty and staff were once told that they would never have to fill out parking paperwork again. But now new decals have been created, and Public Safety would like everyone to update.

"The problem with decals that don't expire is that no one checks who is still working here and what vehicles should and shouldn't be on campus," said

O'Connell. "People with the old green decals may keep them."

People who own motorcycles are urged to park in regular parking spots. Parking on sidewalks or near buildings is not permitted. Even though it might annoy people to see a whole spot only partially used by a motorcycle, it is the safest idea.

Students who owe money from parking tickets will not be issued any decal until they have paid their debts. If students try to, Public Safety warns, their cars may be towed.

Students who didn't get their choice of parking lots can always be issued a North Lot decal.

"Just bear with us. We ask for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on the parking issue," said O'Connell.

Public Safety Releases

Incident report from Sept. 4 to Sept. 18

Sept. 4: 2:46 p.m. - A resident received two harassing phone calls in South Hall. Public Safety responded and is investigating.

3:25 p.m. - A shuttle van was involved in a minor accident at Taft. Public Safety and Bridgeport Police responded. Public Safety filed a report.

8:53 p.m. - A resident at Parkridge injured her ankle. Public safety responded and stabilized the injury. Resident was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

9:55 p.m. - A resident reported there was a smell of gas in her apartment at Avalon Gates. Public Safety, Trumbull Fire Department, and the Gas Company responded. The Gas Company is investigating.

11:45 p.m. - A Fire Alarm sounded at Jefferson Hill. Public Safety responded. Alarm was activated by a dry chemical from a discharged extinguisher.

Sept. 8: 2:46 a.m. - The Public Safety Office received a report that a student was not feeling well at Jefferson Hill. Public Safety, FFLD Police, FFLD Fire Department and AMR responded. Student refused medical attention.

2:54 a.m. - A visitor violation was reported in East Hall. Public Safety responded and escorted the visitor out of the building.

5:35 a.m. - A medical injury reported, a resident fell off her bed at Jefferson Hill. Public Safety, FFLD Police, FFLD Fire Department and AMR responded. The resident was transported to St. Vincent's Hospital.

12:45 p.m. - Vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported in the Curtis Hall Lot. Public Safety and FFLD Police responded. FFLD Police filed a report.

7:19 p.m. - A medical injury was reported, a student was bitten by an insect in South Hall. Public Safety cleaned the wound.

9:47 p.m. - An alcohol violation was reported to Public Safety on the main campus. Public Safety confiscated the alcohol.

Sept. 9: -12:32 a.m. - Two vehicles were involved in a minor accident at Taft Commons. Public safety filed a report.

12:48 a.m. - An alcohol violation was committed at J-Hill. Public Safety responded. Residential life confiscated the alcohol.

12:54 a.m. - A resident was not feeling well in South Hall. Public Safety responded as did Fairfield Police, Fairfield Fire Department, and AMR. Resident refused medical attention.

2:00 a.m. - Three students were disorderly in Park Royal. Public Safety responded and filed a report.

3:00 a.m. - A window was broken by accident in South Hall. Public Safety responded and filed a report. B & G was informed and will fix the window.

2:03 p.m. - A hole was found in a wall in the academic building. Public safety filed a report and informed B & G.

Sept 13: 11:10 a.m. - Stereo equipment was taken from Taft Commons. Public Safety filed a report.

3:08 p.m. - A vehicle was hit while parked at Parkridge. Public Safety responded and filed a report.

8:37 p.m. - A fire alarm went off in West Hall. Public Safety responded and the alarm was activated by a malfunction.

9:57 p.m. - A student was disorderly at Parkridge. Public safety filed a report.

9:58 p.m. - A resident complained she was verbally harassed by a staff member at Parkridge. Public Safety filed a report.

Sept. 17: 4:46 p.m. - A Fire Alarm went off at J-Hill. Public Safety responded. An alarm was activated from a malfunction.

5:15 p.m. - A Fire Alarm went off at West Hall. Public Safety responded. Alarm was activated from a malfunction.

6:11 p.m. - A resident stated she thought her room was broken into in South Hall. Public Safety responded and is investigating.

Sept. 18: 11:50 p.m. - A shuttle van was in an accident at Avalon Gates. Public Safety filed a report and gave the shuttle driver the Trumbull non-emergency number.

9:05 p.m. - A wooden spoon fell on a dishwasher heating coil and started smoking in Taft Commons. Public Safety and Fairfield Police responded. The wooden spoon was removed and the smoke dissipated.

11:30 p.m. - A stereo was taken from a car in South Lot. Public Safety responded and filed a report. Resident declined police assistance.

2:40 a.m. - A visitor violation occurred in West Hall. Public Safety escorted visitors off campus.

PLEASE READ!!!

Attention all Members of Student Government, Greek Life, SET, and CCO!!!

There will be an entire Student Government Association Meeting on:

Sunday, September 30th @ 6 PM in the Mahogany Room
(dinner provided)

★ Each member of the SG Eboard will deliver a 2 minute address on upcoming events and Ideas that his or her Organization is planning for this semester.

★ There will also be an open forum to exchange positive ideas and suggestions to improve Student Government and Sacred Heart as a whole.

★ Following this meeting will be the 1st ever Student Government Mass @ 8 PM in the University Commons. Student Government members will be doing the readings for mass, distributing Eucharist, bringing up gifts, and assisting Fr. Gustavo on the Alter. If you are interested in serving, please see Tom Pesce (374-1813).

★ This is the first opportunity that the entire student body will get have see it's representatives as a whole unit. You are not required to attend mass but it would be greatly appreciated if as many people as possible could attend and be dressed appropriately to start the year on a great note. Thank you for your support and help!

★★★ Note: ★★★
To all members of Greek Life

There is a hazing meeting on the same night at 7PM, as well as a GL President's Meeting at 9PM. I know this is a very busy night for you and your efforts to be at as much as you can is greatly appreciated!

Residential Life policies evaluated

Dear Editor,

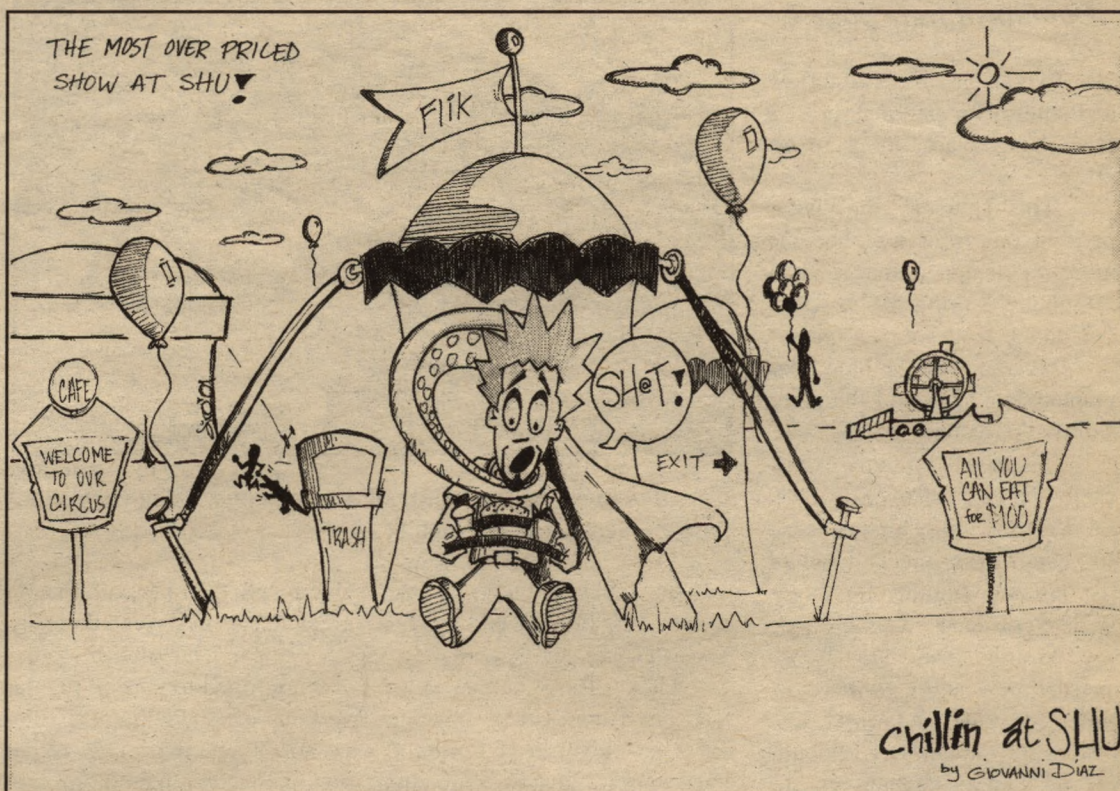
I am writing to you all today about an action that Residential Life has implemented on our student body. It has come to my attention that once a student is "written up" by a member of Residential Life and has gone through the gauntlet of a hearing and found guilty it is then the students' responsibility to pay a fine up to one hundred dollars. I think that it is ridiculous and has to be reevaluated. Who are they to ask for our money? I for one am 21 years old and was caught in the presence of an open beer, which was empty and from the night before, in my apartment. Residential life said that it was past visiting hours and a minor was in the apartment. For that sin, I was ordered to pay a fine of \$25. Are you kidding me?

Especially at a time like this when the country is asking for donations to help relief funds, Residential Life is asking for our money because why? Because I was expressing my right to have a beer? No way. If you are engaged in a campaign to seize underage drinking then do it with intelligence. Not by milking dollars from already broke college students. The nerve of the Residential Life staff to request money when there are thousands of people in desperate need of our loose change. Allow me to ask you this: if you do receive our money, where does it go? To whose pocket does that money go into? I really think that Residential Life should reevaluate its policy and grow some sort of a moral.

Justin Liberman
Senior



By Giovanni Diaz



Student Government Pres. welcomes you

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back those who are returning to SHU, as well as greet all first-year students.

My name is Tom Pesce, and I have been given the opportunity to serve as your Student Government President for this academic year. It is an extreme honor for me to be able to represent all of you and work on your behalf.

One thing that we should remember is that the most valuable resource Sacred Heart possesses is its students. We, the student body, are the ones who breathe life into our school's hallways, residence halls, classrooms, and playing fields.

Without us, our school would not radiate with the positive energy that all of us put into

it every day. We all have a powerful voice that should be used and heard often. Through Student Government, you have the opportunity to put your words, ideas, and thoughts into action.

I would like to introduce to you this year's Executive Board members, with whom I will be working closely with, as well as whom you can turn to anytime for help.

Each of these members hold weekly office hours which are held in the Student Government Office, located in Hawley Lounge. They are listed as follows:

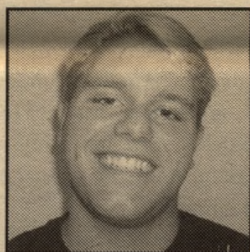
Dana Mohrman (2002), SG Executive Vice President for the Senate

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The SHU Voices

-Compiled by Ryan Greenfeld

What would you do if you had two extra hours in the day?



Bill Woodruff
Brookfield
Senior

"I'd start doing homework."



Brandon Graham
Cheshire
Senior

"I'd focus my energies on writing and reciting poetry."



Jen Coughlin
Columbia
Senior

"Sleep."

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Is there a glitch in our system?

Dear Editor,

In a world full of high-tech gadgets and computers that can practically think for us, we have and continue to advance with new developments. Here at SHU, we have our computer mobile program. Upon a first look at the program it sounds like a great idea, but when you look at the nucleus of it, one must ponder this thought: "Is there a glitch in the system?"

This year when the new students received the IBM thinkpads. After the training sessions, people began to say things like: "How does this work?" "Why does mine look like it's been through the mill?" Some students were displeased with the way things were being handled. If there

was a problem with the computer that needed to be addressed, Comp USA would reply: "Go seek out such & such." Or "Call this number for assistance." It was the typical "pass the buck" syndrome.

Unfortunately, some student began to become agitated because work in their courses began to pile up. Students were too busy taking care of their laptop issues, instead of working on the class work.

Our question to the program is: "How can a program be successful, if it is not properly implemented?" SHU cannot become REACTIVE to the students problematic issues, we must become PROACTIVE. We need to find ways to prevent these glitches from happening. A student has a tremendous amount of stress

when he or she arrives. The last thing that a student wants to learn is how to become a 'computer technician'. This is not what we are here to do.

Oddly enough, most of the classes here do not utilize the laptops. The courses that do need them, really don't because the work can be done from any computer. "So, what are we trying to prove?"

A few part time students were outraged when they heard that all full time students had to participate in the program. Some non-traditional students did not think it was necessary to have the laptop as well. The students that have been attending SHU for a while have said that "we barely use it. There really is not much dependency on it." It seemed like an integral part of

what our school can offer us but it's turning out to be a menace.

We want to be proud that this program is working for us so we can tell other schools how useful it is, the negative attitudes towards it should not even be in the picture.

This program should not hinder us; it should make our work easier and increase our knowledge exponentially. What it comes down to is this: yes, this is a great idea and we can make it beneficial for all SHU students. In order to accomplish this task we have to become more organized and aware to the issues that arise. It will have to be an on-going effort to make this program really effective without having the dreaded glitch!

Janine Graffeo

Letters/Op-Ed

Please submit your letters to the Spectrum office on Mondays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. or slip them under the office door. Letters must be typewritten and signed and may be edited. Please indicate title or class and telephone number.

Americans re-discover pride in time of tragedy

Is it ok to forget if you at one point begin to remember? Some can't help forgetting, but some choose to forget and some simply let it happen.

Commentary

By Keri Blair

In the past thirty years or so has our nation forgotten the values, beliefs and events that are at the root of American pride?

We may very well be at a point in history where we are fighting many battles. One battle is to remember what our values are as a nation along with the defining characteristics of our self and national pride.

It has been a common phrase this past week: "I am filled with pride." Such a statement means that you are recognizing that in order to be filled you once had to be empty. That emptiness, perhaps, was caused by forgetting what pride was or what it is meant to have pride.

Current national events now

call us to remember what we define as pride and to also remember that empty space caused by such forgetting.

There is a failure of my generation as a whole to be fully and well versed in history and political science. There is also an absence of individuals who are well versed in the very ideas which our "free-society" is built upon: the United States Constitution.

Could it be in our nature as humans, to allow the act of forgetting, in order to make understanding our a sense of pride that much more powerful? How can we say we have pride (or can we even call it pride) when what we have so called "pride" in is blurred by an ignorant disregard for American history.

One could believe that pride is in fact derived from what we ourselves believe to be true. Using the present national situation one could conclude that what the citizens of this nation know of the situation is not even

close to the full account of plans and information that the leaders of this country look at and look to. And in drawing this conclusion questioning what exactly we base our pride on; what we think we know or what is actually known?

It is a sad time for our country not just because we mourn from physical, emotional and spiritual distress but, also, because for so many years the nation has put recognizing its very ideals on the back burner. And it is not until now, a time of crisis, that the ideals are called to re-emerge.

Is it fair to compare this idea to such practices of religion for many people now a days; in such that daily religious routines are overlooked until something bad happens which then one looks to prayer and God? Is American symbolism overlooked until something that challenges our survival attacks? We have been consumed by distractions (such as a need to

attain money, power and status etc) and it may very well be that these distractions now define us as individuals and as a nation.

I raise such questions as comments like these are made: "the stores are all out of American flags because everyone is buying them." I again raise such questions when I drive down streets and see every home displaying the flag. I love the fact that people are buying and displaying the flag, yet I am left to wonder why the flag hadn't been hung all along?

The radio waves are filled with patriotic songs and I see this as a sign of comfort. Therefore thinking that comfort could be a requirement of life.

If songs are sung and flags are hung to instill a sense of comfort and provide a feeling of pride when they are absent does that mean we are forgetting such things? And if we are, in fact, not forgetting, why, must we display in excess such symbols at certain times?

When an individual forgets lives are ravaged, imagine what happens when a whole society forgets. I write this only to ask myself along with others to look at what it is that gives one pride in a nation?

Have we studied and familiarized ourselves with the values and ideals of America along with the events that provided this country with such things? How much knowledge do we need to have to know that our pride is stemming from the right place?

Have we forgotten the importance of knowing and understanding the feeling of pride we claim to have? And is pride what a nation instills in us or do we as humans instill it in one another? Many times what we need to know gets lost in what we are told we should know.

Today we have a proud nation or shall I say that today our nation is proud.

Meet your Student Government

- Keri Blair** (2002), President of the class of 2002
- Kenny Harris** (2003), President of the class of 2003
- Sean Hatch** (2004), President of the class of 2004
- Kristy Pacelli** (2002), VP for CCO
- Victor Postemski** (2002), VP for Finance Board
- Sara Stiennecker** (2002), VP for SET
- Scott Urbinati** (2002), VP for Greek Council
- Michelle Barretta** (2002), SG Executive Secretary

a pro-active roll in making your years at Sacred Heart the best years of your life.

Please get involved and learn about the many clubs and organizations that are available to you on this campus. As elections for your class officers take place next Wednesday and Thursday, remember that your vote matters and that you are selecting leaders who will be representing you, so select them wisely.

Please stop by the Student Government Office at any time. We are located on the first floor of Hawley Lounge and can be reached at 371-7954. You can also contact me directly at 374-1813 or Thomas-Pesce@sacred-heart.edu.

I look forward to working with all of you this year and I wish you the best of luck in all that you do.

Thomas A. Pesce
Student Government
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Executive Board Meetings:
Mondays at 9 AM in the Student
Affairs Conference Room.

Senate Meetings are
Wednesdays at 8 PM in the
Faculty Lounge

Note: All meetings are open
to students unless noted as
closed

Each one of these members can serve as a great source of information and help. I encourage all students to approach any member of the Student Government for assistance or advice.

We believe that the overall success of our school this year will be determined by what we embrace, what we create, and who we include. Student Government will strive to embrace each one of your ideas.

We are working to create a better University. And we are only effective when everybody is included in that working process. I urge all of you to not only get involved this year, but to actively participate in improving Sacred Heart University's future; your future.

In closing, I would like to invite the Class of 2005 take

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SENIOR PORTRAIT TIME

October 1st - 5th

****<http://www.ouryear.com>****

If you want your color senior portrait to go in the 2002 PROLOGUE yearbook, you must have your picture taken by the school's photographer!

Go to this website above *RIGHT NOW* to sign up for your Senior Portrait! (You are automatically going to receive a yearbook after graduation so don't you want your picture to be in it for all to see)

Portraits will be taken on campus beginning OCTOBER 1. Remember, this is your senior yearbook - the one you will refer back to for the rest of your life. Don't be the one without a picture.

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Sign up for your time slots at <http://www.ouryear.com>. The school access code for SACRED HEART is 328. It's very simple; just follow the directions (They even tell you what to wear!). Keep in mind that portraits will be taken soon, so you need to schedule now.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to email DaVor Photography at davor@davor.com or call 1-800-334-1531.

In advance, thanks for your participation and be sure to tell your friends!

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Features

SHU salutes Public Safety

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

SHU's Department of Public Safety may be staring down the blade of a double-edged sword.

By definition, the Department is one of the most visible facets of Sacred Heart University, but ironically, many students and faculty may not be knowledgeable of the Department or its officers.

With the heightened recognition of public service workers after the attack on the United States, the Spectrum decided to give the Department of Public Safety recognition that may have been long overdue.

William O'Connell, who holds a Masters degree in Public Administration, has been the Director of Public Safety at SHU for five years. O'Connell has always had an interest in the field of law enforcement.

Before accepting his position at Sacred Heart, O'Connell had a variety of job experiences that he said substantially prepared him for the task.

"I went to college for a bachelor of science in Criminal Justice," said O'Connell. "After that, I worked for a couple of private investigation companies, and then worked for the Public Safety Division of Northeast University for seven years. At Northeast, there is a full-fledged university police department."

O'Connell acknowledges that his position at Northeast was his first taste of university law enforcement.

After working at Northeast for seven years, O'Connell went on to hold positions that included being the director of security at a health care facility in Brighton, Massachusetts, the director of public safety at two colleges in Massachusetts, as well as the director of campus safety at Colgate University before coming to SHU.

O'Connell said students have been his main motivation.

"This is an interesting line of work that the days are not always, the same," said O'Connell. "The base of this - working with college-age students, is fun mostly. We deal with the problems, crises, joys, and disappointments of college-age students and I find that enjoyable."

The Department of Public Safety consists of ranked officers.

Supervisors wear white shirts with gold badges. Assistant shift supervisors are "in charge of the shift when the supervisor is not available" according to O'Connell. Finally, the Department consists of basic officers.

Currently there are two supervisors, with a vacancy in a third position. O'Connell says the Department is actively looking to fill the position, but the diminished employment pool is hampering the effort.

"I am responsible for hir-

ing, and unfortunately we do not get a lot of applicants. I suppose it could be attributed to the good economy, but I have spent a lot of money in advertisements - seeking people for positions of both officer and supervisor - and I haven't received many applications," said O'Connell.

"When I have gotten some applications and called people in for interviews, we don't seem to have a lot of people left after the process that we think are good candidates for the job. We just don't seem to get the candidates that I'd like to get. It's difficult."

Despite difficulty, the Department must continue to function.

All Public Safety officers must attend training sessions.

"Officers attend a one-week training academy in New Hampshire, and also the Center for Police and Security Training in Suffield, Connecticut hosts a training session at Quinnipiac," said O'Connell. "Four officers went to the Franklin Public Safety Conference. We also hired a South Windsor Police Sergeant to train everyone in pepper spray and a Fairfield police sergeant to re-certify my staff in CPR and First Aid."

Officers work in shifts, consisting of a supervisor, assistant supervisor, and officers. Most shifts are staffed with four to five officials on campus. There is additional staffing for off-campus facilities.

"We are responsible for



Photo by Keysha Whitaker.

From left, Director of Public Safety, William O'Connell receives an update from Officer Kyle Champney on Bike Patrol.

all of our facilities," O'Connell said, "but we have staffing at some more than others. For instance everything on campus, of course we are responsible for. We have staffing at East Hall 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We have staffing at Parkridge from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. We have staffing outside of Park Royal from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. We have staffing inside Taft 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And we are looking to get someone outside of Taft as well to watch the vehicles.

We have someone at Oakview for evening classes a couple nights of week. We even have someone at the Stamford campus as well for classes."

Many students may have noticed that many off-campus officers are not SHU Public Safety employees.

O'Connell explained that many positions are filled by Pinkerton
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Photo by Keysha Whitaker.

From left, Administrative Supervisor Jack Fernandez and Dispatcher Addlie Dennis are ready for duty.

"Basically, my rewarding experience is helping the university community in the time of need. There are many of people that need a lot of things and being able to help them is satisfying." Jack Fernandez, Administrative Supervisor, 9 years

"SHU is a community; we are all like family. Everyone unites, pulls together to do the best we can. Following through from the freshman year to senior year, seeing them graduate, knowing that I along the way helped some of them, that's a good feeling." Addlie Dennis, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dispatcher, 8 years

Officers take charge at Sacred Heart University

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Security, an outside contract security company. In fact, all off-campus security is staffed by Pinkerton, "with the exception of East Hall and the 6 p.m. to midnight shift at Parkridge" according to O'Connell.

"We contract out to Pinkerton because it is difficult to hire people and keep them trained. Pinkerton guards are also seasonal, so we don't keep them on after commencement."

O'Connell acknowledges the shortcomings and successes of contract security.

"Pinkerton guards primarily augment our staff. They don't have the training that we have, as far as the pepper spray or the campus safety academy. They may not be as familiar with the campus as we are; they don't carry keys for anything because they are pretty much to be another set of eyes and ears for us. They also have radios and depending on the assignment they may have one or two of our vehicles."

In the past five years, Public Safety has undergone significant changes including new vehicles, radio systems, updated computer software for reports and increased staffing, and training opportunities.

This year, O'Connell would like to advance on previous successes.

"A continuing goal is to

continue to upgrade the training of the staff," said O'Connell. "We would like to provide as much training as we possibly can. We would like to see less turnover, we would like to have fewer people leave the department so we don't have to continue to look for people and train new people."

This year we are looking to fill the supervisory position, and we have created two new positions so we have supervisors on all the time, my goal this year is to fill the open positions and provide better supervision for the department."

Officer Kyle Champney has been an officer of SHU Public Safety for two years and also does Bike Patrol. Champney explained his career choice of law enforcement and how he chose to begin at SHU.

"I want to be a law enforcement officer, and I am working towards that now," said Champney. "Sacred Heart is a good school. I had heard a lot of good things about it. I like the way the community is bound together."

Champney thinks graduation is a significant time for the department.

"Graduation is the most rewarding because we see the students come in and we see them grow up. When they graduate it's like we're sending them off into the world, and maybe if we'd have a little to do with their growing up and their education, then our job is done."

O'Connell knows that the students are most important and is attempting to address their needs.

"There are always concerns at places like Taft, Parkridge or Park Royal," said O'Connell. "We do provide security, but for instance, outdoors it is not 24 hours a day. People would like to see more of us there and more frequently. We are doing the best we can to provide additional patrols from our officers here down there to be as visible as we possibly can."

Since the Department is limited in its capacity due to staffing, O'Connell offered ways students can help.

"If you see something that doesn't look right, call us right away. If you have a problem with one of my officers, or one of the Pinkerton security officers, let me know right away, or let the supervisor of the shift know right away, and send me an email or call me the next day. If we have problems in the system, we need to know about them in order to the correct them."

The Department also has work study positions open for students, though the work "is not the most glamorous work", the hours are extremely flexible, since Public Safety is on staff 24 hours a day.

Any student interested should contact William H. O'Connell at 371-7995 or via campus email.

Two turntables and a microphone

By Steve DiSorbo
Contributing Writer

The aptly named "Battle of the Beats" is a professional DJ competition featuring selected artists from the area's top night-clubs.

The competition will be held in the William H. Pitt Center on September 24, 2001 at 10 p.m. Admission is free for SHU students and \$5 for all non-SHU students.

This groundbreaking event is sponsored by Lambda Sigma Phi, Delta Phi Kappa, Omega Phi Kappa
www.DJREandBONIS.com, as well as the radio station Party 105.3 FM.

The original idea for this DJ spin-off was the brainchild of Brad Carson, a brother of Lambda Sigma Phi. Carson works at the popular dance club Vandome, and has been gaining sponsorship for the event since this summer.

The contest will be run in the following format. Each contestant will be allotted three minutes in the first round to

showcase his or her mixing skills.

Nine judges (one from each SHU Greek organization) will choose five finalists based on the categories of overall performance, crowd participation, and creativity.

All finalists will compete in a one minute round and the winner will be chosen by the audience. He or she will receive \$500, a trophy, and full bragging rights as the best mix master in the area.

Regardless of the winner, the event promises to be an entertaining and diverse experience for all whom attend.

Some of the DJs participating include: Sidekick Mark (of Vandome and Gotham Citi), DJ RE, DJ Vertical, DJ Peduh Gunz and other selected performers.

Battle of the Beats will draw many of the hottest DJs in the state for the show and will be an opportunity to find out who's the hottest DJ in Connecticut.

The best part may be that it's all happening right on campus.

Want to voice your opinion on the Attack on America?

Want to speak your mind on television?

Televised Panel for Documentary

On Thursday, September 11th @ 1p.m. in the Media Studies Studio in the Administration Building there will be a televised panel discussion on the events of September 11th. SHU students are invited to attend.



“Hardball” Hits a Home Run; Entertainment World Still In Mourning

By John Ruggiero
A & E Editor

It's been one really crazy summer and things haven't seemed to slow down as September has come upon us. With all the tragedy in the world over the last ten days it was nice last weekend to finally head over to the movie theaters to catch the latest Keanu Reeves' film "Hardball."

"Hardball" is directed by Brian Robbins, you might remember him as the trouble-making tough guy from the 80's television sitcom "Head of the Class."

Keanu Reeves stars as Conor O'Neil, a down and out de-generate gambler that is given the opportunity to turn his life around by coaching a group of kids from the projects of Chicago.

Diane Lane co-stars as the kids' school teacher and both her and Reeves fall in love as the film moves on.

I thought going into the film that it would be a remake of the "Bad News Bears", but it certainly wasn't. The film made

me even more depressed than I was before going in. Due to what has been going on in the world over the last week and a half. But also because the film shows the harsh reality of growing up in the projects. As well as having to start at the bottom to make it to the top. I'm pretty sure no one is in the most uplifting of moods as it is. So if you're going to see this film and thinking you're going to see a comedy, you're way off.

I am in no way saying "Hardball" was a bad film. I honestly enjoyed it very much. I just wish I saw the film under different circumstances. Then maybe I could have enjoyed it a little more. But I would still recommend going to see "Hardball" if you get the chance. Seeing how almost every film coming out is being delayed, you have to go see something.

I guess the rest of America agreed with seeing "Hardball" last weekend, because the film took in over 9.4 million dollars in it's first weekend.

With the whole world and especially America still in mourning, Hollywood has

decided to delay certain films because of their relation to either terrorism or the New York City skyline. "Collateral Damage" probably the most relative to the situation starring Arnold Schwarzenegger is delayed without a set return date. The film is about a fire fighter who loses his wife and kid in a terrorist bombing and tries to bring down the bad guy to face justice.

Don't get me wrong, I can't believe how relatively close the film is to what's really going on. But I don't agree with the delaying of the film. Maybe Americans need to see a film like that with some kind of a hero that can save the day. It might seem wrong, but these days we need a hero and we need something to cheer for and uplift our spirits right away.

Rumor also has it that "Zoolander" starring Ben Stiller is put on hold because of the films strong ties to the WTC buildings.

Also "Big Trouble" a film that features Johnny Knoxville of MTV's "Jackass" is also being delayed because of terrorist activity that takes place in the



Keanu Reeves teaches young kids the rules of the game and life.

movie. It's truly amazing how all this happens and then suddenly days apart from one another we have a handful of films that have to be delayed because they all relate to terrorism. Where are the aliens attack films when you need them?

Reliving the highlights of the summer's winners and losers I believe is something fun that I'd like to try starting next week. So starting next week I'll give a

top ten list of what I thought were the best films of the summer. And a short list of what I thought were the worst films of the summer. So I challenge you readers out there to express your opinions as to what you thought was the best and worst. Or if you agree or disagree with me. Make sure you write in! I want to know what you think. Drop off any reviews or opinions to the Spectrum for A & E editing.

“Made” and “Horri-bal”, Sorry “Hannibal”

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer

The second collaboration between Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn has been long overdue, but well worth the wait.

"Swingers", penned by Favreau (Replacements), followed the techniques of scoring women, which found a life on video. The same will hold true for "Made." "Made" presents us with two best friends, Bobby and Ricky, who have longed for the spotlight of the boxing world. Bobby, played by Favreau, seems to be the one motivated about it.

Bobby has been dating a single mother, played by Famke Janssen (X-Men), who dances at a sleazy bar with mob connections.

When Bobby witnesses the sexual advances of a paying customer, he snaps by attacking the man amid the crowded and noisy scene. Not only does he hurt the image of the mob-connected owner, played by Peter Faulk, but he finds himself involved in a drop, or money laundering scheme in New York.

Feeling he needs assistance from Ricky, played by Vaughn (The Cell, Psycho), Bobby heads off to New York to perform what appears to be a simple job.

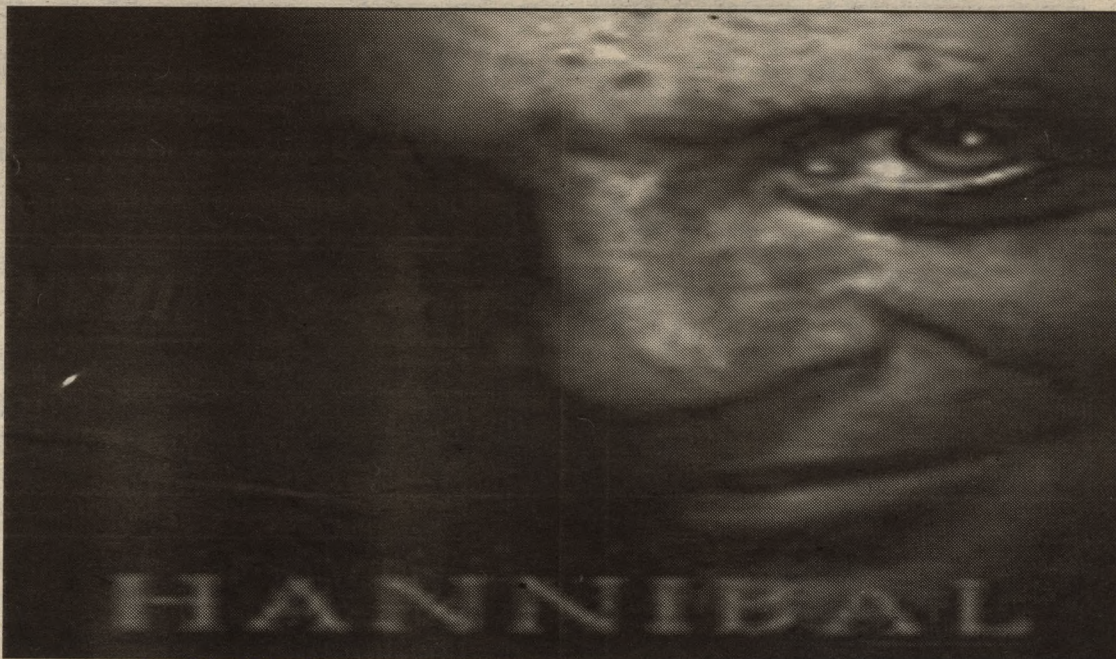
Sean "P Diddy" Combs makes a surprisingly fresh appearance as a mob contact to give the two amateurs a little advice.

Without giving away any important information about the film, the job hardly goes as planned for the bumbling duo.

After Vaughn has been taking an unusual turn with his film career by starring in major blockbuster films, it's been nice to see him return to his roots and return with Favreau. The two together have an immense chemistry and hopefully will do more films together in the future.

The film was slated for world wide release, but has been scheduled to hit video in November. Despite "Made" hitting more serious elements than "Swingers", it relies greatly on the chemistry of Favreau and Vaughn to carry the film.

As for Hannibal, the long awaited follow-up to the intelligently dazzling "Silence of the Lambs" fizzles to reduce the



"Hannibal" fails to deliver, unlike Favreau and Vaughn who deliver in "Made."

series of Hannibal Lecter to a slasher flick.

After Thomas Harris completed the script "Hannibal" there were a number of problems surrounding the film. How would the studios respond to plot twists and gore? How great would the film be affected by Jodie Foster not reprising her role as Clarice Starling?

Sure, there are many scenes

involving violence that might make you turn your head, but I failed to see a calculating and pragmatic villain that had the ability to reduce Clarice, this time played by Julianne Moore (Boogie Nights), to nothing.

"Hannibal" was directed by the wonderfully gifted Ridley Scott (Gladiator), who tries to make the film smart and thorough. But there were no

moments comparable to the original. While viewing "Hannibal" I was more afraid that the film would never end.

After hearing that a prequel is in the works with Ed Norton (American History X, The Score), I can only shake my head at Hollywood's insistence on sequels, simply for making a profit.

SHU Art Gallery Kicks Off With "Common Threads"

Compiled by John Ruggiero
A & E Editor

The Sacred Heart University Art Gallery opened its doors on September 9th, 2001 with the first showing entitled "Common Threads." "Common Threads" features work done by Camille Eskell, Carey McDougall, Donna Rosenthal and Priscilla Sage. "Common Threads" brings together the work of four artists who include the use of thread, cloth, lace or images of clothing, traditional materials and skills that were once the province of women in their daily lives: lace, muslin, sewing, quilting and embroidery. Eskell, McDougall, Rosenthal and Sage use materials that are accessible and have a wealth of personal associations while, at the same time, being

readily identifiable to anyone. The lace, or material re-used for quilts, or antique buttons taken from used clothing, have histories as useful items. They also have meaning that expands and changes when they are used to create a work of art.

Eskell's family has been in the lace-importing business in New York for two generations. She uses this obviously feminine, seductive and sometimes precious material in her works. McDougall uses everyday objects such as muslin, which is used to make dress patterns. Rosenthal utilizes antique handkerchiefs, buttons and tablecloths, items that have a past life of service in the home. Sage's fiber works are based on quilt-making techniques.

These homemaking skills and materials were once used to create attractive items to make a

house a home. There is an almost subversive quality to the transformation of these original items into works of fine art that challenge society's implicit promises regarding female roles. These combined skills and materials have been transformed from women's homemaking rituals into an art that speaks poignantly, and often ironically, of women and their lives.

The "Common Threads" exhibition runs from September 9th to Thursday October 11th, and will be closed on Columbus Day weekend, October 6th to the 8th.

The Sacred Heart University Gallery of Contemporary Art's schedule continues on past "Common Threads" in the 2001-02 year.

Here's a list of exhibitions scheduled for the remainder of the year.



"Industrial New York" with works done by Edith Kramer, October 21st to November 18th, 2001.

"Cityscapes from a 20th Century Contemporary Perspective", Friday, October 26th, 2001.

Faculty Exhibit running from December 3rd to January 16th, 2002.

Michel Gerard "Public Art Projects" from January 28th to February 28th, 2002.

And a Student Exhibit starting in late March and continuing on throughout the spring.

For further information please call (203) 365-7650 or email Sophia Gevas at gevas@Sacred Heart.edu.

A & E Briefs

Let the Voting Begin!

Class of 2005 elections will take place next Wednesday, September 26th, and Thursday September 27th in the Faculty Lounge. Voting begins on Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 7 pm, and on Thursday from 10 am to 6pm. 2005 nominee speeches will take place at 2pm on Wednesday.

Until Further Noted...

S.E.T. will once again sponsor movie night for the weekend of September 28th to the 30th. As of press time, the film that will be showed is "Pearl Harbor." All viewings will take place in the Schine Auditorium.

The Rush Continues....

Greek Life continues with Greek Rush 2001, and this Sunday at 10:10 pm in HC 102 is "Meet the Sororities and Fraternities."

Monday September 24th is decision day, where all decision sheets are due by noon in the Student Activities Office in the Hawley Lounge.

Interviews will take place on Tuesday September 25th and Thursday the 27th.

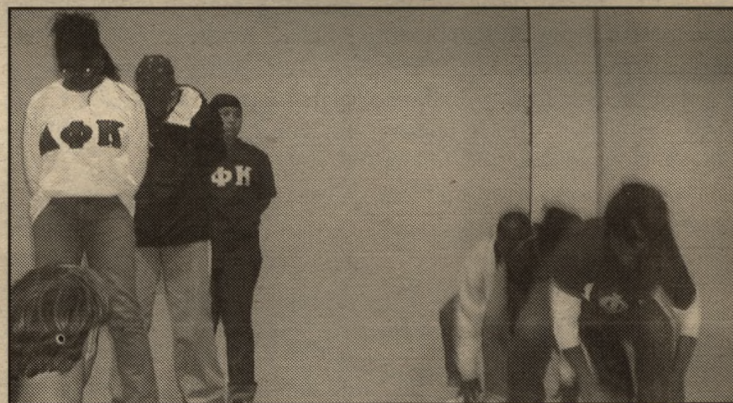
On Friday night September 28th there will be a Rush Party at 9pm outside of South and West Hall.

And lastly, on Sunday September 30th, a mandatory hazing meeting will occur at 7pm in the Schine Auditorium.

-Compiled By John Ruggiero



Let the Rush begin!



Jeepers Creepers where'd you get this screenplay

By John Guedes
Contributing Writer

As an avid film junkie for a good portion of my life now, I am calling for severe reform of the mainstream horror genre.

I was brought to this conclusion about a week ago when I ventured out to the brand new Stratford Cinemas to see the latest installment in horror, "Jeepers Creepers." Of course I went against my skeptical good judgement, thinking it was going to be something fresh, original, and possibly even scary. But indeed it turned out to be another predictable and hardly frightening entry that caused me

to wonder if the studio even bothered to read the script before beginning production.

As believable as it sounds, the same studio that once brought us 'Apocalypse Now,' is apparently now struggling to keep its films above "direct-to-video" status. Writer/Director Victor Salva, who once gave us a cute little film called "Powder," is awkward at best in handling this type of film. "Jeepers Creepers" is mainly hack material and much of the film conjures up the usual "don't go there!" response from the audience which by now is rudimentary and laughable.

The film shows much promise from the jump-off, a brother and sister driving home

from college on a desolate stretch of highway. They are soon menaced by a huge, loud truck which immediately reminded me of Stephen King's "Duel." Then they meet up with the driver who is disposing bodies down a sewage pipe and I guess that's where the fun begins. The repetitive use of a song to scare the audience was already done in "Fallen" and the climactic sequence in the police station is nothing more than a rip-off of either "The Terminator" or "Assault On Precinct 13," take your pick.

The only plus is that the cast is mainly unknowns, they obviously avoided the usual casting of the WB's finest that has become part and parcel of

recent horror films. I often remember how great it was in the Eighties when television actors actually stayed on television.

When thinking of the horror genre, certain names might come to mind. Names like Freddy Krueger, Jason, Michael Myers, or Leatherface. The founding four fathers if you will. But when was the last time a new icon worthy enough to be placed alongside those names added to the list? What Chucky? Candyman? Come on, please.

The truth is ever since Jason went to hell in 1993, sadly, the horror genre went with him. Since then it has been nothing more than teeny bopper horror/comedies thanks to Kevin

Williamson, parlor trick gimmicks like "Blair Witch", and lousy haunted hill-like remakes. What ever happened to the creative, ingenious minds that allowed the horror genre to flourish for so long?

While we all go to the movies for different reasons, to laugh, cry, cheer, or learn, some of us still enjoy to get a good scare once in a while. Those of us who actually know who Dario Argento and George A. Romero are. Those of us who still consider Hitchcock's "Psycho" to be a horror masterpiece. But sooner or later the horror genre is going to be forced to acknowledge its roots and draw a very fine line between fear, and nausea.

Unsung Hero: recognizing the presence of an athlete who impacts their game

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

Identifying one as the "Unsung Hero" is to refer to an athlete who exhibits the nature of a hero yet continually remains unnoticed.

The Unsung Hero is found on the field long before any one else, and remains after all others have gone.

It is this athlete which the coach relies on to play nearly

every position and the person the other players know they can count on: somebody who can play when they can not.

The Unsung Hero is a continual hard worker who never wishes for a pat on the back. Standing at the end of the day saturated in moisture unable to decipher if it is water from their skin or from their eyes.

The Unsung Hero teaches others about the game, but more importantly they drive others to endure, find strength, and put

forth efforts unexpected in common hours.

The Unsung Hero creates something to be apart of, something to take pride in. Helping those realize that although the results may not be immediate, in the long-run things will work out.

This athlete holds the character of a genuine competitor, ultimately hoping to help their team win.

Although their jerseys will never hang from the rafters their

presence will forever live in the sport.

The Unsung Hero is whom the game was made for. Essentially they are the athletes that just love to play.

I am looking to recognize the Athletic Unsung Hero's which grace our campus.

Above I defined an "Unsung Hero" and in the upcoming weeks of the Spectrum their will be a special section in the sports pages that will be designed to report a pro-

file on those athletes.

I need your help by nominating players from your team. Please take the time to email nominations to Keri Blair (0509798@sacredheart.edu)

It will be worth the effort. These athletes aren't in it for the recognition, which is exactly why I want to give it to them.

It is their rare but admirable approach to sport that is highly praised. Because, while they don't ask for it or expect it, they did earn it.

Football abandoned this weekend

Compiled by Keri Blair
Sports Editor

The tragedy that occurred this past Tuesday had a big affect on college and professional football.

There was no professional football played in the United States last weekend. After struggling with the decision to play or not, the NFL decided last Thursday to cancel all games for the weekend.

Junior Ryan Costigan told the Spectrum that this was only the third time in league history that there was no NFL football during a given week.

For the first time ever, there were no games for a reason other than a holdout. Holdouts are similar to strikes in that the players won't play because of contract disputes.

They have halted play during a given weekend twice before for this reason.

The decision not to play last weekend is a mistake, the results of which will be felt throughout the season stated Costigan.

Pete Rosell, former com-

missioner of the NFL, was heavily criticized when he made the decision to go ahead with the games in 1963, only two days after the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Rosell was later quoted as saying, "it was the worst decision of my life" to play football at such a time in history, "it's a decision I will take to my grave."

"Paul Tagliabue, the current Commissioner of the NFL was going to have to make the same decision which he would have to reflect upon for his entire life," stated senior football player Michael Kraft.

"I believe canceling the games last weekend had more to do with 1963 than it did with the events of September 11," stated Costigan.

College football rules and regulations are governed by the National College Athletic Association (NCAA). However, unlike the NFL there is no one commissioner that is responsible for the decision making in these types of situations.

Those decisions are left to the individual conferences that

make up the overall NCAA reported Kraft.

On Tuesday afternoon following the tragedy, the Sacred Heart University football team "had to stay on track working towards their first championship in the school's football history," said Kraft.

"The team held practice at the usual time from 1-3 p.m. The team took a knee in front of their leader, Head Coach Jim Fleming, for a moment of silence and prayer.

Coach Fleming had to try to get the team to concentrate as much as possible on their goal of obtaining a championship while not knowing if there would be a game played or not," said Kraft.

Later in the week there still was no decision to play or to postpone games made by the college conferences so most teams were playing as scheduled.

"Personally, I was one of the people who thought the country needed sports in order to help take their minds off the events of the week.

"It seemed that all people were doing was watching the

press coverage of what was going on. If you weren't watching you felt guilty that you would be missing something.

"I think the main reason why the Pioneer football team wanted to play their game this past homecoming weekend was because playing football was taking their minds off the tragedy," said Kraft.

By Thursday morning the NFL made their decision not to play their Sunday schedule. College teams followed their lead and most games were cancelled.

The Pioneer team again took a knee before their coach at the beginning of practice, but this time to learn that their game had been cancelled.

"The team was not greatly disturbed by the news, knowing they had to further get ready for their match against the one team that stood in their way last year, Canisius.

"I can look back on the weekend as a player and a fan and say that the decision to cancel games was a good one.

"There was the thought that it would help the country take

their minds off of the devastation of the past week, but on the other hand, football is a fun event so how could the fans or the players have fun or celebrate victory while the Nation was in mourning?" stated Kraft.

Kraft continued to tell the Spectrum that the NFL was forced to take the lead on cancelling games and he was glad college football followed.

"Football will be back next week to help the Nation get back on its feet."

Members of the New York Giants recently visited "ground zero" to help in the rescue efforts.

As the Giants get ready to move on so does the SHU football team.

It has been an emotional roller coaster for all sports teams describes Kraft.

"One reason the SHU football team is still on track and ready to head down to Pittsburgh is because we hope to come closer to attaining the NEC championship and to bring life back to the Sacred Heart campus," said Kraft.

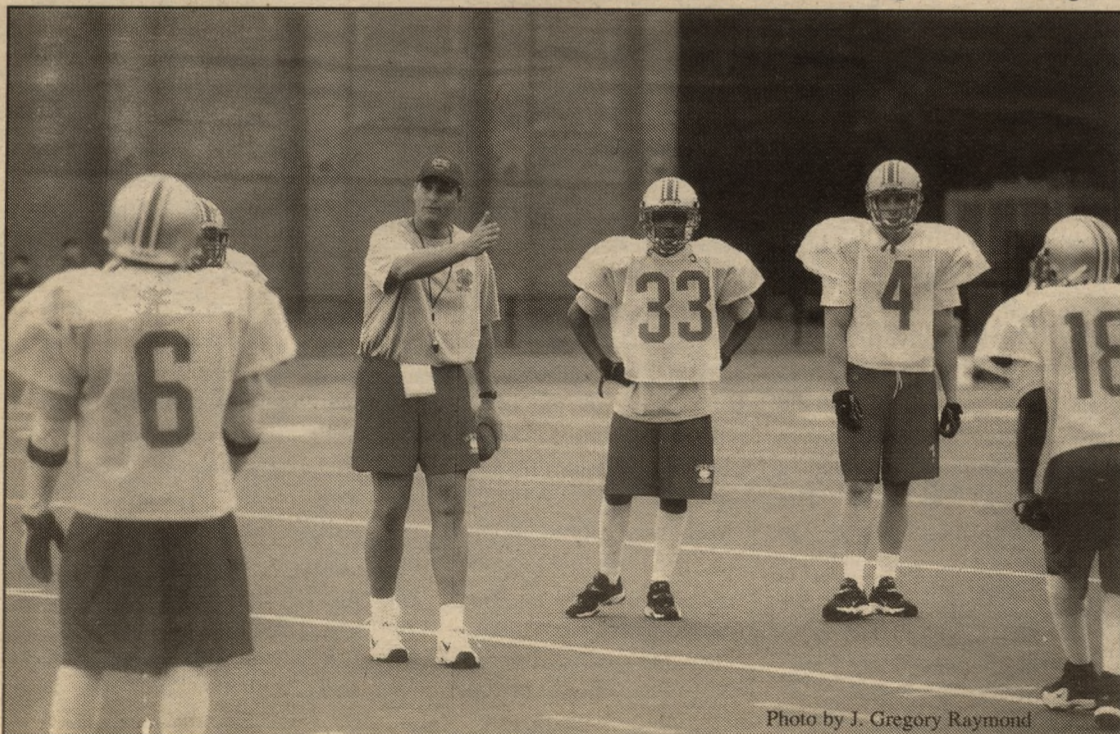


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SHU Athlete of the Week



Sean "Ronnie" Robenson
Fencing

"Ronnie" Robenson is taking fencing to a new personal level after competing in competitions overseas this past summer

Junior Sean "Ronnie" Robenson from Bethpage Long Island is taking fencing to a new personal level.

The Spectrum looks to recognize his efforts and successes with great performances in men's foils this past summer.

"Ronnie" traveled to Europe to take on fierce com-

petition in sabres, foil and epee.

In the European Invitational "Ronnie" placed an impressive 8th place in men's foil.

"Ronnie" told the Spectrum that he really wants to focus on his sport this year and that he is extremely excited about the season.

Let the games begin

By Jordan Walton
contributing writer
Sports Commentary

Stadiums fell silent and sporting events came to a screeching halt on September 11.

In light of the horrible events that have taken place in recent days, it hardly seems fitting to debate about the stoppage of sporting events here in America.

As George W. Bush and the American government have said, the show must go on.

Our entire country, including professional sports, which plays a major role in our economy, must continue to do business as usual.

If not, we run the risk of letting these terrorists win. Their goal was to halt the US economy, disrupt our lives and bring a sense of fear to our country.

Doing our daily business, no matter how small, "meaning-

less" or trite, will be a major step in thwarting their plan.

The canceling of sporting events on the day of the attack was more than warranted. Teams could not travel and didn't want to travel. The days after the tragedy, however, need to be as "normal" as possible.

The more we show terrorists that the attack affected our lives, the happier they will feel.

Sporting events, including professional baseball, football and auto racing, as well as college and high school level sports are a way for both players and fans to forget for an hour the collapse of the two twin towers.

Focusing on the game and "getting away from it all" is what America needs after being swamped by the graphic pictures captured by our nation's media since the attack.

Any excuse for the public to get out of the house and away from the television should be welcomed. Sporting events can do just that.

Some might call me insensitive for wanting to continue with, looking at the big picture, meaningless events. Sporting events are certainly not the most important issues facing our country in these weeks. We must have faith in our military and police. We must have faith that they can keep the peace and prevent another catastrophe from happening to us again. We must trust that our military will keep us safe, so that teams will feel safe to travel and that fans can feel safe entering a stadium with thousands of other people.

Moving on, and continuing our democratic way of life is vital to surviving these disasters.

In the end it will be good for both the players and the fans to pull themselves away from this tragedy. Unfortunately we cannot reverse the events that occurred on Sept. 11 but by learning from our mistakes we can continue on with life as usual, sports included.

Preseason Classic: Preparations are underway for Collegiate Hunter

Invitational Horse Show on Saturday

Press Release

Final preparations are underway for the 2001 Preseason Classic Collegiate Hunter Invitational Horse Show, to be held Saturday, September 22.

Virginia Intermont College will host 20 colleges from 12 different states at their VIT Equestrian Center in Bristol, Virginia.

This is the first such nation-

al level championship show held at Virginia Intermont, who won the 2000 Preseason Classic at Purdue.

The field includes the 2001 collegiate National Champions, the University of Findlay.

The following teams will be competing in the collegiate competition:

- Berry College, Ga
- Cazenovia College, NY
- Centenary College, NJ
- Dartmouth College, NH
- University of Delaware
- Fairfield University, CT

- University of Findlay, OH
- University of Maryland
- Miami University, OH
- Purdue University
- Sacred Heart University
- University of the South, TN
- Stonehill College, MA
- Virginia Intermont College
- Virginia Tech
- West Virginia University

For more information about this show, or any of the collegiate shows, contact Jim Arrigon, ISHSA National Secretary at arrigojr@muohio.edu.

Sports Schedule for Sept 21-27

Friday
Men's Soccer

vs.

Mount St. Mary's
3 p.m.

Women's Soccer

vs.

Mount St. Mary's
1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball Tourn

@ Yale

5 p.m., 12p.m., 6p.m.

Saturday Women's Volleyball Tourn

@ Yale

5 p.m., 12p.m., 6p.m.

Men's Tennis ECAC Tourn TBA

Football @ Siena
1 p.m.

Field Hockey @ St. Francis
11 a.m.
Men's Volleyball @ Concordia
7 p.m.

Sunday

Field Hockey @ UMBC
12 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. UMBC
12 p.m.

Monday

Men's Volleyball @ East Strousburg
7 p.m.

Tuesday

Field Hockey vs. Monmouth
4 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Soccer vs. Fairleigh Dickinson
4 p.m.

Men's Tennis vs. Iona
3:30 p.m.

Thursday

Women's Tennis @ Monmouth
3 p.m.



Sports



Sports world put on hold

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

University and professional athletes lend hand to rescue relief efforts

The sports world came to a halt since Tuesday's attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Major sports teams as well as college level teams joined in the rescue relief mission by donating both time and money.

The Sacred Heart mens soccer team donate their time to help load relief vans this past Friday night.

"If you can help you should. It feels really good to be apart of something like a rescue mission.

"There were many SHU teams there on Friday and it was nice to see the support that the athletes had.

"I am really proud of our school and their reaction to this tragedy. Their were many boxes of canned goods and drinks that we loaded into the vans," said SHU soccer defenseman junior Jorge DeGousa.

The mens soccer team had their first practice since the attack this past Thursday morning. DeGousa told the *Spectrum* that it was a somber practice. All the guys were taking about the attack. Once on the field though the team tried to stay focused and do what they had to at the time.

The SHU mens lacrosse team along with their coaches Tom Marino, Rob Chambers and John Basti went to the Food World off Old Town Road in Bridgeport from 7:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. this past Saturday to load trucks and collect money.

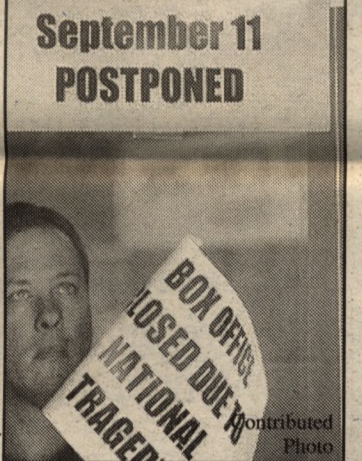
There were about forty guys there from the team throughout the day dressed in team jackets and sweats.

"It was interesting to see how people reacted to this national crisis. So many people came to help, donate food and give money.

"The team just wanted to do as much as they could. The guys left feeling like they really made a difference and many wanted to continue to do more.

"A majority of the guys are going to donate blood this week and will continue to give their time to rescue

efforts," said head coach Marino.



Senior lacrosse captains Mike DiPietro and Scott Urbinati pulled together the operation and when asked to comment on the day they both simply stated that they were proud of their team members for all their hard work and support. They wish they could have done more.

The SHU wrestling team also donated a great deal of time to the relief efforts.

The team gathered in front of public safety on Friday night to load goods from the University Commons into trucks.

On Saturday junior wrestler

Anthony Reynolds joined those at Food World to help load vans. Reynolds then drove one van to the rescue relief staging area at exit 13 off 95 to unload the goods.

"When I got to the staging area there were just so many people there helping. Private companies donated forklifts to help with the process of unloading and separating.

"You could see the city from this staging area but there was no longer that familiar New York skyline; a strange feeling came over me," said Reynolds.

Wrestling head coach Brian Rearden and assistant coach Vince Mancini plan a blood drive for this week in the University Commons. The entire university community is encouraged and welcomed to come and donate blood.

On Friday night the women's ice hockey team as well as the women's field hockey team also donated time to load trucks and separate donated goods.

There were some girls on the field hockey team who "had parents in the city at the time of the attack. The team really came together to support each other," said Head Coach Christine Blais.

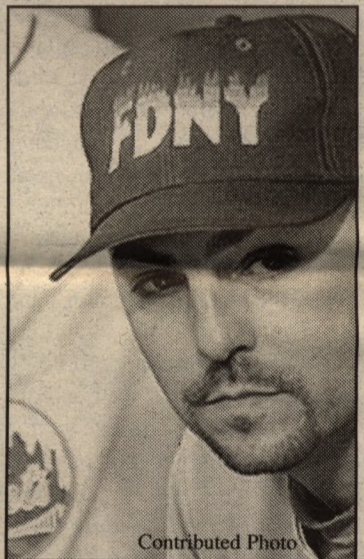
"When they heard they could help out with relief efforts they went right down to the University Commons to lend a hand.

"The team attended both masses held in the University Chapel and went to the candle light vigil on Tuesday night.

"We had practice the day

after the attack and it was a hard time for us all. The girls heads were understandably not in it.

"At a time like this you just want to participate in something that clears your head but experiencing something of such an impact does not allow one to do so.



"On Friday instead of practice we just went for a run and had a long stretch as a team. It was something easy but it really made a difference," said Blais.

Outside the university community the major league teams also gave time to show remorse, respect and thanks to our fellow countrymen.

About 35 Giants visited the rescue and recovery site at the World Trade Center to shake hands and thank relief workers for their efforts.

The San Francisco 49ers donated blood, while New Orleans Saints and Indianapolis Colts players took to the streets to collect donations for victims.

Washington Redskins play-

ers gathered at Arlington National Cemetery and prayed. A contingent of Pittsburgh Steelers held candles during a memorial service at a crash site in southern Pennsylvania.

The Steelers traveled as a team and bused 85 miles to the service on Friday evening.

There were 111 games postponed in College Football since the attack on the WTC and the Pentagon along with 91 Major League Baseball games, 15 National Football games and 10 Major League Soccer games.

The games, however, must go on and the major and college leagues have begun to weigh choices for making up games.

As of now the SHU mens soccer game against Colgate that was scheduled for last week has been re-scheduled for October 30th to be played at Colgate at 5 p.m.

The Women's field hockey games that were scheduled for last week have been re-scheduled as well. Last Wednesday the team was to compete against Columbia, that game has been moved to October 15 at 4 p.m. on Campus Field. The Saturday game against Rider has been moved to September 27 at 4 p.m. at Campus Field.

Major League baseball and the National Hockey League will resume their schedules this week.

Baseball players will wear American flag patches on their caps and jerseys while fans will be given miniature flags and *God Bless America* will be sung before the game or during the seventh-inning stretch at each park.

The acts of these athletes prove that the world of sports has an impact on human life far beyond that of the stadium walls. Although there was no opportunity to prevail on the field this week each individual athlete who lent a hand was victorious.



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