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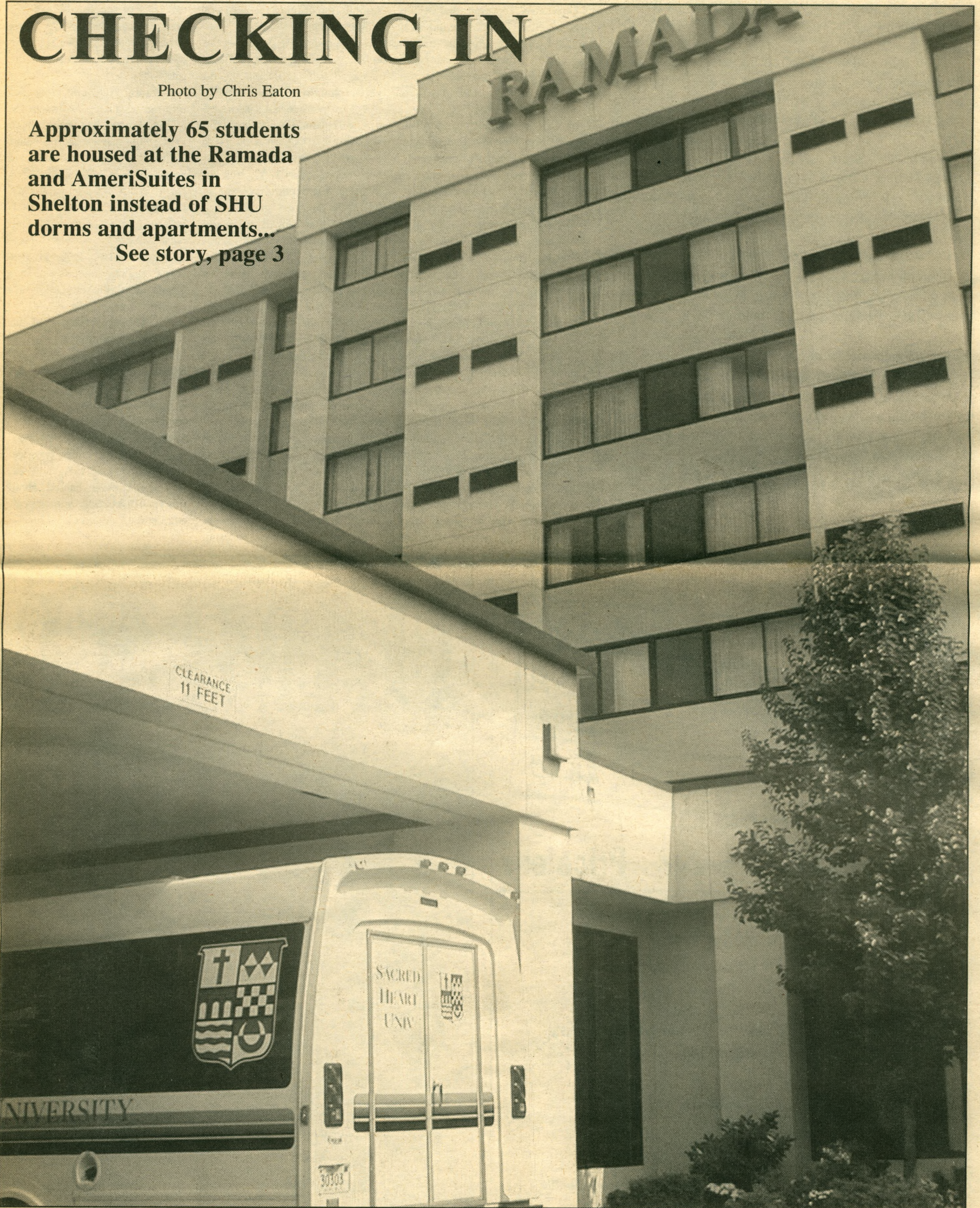
Sacred Heart University

CHECKING IN

Photo by Chris Eaton

Approximately 65 students are housed at the Ramada and AmeriSuites in Shelton instead of SHU dorms and apartments...

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News Briefs

Pioneer Weekend blowing on campus tonight

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

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

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

Freshman elections just around the corner

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

New club established at SHU

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

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti, Kelly Smith and Jaime Sweeney

Frosh standards raised

Special to the Spectrum

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

Those submitting deposits to date represent the most academically gifted and geographically diverse freshman class in the University's history.

"We have been working for many years to improve the quality of the academic and student life experience at Sacred Heart University," said University President Anthony J. Cerna, Ph.D. "We have been raising our standards and criteria just as students are raising their expectations. What pleases me the most about reaching this milestone is that it is a testament to our commitment to academic excellence, our transition to Division I athletics, and our unique community service efforts. As a result of instituting a number of the elements of our strategic plan, the University has put itself in a position to be a more dynamic

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

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

The average SAT score of the 847 students submitting deposits is 1060, up from 1020 last year. 259 students had an SAT score over 1150, and an average grade point average is 3.2. On average, the entering freshman was ranked in the top 25% of their high school graduating classes. The 2000 freshman class represents 21 states and seven foreign countries.

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

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

"We are proud that we reached this milestone in our admissions process," Barquinero said. "What's more important than the increases in

numbers we reached this year, however, is that we have seen consistent improvements in the academic qualifications of applications to the University over the last several years. We have worked very hard to reach this level of success, but we will never be complacent. We're on the right track, and we're going to keep ourselves focused on the future."

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

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

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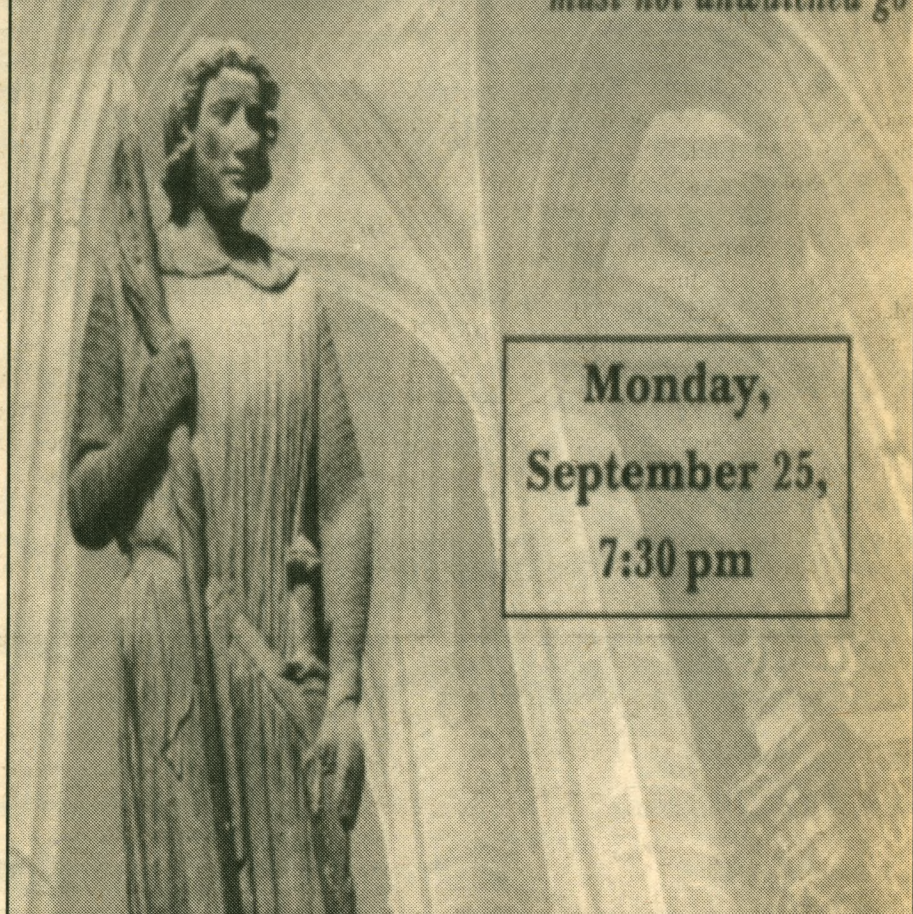
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William H. Pitt dies at 73

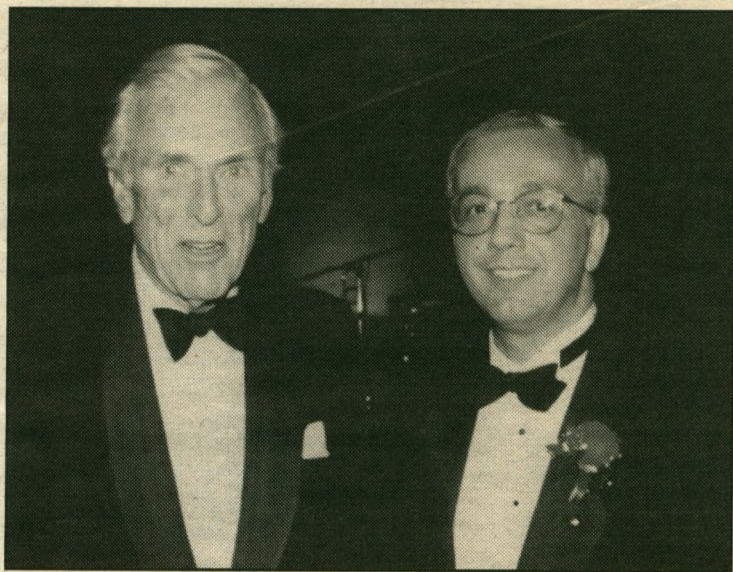
Special to the Spectrum

William H. Pitt, nationally known realtor and long-time supporter of Sacred Heart University, died Saturday night.

Pitt made the largest single contribution in SHU's history \$3 million towards the construction of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. Pitt also established the William Pitt Scholarship in 1995 for economically disadvantaged students.

"We mourn the loss of a dear friend and an inspirational leader who made a difference in the lives of many. William Pitt was a long-time supporter of Sacred Heart University whose contributions took many forms. He made the single largest contribution in the University's history, creating the impressive, state-of-the-art William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center, which is a valuable asset not just to the University, but the entire community," said Anthony Cernera, president of SHU.

Cernera added that SHU is grateful for Pitt's generosity and that SHU is committed to preserving the spirit and intent of his scholarship program. SHU currently has 16 Pitt Scholars



Contributed Photo

William Pitt (left) at the gym bearing his name in 1997.

who are all residents of the Fairfield County area and one resident of Poland. Since its inception the program has assisted 29 students.

"William H. Pitt was a remarkable man whose friendship and support touched so many lives. His contributions not only helped make this university stronger and more vital today, but his scholarships have helped secure a brighter future for the university and its students for years to come," said Cernera.

Carlos Gutierrez, a Pitt Scholar, echoed Cernera's senti-

ments.

"I will never forget your (Pitt's) name, and I will never be able to thank you enough. Your contribution has given me the chance to receive the keys to open the doors of success, the keys that one may only get through higher education," said Gutierrez.

Pitt's real estate company comprised of 18 offices, 390 agents and \$1.4 billion in residential and commercial property closings last year.

Editor's note: Marian Gail Brown from the Connecticut Post contributed to this report.

Demand for SHU housing leads to student overflow

By Brian Corasaniti
Editor-in-Chief

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

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

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

Wielk said the local rental market has dried up recently,

with many owners refusing to rent to undergraduates and in some cases no students at all. Also better campus housing such as Avalon Gates and East Hall are keeping more students in SHU housing, said Wielk.

Avalon Gates also cut back the number of apartments they rent to SHU due to behavior of some students last year. Wielk said Avalon's need for SHU apartments has diminished since their inception a few years ago when SHU's presence was needed for them to fill spaces.

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

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

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

The return of the Marketplace

By Melissa Greenhalgh
Staff Writer

Flik International, which has been Sacred Heart University's catering service for the past six years, is in the process of adding new food centers located across the entire campus.

Currently Flik has the main dining hall in the Academic Building, along with the Stop Gap stand in the Science Wing and a dining facility on the first floor of East Hall, and the Flikety Split Pizza Delivery service.

Flik is currently in the process of constructing a new Marketplace to replace the old one that was taken out to make room for the CompUSA Help Center.

The Marketplace will be selling the usual pre-made foods as well as milk, bread and other supermarket-like items.

Other new items like toothpaste and cigarettes will also be

included. All these items can be purchased using your meal cards on the new Pioneer Points plan.

The Stop Gap is a small food stand located in the Science Wing near the Cashier's office.

"If you have an excess amount Flik may contact you to sell them back the points so they can be used by others that are willing to buy them," Chip Kennedy, district manager of Flik Services

It includes drinks, sandwiches, snacks and Starbucks coffee. Starbucks coffee will also be featured in the new Marketplace

The Pioneer Point plan works similarly to the Declining Balance plan of last year, except instead of dollars on the plan, points are used instead.

"SHU had a debit system a few years ago. Now meal tracking is in the campus network as one integrated system. We can check any student's balance at any given point using a state of the art tracking system," said Chip Kennedy, district manager of Flik services.

Points will still roll over from the fall to spring semester, but they will not roll over from the spring to the fall.

"If you have an excess amount Flik may contact you to sell them back the points so they can be used by others that are willing to buy them. Cash or check will reimburse the points you have given to Flik for the use of other students. However, this process is only being done if Flik contacts you to give up some of your excess points than if you are willing to sell them," added Kennedy.

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Editorials

Welcome from your friends at the Spectrum

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

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

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

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

They just keep getting smarter and smarter

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

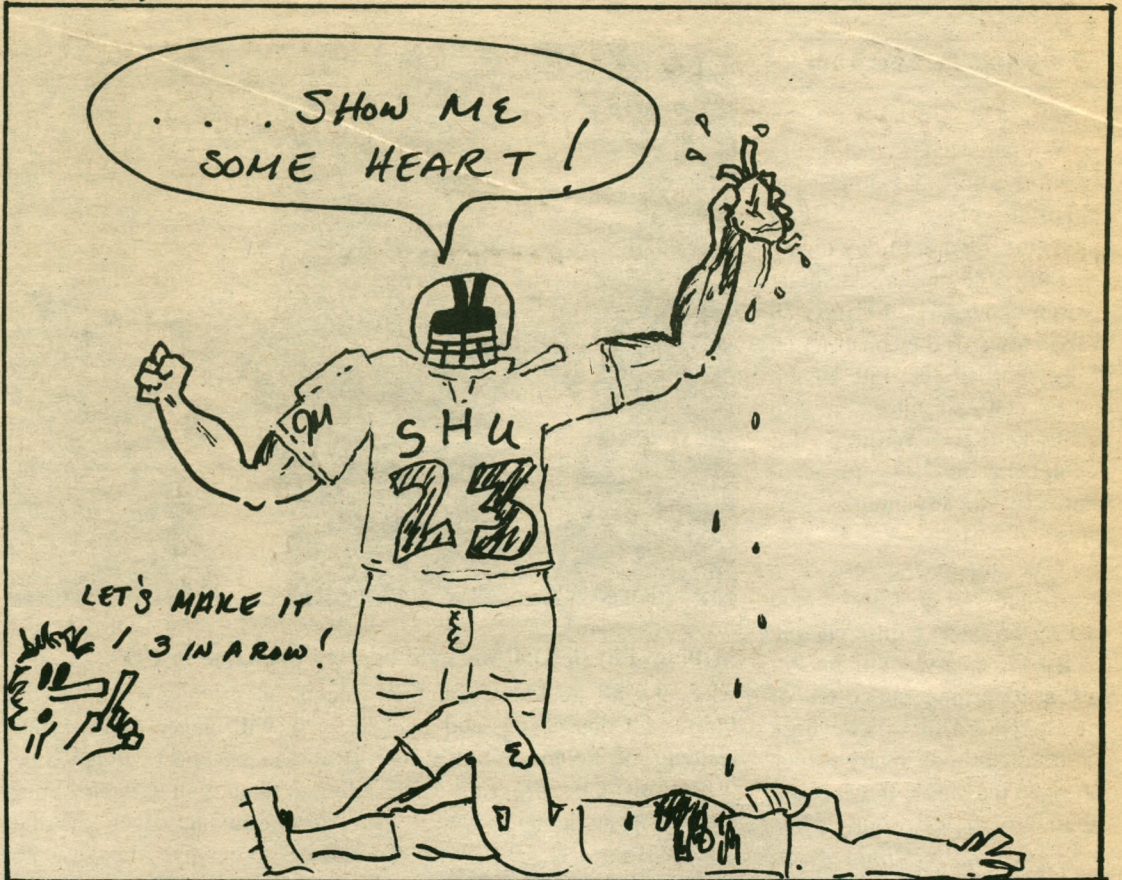
That only means good things for SHU. We've all heard people complain about how supposedly dumb Sacred Heart students are, but it looks like they might just be getting a little wiser.

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

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

STRAIGHT FROM
THE HEART

By Jeff Murray



The SHU Voices

-Compiled by Jennifer Simeonidis and Melissa Martin

What are you planning to do differently this year?



Darlene Harris
Senior
Derby

"I'm actually going to use the student life planner."



Katie Bryant
Sophomore
Hampstead, N.H.

"I'm going to try not to get caught up in anything outside academic life."



Gustavo Reaes
Junior
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

"I'm doing everything different because I'm a... transfer student"

Welcome back from Student Gov't

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

Student Gov't Update

By Vimala George

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Vimala George (Vim) and I'm your Student Government President for the 2000-2001 school year.

I hope that everyone had a great summer, made a lot of money and is as happy to be back as I am.

I have no doubt in my mind that this year will prove to be one of the best yet.

We have a great community here at Sacred Heart and I can only hope that our 847 new pioneers will become an integral part of it.

This is a great place to be

and a great time to be here. I promise you that student government is going to do its best to bring you exciting events, answers to your questions and solutions to your problems.

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

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

This weekend is Pioneer Weekend.

It starts off with the pep rally on Friday night.

I hope to see you all there, and at a football game on Saturday as well.

I especially hope to see that group of guys that's always

decked out in head to toe read and white body paint. You know who you are.

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

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

I just have a couple of reminders.

If you're a freshman and you're still interested in running for office please contact the Student Government office to obtain a packet.

Completed packets are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 21. Freshman

elections will be held on Sept. 27 and 28.

If you're interested in Greek Life, general info sessions are at 10:10 p.m. on Sept. 18. If you're interested in any other club or organization contact Kristy Pacelli in Student Government.

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

I wish everyone a terrific year. Once again to all new students, welcome and good luck. To all returning students, it's good to have you back.

Last but certainly not least to all my fellow seniors, let's make this last year one to remember.

Editor's Note: Vimala George is Student Government president.

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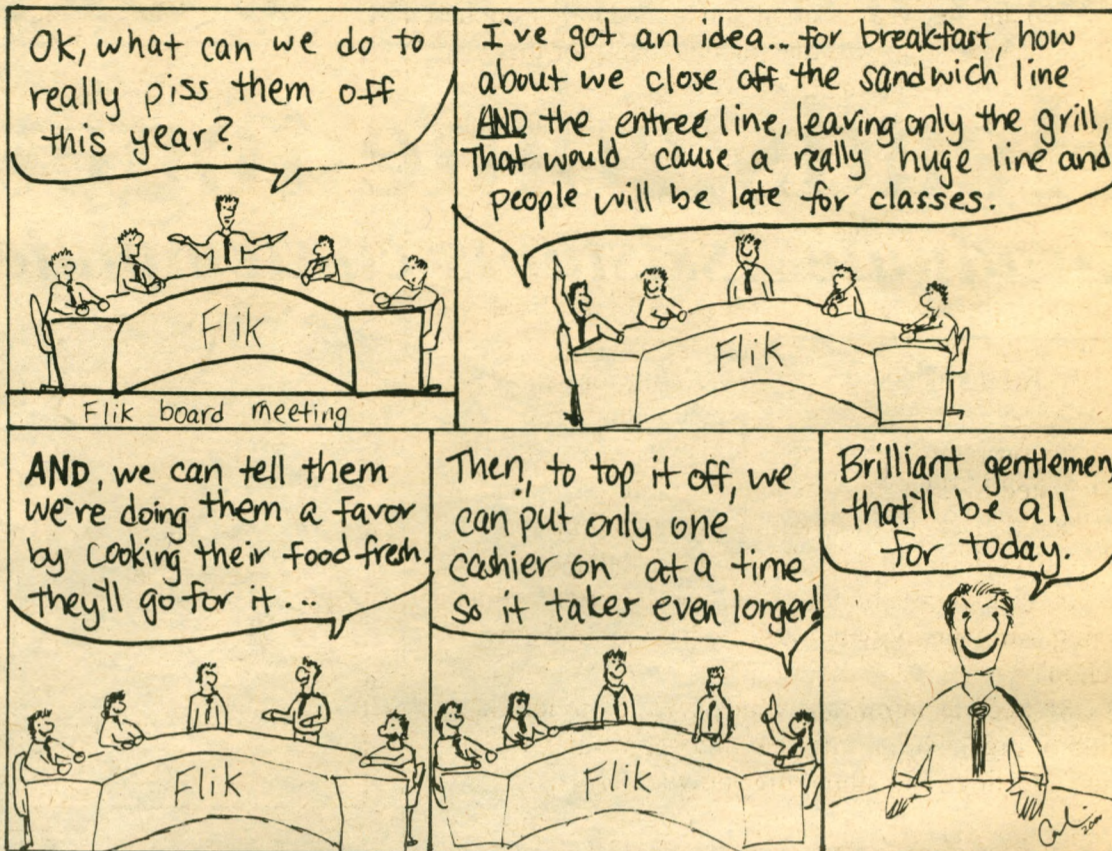
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Gotta Have Heart

By Carlin Guaneri



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

Dear Editor,

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

He improved public schools. He bettered the Texas school system by establishing tougher standards, stronger accountability and insisted every child learn to read. As a result, test scores are up in Texas, especially among Hispanic and African children.

He increased the role of faith-based institutions in our society. He involved faith-based groups in prison reform pro-

grams, streamlined regulations on drug treatment programs and gave legal liability to those who donate medical devices to non-profit health care providers.

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

George W. Bush will be a leader for America. Governor George W. Bush is running for president not to be something, he running for president to do something. He is the true

reformer running in this state. During the past few months, while the vice president has launched a series of negative attacks, Governor Bush has outlined this hopeful, optimistic vision of the future. Governor Bush has an agenda of reform on taxes, education, community renewal and security.

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

that are failing will rise to the challenge and regain the confidence of parents.

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

Even in this time of pride and promise, America has determined enemies, who hate our values and resent our success-terrorists and crime syndicates and drug cartels and unbalanced dictators.

The empire has passed, but evil remains. We must protect our homeland and our allies against missiles and terror and blackmail. Governor Bush believes that the morale of our military must be restored which has been squandered by shrinking resources and multiplying missions. Governor Bush will increase defense spending to provide three things: better pay, better training, and better weapons and equipment.

Alexis Harrison, senior and College Republicans president

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Features

Heads come together at SHU *Graduate Assistants contemplate a better campus life*

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

This year, the Student Life and Student Activities Offices has had a major overhaul. There are currently three new graduate assistants, and a search for a fourth. Kelly McGill, Joe Winter, and Andrew Lapp (more affectionately known as Andy) are ready to put their heads together for the improvement of the university.

McGill is a Program Assistant for Student Activities. She is responsible for the Student Events Team (SET), Commuter Council, The Heartbeat Monthly, Pioneer Weekend, Harvest Weekend, Christmas Week, Siblings Weekend, and Spring Week.

Winter is also a Program Assistant for Student Activities. Winter is the advisor for the Class of 2003, the Senate, the Student Government Judicial Board, the Resource Room, Alcohol Awareness Week, and Date Rape and Sexual Abuse Awareness Week.

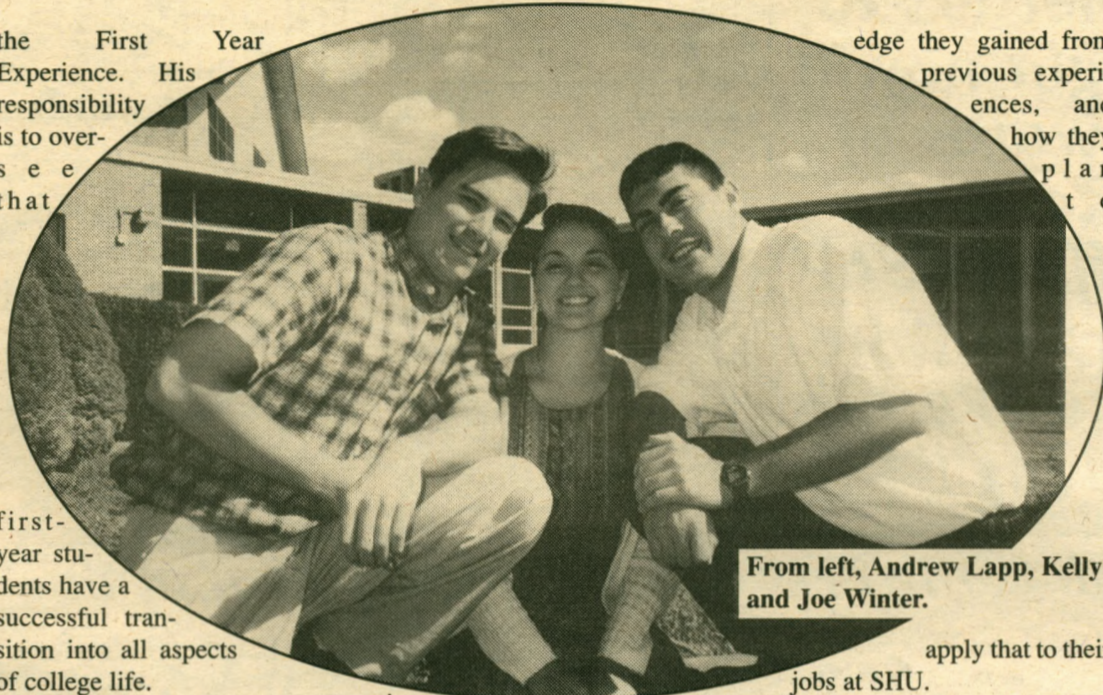
Lapp is the Student Life Graduate Assistant working with

the First Year Experience. His responsibility is to oversee that

first-year students have a successful transition into all aspects of college life.

The new graduate assistants received their undergraduate degrees in a variety of fields.

McGill graduated from Framingham State College in Framingham, Massachusetts. She was awarded a degree in Clothing and Textiles, with a concentration in design and modern arts. After working in the fashion industry, she decided to actively pursue a personal goal to work in student activi-



From left, Andrew Lapp, Kelly McGill, and Joe Winter.

edge they gained from previous experiences, and how they plan to

the easiest thing to do.

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

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

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

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

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

Editor: Joe, did being in the *See Grad, page 7*

apply that to their jobs at SHU.

Editor: What excites you most about your position here at SHU? What clubs or organizations are you most eager to work with?

Joe: I am excited to work with Student Government. I think the most interesting thing at St. Thomas was being Student Government President. I'd like to bring some new ideas to Student Government. I know that being a class president is not

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

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

In an interview, the three offered their input and knowl-

Up a hill slowly; the college journey begins



Freshman trek up the hill to the Pitt Center to be inducted in the Class of 2004.



Some first year students listen attentive to what is expected of them.

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

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

In the beginning of September, Bozzone reported 830 first-year students. The number is up 100 students since last year.

But besides size, how does

this year's freshmen class differ from its predecessors?

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

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

ethnic place is an education in itself," Bozzone observed.

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

Many issues commuter students dealt with were taken off campus. Residents required a different type of attention.

So in 1992, a committee led by Dr. Lauren Kempton of the Education Department

developed the Freshman Seminar program. According to Bozzone, the program followed a "national trend" to help new college students adjust.

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

First-year students take introduction courses with the

same cluster of students in each class. This helps students to develop friendships with classmates and creates a new support system structure."

But what do students really learn in FS 101?

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

JUS2MAKEU THINK

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

I wish I was a dog.
Well . . . not really.
But, I am sort of jealous of our four legged friends.

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

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

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

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

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

Animals don't care whether you're gay, Black and

proud, raging Caucasian, Asian, Latino, 100% Italian, Fighting Irish, or about whatever petty little category you choose to identify with.

All a dog wants is to be fed

"Animals don't care whether you're gay, Black or White . . ."

and loved. When you pour those morsels of tenderloin into little Rover's bowl, he's not thinking, "Ruff, I don't like to be fed by German people."

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

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

Tragedy and disaster is another unbiased baby of

Mother Nature.

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

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

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

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

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

So what's the bottom line? Well, I know it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks so I certainly don't expect people to run around, hold hands and pick daisies, just 'cuz I say so.

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

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

Campus Happenings

Get set for some pep

There will be a Pep Rally in the William H. Pitt Center tonight at 8 p.m. Come and support the new Division I season.

So you want to be a lawyer?

There will be forum and open house for prospective law students hosted by the Law School Admissions Council on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at the World Trade Center in New York City.

Compiled by Keysha Whitaker

Grad students: New crew hired

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Air Force teach you anything about dealing with college kids?

Joe: It definitely taught me different styles of leadership and real world perspectives, from serving the country to serving students.

Editor: Are any of you sports fans?

Kelly: I like Rugby and Hockey.

Joe: I am definitely a basketball fan.

Andy: Well, my favorite sport is hockey. I did play soccer for a bit, but I just wasn't big enough.

Editor: What are some words of advice for the student body?

Andy: Enjoy this time while you have it, you only have four years. Get involved with whatever you can. Soak in as much of college life as you can.

Joe: Definitely getting involved is something that can make or break you. A quote I live by is "a stranger is a friend waiting to happen."

Kelly: College is definitely what you make it.

McGill, Lapp, and Winter are on their way to making SHU a whole lot more than it was.

Registrar strives to provide better service

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

Each year SHU undergoes monumental changes. One department that must remain current is the Office of the Registrar.

With this in mind, Doug Bohn, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Office of Registrar is doing everything in his power to keep the office thriving.

Doug Bohn is in his 37th year at the university.

"I taught math for seven years, and ended up doing registrar work because there was no registrar. My eighth year, the position was created, and I began," said Bohn.

Bohn has seen the university grow from a commuter school

to a resident school. The growth is obvious in the numbers.

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

"Sections are tight, but new sections are being added daily to accommodate more students,"

**"I think the Registrar is doing a good job . . ."-
Brownridge**

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

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

"There are two things we hope to work towards," Bohn proposed. "We hope to move our offices to the new student

service area that is being built in the old gym. If everything goes well, this may be as soon as the spring, but most likely, next summer," Bohn explained.

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

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

For students, this may equal fewer waits and less frustration.

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

A second goal of the regis-



Doug Bohn

trar's office is to obtain an upgrade of current software.

"We are looking to get an upgrade of administrative soft-

ware for student use, which will affect areas such as registration, billing, advisement, and financial aid.

Once this takes place the students will have access to registrar records to add or drop and course, finding grades, checking bills, financial aid, or degree status via the web account," explained Bohn.

The software may eventually allow students to go through the entire registration process online.

So, what's going to happen to the Registrar window?

"The goal of all this will provide better service. But the window will remain open," said Bohn.

According to Brownridge, better service is just what students are looking for.

Never too late to learn The Facts of Life

By Joseph J. Brigante
Contributing Writer Commentary

In 1978, the sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes," aired. The show was about two black Harlem orphans who moved in with a rich white man and his daughter. The penthouse the family lived in also had a maid, Mrs. Garrett who was played by Charlotte Rae.

The show was positive for mixing blacks and whites together, being a good example to children.

"Diff'rent Strokes" was a product of two producers known as the Tandem team: Norman Lear and Bud Yorkin. Lear and

Yorkin were also producers of "All in the Family," "The Jeffersons," and "One Day at a Time."

However "Diff'rent Strokes" did flaw by being told from an all white perspective, much like older sitcoms such as "Leave It to Beaver" and "The Brady Bunch."

In diff'rent strokes, the characters lived a perfect and carefree life, even though racism was very much alive in the world.

But things would soon change.

A year later, Mrs. Garrett left the penthouse, and went to the Eastland School for Girls to be a house mother on a new spin-off, "The Facts of Life."

Tandem Productions employees, Ben Starr, Jerry Mayer, and Howard Leeds produced this. Fantastically, "The facts of life was a better show than Diff'rent Strokes. The viewer was shown that not everything in life was rose colored.

The show addressed topics such as divorce, anorexia, suicide, drug dealing, and getting along with different people. The four main characters were Jo (Nancy McKeon), Natalie (Mindy Cohn), Tootie (Kim Fields), and Blair (Lisa Whelchel).

It was interesting to watch the four blossom for the nine years the show aired on NBC as they dealt with the facts of life.



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Sometimes the old shows are the best

Jo learned that marriage life may not be a bowl of cherries after getting married, and having a husband constantly away on business.

Natalie dealt with peer pressure and ended up being the first

girl to loose her virginity. Blair deals with issues of insecurity and self-esteem about her looks after getting in an accident.

The show currently airs on Nick At Nite, every weeknight at 8:30 p.m. on Nickelodeon.



And this one time at band camp...

By Ed Bourget
Staff Writer

The movie American Pie has familiarized students all over the world with the fact that the band is a part of every institution. This year the Pioneer band is looking to make some noise and show people campus wide that they are for real.

Marvin McNeill returns for a fourth season as the Coordinator of Bands, and is looking forward to the best season since his arrival. The band has added over 30 freshmen, along with a drum line, and a newly renovated color guard squad.

"The increase in the size of the band, the addition of the drum line, and the growth of the color guard (6 to 13 members) has been a big boost to the marching band program," said McNeill.

This year the band will perform during halftime at the home football games. The band also travels to local high school band competitions and is featured as the main exhibi-

tion. McNeill uses the exhibition trips as his primary tool for recruiting new freshmen.

"We like to perform at the high school exhibitions to help our recruiting process," said McNeill. "At least 10 of our new freshmen this year attended Sacred Heart as a result of our playing at these shows."

The freshmen are an added welcome to the band as the group has been able to add missing pieces from the previous year.

The drum line and the color guard are two sections that have welcomed the newcomers with open arms.

The drum line includes six new members, four of which are freshmen. The color guard has seven new members and is under the instruction of Darren Delaney, Swansea, Mass.

"I think that the addition of so many freshmen has improved the marching band dramatically," said senior piccolo player Chuck Bennedum, Oceanside, N.Y.

The freshmen have also enjoyed the short time with the band even though it included an early trip to campus for the



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SHU's marching band has increased its number and in talent this year.

pre-season. "Joining marching band has eased my transition into college," said freshmen flutist Heather Dufrense, Lunenburg, MA. "It allowed me the opportunity to get used

to college life before the confusion of Welcome Days."

McNeill is looking forward to the 2000-01 campaign and stresses one important goal to all the members. "Our

goal is to boost the morale and spirit within the band while improving our performance level so that we can represent Sacred Heart University in the best way possible."

Habitat for Humanity works towards another busy year

By Shannon Stone
Contributing Writer

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian Housing Ministry that builds houses for families in need.

Those houses are not given to the families though. The families have to complete 500 hours of volunteer work, including the construction of their own house, and thirty hours of future homeowner workshops, such as budgeting and conflict resolution.

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

This past year has been an eventful one for the Sacred Heart University chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Although the rest of the school was off for the summer, the volunteers for Habitat for Humanity were still busy working. A group of 7 volunteers went to the Philippines from August 1 to August 15 and built four houses for those in need.

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

the Anniversary Habitation.

This was a celebration with the families that own homes because of the help of Habitat for Humanity. One hundred and fifty families showed up, and there were many different events to enjoy.

The Triumphant Ministries Gospel Choir, St. Mark's Liturgical Dancers, and the Ash Creek String Band were among the performers.

Angela Bowden did the opening prayer at the

assembly, and Sean Otterspoor and Patricia Kurowski, both Sacred Heart University graduates, did a power point presentation of the Habitat houses in Bridgeport.

If anyone is interested in getting involved with Habitat for Humanity, the following Saturday workdays have been scheduled and are open for volunteers: September 23 and 30, October 14 and 28, November 4, 11, and 18, and December 2.

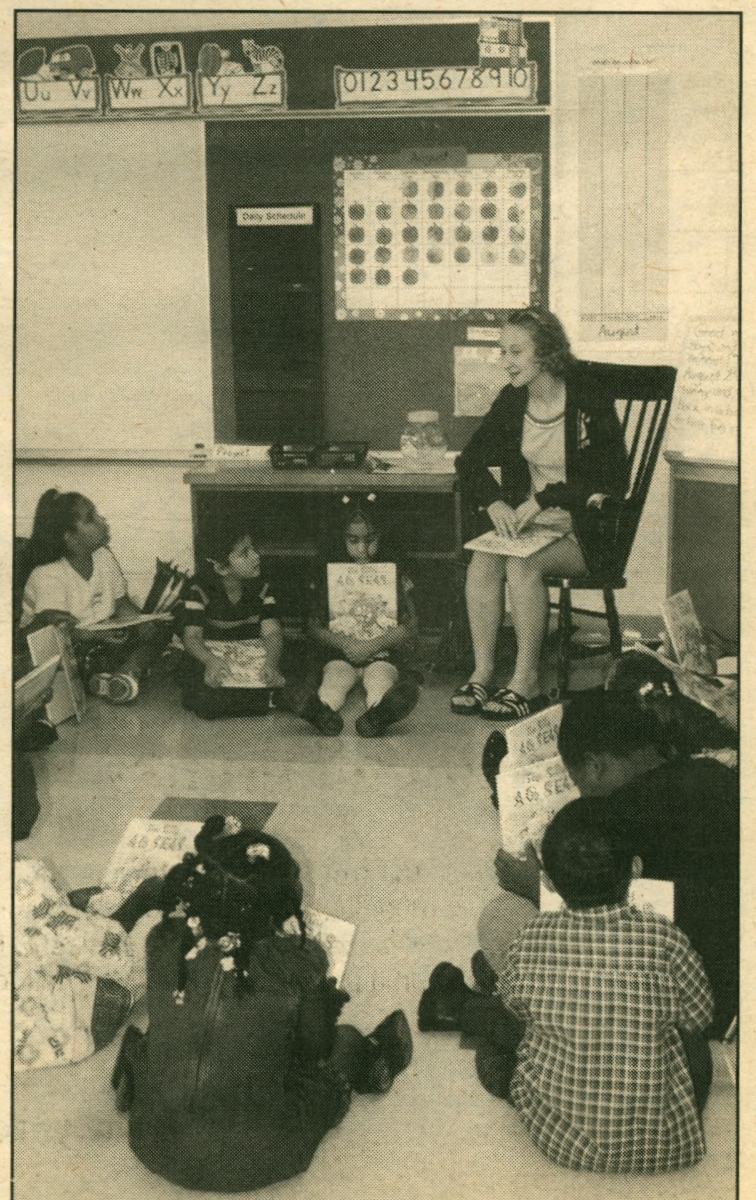


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Kate Peters, Stefanie Basciano and Kayla McEnaney cook dinner for the golden hill community support program.

He announced the opening of the Jimmy Carter work camp, which is the group of volunteers sent to build the one hundred thousandth house to be built by Habitat for Humanity.

Friday September 8 was a night to remember for the Sacred Heart University chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Millard Fuller, the founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International came to speak here at Sacred Heart for



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Amy Spelling reads at at Thomas Hooker School.

The Center for the Performing Arts opens its season with the musical 'South Pacific'

Special to the Spectrum

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

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

This romantic tale, which takes place on two islands in the South Pacific during World War II and features songs that have become classics such as "Younger Than Springtime," "Some Enchanted Evening,"

"Bali Ha'i," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out'a My Hair," "A Wonderful Guy" and "This Was Nearly Mine," is considered by some to be the quintessential American Musical. It is a heartwarming story with comic and tragic elements which drives home a poignant message about racial prejudice and how it can destroy love with the song, "You've Got To Be Carefully Taught."

Others members of the cast include Eric Maliziz, as Lt. Joseph Cable, Bob Filipowich as Luther Billis, Robert S. Fallon as Captain George Brackett, and more. Performances for the show, which runs through October 8, are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8p. m. and on Sundays at 3p.m.

For tickets, ranging from \$17 to 20\$, contact the theatre box office at The Center For Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University at 5151 Park Avenue in Fairfield at (203) 374-2777. Group discount rates, free parking, handicapped access are available.



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

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A&E Briefs

We're men, we're men in tights

This year the only production being performed by the SHU Players will be a production of Robin Hood. The adutions for this production will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 23 and at 8 p.m. on Sept. 24 in the theater. These adutions are opened to all Sacred Heart students. Anyone interestedd in acting is encouraged to attend.

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

What's the fuss about Rush?

Interested in Greek life? Rush will begin on Sept. 18 and run through Sept. 29. Mandatory meetings will take place at 10:15 p.m. on Sept. 18 and Sept. 24 for all interested. These meetings will allow prospective pledges to meet with the different fraternities and sororities.

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

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

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

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

-Compiled by Megan Flood

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California connection keeps SHU undefeated

By Matt Duda
Associate Editor

DeVeren Johnson never actually saw his gloved hands wrap around the football, he just knew the pigskin rested in his grasp.

Forget the fact that the Bryant College defender's elbow knocked the wide receiver's helmet up so that the chin strap covered his eyes. With just 3:19 remaining in the game and the Pioneers trailing 15-12 on the Campus Field turf, Johnson had no time to lament about not seeing the ball. The only sight that mattered after he righted his helmet was the image of the referee's touchdown signal.

"I wasn't surprised that I caught it. I was surprised I stayed in bounds," Johnson said.

Sporting a revamped offense and attitude, SHU holds a 2-0 record and a three game win streak dating back to a 37-18 triumph over St. Peter's in last year's season finale at Campus Field. But even before the wins came this season, optimism saturated the atmosphere in the Pitt Center locker room.

"I feel like the storm has passed," said junior fullback

Brandon Graham during one of the team's first practices. "You've got kids feeling good about being a football player. We're walking around with our chests out, heads up. We're just very excited about what we're doing here."

What the Pioneers are doing is winning in entertaining fashion. Pulling the trigger of SHU's loaded offense is Lancaster, Calif., native J.J. Holtfreter. The transfer from Antelope Valley Junior College in Quartz Hill, Calif., has given several things the Pioneers lacked in past years: a passing game, wins and hope.

In his Division I-AA debut on Sept. 2., Holtfreter threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns on 13-29 passing as the Pioneers ripped visiting Assumption 55-21 at Campus Field. He followed that up with 166 yards and two touchdowns on 15-32 passing in the 19-15 win over Bryant last Saturday. By comparison, Steve Ladd and Mike Toto combined for a total of 781 yards passing in 11 games last season. But if the junior physical therapy major has his way, future performances will tower above his early statistics.

"I wanted to play better, but

300 yards is the most I've ever had in my life," said Holtfreter about the opening win. "I wanted to have a better completion percentage."

SHU coach Jim Fleming knew Holtfreter, listed on SHU's roster at 5-8, 205 pounds, could post such high numbers after watching tape of him guiding Antelope Valley's offense. "He was overlooked by a lot of college," Fleming said. "He's a 5-foot-11 quarterback and people are looking for 6-1 kids. But he had an arm and he produced."

Holtfreter's 263.5 yards-per game average ranks him 18th in total offense nationally in Division I-AA. Although Holtfreter claims to enjoy catapulting the ball to all his available receivers, the numbers suggest that Johnson has emerged as the quarterback's primary target.

In two games, Johnson has logged nine catches for 203 yards and two touchdowns. The two wasted no time in displaying their abilities, connecting for 56-yards on SHU's first play from scrimmage this season. They also managed a 61-yard touchdown strike in the season opener.

"I like throwing the long

ball to Dev because he so tall and fast," said Holtfreter of Johnson.

But it's the quarterback's aptitude to thread medium range passes through the defense that makes him so valuable, according to Fleming. "His ability to throw the out-cut shows the strength of his arm," Fleming said. "The No. 1 thing (he does) is throw the intermediate passing game, 15-20 yard in-cuts and out-cuts."

Besides big yardage, Johnson and Holtfreter share another bond. Johnson also hails from the Golden State. In fact, Johnson's hometown newspaper, the San Diego Tribune, named him the best two-sport athlete to come out of that state since San Francisco 49'ers star J.J. Stokes. He displayed his ability on the basketball court last year for the Pioneers, averaging 12.3 points for the 3-25 team.

Johnson said he turned to the gridiron after his relationship with coach Dave Bike soured. "We weren't seeing eye to eye," Johnson said. "Basketball is my first love, but I'd rather play 100 percent for a coach that's going to give you 100 percent rather than play 100 percent and be

coached 40 percent."

As the more than 2,000 fans that showed up to each of the first two games and the dozens of pre and post game tailgate parties show, Pioneer fans have eagerly pushed aside ugly memories of past losing season. That includes Johnson, who looks forward to Saturday's 1 p.m. Northeast Conference opener against Central Connecticut at Campus Field.

"I think a lot of teams in the NEC are in for a rude awakening," Johnson said.

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Pioneer XC steps up to line

By Emily Greenough
Staff Writer

Sophomore Suzy D'Angelo led the Sacred Heart women's cross country team to a killer fourteenth place finish against nationally ranked schools on Saturday at the Fordham University Cross Country Invitational.

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

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

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

D'Angelo's finish was fol-

lowed four seconds later by senior co-captain Heather Stockton, who finished with a time of 19:56 on the five thousand meter (3.1-mile) course.

Freshman Katherine Wrinkle and Meghan O'Connor stood out in their first college performances by finishing 4 and 7 for the SHU team, respectively.

The men's team, on the other hand, had a tough time with the competition, due to the absence of some of the better runners. The team placed tenth in a field of twelve teams.

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

"I'm sure they'll be turning in some good results in a few weeks," said Morrison.

Senior co-captain Christopher Eaton managed to lead off the men's team with his best time ever on this course, which was

28:30 for the five-mile race.

Freshman runners also had a solid finish. William Figueroa (New Milford) finished with a time of 29:46. Matthew Uzenski, (Oceanside, N.Y.), was only 18 seconds behind Figueroa (30:04). Freshman Andrew Renna, (Danbury) placed fourth with a finish of 31:10.

Other varsity runners for the men were sophomore Joshua Slack, senior Ed Njai, and freshman Nicholas Whalen.

Graduate student Sabrina Kenny is running for the women this season, and managed to bring in a solid finish of 20:49 for the team. Junior Kimberly Almeida and sophomore Mandi Orrok also competed in the top seven Sacred Heart women.

Both teams will compete in the Monmouth University Cross Country Invitation at 10 a.m. next Saturday at Tatum Park in Middletown, N.J.



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SHU soccer is looking to make a run for it this year.

Sacred Heart soccer kicks off

By Jeffery O. Guillot
Staff Writer

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

The women hold a record of 2-1 with one goal wins to Sienna and Albany and a loss to Maine.

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

"We work very hard. Overall, this team has met its expectations. We rely a great deal on our returning players," said Barosso.

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

The women compete this Saturday at Temple University. The men's team currently

holds a record of 0-2-1.

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

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

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

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

Other impact players Gustavo Reaes, goaltender, and transfers Matt Christiansen and Jorge DeSousa will contribute to their success.

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



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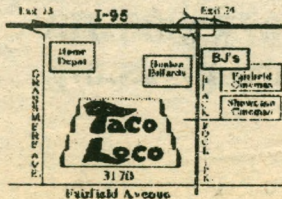
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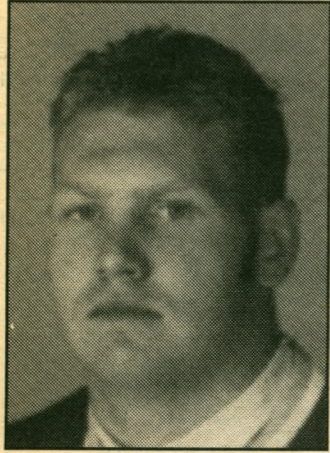
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SHU Athlete of the Week



J.J. Holtfreter
Football

Holtfreter named NEC Offensive Player of the Week after Assumption win

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

Field hockey winless after first three games of season

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

The field hockey team opened their season this past weekend with two losses against two nationally ranked teams.

The Pioneers lost to seventh ranked Lake Forest 6-0 and Appalachian State 6-1.

The Pioneers only goal was scored off a penalty stroke by Jeanne Williams a senior from Centereach, N.Y.

"The competition was extremely strong and although we lost we played really well," said Angela Yuhas, sophomore from East Lyme.

The women also competed against Davison College on Sunday and lost 3-0.

"The second half of that game we played more like a unit and executed what we have been working on in practice," stated Yuhas.

Throughout the weekend goalie and senior captain Ginny Capicchioni, (Oradell, N.J.) faced 25 corner shots and allowed six goals.

"Cappicchioni is not only strong between the pipes but

she is a great motivator and leader.

"Even the coach from Lake Forest commented on her performance," said Yuhas.

Leading the Pioneers this season is new head coach Tara Jelley.

Jelley was the assistant field hockey coach for the University of Connecticut and is a member of the US National Field Hockey Team.

"Jelley has a good head about the game. She is a very talented athlete and extremely knowledgeable. Jelley is a great asset to our team," said Hubbard.

Along with Jelley senior captains Andrea Hubbard, (Kingston, N.Y.) and Ashley Anderson, (Dover Plains, N.Y.) will be setting the pace for the lady Pioneers.

"We are both strong offensively and defensively. The freshman are looking strong and "I am confident that we have a chance to place first in our conference," said Hubbard.

The women will be taking the home field at 12:30 p.m. this Friday against American University. They will continue their weekend at the University of Vermont and Albany State.

Sports Schedule for Sept. 15 to Sept. 21

Friday Women's Field Hockey vs. American, 12:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Quinnipiac, 3:30 p.m.	Saturday cont. Men's Football vs. Central Conn. State, 1 p.m. Cross Country @ Monmouth, TBA	Monday Men's Soccer vs. Iona, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday Women's Field Hockey @ Quinnipiac, 3:30 p.m.
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Tax tangles to untangle?



The IRS is ready to help you straighten things out.

For any problem that relates to your tax return, first you should call, write or visit the IRS. Most questions will be simply resolved, then and there.

But what if the issue is more complicated—one that drags on? What if you face significant hardship unless relief is granted?

Then you may qualify for our Taxpayer Advocate Service.

As a new and independent arm of the IRS, this Service acts to protect taxpayer rights and ensure fair treatment.

Your personal Taxpayer Advocate reviews the situation from your point of view. The same person will work with you until the issue is resolved, quickly and fairly.

This service can be requested for individual or business taxpayers.

Do you qualify? Ask your tax preparer or phone toll-free at 1-877-777-4778.

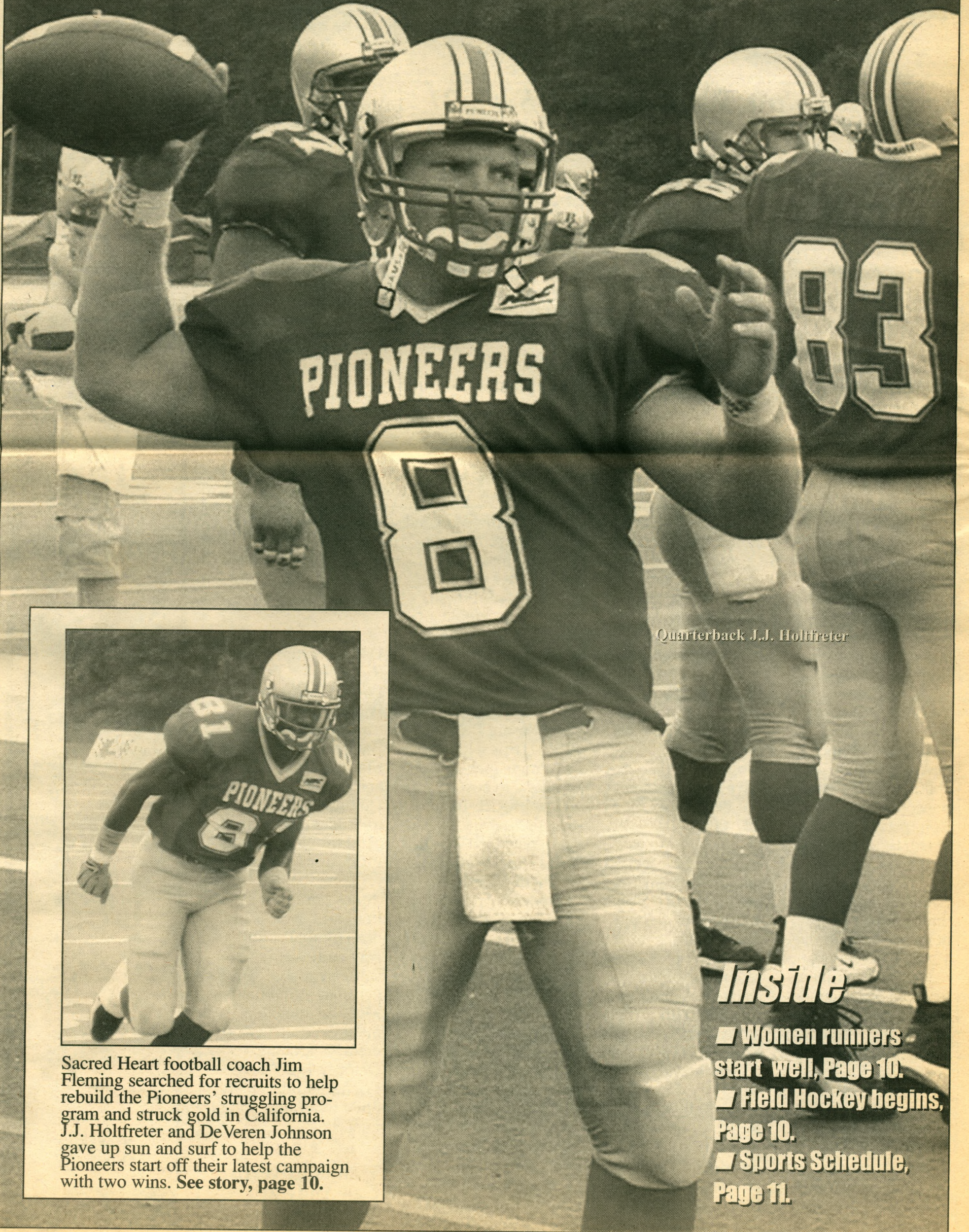


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Sports

WEST COAST OFFENSE



Quarterback J.J. Holtfreter



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

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