FEATURED NEWS

What Really Made French Montana “Unforgettable”?

BY EVAN DENNY
Staff Reporter

On March 23rd, Sacred Heart University was set to hold a spring concert featuring French Montana, an American-Moroc­can hip-hop artist. However, at 4:32 PM on the day of the concert, an email was sent out stating that the concert was canceled due to "unforeseen circumstances." The Spectrum reached out to French Montana’s record label, Bad Boy Records, but unfortunately was unable to get a re­sponse. Student Activities was cooperative and provided the following statement about the cancellation.

"On the day of the concert, we received a phone call around 4PM from the agency that represents French Montana and they explained he was still in Los An­geles and wasn’t going to make it to Sacred Heart," said Amy Scinto, Vice President of Student Activities. "Once again speaking for Student Activities, we were extremely disappointed and needs a radical change, so The Bible is officially canceled and it’s announced a meeting between the highest per­sonalities of the church where it will be decided the book that will replace it, its name and its con­tent. Some names are already being considered and the one that has more strength is ‘Biblia 2000’." Source: Thereisnews.com

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FRENCH MONTANA WAS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM AT SACRED HEART ON MAR. 23 BUT CANCELED HOURS BEFORE DOORS OPENED.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK
@fydiaaa_w
"When I was 11 I found a bee that had been in my shoe all day and my psychological health hasn’t been the same since."

@_keighton
"I've solved the mystery: French Mon­tana canceled the spring concert because spring isn’t coming this year."

On French Montana’s Instagram, Sacred Heart students expressed their anger towards the artist. Comments like "You’re a wet sock" from @traceycastelli, "French Montana eats soup with a fork" from @toneoromeo, and "French Montana is that guy making out with his pillow" @membr32 are just a few examples.

Refunds were offered by Stu­dent Activities, following the cancellation, on March 29 and April 3. The January 30 issue of the Spectrum featured two polls about Montana. 81% of poll respondents were more excited for French Peck than French Montana and 64% answered "No" to the question "Are you excited for @FrenchMontana?" "In all honesty, I wasn’t really excited for French Montana, I don’t really know who French Mon­tana’s music was, I just went to the concert to be with my friends," said junior Gabriella Monferrato. "I heard a bizarre rumor from my roommate’s friend that French was arrested in Uganda and therefore could not make it."

"I did get a refund for my tick­ets and was excited for the cancellation. The process was easy. There was a short line that I had to wait on, but once I got into Hawley, the process was smooth," said Monferrato. French Montana’s Instagram, Sacred Heart students expressed their anger towards the artist. Comments like "You’re a wet sock" from @traceycastelli, "French Montana eats soup with a fork" from @toneoromeo, and "French Montana is that guy from [ou] reef who was making out with his pillow" @membr32 are just a few examples.

"I wouldn’t say I was excited for French Montana, as much as I was excited for the concert experience," said junior Caroline Flynn. "I feel bad for the seniors, but I don’t think it’s Sacred Heart’s fault."

Seniors were particularly upset considering that French Montana would have been their last Sa­cred Heart spring concert. Se­nior Brennan Scannion responded to the cancellation email blast speaking on behalf of those who planned on attending the concert.

"I find it extremely hard to believe that the university was notified 2 hours before the gates were scheduled to open that French Montana canceled," said Scannion. "I was again speaking for the entire student body, we are extremely disappointed and expect full monetary compensa­tion."

"I heard rumors about how he was in prison in California, he just didn’t want to come, and that he blew us off to go to Las Vegas early for his next show," said ju­nior Joseph Leo. "I was excited for French Montana but wasn’t that upset when I heard it was can­celed."

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EMERGING EVENTS
4-12 In The Heights Opens Edgerton Theater, 8 p.m.
4-20 Annual Academic Festival U.C. All day
4-25 Distribution Begins (4/25- 4/26)
SHU Bookstore

FAKE NEWS Or Not?
Pope Francis Cancels the Bible

"Pope Francis has sur­prised the world today by announcing that the Bible is totally outdated and needs a radical change, so The Bible is officially canceled and it’s announced a meeting between the highest per­sonalities of the church where it will be decided the book that will replace it, its name and its con­tent. Some names are already being considered and the one that has more strength is ‘Biblia 2000’." Source: Thereisnews.com

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On April 3, Pope Francis will deliver his commencement ad­dress to the graduating class of 2018 at Webster Bank Arena. He will also receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Sacred Heart University. The class of 2018 consists of approxi­mately 1,220 graduates who will earn bachelor’s degrees in the Arts (BA) or in the Sciences (BS).

Brokaw is a television journal­ist and author who is best known for his work with NBC News. He covered many important and historical events, such as Ronald Reagan’s first political campaign, the Watergate scandal, and the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

"Tom Brokaw is one of the most important broadcast journalists in the history of broadcasting. His long career at NBC News has spanned several generations. He has literally written the first draft of history by being present as an anchor and reporter at every major event on the planet for over four decades," said Media Arts Professor Joe Aicastro, who also worked with Brokaw at NBC News. "As an author, his collec­tion of writings ‘The Greatest Generation’ stands out as a tribute to the American generation that sacrificed so much for our free­dom."

In 2014, President Barack Obama awarded the Medal of Freedom to Brokaw in honor of the journalism contributions he made to the United States throughout his career.

"Personally, I am very happy that Tom Brokaw, a man that I worked with for nearly 30 years, and a man who was our leader at NBC News, will be speaking to our students as they head off from our campus to the world. To me, Brokaw’s commencement address will particularly hold weight for graduating journalism stu­dents. ‘Having someone like Tom Brokaw speak to our class is extremely beneficial because it is someone who has worked extremely hard to get where he is," said senior Nicole Cotruzo, who is a media arts major with a concentration in journalism. "Having Tom Brokaw as the commencement speaker shows that no matter what your field is that you are entering, the possibilities are endless and with hard work and determination your dreams can be achieved."

In recent years, journalism as a profession has come to a turn­ing point within the era of “fake news,” growing media distrust, and online conspiracy theories about news coverage. Therefore, for students studying journalism, Brokaw serves as an example of excellence.

"In this age of uncertainty and Fake News, Tom Brokaw is a voice of certainty. He is above all a reporter, gathering facts, not fic­tion or opinion, reminding us ex­actly what the profession of jour­nalism is supposed to be and its important place in a democracy," said Aicastro.

During this year’s undergrad­uate commencement ceremony, Linda McMahon, a former Sacred heart trustee, will receive an hon­orary Doctor of Humanities degree.

McMahon is now a member of President Trump’s cabinet as the Small Business Administration leader. She is also the co-founder and former chief executive of WWE in Stamford, Conn.

On May 12, Richard Edelman, the president and CEO of the world’s largest public relations firm will deliver the address during the Graduate Commencement ceremony to 1,130 graduate students. He will also be receiving an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree, along with Marna Parke Borgstrom, the CEO of the Yale New Haven Health System and Yale New Haven Hospital.

Both commencement ceremo­nies will take place at Webster Bank Arena on May 12 and May 13 at 10 a.m., and will also be broadcasted live online.

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SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
SHU Community Comes Together for Social Justice Week

BY MATT DEPIETRO
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On March 26 through 29, Sacred Heart University held its annual Social Justice Week. Various campus organizations held opportunities for community service, open conversations, and other events surrounding the idea of social justice.

"I think that being a part of a Catholic University really calls us, both as individuals and as a whole community, to serve those on the margins of society," said Campus Minister Devon McCormick. "We have such a beautiful example of reaching out a hand of mercy and love from Pope Francis, who one of our residence halls is named after - he has provided such a wonderful image of what it means to reach out to the poor, downtrodden, imprisoned, oppressed, disabled, etc.," she said.

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance, also known as GSA, hosted their event of the week on March 27, in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Senior and GSA president Rachel Zacharczyk, provided her message of what she hopes students would take away from the event.

"Be yourself and encourage others to do the same. Be a walking safe haven and you'll see the change you can make in other people's lives," she said.

Within the beliefs of Christianity however, there is some debate around certain interpretations of scripture and the moral teachings of the Church.

"I don't personally believe in conversion/changing people's minds about their beliefs. That'd be hypocritical," said Zacharczyk.

"But, I believe that it is positive to speak our own truth and to be open to conversation in classrooms and beyond to promote inclusivity and encourage dialogue as a means towards understanding and mutual respect," she said.

McCormick offered her take on the issue of controversy as well.

"In my opinion, the focus should really be on mercy for all, regardless of background," she said.

"We should be able to sit and have intelligent conversations surrounding the hot button topics of our generation, and respond with love, mercy and compassion, rather than responding with judgment, rules, and condemnation."

"I really encourage each young person on this campus to educate themselves - familiarize yourself with the ministry of Jesus, and what he stood for. As Pope Francis calls it (The Church), a hospital for sinners instead of a museum for saints," she said.

Other on campus groups hosted events in the week as well, including La Hispanidad's unity walk on March 27. Those who participated in the walk chose ribbons at the end representing different areas of diversity or marginalized groups in society.

"It's about justice in terms of equal opportunity for all people, that all persons are treated equally without any prejudices," said junior Alex Lister.

As Social Justice Week ends, McCormick encourages students to participate in the pursuit of social justice throughout the year.

"There are so many opportunities for students to work towards a socially just society, both within our surrounding communities, and out in the wider world," she said.

World News Update: Here's What You May Have Missed

Fire at Trump Tower, New York City
On April 7, one person died, and six firefighters were injured in a fire that broke out at Trump Tower in New York City. The cause of the fire is still unclear.

"Fire at Trump Tower is out," tweeted President Trump after the incident. "Very confined (well-built building). Firemen (and women) did a great job. THANK YOU!"

According to the Fire Department of New York, the upper floors of Trump Tower did not have sprinkler systems.

"This was a very difficult fire. As you can imagine, the apartment is quite large; we are 50 stories up," New York Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro told reporters. "The rest of the building had a considerable amount of smoke."

The man killed in the accident was identified as Todd Brassner, a resident of Trump Tower.

Two Soldiers Killed Helicopter Crash, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
On April 7, two United States soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash during training in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The accident was the fourth military aircraft mishap that week. The two soldiers were identified Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ryan Connolly, 37, and Warrant Officer James Casadona, 28.

"The Destiny Brigade has suffered a great tragedy, and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the deceased," said Col. Craig Alia, the commander of the brigade in a press release.

"This is an unfortunate event, and we are saddened by the loss of our fellow soldiers. We ask that everyone respect the privacy of the families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones."

The helicopter crashed 9:50 p.m., while the men were conducting a routine training. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

10 Hockey Players and 5 Staff Dead in Bus Crash, Canada
A semi-trailer slammed into a bus carrying a youth hockey team in Saskatchewan, Canada, killing 15 people and injuring 14 in a catastrophic collision that a doctor compared to an air-strike and left the vehicles obliterated in the snow.

"An entire country is in shock and mourning," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said. "This is every parent's worst nightmare. No one should ever have to see their child leave to play the sport they love and never come back."

The bus had 29 passengers, including the driver, when it crashed at about 5 p.m. on Highway 35, police said. Among the dead are Broncos head coach Darcy Haugan, team captain Scott Thomas and six players from the team as well.

The team was on its way to play in Game 5 of a semi-final against the Nipawin Hawks.

German Citizens Evacuated, Paderborn, Germany
More than 26,000 people have been evacuated in the western German town of Paderborn so bomb specialists could remove a World War II-era bomb discovered during construction work.

In addition to people leaving their homes, two hospitals, a university and several nursing homes had to be evacuated.

Specialists defused the 1.8 ton heavy British bomb on Sunday, more than a week after it was found by construction workers in a garden, only 80 centimeters (31 inches) under the ground.

Even more than 70 years after the end of the war, bombs and other munitions still turn up regularly during construction work in Germany — a testament to the ferocity of World War II.

The AP Exchange contributed to this article.
French Montana- Unreliable and Pretty Forgettable

On March 23, 2018 French Montana devastated the Sacred Heart student body. Well, most of them, because I wasn’t entirely too upset with the situation. Prior to the annual spring concert, my enthusiasm regarding the event was low. My taste in music doesn’t align with the enthusiasm regarding the event was low. That being said, I don’t truly believe in giving someone a taste of their own medioc­rity, but I do think he lost a lot of fans that were coming to campus (so we thought).

As I come to a close with my spring concert run, I would like to expose Mr. Montana for who he really is: Karim Kharbouch. That is correct- French Montana is not his real name! So if any reader happens to bump into Mr. Kharbouch in the near future, please feel free to hand him a copy of the Spectrum and let him know that some students may want to speak with him. Don’t worry, he probably won’t show up.

Now that I look back on my time, I am truly grateful for the 1738 legend that rocked the stage. Apparently, it is difficult to actually attend an event that you are being PAID to come to, so congratulations Mr. Wap on completing a truly challenging task. Buried in French Montana’s incredible Instagram comments from angry Sacred Heart students were some allegations that Josh Peck was our true spring concert performer. This is a fact that I can stand with. Seeing Josh Peck was a childhood dream come true, and that fulfillment instantly set the burn that French Montana left on March 23.

During my time at Sacred Heart, I only attended one concert, which was Fetty Wap my sopho­more year. While many students felt that they did not perform for a comparable amount of time, I was satisfied with the experience.

When is the right time to stop wearing your Timberlands?

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Never

March

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73%

15 votes • Final results

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Perspectives

The Stormy Daniels Saga: Who Do You Believe?

BY DEVI BRIDGEMOHAN
Staff Reporter

Stormy Daniels sat across from Anderson Cooper with her legs crossed and hands in her lap. She was making her first live appearance on 60 Minutes to speak about her past. "I guess I'm not 100% sure on why you're doing this," said Cooper. "Because it was very important to me to be able to defend myself," said Daniels.

The alleged affair between Stormy Daniels and President Donald Trump is on its way to becoming the most discussed "hush-agreement" in history. Trump's personal attorney paid Daniels (her real name is Stephanie Clifford) $130,000 to keep quiet about her alleged relationship with the President. Trump has since denied having an affair with Daniels. His lawyers are now threatening her with $1 million dollar fines for every time she speaks on the matter. Despite the risks, Daniels refuses to stay silent. Daniels isn’t the only person to come forward about a sexual encounter with the President. Although she denies being a victim, as "I have the Hulu and Spotify student discount where you can watch Netflix or Hulu, it's generally going to see, not something that's more Joe McCormack. "You get this huge selection of movies and TV shows from Hulu, and then you get millions and millions of songs to choose from on Spotify. "The movies just get to be too expensive," said McCormack. "Sometimes you end up paying $12 for a ticket, plus money for popcorn and a drink; at that point you're spending $20 to go to the movies." However, with theater tickets getting more expensive, the movie theaters are losing money and attendance. According to TheVerge.com, domestic movie theater attendance hit a 25 year low in 2017. With the higher ticket prices, the movie theaters' revenue has dropped 2.7 percent, dropping from 11.4 billion to 11.1 billion, according to TheVerge.com. There are only a few movies that students go out and actually see. According to TheNumbers.com, the top 3 highest grossing movies of 2018 are "Black Panther," "Jumanji: Welcome to The Jungle," and "The Greatest Showman." "Black Panther" has sold 72,934,968 tickets worldwide so far. "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" has sold 26,086,278 tickets worldwide according to TheNumbers.com. Why is there such a big drop-off in sales from the number one to the number two movie? However, could the reason for some students staying home and watching Netflix or Hulu be that some students may not like going to the movies or just prefer to wait until the movie comes out? "I don't really have to go to the movies," said junior Justin Cunningham. "It's just more convenient and a lot cheaper to just stream something at home. If I really want to see a movie that's coming out, then I'll wait till it comes out on DVD or just wait for it to come onto a streaming website that I use."
On more than one occasion while driving on main campus or Park Avenue, I have seen students walking very close to being hit by a car. Usually these near-miss situations occur without the student even realizing it; why is that? Well, the responsibility for each cell phone user is increasing as each year passes. Going a day without our phones or technology in general would seem impossible for most. People are so used to having their cell phones by their side at all times and using them for anything and everything. It is baffling that talking to people is considered increasingly difficult because one cannot river away from their phone to avoid “awkward” conversations. It is baffling that talking to people is considered increasingly difficult because one cannot river away from their phone to avoid “awkward” conversations.

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Growing up in Shelton, Conn., Jessica Berard's dream was to be the first female member of the National Basketball Association. For years, she was a dancer, basketball player, and a soccer player. However, as she got older, she realized that dance was taking over her life. "I've been dancing since age three, and I've come to realize it's definitely something that I can't live without," said Berard.

She grew up with four siblings—three sisters and one brother. Her family has always been very important to her. Berard's two younger siblings also danced growing up, which made dance prominent in her family life. After initially planning to spend her college years at Manhattanville College in New York, she decided it was not a good fit for her.

Once she realized that Sacred Heart University offered her the opportunity to dance without pursuing it academically, she decided to transfer. She also felt that Sacred Heart was a comfortable, friendly environment where people were outgoing and nice.

"My siblings are my best friends. I don't know what I would do without them," said Berard. "That was another reason choosing Sacred Heart was a no-brainer. This location enabled me to be close to home." Once at Sacred Heart, Berard got involved in the dance club immediately. At the time, the dance program was called SHU F.O.R.C.E and was a student-run club that consisted of 60 girls.

She became the choreographer of the dance ensemble and a member of the executive board during her junior year. As the dance club began to transition into a program, it divided into two different parts: the dance ensemble and the dance company.

The dance ensemble is the student-run division of the dance program, while the dance company is a pre-professional training program and is taught by outside instructors. Both programs combined now total about 300 students-offering ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, Irish dance, and a dance minor.

"It's really cool to see how much the dance program has transformed into what it is today," said Berard.

In 2014, she graduated with a degree in psychology. She also accepted the position of Assistant Director of the Sacred Heart Dance Program, which is a part-time position in which she choreographs hip hop and commercial dance for the Sacred Heart's dance ensemble and dance company.

"An element of the dance program that I love is seeing how much passion they all have. It's a very judgmental environment," said Berard. "The students are looking to grow and get better everyday."

Outside of Sacred Heart, Berard is part of a dance company in Connecticut called Flux Momentum and trains in New York City. She is also pursuing her master's degree in Clinical and Mental Health at Fairfield University, as Sacred Heart does not currently offer that program.

Her end goal is to become a licensed professional counselor. When she realized she probably wouldn't be able to be the first female member of the MBA, she came up with a new dream—incorporate dance into therapy.

Movement therapy is an on-the-rise technique that Berard believes can be extremely effective in helping people work through their problems.

"I know I'm always going to be close to home and that's a matter of what exactly I'm doing and where," said Berard.

The SHU Dance Company is performing their spring show Mov(e)ments on Friday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Edgerton Center. The SHU/SLAM: Urban Arts Showcase is taking place on Thursday, April 19 in the University Commons Auditorium.

Finally, the SHU Dance Ensemble puts on their Spring Finale on Sunday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 26 at 10:00 p.m. at the Edgerton Center.

Do you ever see the students in the red jackets and wonder who they are? You might have seen them giving tours or helping with school events for admissions.

Those students are Sacred Heart University's student ambassadors.

"Many times, we are one of the first impressions that potential families have of Sacred Heart," said sophomore Anthony Smith, a student ambassador.

Student ambassadors are also responsible for giving tours to prospective students.

Student ambassadors are direct representatives of Sacred Heart. Student ambassadors conduct tours daily, facilitate open houses, and run events like Pioneer for a Day, Group Tours, and Junior Open House Day.

"Student Ambassadors represent and embody the essence of Sacred Heart University to all those who visit," said junior Donna Aliperti, who is also a student ambassador.

There are currently over 120 student ambassadors at Sacred Heart. These students have out-going personalities and present tremendous school spirit. The ambassadors are students who want to share their passions about Sacred Heart with others.

"The university has changed so much from when I started being an ambassador to my senior year," said Alison Hoag, a Sacred Heart alumna. "The health care building, Bergoglio Hall, and the purchase of the GE building, created positive expansion for tours. I am proud to say I was a SHU ambassador."

For Fall 2018, Sacred Heart admissions received the most applications ever. With the campus growing, Sacred Heart has over 10,000 visitors per year. This growth has resulted in more events on campus, an increased social media presence, and overall campus growth.

"Every person who comes for a tour or an event hosted by admissions, brings something new to the Sacred Heart community that allows growth for our campus," said sophomore Hannah Jones, a student ambassador.

The campus tours are meant to be personal so the ambassadors can connect with every student. The ambassadors want to find out the prospect's interests and aspirations for college. Then, the ambassadors can show what Sacred Heart can provide for the student's specific wants and needs.

"The student ambassadors' most important job is to show that Sacred Heart isn't just a university, it's a place to call home for 4 years," said Robert Gilmore, the Director of Campus Experience and the coordinator of the student ambassador program.

Each ambassador represents the diversity of the campus. Whether the ambassador is an athlete or involved in Greek Life, or apart of the theatre arts program, they all represent Sacred Heart as a community.

"Being a student ambassador is more than just giving tours. It's about being pioneers today for the pioneers tomorrow," said sophomore Carly Doorhy.
Features

Samsung Galaxy S9 Phone Release

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Is the Samsung Galaxy S9 the best smartphone yet? It just might be for those people who use Androids. "It is a nearly perfect Samsung phone," said Marques Brownlee of a YouTube video reviewing the phone.

Marques Brownlee is one of the most well-known and famous tech YouTubers. He makes videos about the latest technology and notes what is good and bad about these devices.

The Galaxy S9 has been greatly anticipated in the tech world because people thought it would be hard to top the success and innovation of the Galaxy S8, which was released last year.

Many people did not think that Samsung would be able to make something much better compared to its previous models. But they did, and the upgrade is worth it.

The S9 and S9 Plus come in four different color options, Lilac Purple, Midnight Black, Titanium Gray, and Coral Blue.

The regular S9 has a 5.8-inch screen, while the S9 plus has a 6.2-inch screen. But since the screens have the same display, the larger screen only has 529 ppi (pixels per inch) as opposed to the 570 ppi that the regular sized one has.

One of the most anticipated aspects about this phone was the camera, and most people believe that Samsung did a good job developing the new cameras.

According to the Samsung website, the front camera not only has an eight megapixel AF sensor, but also has an 80-degree field-of-view, which allows the user to be able to capture more with each photo they take.

One of the differences about the rear cameras from the Galaxy S8 is that the S9 Plus version has a second telephoto camera along with the main wide angle camera.

One of the most revolutionary phone camera improvements is the new camera along with the main wide angle camera. The settings are f/1.5 and f/2.4.

The camera detects what kind of lighting you are trying to take a photo in and either raises or lowers the aperture so you can get the best result.

These types of settings can be helpful in taking photos in low-light settings because they will come out lighter and clearer.

The Samsung Galaxy S9’s biggest competitor is the iPhone X, even though the iPhone came out towards the end of last year.

The iPhone X also has a 5.8-inch screen just like the regular Galaxy S9.

The camera is very similar, in that the iPhone X has a dual camera on it as well, with a 12-megapixel wide angle camera and a telephoto camera.

Since it has both cameras, each one has its own aperture, which are f/1.8 and f/2.4, but they are locked in at those.

There are more people at Sacred Heart University who are loyal users to Apple products compared to Samsung phones.

Sophomore Christian Rodriguez prefers his iPhone instead of switching to an Android phone. "The iPhone X facial recognition is a really cool feature and navigating around the phone is smooth without the home button, it just takes some getting used to," said sophomore Mike DiBella.

DiBella got the phone when it was first released so he has gotten a lot of use out of it already.

"The only con I really have with the iPhone is that the facial recognition doesn’t always work and it can get frustrating," said Rodriquez.

Some people prefer how the Galaxy phones work and often Android users end up upgrading to the newer Galaxy releases, just the same as Apple users do.

"This is the best and most complete version of that they have ever made," said Brownlee.

New Food Ordering App Created By SHU Students

BY AUDREY NIBLO
Staff Reporter

Do you ever get home and suddenly realize that not only are you hungry, but you’re also out of something like paper towels?

There is a new web application coming on the scene called ProntoPlate that is ready to help you out of your dilemma.

Currently, the food ordering market is overrun by platforms such as UberEats, GrubHub, Seamless, and DoorDash all across the United States. However, ProntoPlate will be competing with the larger food ordering platforms.

The idea for this new platform came from Biagio Barone and his wife Gina Rizzuto, owner of Biagio’s Osteria, an Italian Restaurant in Stratford.

"This initiative was from owner of the Biagios Osteria, which is an Italian restaurant located in Stratford," said graduate student Mayank Patel. "He wanted an application managed by his organization that provides the same services as GrubHub, but he wanted to add more services than GrubHub."

It takes a great deal of work in order to produce an application not only in the classroom but outside of it as well.

"This is the result of hard work and guidance of Professor Kaya. It requires learning new tools and technologies to implement the ideas into real-world solutions," said computer science Professor, Tolga Kaya.

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Good news for people who are watching their wallets-applicants will not be charged an application fee. "The web app is free to use and order food. Even in the future when a mobile app is made available, it will be free," said Chelladurai.

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The application will be controlled by Biagio and his organization. They will ultimately make the decision as to which local businesses will be on the application.

"Based on the location input of the user, all the restaurants around 8 miles will be listed, from which the user can order food and have it delivered. The user can also share their food orders on social media," said Chelladurai.

While this web application is similar to others in some areas, one of the differences is that ProntoPlate is designed to sell to Sacred Heart students.

Students then began meeting everyday on campus to work on the project.

"GrubHub or UberEats are our biggest competitors. However our app will offer some unique features," said computer science Professor, Tolga Kaya.

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After 18 films over the course of 10 years, "Avengers: Infinity War" is set to release in U.S. theaters on Friday, April 27.

Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo, "Avengers: Infinity War" is going to be a culmination of what has appeared in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) since 2008's "Iron Man." The film follows the story of the Avengers and their allies as they attempt to defeat Thanos, who plans on ending the universe. There are multiple film plotlines that are currently running in the Marvel franchise, and "Avengers: Infinity War" could cover any of them.

"I am very excited," said Associate Professor of Philosophy, Dr. Jesse Bailey, who is a big Marvel enthusiast.

"Simply put, nothing like this has ever been done before. Eighteen films have been building different pieces of an exciting universe, and to some degree it has all been leading up to this one film event." The film features an ensemble cast including Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Benedict Cumberbatch, Don Cheadle, Chadwick Boseman, Paul Bettany, Elizabeth Olsen, Anthony Mackie, Sebastian Stan, Dave Bautista, Zoe Saldana, Josh Brolin, and Chris Pratt. As the release date for the movie approaches, here is a brief timeline of the plotlines of everything that has happened before "The Avengers," in chronological order of the plotlines.

Taking place a thousand years before the events of "Iron Man," is "Thor," where character Odin captures the Casket of Ancient Winters in Norway. 933 years later, Norway is invaded again and Johann Schmidt, in "Captain America: The First Avenger," steals what is called the Tesseract, a sort of Infinity Stone which Odin has left on Earth sometime between these two events.

Three years later, in this same "Captain America" film, Captain America throws a suborbital bomber into the Atlantic Ocean. 31 years subsequent to this, Stark Industries discloses the first Marvel's "Villain Problem." Although many of Marvel's superheroes are memorable and engaging, Marvel does nothing to really establish their villains and this makes them characters that are easy to forget.

"I am obviously worried that they haven't really built up Thanos enough, and with the Marvel "Villain Problem," I am worried this could mean that the film will be a let-down, given the enormously high expectations we all have," said sophomore Nicholas Kriticos. "I have pretty high expectations for it because Avengers is a great film series."

Overall, most moviegoers seem interested in the movie, whether if it be because of a personal interest in "The Avengers," or because of a friend's.

"I don't know much about the upcoming movie, but the trailers seemed interesting and my boy friend is very excited to see it when it comes out," said sophomore Cassidy Baldwin.

There is, however, to take into consideration what is known by fans as Marvel's "Villain Problem." Although many of Marvel's superheroes are memorable and engaging, Marvel does nothing to really establish their villains and this makes them characters that are easy to forget.

"I'm very excited for the upcoming Avengers movie. I'll probably go watch it but I haven't decided when yet," said sophomore Nicholas Kriticos. "I have pretty high expectations for it because Avengers is a great film series."

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Are you ready to fist pump? MTV's "Jersey Shore" is back.

On Thursday, April 5, popularly known by fans as "Jerseyday," Paul "Pauly D" Delvecchio, Jenni "JWoww" Farley, Vinny Guadagnino, Ronnie Ortiz-Magro, Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and Deena Nicole Cortese all returned for a new, reunion series: "Jersey Shore Family Vacation."

According to MTV's website, the reality television series is back after "five years, five kids, three marriages and who knows how many GTL sessions.

"I am definitely excited about the return of the 'Jersey Shore.' Although it will never be the same because of their age," said senior Chris DeCicco. "I think it would be cool if Angelina came back because she always starts fights and it grabs the viewer's attention more to stay tuned to the next episode. I think it would be better for Sammi to not return, because of Ronnie and how they both found new people to date, so it would be awkward.

Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola will not be returning for "Jersey Shore Family Vacation." However, Angelina Pivarnick is set to make a return in the reunion series.

"I am not a huge fan of Angelina I think she has been irrelevant since last Miami season. As for Sam, I am disappointed. I get that she was in a toxic relationship with Ronnie but they are both basically dating someone, so I am angry she is not there," said senior Tom Fleming.

In 'Jersey Shore Family Reunion,' instead of everyone being single, most of the housemates are now either dating or married.

Pauly D is the only one who is single, for now. Snooki is married with two kids, JWOWW is married with two kids, Deena is married, Ronnie is expecting with his girlfriend, and Mike the Situation is dating his college sweetheart and has been sober since 2013.

"I wish they were back in Jersey but in Miami they had so much more drama," said Fleming.

"The trailer looks like there is some interesting drama, now that they are adults. I cannot wait." So, grab your duck phone and your hair gel, the "Jersey Shore" is back.

"Jersey Shore Family Vacation" airs on MTV Thursday nights at 8 p.m. Will you be watching?
SHU L.O.V.E. "Wings of Compassion: Songs to Embrace Humanity" Concert

BY MARISATACHE
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, April 7 in the University Commons, Sacred Heart University’s ladies-only vocal ensemble, SHU L.O.V.E., held their annual Pops Concert: "Wings Of Compassion: Songs to Embrace Humanity." Love was the theme of this year’s Pops Concert, with music that embraces humanity and the differences amongst individuals worldwide.

The concert was musically diverse and highlighted the theme of love with every song that was performed. SHU L.O.V.E. opened the concert with Stevie Wonder’s "Don’t You Worry 'bout a Thing," followed by performances by Blended Hearts and 4 Heart Harmony. "I think it was great to see all the choirs singing together to touch on an important topic throughout the world today," said sophomore Shu L.O.V.E. member Annie May. "All the women in our group are really supportive towards one another and I think closing the show with ‘This Is Me’ was a great way to end the night." Assistant to the Director of Choral Programs and Director of SHU L.O.V.E., Anna De- Veau-Jalbert, expressed throughout the concert her reasoning for picking certain songs that all revolved around the idea of flying. "A lot of the music I chose for this concert had the concept of flying and flight—either in the lyrics or in the title," said DeVau-Jalbert. "I believe that the theme of flying is about uplifting others and coming together to embrace humanity and our differences."

DeVeau-Jalbert is excited about how the night turned out and she hopes it inspired the audience to help bring change to the world. "We worked so hard for this," said DeVau-Jalbert. "It’s rehear- seal and you have an idea of what it is going to sound like, but as a performer, myself, I know on stage I always sing a little differently and I think some of these women are the same way. The energy from the audience really helps and I think tonight was some of the best ways that these ladies performed our songs." The Pops Concert is a yearly tradition hosted by SHU L.O.V.E. with different themes each year, and SHU L.O.V.E. has impacted not only various members of the Sacred Heart community, but also the performers as a part of the Choir Program. "I feel so empowered and very confident about myself," said Junior and SHU L.O.V.E. member Elizabeth Spinazzaro. "I've always been a bit self-conscious, but SHU L.O.V.E. has made me more confident in myself and to me this concert was so special because it was all about embracing yourself and loving one another."

The repertoire for "Wings of Compassion: Songs to Embrace Humanity" emphasized the need for hope and change throughout the world. "The last piece ‘This Is Me’ from 'The Greatest Showman' was probably my favorite song of the night. Our goal was to bring people together and I really believe we achieved that," said sophomore Shu L.O.V.E. member Annie May. "All the women in our group are really supportive towards one another and I think closing the show with ‘This Is Me’ was a great way to end the night." Assistant to the Director of Choral Programs and Director of SHU L.O.V.E., Anna De- Veau-Jalbert, expressed throughout the concert her reasoning for picking certain songs that all revolved around the idea of flying. "A lot of the music I chose for this concert had the concept of flying and flight—either in the lyrics or in the title," said DeVau-Jalbert. "I believe that the theme of flying is about uplifting others and coming together to embrace humanity and our differences."

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Max Tuttle Selected on Watch List for Top Men’s Lacrosse Player in Nation

BY CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ
Staff Reporter

Junior lacrosse midfielder Max Tuttle, has been selected to the first round of the 2018 Tewaaraton Award Watch List. This award is given annually honoring the top male and female college lacrosse player in the United States. Tuttle is one of eight selected male athletes in the running for the preeminent award. Five men’s finalists will be announced on May 10 and will be invited to the award ceremony in Washington on May 11. Tuttle has 36 goals and 14 assists in 11 games played this season. He is, probably number one in every other teams’ scouting reports.

Tuttle knows that this award is a recognition for his hard work throughout the season, but he credits his teammates for his watch list selection. “It’s a really exciting honor for myself, but at the same time it’s obviously a personal award,” said Tuttle. “My teammates put me in the right position to get that recognition and I’m grateful for them.”

Basti recognizes Tuttle’s hard work and that the program has benefited a lot in having him on the team. His teammates know to find him on the field. “He has definitely improved in so many different ways. He makes everybody else on the field better, whether it’s him making plays for other people or creating space,” said Basti. “He instills a lot of confidence in his teammates because of how he plays. They know he’s going to give everything he’s got, so they also have to do the same.”

“I just hope we can win the conference, that’s the goal. If we do win the conference then we make the NCAA tournament, and anything can happen from there,” said Tuttle.

The transition Tuttle has for his teammates also goes off the field as they’ve made their transition from Castle Rock, Colo. to Sacred Heart easier. Prior to Sacred Heart, Tuttle attended Castle View High School, where he earned multiple awards including being named All-American by U.S. Lacrosse, twice.

“The transition was easy because of the great guys on the team. I meshed really well with the guys and there’s a couple other Colorado kids on the team that I know back from home,” said Tuttle.

Aside from scoring goals and recording assists, he has memorable moments that have stood out in his two and a half years at Sacred Heart. “The Providence overtime goal, (on March 12, 2016), was one that stands out. That moment was very memorable, as well as my first career goal scoring against Lafayette (on Feb. 12, 2016),” said Tuttle.

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Max Tuttle, junior, is one of eight athletes that have been selected to be on the Tewaaraton Award.

Club Ultimate to Host Spikeball Tournament

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY'S club ultimate team is hosting their first ever, “Spikeball Spring Classic Tournament,” on April 21, to raise money for the team. According to OXM Spikeball, it is a $10-dollar registration fee per team on or before April 15, and a $20-dollar fee per team from April 16-20.

The ultimate team plays Ultimate Frisbee. Ultimate Frisbee, known officially as “ultimate,” is similar to American football, but with a flying disc and without physical contact. Spikeball is similar to volleyball. It involves volleysing a ball, but hitting it against a net before it hits the ground.

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Despite not coming away with a fourth NEC Championship title, the bowlers are hopeful for next year. They are confident for their upcoming tournament, the USBC (United States Bowling Congress) Championships, which will be held in Lincoln, Neb. It has a field of 16 teams and runs from April 19-21.

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