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**TWEETS OF THE WEEK**

@_keightly

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

@ohlstaylor

"It's 2018 how do professors still not know how to make YouTube videos fullscreen."

@lydiaaa_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."

UPCOMING EVENTS

**4-12** In The Heights Opens Elgerton Theater, 8 p.m.

**4-20** Annual Academic Festival U.C. All day

**4-25** Distribution Begins (4/25-4/28) 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"Pope Francis has surprised the world today by announcing that The Bible is totally outdated and needs a radical change, so The Bible is officially canceled and it's announced a meeting between the highest personalities of the church where it will be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'."

**NBC's Tom Brokaw to Give 2018 Commencement Address**

**BY ALEXA BINKOWITZ**

Editor in Chief

On May 13, Tom Brokaw will deliver his commencement address to the graduating class of 2018 at Webster Bank Arena. He will also receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters 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 Richard 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 Aliazzo, who has 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, he represents the best in honesty, dignity, and truth," said Aliazzo. 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 Croteau, 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 Aliazzo.

During this year's undergraduate commencement ceremony, Tom Brokaw is also a member of President Trump's cabinet as the Small Business Administration leader. She is also the co-founder and former chief executive of WWF in Stamford, Conn.

On May 12, Richard Edelman, the president and CEO of the world's largest public relations firm will be delivering the address during the Graduate commencement ceremony to 1,130 graduate students. He will also be receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, along with Mark 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.
SHU Community Comes Together for Social Justice Week

BY MATT DEPIETRO
Staff Reporter

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 Deveon 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.," said McCormick.

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."

"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.

On March 29, Sacred Heart University held a unity walk on March 27.

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

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.

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

BY SABRINA GARONE AND VICTORIA MESCALL
Co-News Editors

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. The medical examiner's office will determine the cause of death.

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 incident was the fourth military aircraft mishap that week.

The two soldiers were identified Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ryan Connolly, 37, and Warrant Officer James Casadoso, 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 Logan Schatz and radio announcer Tyler Bieber. Authorities earlier said three were in critical condition but later provided an update to say that 15 have now died.

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 recover 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

SHE SAID

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 stylings of French Montana, however, my friends were confident that our LAST spring concert would be one to remember. I can confirm it is one that I will remember, only for the wrong reasons. I did not call myself a fan of Mr. Montana’s tunes and after he ghosted our campus, I most certainly will block him from my Spotify playlists.

That being said, I’m really not upset with the situation but I most certainly wish that my last spring concert... well, actually happened.

While, I would have loved some classy singer-songwriter tunes to roll out my last spring concert, I was ready for a night where all of Sacred Heart came together and crowded in the William H. Pitt Center.

Now, the deed is done; French Montana didn’t show up and Sacred Heart made sure he knew that by flooding his Instagram with some... interesting comments.

That being said, I don’t truly believe in giving someone a taste of their own medicine, but I do think he lost a lot of fans that night. Now, I clearly was not one of them, but I would say his image is tainted in my eyes. While the life of a celebrity may not be a walk in the park, all he needed to do was actually show up.

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

Now that I look back on my time, I am truly grateful for the 1736 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 our 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.

This is a fact that I can stand with. Seeing Josh Peck was a childhood dream of mine, and that fulfillment Lessened the burn that French Montana left on March 23.

I would like address a graphic that was published in The Spectrum after the release that Josh Peck and French Montana were coming to campus (so we thought).

The graphic was French Montana and Josh Peck pretending to box and due to a forfeit, the winner is Josh Peck. Peck not only brought a great show but he also showed up! It was a true miracle.

As I come to a close my spring concert rant, 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.

As always, the spring concert at Sacred Heart University has become one of the main highlights of my college year, and having the opportunity to experience four of them during my time here is always an exciting treat. During the course of my first two years, we had a bit of variety within the performers.

Freshman year, we had the opportunity to see rapper Fetty Wap who was at the peak of his popularity when he performed for all the students in the spring. The following year, DJ Snake was the main act. While I think it wasn’t as hyped up as the Fetty Wap concert, it was still great to see a big performer and renowned artist like DJ Snake, who clearly was my favorite spring concert of my time here in college.

Then junior year came along with French Montana being the main act for the spring concert. This is another rapper who perhaps is very well-known to many students (including myself) on a scale of a Fetty Wap or a DJ Snake. But perhaps isn’t as exciting to many of the mainstream if you wanted to compare him to a Drake or Post Malone.

There was some excitement in the air given it’s a concert of a top-performing artist during the week of the concert, but not from what I could expect.

Of course, I did still buy a ticket for the concert and for the cheap price that it was sold at ($20). I figured I’d take it, given that him performing in a much bigger arena or stadium would be twice or perhaps even more of the price the school was charging for him, so I would think that it would be just as fun going with all my friends.

As I was finishing my job for the day and ready to head home and get ready for the concert, I get the message from a friend saying that the concert’s been canceled. I couldn’t believe it.

The school sent out an email roughly hours before the start of the show that the concert had been canceled. What happened, you might ask? Well, nobody knew at the time, but that didn’t stop fellow students from flooding French Montana’s last Instagram posts with very explicit yet hilarious comments.

However, you start to think about why such a thing would happen.

At first, when the concert was announced to the student body, the reaction was mixed. It was at the time where Josh Peck was doing his college tour, and tickets were released around the same time for both the performers.

Of course, comparing a musician with a comedian and former child actor isn’t exactly a measurement of popularity. But when Josh Peck sells out a small theater that can seat about a 1,000 or so people compared to a multi-platinum rapper in a bigger gymnasium that can fill over 8,000 people, this is where you start to see the root of the problems.

Perhaps French Montana is too good enough to fill a Catholic school in New England?

While all of us did eventually get refunds (and I might say a big loss for the school), I feel that it’s something that students have been robbed by and especially the graduating seniors, which the school has yet to announce a replacement to debacle that is French Montana.

I think getting an artist like Drake or the Weeknd would be a long-shot, but having someone like 21 Savage or Post Malone as a last minute replacement and of course, I would still be open of getting Josh Peck again. And this time, get Drake Bell with him.

When is the RIGHT TIME to stop wearing your Timberlands?

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When is the right time to stop wearing your Timberlands?

Never

March

27%

73%

15 votes. Final results
The Stormy Daniels Saga: Who Do You Believe?

BY DEVI BRIDGEMOHAN
Staff Reporter

Stormy Daniels sat across from Anderson Cooper with her 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.

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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 their alleged encounter was consensual, other women have accused the president of past sexual harassment. The list includes former Miss Washington Cassandra Searles and Natasha Stovall, a former writer for "People."

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"I think the movement has made a huge impact in our society because it addresses something that has been ignored for so long," said Vaughan. "I think the movement is very important because it is giving a voice to people who have often been silenced throughout other generations."

Some students believe people can also take advantage of this movement for their own motives. "I think many of the claims are true," said McCord. "I feel like many people can get caught up in the sort of mob mentality of casting blame on people," said freshman Michael Wasserman.

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Do People Prefer a Streaming or Theater Experience?

BY MAX MAZURCZAK
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Why do some students prefer to stay home and watch Netflix and Hulu, when they could go out and actually see a movie? "What gets me out of the dorm is there such a big drop-off in sales worldwide so far. "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" has sold 72,934,903 tickets worldwide so far. "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" has sold 72,934,903 tickets worldwide so far.

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Our Addiction to Technology

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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 incidents are without the student even realizing it; why is that?

Well, our generation, for the most part, has become so accustomed by cell phones. Taking a break from staring at our screens to look both ways before crossing the street or to check to be sure a car is not backing out of parking space in front of us has become inconvenient. My (not-so) favorite example of this are the students who enjoy playing Frogger across Park Avenue by Roncalli instead of using the designated crosswalk. Some are distracted by their phones while putting their lives at risk running through traffic on a whim, which is frustrating at best for drivers.

College students are constantly surround by people, yet we are increasingly eager to stare at phone screens to connect to Technology. Cell phones have become a tool not only for communication, but also for entertainment and information. However, the trend of excessive phone usage has reached a concerning level.

Students are often seen sitting in cafes, libraries, and even in class, completely immersed in their smartphones. They fail to engage with their surroundings, missing out on valuable social interactions and educational opportunities. The constant need to stay connected has become a habit, making it difficult to break away from the screen.

The addiction to technology has become an increasingly apparent problem, affecting not only college students but also the broader society. The growing dependence on cell phones has raised concerns about the impact on mental health, relationships, and overall quality of life. It is important for individuals to recognize the negative effects and take steps to reduce their phone usage.

In conclusion, our addiction to technology should not overshadow the importance of connecting with the world around us. Strike a balance between staying informed and staying present in real-life interactions.
Tell Us Your Story: Jessica Berard

BY BRYANA CIELO Staff Reporter

Growing up in Shelton, Conn., Jessica Berard 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 sisters 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. The 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.

“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.”

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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 Deanna Aliperti, who is also a student ambassador.

There are currently over 120 student ambassadors at Sacred Heart. These students have outgoing 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.”

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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 definitely made my college decision easier because they did a good job giving myself and others in the group a general idea of what SHU is really like and what the campus has to offer,” said senior Ryan Cosner.

For the fall semester, student ambassadors facilitate five to eight open houses. There are also events in the spring for those students who have been accepted to Sacred Heart.

Any full time Sacred Heart student can be a student ambassador. However, the requirements include: completing one academic year at Sacred Heart, and having a minimum GPA of 2.75. The application was available online and one staff or faculty recommendation is needed. Usually interviews are also held.

“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 Doody.
Samsung Galaxy S9 Phone Release

BY NICHOLAS PANDOLFO

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 in 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. Both 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 camera from the Galaxy S8 is that the S9 Plus version has a second telephoto-to-camera along with the main wide angle camera.

One of the most revolutionary phone camera improvements they made was the dual aperture feature. Regulating the aperture on a camera regulates how much light is let into the lens. 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.

Sophomores 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 Rodriguez.

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

“The S9 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

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.

“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 camera from the Galaxy S8 is that the S9 Plus version has a second telephoto-to-camera along with the main wide angle camera.

One of the most revolutionary phone camera improvements they made was the dual aperture feature. Regulating the aperture on a camera regulates how much light is let into the lens. 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.

Sophomores 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 Rodriguez.

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

“The S9 is the best and most complete version of that they have ever made,” said Brownlee.

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.

ProntoPlate will be available first as a website, and then will later be accessible as an application for both iOS and Android.

“Currently we’ve developed a web app which can be used in both mobile devices and on computers. It’ll be made available for Android and iOS later on,” said graduate student Aswin Babu Chelladurai.

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.

ProntoPlate is still in the very early stages of development, and as of right now only has a few local restaurants on the website, but that will change in the future.

“As the app is developed, more local businesses will be on the application,” said Kaya.

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.

“With the app, students can order food from their favorite restaurant, and have it delivered anywhere on campus,” said Chelladurai.

“The idea came when a number of students were looking for a way to order food during the lunch hour,” said Chelladurai.

The application process began for the students by getting a better understanding of what Biagio wanted.
Cabs Are Here!  
“Jersey Shore Family Vacation” Debuts

BY CRISTIN O'CONNELL
Staff Reporter

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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 Leo Garizzaffi. “I enjoyed hearing the music, as well as the student testimonial on what they are doing to bring change around campus, and the community at large.”

The Pops Concert is a yearly tradition hosted by SHU L.O.V.E. with different themes each year.

SHU L.O.V.E. has impacted not only various members of the Sacred Heart community, but also the performers and director of the Choir Program.

“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 DeVeau-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 DeVeau-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 DeVeau-Jalbert. “In rehearsals 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 story of the Negro in America is the story of America, and it is not a pretty story,” said James Baldwin in Raoul Peck’s American documentary film, “I Am Not Your Negro.”

The film was presented by the School of Communication and Media Arts (SCMA) on Tuesday, March 27 in the Schine Auditorium, and shed light on past and current racial issues in America.

“Americans are more interested in being entertained than being informed,” said Coordinator of Multimedia Journalism, Professor Rick Falco. “We [as a society] like to think the bad things happen because of others, but Baldwin and Peck raise questions about that.”

Using Baldwin’s original words, which were read by Samuel L. Jackson, “I Am Not Your Negro” is based off of the letter that Baldwin wrote to his agent that described his next literary project: “Remember This House.”

The book was started in 1979 and was about the lives and assassinations of Baldwin’s three close friends: Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. The book remains as an unfinished manuscript, but the film continued its story.

“It’s a film that challenges us,” said Associate Professor and Director of the Media Literacy and Digital Culture Graduate Program, Dr. Bill Youisman. “It’s difficult for everyone, but that’s the purpose of the film.”

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy Denise Griffin attended the screening and thought that films about important cultural issues should be advertised more.

“You don’t see advertisements for films like that, but it’s important to bring them to universities to discuss these topics,” said Griffin.

Youisman is one of many who helps select the films SCMA features each semester.

“We try to choose at least one film per year that focuses on issues of race and media, but this film did a great job connecting the past to the present,” said Youisman.

“It was a usual part of my Media Literacy course, then is opened as a public screening with a discussion for the entire campus.”

The essence of the film can be described in a quote from Baldwin himself.

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed unless it is faced,” said Baldwin.

The film was separated into six sections. Each section took essential moments of history from each historical figure Baldwin was friends with, and related them to today’s events.

Whether it was Medgar Evers, Malcolm X or Martin Luther King Jr., the film highlighted the progress each man made for history.

“It was extremely important how well it was produced,” said graduate student Harly Simon. “The connection from past to present was necessary in the way it was crafted.”

“I Am Not Your Negro” received various nominations and awards—including a nomination for Best Documentary Feature at the 89th Academy Awards and a British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Award for Best Documentary. The film also received a 7.8/10 rating on IMDB and a 98% rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

“The most intriguing part of the film was how Baldwin made sure to articulate that money or power would not be the solution to racial issues in America,” said graduate student Shaerena Taylor. “It needs to be someone with passion.”

SCMA’s next film presentation will be a screening of Megan Smith-Harris’s “The Buddy System.”

The event will take place on April 19 in the Martire Building’s Media Theater.
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 31. Tuttle has 36 goals and 14 assists in 11 games played this season. He is having a great season and his consistency has been shown since his freshman year. Five games into his junior season, he eclipsed the 100-point mark.

"It's not just this year, it's a culmination of two and a half years of very hard work," said head coach Jen Basili. "He's 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." Basili 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 Basili. "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." The praise Tuttle has for his teammates also goes off the field as they've made his 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 over-time goal, (on March 3, 2018), 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. With the season coming to an end this month, Sacred Heart is looking to make a push for the Northeast Conference (NEC) Championship beginning on May 3 and the final is scheduled for May 5.

"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 men's lacrosse team's next game is against Wagner on April 14 at Campus Field, as they will look to make a push for the postseason.

BY LAUREN LOWTHIER
Staff Reporter

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 U.S. 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 volleying a ball, but hitting it against a net before it hits the ground.

"There's definitely overlap within the communities of those who play Spikeball and those who play Frisbee both inside and outside the Sacred Heart community," said sophomore co-captain Josh Belluche. Belluche and junior co-captain Evan Sigouros, are ready for the event. They went as far as getting their friends from home involved in the tournament.

"We have people from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut coming," said Belluche. "We will even have some representation from Virginia. It is cool because all of these teams come together because it's an official Spikeball tournament where we will have brackets, winners and prizes. We expect it to be really competitive and a ton of fun." We are excited about the exposure this event will provide to the SHU ultimate team and it also gives us a chance to experience Spikeball through an official tournament setting," said Sigouros.

Spikeball is a different way to get involved with the Sacred Heart. Club ultimate is planning to have some scrimmage against local schools and the members of the team purchased uniforms for the season.

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BOWLING PLACES SECOND AT NEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY NORANOEL NOLAN
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart women’s bowling team had a 13-5 season record, coming out on top in the NEC (Northeast Conference) as the leading team with the most wins in the regular season. On March 24 and 25, the Pioneers traveled to Howell, N.J., to compete in the NEC Championships.

Since Sacred Heart went into the tournament with the best record in the regular season, they got a bye-round and a high seed going into the championship.

Four teams played in the championship. They consisted of Sacred Heart, Saint Francis Brooklyn (SFBIK), Saint Francis University (SPU), and Long Island University Brooklyn (LIU).

Sacred Heart bowlers competed against SPU in the championship. The Pioneers won the Quiet Baker but SPU won the Traditional game.

Sacred Heart began with a 3-1 lead but Saint Francis University persisted to force game seven. SPU would ultimately prevail to win the NEC Championship.

“That moment really showed SPU what we are capable of. I think it showed our team and our coaches that we can do this. We can win, we can beat these teams. It really goes to show that we fight until the very last frame,” said senior Amanda Nardiello.

“The Pioneers’ head coach, Becky Kregling, won the NEC Coach of the Year Award for the third consecutive year. This honor is determined by the other coaches in the conference, as they will all vote on the award. The regular season winner does not always garner this accolade.

“Being recognized by your peers year after year is pretty neat,” said Kregling.

Kregling is currently in the reign of her 25th season as head coach, as she has been with the women’s bowling team since its inaugural year in 1993.

“They were the most intense group I’ve ever seen. They were so into it, yet so attached to each other. Bowling is an individual sport where we put our scores together, so it’s sometimes tough to really be that connected. But they were, and I was really impressed,” said Kregling.

Two of her bowlers, Nardiello and junior Dominique Newton, were both named to the All-NEC First Team.

“If I’m always team driven, so I don’t usually focus on my own stats individually when we’re at NECs. I just focus on the team. We want to win the Regional Championship again,” said Newton.

The bowling team has 15 girls on their roster. The team is able to perform at their high level by supporting one another and by having an atmosphere of motivation, drive, and a pure love of the game.

“When you get to that higher level of play, it takes a lot of talent, commitment, and work,” said Kregling.
AVERI FARHAT, SENIOR, GRABBED A TEAM-HIGH THREE BALLS OFF THE TURF DURING THE WOMEN’S LACROSSE GAME AGAINST BROWN UNIVERSITY ON MAR. 31.