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Dancing with Heart



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CORY RIVERA AND NATASHA SOUSA, WINNERS OF DANCING WITH HEART 2015

BY CHRISTIAN COLON
Co. Asst. News Editor, Staff Writer

Did you miss out on Dancing with Heart? On Tuesday, April 21, the Student Government class board of 2017 at Sacred Heart University held the annual event where students and faculty and staff partner up to battle in a dance competition.

"I think that people look forward to seeing their peers and professors get out of their comfort zone and dance in front of them. It's really cool seeing some teachers and staff outside of their natural element, especially those with hidden special talents," said sophomore class president Jennifer Kiggins.

After weeks of preparation, 13 couples prepared original dance routines in various genres which they presented to a panel of judges. The panel included: Aimee Piccin, Director of Career Development, Steve McNicholas, former Dancing with Heart winner, Susan Gannon, psychology professor, and Larry Wielk, Dean of Students.

David Buckles, Director of Campus Ministry, was partnered with sophomore, Michelle Perrota for the night. The couple started with a slow interpretive dance to, "If

I Were a Boy" by Beyoncé Knowles. They later transitioned into a mixture of popular songs by the same artist.

"He has some awesome moves and is very fit. A lot of the fun choreography in our routine was his idea," said Perrota. "Father Buckles was very willing to step outside his comfort zone and as we all discovered on stage Tuesday night, he is very great at dancing."

Buckles said he enjoyed the positive spirit of competition among the teams and the enthusiasm of the crowd and the professional feel of the evening.

The audience's enthusiasm increased when Sandra Stevenson, Chartwell's cashier, and senior Kyle Church, took the stage. Stevenson said that this experience was beyond awesome. She said with only two rehearsals, they went on stage and had one of the best experiences ever.

Months before the event, the Student Government board prepares by nominating the five people they think would attract a big crowd, have some sort of dancing background or will just enjoy being part of the event. The board then informs everyone who was nominated, and they wait and see if the nominees accept the nomination. Once

the results are in, the board begins to pair each participant with whom they think they would be most compatible.

"It's a very long process, and this year we did have a lot of changes to the lineup, but in the end I think it was a huge success," said Kiggins.

The couple that took home the win was Natasha Sousa, first year career specialist in the Career Development and Placement Center, along with junior Cory Rivera.

"It was my third time participating. I had previously participated as a student in my undergraduate years and I was always a bit disappointed when I didn't win. Being a staff member now and being able to win this competition was even more rewarding," said Sousa.


Although the only prize was bragging rights, Rivera said it was an incredible experience to work with Sousa and that hard work did pay off. They were both excited to work with each other. They had met during his freshman year along with participating together in two Habitat for Humanity trips.

"I believe this event really shines a light on the nature of students, staff and faculty on this campus," said Kiggins.

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News

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-Former U.S. Senator George Mitchell

Watermark Health Fair

BY JESSICA CHALOUX
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart students joined with the Watermark Retirement Community on Friday, April 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help make their health fair. held for residents and locals. a major success.

This event was held to educate residents, outside members and the public about the benefits of fitness and exercise.

“This event hopes to achieve fitness awareness, exercise awareness, and socialization. It gives a lot of confidence to the residents to see that they are able to do the exercises that the students have learned in class with strength, with walking, and with balance. It gives them a vote of confidence,” said Cindy Maguire, fitness director at the Watermark.

19 Sacred Heart students from the Exercise Science program combined their efforts to make this event positive for the members of the Watermark. Interactive stations were set up for residents to rotate through. These activities included a brain fitness challenge and a gallon jug transfer test. Students were at each station helping and guiding those who came to the event.

“This was actually our final class project for exercise and aging so it’s really kind of an accumulation of all the skills and knowledge that we have learned throughout our exercise and aging class,” said senior Connor Frizzell.

Students have been visiting Watermark all semester for a total of eight to 10 hours. Frizzell has been involved with the Splash Fitness class throughout the semester, leading seniors in a water aerobics class.

“It’s an opportunity to actually use the skills we have learned and the knowledge that we have learned and directly apply it to a certain setting. At Watermark, with this population, we are working with a lot of people with chronic disease, inflammation and arthritis, and things like that, that makes it tough to exercise and this gives us a chance to work with that specialized population and benefit them,” said Frizzell.

At the health fair, Frizzell was involved with the blood pressure station and helped members learn how they can manage their blood pressure as well as educate them on what to do if their blood pressure was a bit high or low.

Sacred Heart became involved with this community through the Exercise Science program.

“I know Professor Ronai as a professional in the business of exercise and fitness and he contacted me to see if I would be willing to be a part of their learning service program for their exercise and aging class for their seniors. I have always wanted to do an internship with the students from Sacred Heart because I also teach anatomy and physiology there,” said Maguire. “We want to show how important fitness and exercise is in their lives to keep well. That was my goal for when I went for education. I wanted to keep people well, that’s why I’m doing what I’m doing.”

This event was the first health fair held through the partnership of Watermark and Sacred Heart University. Maguire hopes to continue the connection between the two groups and have another event in the future.

What Do Students Know About the 2016 Presidential Election Candidates?

BY JENNA BILLINGS
Staff Writer

“I’ve never heard of Ted Cruz.” “Is he from a movie?”

These are phrases that may be tossed around when asking a population of college-age students about candidates for the presidential election at this stage in the race.

We are still months before the Iowa Caucus, the first major electoral event in the nominating process. Months before campaign ads pepper every channel, and months before these people will become household names.

But do any students keep up with the election at this stage?

“As a political science major, I keep up with the election for the sake of being able to participate as an informed member of society and in my classes,” said junior Savannah Dicioccio. “I know basic information about the candidates who have announced their running, such as their party and former title, and most of their more well-known policies, but I think most non-political science majors probably won’t pay much attention until we are

in the thick of the race.”

For the Democratic Party, only former Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton has declared her candidacy. The Republican Party has three challengers thus far. They are Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, and Marco Rubio. Though there will probably be many more, some of which include conservatives Ted Cruz and Jeb Bush, these candidates have been primary figures in the news after announcing their candidacy.

“I don’t follow politics as closely as some do, but from what I know there is a lot of diversity in the candidates so far,” said sophomore Maddie Losure. “So far, a woman, Hillary Clinton is running, and Marco Rubio, a Hispanic, has also announced he is running for the Republican party. It is good to see diversity on both sides, and I think that is something people should be aware of, even without considering the platforms of the candidates.”

Though it appears that some students pay attention to the candidates at this stage in the game, actually voting is a different matter entirely.

“I’d like to vote, but it is hard when you go to

school out of state,” said sophomore Christian Daley. “We are all busy, and unless you get an absentee ballot that you can mail in, which can be a pain, if you are not home to go to the polls your vote will not be cast.”

Although most students are unfamiliar with the candidates, barring the high profile candidates, most recognize the importance in learning more about them.

“I think it will be really interesting to see what happens leading up to the primaries,” said sophomore Jenna Lynch. “Even though I am not even registered to vote yet, I know a big issue that a lot of the candidates will capitalize on is student loans and making an education less expensive, which is an issue that affects our age group.”

According to CivicYouth.org, voter turnout in 2012 among ages 18-24 was only 45%. The first step in getting more involved is to register, which can be done online, through a mailed in form, or at a “Get Out the Vote Drive,” which are held in towns and cities all over the nation leading up to the election.

Class of 2015 Commencement Speakers Announced

BY CHRISTIAN COLON
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Sacred Heart University will celebrate its 49th Commencement Ceremony, honoring former senator from the State of Maine, George Mitchell and Mark Thompson, president and Chief Executive Officer of The New York Times Company.

On Saturday, May 16 at 1 p.m. Thompson will address the graduate commencement, then on, Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. Mitchell will speak at the undergraduate commencement.

As guest speakers, they will both be receiving an honorary Doctor of Law degree.

“Every University gives an honorary degree. This is the standard form. The highest degree a college can ever give is a honorary degree,” said Michael Higgins, vice president for mission and Catholic identity and the chair of the honorary committee. “You don’t earn it, you are honored with it.”

Thompson is the former director general of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in London. He is currently the CEO of The New York Times.

Higgins said that Thompson is a distinguished journalist and a Catholic public intellectualist.

Mitchell was involved in what is known as the “Good Friday Agreement” in 1998. This accord was meant to bring an end to the conflict between Northern and Southern Ireland.

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“I was flattered to be asked and honored to participate in the graduation ceremony and receive an honorary degree,” said Mitchell.

Throughout his career, he has been presented with over 50 honorary awards. In every speech he gives, he hopes to deliver a positive and meaningful message to the students and share his advice from years of experience.

To be considered a nominee for an award, a member of the Sacred Heart community must fill out a template form and submit it to the honorary committee. Once the nominee has been researched and he or she is proved to be a valuable candidate, the forms are sent to the President, where he decides if the process should continue. After the president approves, the board of trustees places nominees names in a pool to be selected for the honorary degree.

“We pull out the names for the degree when we think it’s the right time,” said Higgins. “No one knows who has been put in the pool, only the committees involved in the process.”

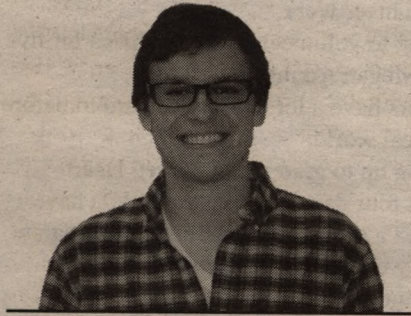
The commencement speech is usually a reflection on the speaker’s life where they hopefully inspire the students with a positive message, as they move on to their next stage in life.

Last year, Sacred Heart honored Kathleen Deignan with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letter’s degree at the graduate commencement. She is a distinguished theologian and musician who is a graduate of Sacred Heart.

Perspectives

Summer Plans 2015

SAM says...



This is going to be one of the better summers of my life... I can feel it. I am hoping that the depressions of graduation won't linger for too long. I have decided that I will be heading home this summer to Groton Long Point (GLP), Conn. to spend the summer down by the shore. This way I will be able to take the opportunity to hang out with my friends that I don't normally see like Joe, Greg and Sam. I will also take advantage of seeing my friends that live near GLP and go to Sacred Heart University like Elias, Tom and Aidan. While I'm down in GLP, Hopefully I can pick up a small job to create some sort of income, hopefully at Mystic Pizza. Free time this summer will include trips to the beach, long sunset car rides with the windows down, blasting new music and the completion of "Scar Tissue"

the biography of Anthony Kiedis, the lead singer of Red Hot Chili Peppers.

For summer shows, I have recently purchased my tickets for Fall Out Boy and Wiz Khalifa in June, which I am extremely excited for. Other than Panic! At the Disco, Fall Out Boy is really the only other band that I still listen to from middle school. In the beginning of July my roommate Tim and I are planning on heading down to stay with our friend Jon in New Jersey. At the Stone Pony in Asbury Park Slightly Stupid, The Dirty Heads and The Expendables will be performing. That should be a proper summer show. Other potential shows I'm planning on buying tickets for are Zac Brown Band in Hartford, Conn., Sublime with Rome at Mohegan Sun, Marilyn Manson and Smashing Pumpkins at Foxwoods Casino

and Jimmy Buffet in Mass. Let me know if you will be attending any of these shows.

Due to an internship last summer, I was unable to really enjoy my summer. In fact it was the first time in 21 years that I wasn't down at full time at GLP. I already know that this summer is going to fly by, especially since I will be heading back to Sacred Heart University 2 weeks earlier this year. Just this past week I was informed that I would be advising Community Connections 2015. I am extremely grateful and appreciative that the office of Volunteer Programs and Service Learning has given me the opportunity to return to the best pre fall program this school offers. (No offense other pre-fall programs.)

NICOLE says...



This is the last summer before I graduate and really enter the real world and that is definitely a scary, but exciting, feeling. I'm planning on working everyday during the week for the summer and saving up so I can take fun weekend trips to visit my friends and afford all the things I want to do to make it a memorable "last summer."

The best thing about this summer is that my best friend is getting married, my sister. The first week I'm back from school I have her bridal shower to prepare for, then comes the bachelorette party, and then the wedding itself. There is so much that goes into a wedding and it's planning, I'm pretty sure being the Maid of Honor is going to take up most space in my brain and in my summer

schedule. I couldn't be more excited about it all, I haven't been to a wedding since I was 14 probably, and needless to say now that I'm 21 and it's my own sisters wedding, I think this will definitely top the charts.

With working and the wedding I'll definitely be keeping busy, but I'm always sure to spend a lot of time with my family and friends. Summer is more bittersweet this year because although now I feel like, as a junior, I'm more settled in. I know who my real friends are, I know who I want to spend time with over summer and I know what I have to do in order to have a productive summer, it's still a little sad because of the fact that this is basically my last summer break ever.

Lately, summer being so close, and my senior year being only a few months away, all I seem to be thinking about is graduating and growing up. Hoping I'll find a good job, praying I'll find a place to live that I can afford. It all starts rushing into your head when you get that senior registration email. Although I plan to enjoy my summer and make it special, I am definitely keeping in mind that the real world is only a year away. Trying to prepare for summer is definitely easier than preparing for that. I hope everyone at SHU has a happy and safe summer, I'm excited to come back in August for my last year as a Pioneer.

Did You Catch It? Senioritis

BY ALEXA BRISSON
Staff Reporter

As the school year comes to a close with graduation quickly approaching, many seniors are finding themselves feeling a little ill from all the last minute papers and final exams. These seniors have been diagnosed with "senioritis."

Various seniors at Sacred Heart University find themselves being distracted by an abundance of reasons that make it nearly impossible to get any work done.

"I have so much senioritis. This time of the year when the weather gets nice it becomes harder to focus," said senior Rudy Favard. "Teachers tend to pile on the work at the end of the year when they're trying to get grades in instead of spreading it out within the semester. This makes everything that much more stressful."

Some students seem to just be bored of the same old routine.

"You get in a routine for so long. You wake up, go to class, do homework, and then hang out. Part of me just wants to break the cycle and move on. With the weather being nice, it just gives you more excuses to do so," said Favard.

Senior Nicole Lostocco said that her friends play a big factor in her senioritis. With such limited time left everyone wants to spend as much time together before they depart on their life journeys.

"Whether it's hanging out at someone's house or going to Red's with a group during our final days at Sacred Heart, we just want to have fun together. The idea of not having

them around all the time after graduation makes me more inclined to blow off work and spend time with the people who mean the most," said Lostocco.

One senior has already obtained a job and is trying to

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prioritize her schoolwork while maintaining employment in the real world.

"Work distracts me the most. Having a job after graduation that requires my attention while in school makes it difficult to put classwork as a priority," said senior Dominique Watkins. "It's hard to stay focused on classes when you're half way out the door already. The bulk of my

course work is already finished. Therefore, I devote enough time to school work in order to finish the assignments, but I try not to stress or overthink them."

In contrast, other seniors at Sacred Heart find the closing school year to be motivation to finish strong.

"I'm a perfectionist so I'm definitely motivated in that aspect. At the same time while trying to search for jobs and write a philosophy paper, there seems to hold more weight for the job search because I will be entering the real world shortly," said senior Jessica LaFlam.

Sometimes creating a schedule can really help students get through the senior struggles.

"I stay on track with all of my schoolwork by designating certain times that I know I will get work done. Its important to keep a balance so you're not procrastinating during work times therefore you must certainly make time for fun also," said LaFlam.

Finding a job in the real world can be enough motivation alone for finishing strong.

"I am definitely motivated to finish strong because when it comes to searching for a job, your GPA is highly important," said senior Mike Barden. "Anything that is going to boost that up and be beneficial for myself and my future I am prepared to do."

Furthermore, Barden shared some advice on how underclassmen can avoid senioritis and ensure a successful four years in college.

"Have a goal for graduation," said Barden. "Leave your legacy here at Sacred Heart and make sure to maintain a great reputation for not only the university but yourself as well."

Perspectives

Senior Perspectives: What's Next?

BY CASSANDRA KATRIS
Staff Reporter

Seniors are preparing to say farewell to Sacred Heart University. The inevitable reality of graduating comes with a lot of emotion, not just from seniors but from members of other classes as well.

"I'm going to miss them. It's weird being in school and knowing that they're moving on to different journeys in their lives. It's a point in our lives we must go through," said junior Joseph Lombardi.

These days, graduating college does not come with any certainty besides receiving a diploma.

"I'm nervous like many others preparing to graduate. It's scary to think the majority of college is behind us and the unknown of the adult world is approaching quickly. Above all else, I know I will miss my friends," said senior Michael Kulich.

An array of decisions and life choices are made in the months leading up to the big day.

"I'm taking a year off before I go to graduate school for physical therapy because I need a break from school before I am fully in the mind set again. In that year off I am going to be a Physical Therapy Assistant and get more inpatient/outpatient hours under my belt," said senior Stephanie

Guminiak.

Sacred Heart's Career Development and Placement Center guides students by helping them plan for their careers and prepping them to find success post-graduation. 98 percent of the 2013 class either went to graduate school or found employment following graduation.

"I got a full-time job starting July 1. Then I'm planning on going to grad school after I have gotten some experience working," said senior Ashley Mele.

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Some students choose to go the conventional route and transition straight into the workforce or continue their education in graduate school. However, some decide to embark on an adventure following graduation.

"I plan on backpacking through Europe with some friends for the last week of June and all of July," said Kulich.

Others will do volunteer work.

"I'm actually going to volunteer in South Africa for five weeks," said senior Megan Atkinson.

But for now, seniors have a lot to look forward to before venturing into the "real world."

In the week leading up to graduation Sacred Heart hosts Senior Week, a four day event where seniors have one last celebration as a group before going their separate ways. During senior week, seniors will move back into the freshman dorms, go on group trips to places such as Mohegan Sun and attend a Commencement Ball.

"Considering how my 21st birthday is on Monday May 11 and I have exams both that day and on May 12, I am most excited to spend my 21st birthday with all of the amazing friends I've made at SHU," said senior Elias Gharios. "There is no other group I'd rather spend it with."

Spring is here: What are you up to?



Senior, Ricky Yandoli

"SHU has been more lively since the weather has changed. More students are outside and are willing to get involved in student activities."



Senior, Mackenzie Malloy

"Now that I can see the grass again all I want to do is be outside; I'll find anything to do just to get out of the house."



Freshman, Harrison Ranscht

"People sit on the hill by Merton now, Kan Jam and other games are always going on by the 63's patio. Everyone is outside whether they're doing something or not."



Junior, Jill Grey

"Studying outside to get out of the library and making surprise watergun attacks on my housemates, oh and going to the ice cream place on Main Street."

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Farewell from the former Editor-in-Chief ...



It is so surreal that this moment has finally come and that my Spectrum newspaper chapter here has officially come to an end. Starting as an Assistant Sports Editor my sophomore year, moving up to Copy Editor fall semester my junior year and then taking on the role of Editor-in-Chief spring semester junior year, it is safe to say that The Spectrum has been a huge part of my life. It has been a rollercoaster of a ride, but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. I have learned so much about being a journalist and leader, shaping me into the person I am today and preparing me immensely for my future. I have also learned that sleep is not a priority when you are on a Monday deadline (even if it means staring at a computer editing the paper until 2 a.m.) and that no matter how many times you remind editors what the font size is, they will get it wrong (cough, cough Sam). With that being said, The Spectrum has introduced me to the best group of people that I have become very close with (blame it on the

claustrophobic office we live in with no windows, RIP) and we have found ourselves dancing, singing and laughing until we couldn't breathe more times than I can count. I will be eternally grateful for the memories that this organization has allowed me to create and the opportunities that it has given me. I want to give a huge thank you to my staff, who work endless hours all throughout the week to make a newspaper we are proud of, and thank you for everyone who has supported me and believed in me throughout my four years. Also thank you for your endless guidance and support Professor Kabak. Best of luck to the incoming staff, I know you will all do great under the leadership of Emily. I will definitely be stopping by our new office and will not be a stranger (since I will be here in graduate school). Leaving my mark for the last time...

-Amanda Sialiano, Editor-in-Chief

Features

Sacred Heart Choirs Prepare for Motown Concert

BY KYLE DRAGO
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University's Choir Program plans to hold the annual spring concert on Sunday, May 3.

Every year they bring a new theme to Sacred Heart. In the past they have performed music from movies and Broadway musicals.

This year the Choir Program is bringing a new theme to campus: Motown.

"This year we wanted to take a different approach for our spring concert and feature some recognizable, fun, and exciting music," said Dr. John Michniewicz, Doctor of Musical Arts and Director of Choral Programs at Sacred Heart.

The concert will be held in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at 3 p.m.

"The inspiration was to come up with something that would be appealing to many people, ranging from our choir to our audience. It's the last concert of the year and we want to make it uplifting, fun, and enjoyable for the audience," said Michniewicz.

The concert will host seven out of the nine choirs on campus, including Concert Choir and Pioneer Choir. These are the larger choirs on campus, which features both men and women and boasts a wide variety of choral repertoire.

The 4Tunes and Unforgettable will also make an appearance. Being the only men's and women's quartets, they sing a variety of accompanied and a cappella music. Also in attendance will be Blended Hearts and The SHUpermen.

Both groups were founded in the fall semester of 2013 and feature 25 students. Blended Hearts is an all-female a cappella ensemble, while The SHUpermen are an all-men choral ensemble. Both groups sing a variety of selections.

The seventh group in the concert will be 4 Heart Harmony. This is a smaller chamber choir who sings at a higher caliber and features higher and tighter harmonies.

"People who are interested in coming to the concert should expect to have a good time enjoying good music."



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SENIOR KATIE HARRISON SHOWS OFF CHOIRS SHIRTS FOR THEIR MOTOWN CONCERT

All of the songs are very famous and recognizable hits from Motown," said Michniewicz.

Some of those famous and recognizable hits include "Shop Around," "ABC," "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and "Isn't She Lovely."

"I think people should come because it's going to be fun because it's different. It's not going to be just a typical choir concert in our dresses and everything. We made special t-shirts and it's much more relaxed," said freshman Sarah Sullivan. "Since it's a different style of music, I think it should spark people's interest more than classical choral music because people will know the songs."

This concert is not only about the music, but also to showcase the student's talent.

"Students should come to see some really amazing talent and soloists. Also to support their peers who have worked so hard throughout the semester. It's a great opportunity to be supportive of the artistic and musical talent that so many of our students have on campus and showcase in the choir," said Michniewicz.

Each choir will sing two to three songs they have prepared for the afternoon. There will also be some songs performed with combined choirs.

"I hope people will come out and support the choirs. They've worked really hard throughout the year, and everyone in the choir program is really excited about the concert," said Michniewicz.

State Senator Hwang Organizes On-Campus Bone Marrow Drive

BY GINA BATTAGLIA
Staff Reporter

State Senator Tony Hwang and his staff have organized a bone marrow drive that Sacred Heart University will host on Tuesday April 28 in the McMahon Student Commons.

"The drive has been organized by my office in partnership with Be The Match and with great support from Sacred Heart University," said Hwang.

Senator Hwang said he is working to organize and promote the drive in an effort to make it as successful as possible.

What exactly is a bone marrow transplant and how does it work for the patient?

The Be The Match website explains that a bone marrow transplant takes healthy blood-forming cells from the donor, and puts them into the bloodstream of the patient. It is placed where red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets being to grow.

The patients prepare their bodies by receiving chemotherapy before the actual transplant. The way

the patient receives the cells is through an IV catheter according to the Be The Match.

Many people are unclear on what the process is for the person that is donating said bone marrow.

Junior Tamaric Wilson, has gone through the process of donating bone marrow.

Wilson said he signed up to go on the donor list because he enjoys making people happy and helping everyone out.

"First they swab your cheek to find a match," said Wilson. "Then when they find you a match, you will then fill out a health sheet about yourself."

What they do with the swab sample from the cheek is compare specific protein markers.

"If you are still eligible after the health sheet, they take a sample of your blood and the next step is to donate," said Wilson.

Wilson found out he was a match by receiving an email. He said it made him feel surprised and excited at the same time.

"I was a little nervous though because I wasn't sure about how the process worked," said Wilson.

Wilson said he was a little worried he would not be able to continue with his donating experience because three months prior to receiving the email, he had surgery. However, he learned it does not interfere, and he is going to still continue with the donation process.

Senior Cara Curran also signed up to be a bone marrow donor. She has been on the list for three years now and still has not been matched up with a patient.

"I signed up my freshman year during the bone marrow drive, I went with some of my hockey teammates," said Curran. "I wanted to see if I would be a match for anyone in need."

Only one in 500 members go on to donate. It is possible to sign up without ever being a match for someone. These donations are not very common.

Senator Hwang said that the main goal for organizing this event is to seek to leverage his role as a public servant into helping people in need.

It's about giving back to the community, providing others with opportunity to do the same, and supporting meaningful causes that help people," said Senator Hwang. "Ultimately, this drive is all about saving lives."

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- Stephanie Guminiak

“On The Road to Graduation:” Senior Week

BY **MORGAN DEBELLE DUPLAN**
Staff Reporter

“On the Road to Graduation” is the theme for this year’s senior week. It will take place from Wednesday, May 13 to Sunday, May 17.

In order for seniors to participate in the week’s events, they must be approved by the registrar’s office to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, which will take place on May 17.

“I can’t wait to relive freshman year all over again by sleeping in Seton for senior week and create absolute havoc. It’s like coming full circle after all these years to go back to the place where it all began. It’s one last hurrah with all my favorite people to end our college career the most fun way possible,” said senior Stephanie Guminiak.

Beginning on Wednesday, May 13, the seniors will gather in the Edgerton Center for Performing Arts for a brief mandatory information session. After the behavioral guidelines are explained, the students are allowed to move back into the freshmen residence hall, Seton Hall.

“It is a great opportunity to relive some great memories with your friends from freshman year. I am most excited about the Commencement Ball and the family dinner so I can not only share the experience with my friends, but my family as well,” said senior Anthony Altomaro.

That evening a bus will provide transportation to Stonebridge, a bar in Milford, Conn. The night out will kick off the week of celebrations. Students will enjoy an open bar and food, as well as entertainment.

A presidential brunch is to take place on Thursday, May 14 at the Linda E. McMahon Commons, where students will have the opportunity to speak with President Dr. John Petillo and their fellow peers.

Later on that evening, students will take a trip by bus to Mohegan Sun. The Avalon nightclub is reserved for the students to enjoy dancing and drinking. Students are also free to gamble. Bus transportation is mandatory for both the trip to Stonebridge and Mohegan Sun.

Commencement Ball, a formal event for students, will take place on May 15. Each student is allowed to bring a date to the “Roll Out the Red Carpet” themed evening.

A commencement mass is offered to the graduating class and their families on May 16.

In the evening, a family dinner dance will take place. The family dinner allows

the students to spend time with their families for a night of wine, food and dancing. A dinner buffet with will be provided followed by dancing to music by a band, The Cartells. The theme for the night is “An Evening in Paris.”

Although senior week is popular, some seniors prefer not to take part in all of the celebrations. Some seniors have the option to buy individual admission tickets to the events of their choice.

“I figured, I can just get started on work, spend time with my family and my girlfriend before I graduate at a barbecue,” said senior Michael Smith.

Commencement is scheduled to take place Sunday, May 17 at the Webster Bank Arena located in Bridgeport, Conn.

Meet the Mr. SHU Contestants

BY **GABRIELLE HAMILTON**
Staff Reporter

Senior, Elias Gharios
Q: Why did you choose to participate in Mr. SHU?
A: I chose to participate in Mr. SHU because it is the one thing that I have not done here at Sacred Heart. I have experienced it all and since I will be graduating in three weeks, I figured why not embarrass myself one last time in front of all of my friends?
Q: What section of the show is your favorite part?
A: My favorite section is definitely the group dance. It’s where we, as the contestants, get to bond the most and it has been a very interesting experience to say the least.

Senior, Joseph Falcone
Q: Why did you choose to participate in Mr. SHU?
A: I chose to be a part of Mr. SHU because I wanted to be out of my comfort zone. I wanted to end my senior year with a bang and have fun doing it. The Mr. SHU competition is the perfect event to do that.
Q: How did you prepare for Mr. SHU?

A: The preparation for Mr. SHU involved: meditation, protein powder and 80’s workout videos.

Senior, Samuel Butler
Q: What section of the show is your favorite part?
A: My favorite portion of the show is my intro video; it looks so awesome. My cinematographers, Emily Archacki and Amanda Sialiano did such an amazing job filming and editing the video. I can’t wait for everyone to see it.

Senior, Sebastian Altomarino
Q: Why did you choose to participate in Mr. SHU?
A: It was on of the last things I had to check off my “100 things to do before SHU gives you the shoe.” Surviving senior week is next.

Q: How did you prepare for Mr. SHU?
A: Exactly how every college student prepares for important events: coffee and procrastination.

Senior, Raymond Corria
Q: What section of the show is your favorite part?
A: My favorite part of the show is obviously the talent

section because I always have the feeling that contestants are presenting a skill they can do that the audience (including close friends) have no idea what to expect from them.

Senior, Raymond Fagan
Q: What section of the show is your favorite part?
A: The group dance at the beginning is by far my favorite part. Learning it and practicing with the guys was one of my favorite parts of the semester.

Sophomore, Addison Chau
Q: Why did you choose to participate in Mr. SHU?
A: Because I love SHU.

Q: What are you most excited for?
A: Seeing everyone’s talents. Word on the street is these guys are the cream of the crop.

Mr. SHU contestants senior, Bobby O’Neil and senior, Mike Barden did not respond to the request for a Spectrum interview.

Shoe Collection Drive for Bridgeport Schools

BY **NATASHA KLINOFF**
Features Editor

Matthew Dilks-Anderson, a local Boy Scout, recently reached out to Sacred Heart senior Sebastian Altomatino to bring the Shoe Collection Drive to campus. The Shoe Collection Drive will be running through Sunday, May 3. Dilks-Anderson is asking for gently used or new boys and girls athletic sneakers, sizes 6-13.

These shoes will be donated to schools in Bridgeport and given to student athletes that do not have their own athletic sneakers.

Altomatino has been working as the liaison between the Sacred Heart community and Dilks-Anderson. Recently, Altomatino has set up boxes at Roncalli, Cambridge, Oakview, the Pitt Center, and outside of the Volunteer Programs Office.

“As the Exercise Science President, I was contacted by Matthew Dilks-Anderson, a local Boy Scout from the area who wanted to make an impact in the community. He knew our members were active and have a strong willingness to help the community, therefore we paired up to collect as may sneakers for the youth in Bridgeport,” said Altomatino.

This project is very close to Dilks-Anderson, but has also become an important part of the Sacred Heart community in the short time it has been on campus. The university has collected over 25 pairs of shoes so far.

“The reason that this project is so important is because many of the kids that I am collecting for can not afford proper running shoes. Many of them either show up to races in dress shoes or basketball shoes. Neither of these are good to run in and the coach has told me that he is always hearing the kids tell him about their shin splints. This is caused by the improper type and size of the shoes that they are running in,” said Dilks-Anderson. “In addition to the collecting of the sneakers, sometime in late May I will holding a track meet for all of these kids where they will be able to try out their new sneakers during a race. I have done some volunteer work with SHU before so I know that everyone who works and goes to school here is very committed to helping especially for a good cause. This is evident from all of the sneakers that have been collected so far.”

Altomatino stresses the fact that this project has a direct and powerful impact on the Bridgeport community. The Exercise Science club is constantly trying to advocate for a healthier lifestyle. “Our club bases itself off the core values of SHU LACES: Leadership, Academic, Community, Exercise, Service. It’s not only important to help those in need, but to lead by example for others to continue once I graduate,” said Altomatino.

Dilks-Anderson says that the shoes collected through this project will be donated to over 220 kids in need. The main collection box is located outside Volunteer Programs and Service Learning in the Main Academic Building, next to the HC Lounge, across from Outtakes.



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SACRED HEART STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SHOE DRIVE FOR LOCAL BRIDGEPORT SCHOOLS.

Arts & Entertainment

Spectrum Exclusive:

Interview with Sacred Heart Alumnus, Jeff LeBlanc

BY ALLY D'AMICO

Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Friday, May 1 singer/songwriter and Sacred Heart alumnus, Jeff LeBlanc, will be performing at the Fairfield Theatre Company to celebrate the release of his new album, "Vision."

LeBlanc graduated from Sacred Heart in 2008 with a degree in History and a minor in Music History, but credits his time here as playing a big role in what he has been able to accomplish today.

"I always wonder if I would have a career in music if it weren't for my time at Sacred Heart," said LeBlanc. "Having several venues on campus where I could perform and a supportive group of friends who would come to the shows certainly helped jumpstart things."

Although he started late as a musician, writing his first songs sophomore year of college, he has been able to "turn a fun hobby into a career," something not many are able to do.

Besides touring as a headliner, he has also opened for many artists such as Andy Grammer, Gavin DeGraw, Goo Goo Dolls, and Luke Bryan.

"Being able to open for and tour with so many of my favorites artists has really been an experience I could've never imagined," said LeBlanc.

With musical influences such as Dawes, Jamie Cullum, Justin Timberlake, Augustana, and Sam Smith, LeBlanc similarly pulls inspiration from aspects of everyday life.

"I write a lot about relationships," said LeBlanc. "I started writing this new record right after my first major breakup. Even though I was pretty messed up by the whole thing, I didn't want the record to be a depressing one."

"That whole time period inspired me to grow as a person and be a bit more fearless in my writing. I hope everyone finds their own experiences in these songs," he said.

However, drawing inspiration from past relationships isn't the only thing he writes about. There's new inspiration for his upcoming record, you just have to dig deep enough to find it.

"Why Do I Worry" talks about my incessant worrying



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ALUMUS JEFF LEBLANC TALKS TO SPECTRUM EXCLUSIVELY

habit. The track 'Say Anything You Want' was inspired by people doubting my career choice and posting negative comments online, it became my 'I don't care what you think about me' anthem," said LeBlanc. "A few years ago, I would've never imagined writing those songs."

When looking back at his time at Sacred Heart he said, "The overall experience was incredible. I learned a lot and made lifelong friendships. If I could say one thing to the current students, it would be to meet as many people as you can. It sounds cliché, but it goes by way too fast. I will always treasure those times."

During his time at Sacred Heart he never realized that

the Fairfield Theatre Company was right around the corner from campus.

"It's one of the best small venues in the Northeast and it would be great to see the Sacred Heart community at the show," he said.

The show is this Friday, May 1 at the Fairfield Theatre Company and starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at www.fairfieldtheatre.org.

Jeff's new record "Vision" will be available on all online stores such as iTunes, Spotify, Amazon, and Google Play on May 12.

Performing Arts: Week in Review

BY HALEY TANELLA

Staff Reporter

The Performing Arts Program at Sacred Heart University took this past weekend by storm. All four cohorts of the Performing Arts department were well represented, with performances by the university choir, theatre, dance, and band.

One group that performed was the Sacred Heart University Ladies Only Vocal Ensemble, also referred to as S.H.U. L.O.V.E.

The group performed their annual POPs concert, a tradition the group has been carrying on for the last three years. During the concert, the women performed popular British pop songs to tie into their British Invasion theme.

This year, members of the group incorporated songs into the repertoire by famous British artists such as Adele, Florence + the Machine, and Queen.

Along with S.H.U. L.O.V.E., members of Sacred Heart's men's ensemble, the SHUpermen, also made appearances during the concert.

"It was amazing to join forces with such a great group like the SHUpermen," said sophomore Tiffanie Rodenberg, a member of S.H.U. L.O.V.E. "It was really fun to change up our program a little bit and incorporate some of their talented guys into the concert."

The concert drew interest from all over the university, as the theatre was filled with current students, alumni, and family members.

Another group that drew audiences into the theatre was the Theatre Arts Program. The group hosted the first

weekend of their annual TheatreFest productions.

TheatreFest is an event put on every year by the theatre arts program that is comprised of shows that are fully produced, directed, managed, written, and performed by Sacred Heart students.

After three rounds of selection processes and eliminations, two shows were selected for full production, with complete sets, costumes, hair and make up, and lighting designs.

This past weekend, students performed "Save Us!," an original play written by sophomore Dan Murphy, which premiered on the stage of the Little Theatre.

The show took place in 1938, and followed the lives of people in a diner overhearing the radio broadcast of Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" for the first time.

Students have worked since early in the fall semester to make the show a worthwhile experience.

"It was amazing to feel my character progress through all three rounds," said junior Sarah Klaum, who played the role of diner owner, Helen. "Everyone worked really hard, both cast and crew, to get the show to such a great last stage."

Along with starring in this week's show, Klaum also wrote a show that is the second of the two shows to continue onto the last round. Her show "High School Technical" will open this Saturday.

"I couldn't be prouder that my work got this far," said Klaum. "To know that something I have been working on since I was 16 is going to be put up on a theatre is great. I couldn't be prouder."

The dance program was also fully represented with performances by both the Dance Company and Dance

Ensemble.

The Dance Company performed their movie-themed spring spectacular on Saturday evening. Members of the group performed different dances to famous movie songs and soundtracks.

After weeks of hard work and dedication, members of Dance Company were happy with the final product.

"I think the show went really well," said sophomore Abby Sollars. "We all worked together to put on a great performance."

Members of the Dance Ensemble performed Saturday, April 25, afternoon with a compilation of small student-choreographed numbers and large group numbers.

The university band program performed this past Sunday, April 26, with their Chamber Ensembles concert.

Members of the brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion ensembles performed pieces ranging from contemporary compositions to popular music that entertained a packed crowd in the Edgerton Center.

Despite all of the performances by groups this weekend, the various performing arts cohorts are not finished performing for the semester.

The Dance Ensemble will have their final performance on Thursday, April 30, at 10 p.m. The TheatreFest performance of "High School Technical" opens on Saturday, May 2, at 3 p.m., with other performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 7 p.m. Admission to TheatreFest performances are free.

The band will be performing their spring concert on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m., with free admission.

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Arts & Entertainment

Sounds of Summer: The Hottest Concerts of 2015

BY JULIANNA DIDONATO
Staff Reporter

As summer approaches Sacred Heart University students are planning how they will be spending their free months. The summer is the time to relax and enjoy the outdoors and most students do so by attending a variety of concerts. One concert that many students are looking forward to is Taylor Swift's "1989 World Tour."

"It was my father's idea to buy tickets. My whole family lives for sing-a-longs in the car to Swift, so we are all going," said sophomore Patricia Flaherty.

Sophomore Katherine Paris is also attending Swift's concert.

"My suitemates and I are going to Mass. this summer to see Swift. I'm extremely excited because we are all obsessed with her and it's an excuse to meet up over the summer since we don't live close to one another," said Paris.

Other students have bought tickets to various types of festivals.

Senior Regan Kesting, and Sophomores Olivia Traina and Katie Guarino, are going to see Hunter Hayes, Sam Hunt, and Lady Antebellum in August.

"Summer country concerts are always so much fun because there's always a huge tailgate beforehand. It's even better with a huge group of all your friends," said Kesting.

Junior Nicole Gemba also loves country music concerts. "I'm going to Zack Brown Band this August and I'm so excited. Zack Brown Band is one of my favorite groups. It's a bonus that they're coming back to Fenway because the bar scene and area is really fun in the summer," said Gemba.

Toby Keith is playing at PNC Bank Arts Center in New Jersey this July and sophomore Jenna Passerino will be in attendance.

"I'm a huge country fan and Toby Keith is as country as it gets. Country concerts in the summer are a completely unique experience, it's unifying with people around you. It's just really a great feeling," Passerino.

Senior Jennie Schwartz is attending a new three-day

country festival on Randall's Island called Farmborough.

"I'm obsessed with country music so to be able to buy a ticket that's worth three days of all my country artists is amazing. Summer concerts are so much fun because they are outdoors in beautiful weather," said Schwartz.

Sophomore Christina Rota is planning on attending Electric Daisy Carnival and Governors Ball.

"I've been to both events two years in a row and I just love the outside festival scene. It's so warm out and everyone is enjoying the same music. It's a huge party and I feel united with everyone there," said Rota.

Juniors Meghan Amaya and April Jauregui both are going to Vans Warped Tour.

Jauregui has been to Vans Warped Tour every year since she was in middle school.

"Vans Warped Tour is awesome not only because all my favorite bands go, but also because it's very easy to meet and hang out with the band. It really hits home because music is such an important thing to so many people and to be able to meet your idol is absolutely amazing," said Jauregui.

Bruce Jenner Comes Out as Transgender, "I am a Woman"

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — In the 1970s, Bruce Jenner was a symbol of American masculinity as an Olympic champion. Nearly 40 years later, in an extraordinary television interview, Jenner told the world that he identifies as a woman and has felt gender confusion since he was a little boy growing up in the New York suburbs.

Jenner let his hair down — literally loosening a ponytail and letting his hair flow past his shoulders — in a symbolic moment at the start of his two-hour interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer that was televised Friday. "Yes, for all intents and purposes, I am a woman."

For the transgender community, it was a moment as significant as Ellen DeGeneres' coming out as a lesbian was for gays nearly 20 years ago. DeGeneres tweeted support to Jenner, saying the former Olympian was "saving lives and opening minds."

"My whole life has been getting me ready for this," said Jenner, 65, known to a younger generation as the patriarch of television's omnipresent Kardashian clan. "It's not just the last few years as they've been treating me as a joke."

The interview was filmed in February in Los Angeles and New York, before a fatal car accident in which Jenner was involved. The Nielsen company said an audience of just fewer than 17 million people saw the interview.

Jenner said he self-identifies as "her," not a specific name. But he told Sawyer he felt comfortable using the pronouns "he" and "him," a designation that is an important issue for many in the transgender community, which believes that transgender people should be referred to by the pronouns with which they choose to identify.

Jenner said his "brain is more female than it is male." He said he began gender reassignment therapy in the 1980s — taking hormones, having surgery to make his nose smaller and having hair removed from his face and chest — but gave it up. As Jenner got older, he realized that if he got sick and faced death without facing up to this issue, "I'd be so mad that I didn't explore that side of my life."

As a young boy, Jenner felt an urge to try on his mother's and sister's dresses.

"I didn't know why I was doing it," he said. "It just made me feel good."

Jenner said he has never been sexually attracted to men, and he wanted to make clear to viewers that gender identity and sexuality were separate things.

"I am not gay," he said. "I am, as far as I know, heterosexual. I've always been with a woman, raising kids."

Jenner said he has not decided whether he will undergo sexual reassignment surgery.

"These are all things that are out there in the future for me to explore," he said. "There's no rush for that. And I would do it so quietly that nobody in the world would know."

Jenner's four oldest children appeared on the interview



special to support their father, but not the two girls he had with Kris Kardashian. He said his stepdaughter Kim has been a big supporter, urged on by husband Kanye West, but that his stepdaughter Khloe was taking it the hardest.

Jenner's first two wives offered messages of support; ABC said Kris Kardashian's publicist called to specifically say his third wife would have no comment. But Kardashian tweeted that no one had asked for comment and, after the interview aired, tweeted: "Not only was I able to call him my husband for 25 years and father of my children, I am now able to call him my hero."

Jenner told Sawyer that Kris was having a difficult time with it, and that if she better understood it, the couple would probably still be together.

Jenner's 89-year-old mother also was interviewed, saying she was more proud of Bruce than when he stood as an Olympic champion in Montreal.

The E! Entertainment network announced that Jenner would be part of a documentary series about the transition that would begin airing on July 26. Hollywood offered support. "Tonight" host Jimmy Fallon, echoing Neil Armstrong when the astronaut took his first steps on the moon, tweeted: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

"Today, millions of people learned that someone they know is transgender," said GLAAD President & CEO Sarah Kate Ellis. "By sharing this story, Bruce Jenner has shined a light on what it means to be transgender and live authentically in the face of unimaginable public scrutiny. Though Jenner's journey is one that is deeply personal, it is also one that will impact and inspire countless people around the world."

Jenner showed Sawyer a closet filled with dresses and men's clothes. Sawyer said she had a private dinner with Jenner where he wore a dress, but the former Olympian did not appear in one in the ABC special.

Jenner said his two youngest daughters, suspecting that each other was secretly using her clothes, set up a computer to catch the other in the act — only to find their father using their full-length mirror wearing one of his own dresses.

"I would like to think that we can save some lives here," said Jenner, who admitted he once considered suicide at a low point when seen by paparazzi heading to a surgery to have his Adam's apple shaved back. "I have a feeling this is my cause in life. This is why God put me on this Earth, to deal with this issue."

Sports

Fight of the Century

Mayweather-Pacquiao this Saturday to determine who the best is

BY NICK MCANENEY
Sports Editor

This Saturday, it finally goes down.

A fight that has been almost ten years in the making.

Finally, Floyd Mayweather Jr. will be fighting Manny Pacquiao for the Unified WBA (Super), WBC, WBO, and The Ring welterweight titles. The fight will take place this Saturday in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. The weight class for the fight will be at the welterweight limit, which is 147 pounds.

The fight has been a long time coming, with these two fighters having been considered the two best pound for pound fighters in the world for the last eight years. You would not know it from the way that the two have been avoiding each other for as long as any of us can remember.

Negotiations for the fight first started in 2009, when Mayweather came out of retirement for the first time to fight Juan Manuel Marquez. Despite not fighting for 21 months, Mayweather looked sharp and dispatched of Marquez, winning an unanimous 12 round decision. This gave way to speculation that his next fight would be against Pacquiao, the up and coming superstar in boxing.

In late 2009, ESPN reported that Mayweather and Pacquiao had signed a contract to fight March 13, 2010. However, Pacquiao came out and denied that he had signed any contract of any kind. From that point on, it has become a bunch of he said-he said about what was going on for this fight.

There have been so many accusations toward the other during the past five years, you could have easily lost count. Mayweather stated that Pacquiao had set a stipulation that he could not be tested thirty days before the fight, so that led his camp to the accusation that maybe Pacquiao was on HGH or some illegal substance. When Pacquiao was getting ready to fight Miguel Cotto, the HBO special 24/7 showed Pacquiao getting blood tested 24 days before the fight. So that made the Mayweather camp's claim about doping totally useless.

After negotiations broke off the first time, there were rumors floating around that a booked Pacquiao fight on November 13, 2010, could be reserved for Mayweather, but Pacquiao's manager Bob Arum denied these reports. Arum also stated that there were no longer any problems in negotiations, and if there was going to be a fight, it was



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BOXERS FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR., LEFT, AND MANNY PACQUIAO, POSE FOR PHOTOS AFTER A NEWS CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES.

going to be up to Mayweather.

Then for the last five years, there have been allegations back and forth by both camps. Mayweather has called Pacquiao a desperate dog, trying constantly to stay in the spotlight. He also accused Pacquiao of not agreeing to the stipulations for the drug tests, and that Floyd would want at least 55 percent of the purse for the fight, and said that Pacquiao would not agree to that. Pacquiao then went on ESPN and stated that he has agreed to the drug test, and that he was willing to get tested the day before the fight if that is what Mayweather wanted. He also stated that he did not care what percentage of the purse he got, stating that Mayweather could get 60 percent if he wanted. Bob Arum was also stated to be the cause of the fight never going to happen, with the Mayweather camp stating that Arum is impossible to work with and as long as he was part of the negotiations the fight would never happen.

On December 12, 2014, Mayweather proposed a May 2 fight, and Pacquiao agreed on January 13.

Both fighters will be going in weighting 147 pounds, with Mayweather having the height advantage by an inch and a half. Mayweather boxes in an orthodox style, which Pacquiao fights southpaw style, which means he fights with his dominant left hand leaning forward. Mayweather is the betting favorite in Vegas, but most people are getting the feeling that if Pacquiao can get to Floyd early and hit him in the early rounds, then he has a great chance at knocking him out and winning the fight. If the fight goes into the later rounds, then the advantage goes to Mayweather, who is a better defensive boxer and will stay away from Pacquiao to gain points with the judges.

Either way, this could end up being the fight that restores boxing's popularity with the mainstream. No matter what, though, it is going to be one of the most profitable and highly anticipated fights in boxing history.

NBA Playoffs Off To Exciting Start

BY SHAWN SAILER
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The NBA playoffs are in full swing. There have been many exciting games and series so far. The games have been intense and well played, even in the series that are not as close. In the Eastern Conference, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the number two seed swept the Boston Celtics, the number seven seed, in the best of seven first round series. The five seeded Washington Wizards swept the four seeded Toronto Raptors. As of Monday when this article was written, the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks lead the eight-seeded Brooklyn Nets two games to one. The final Eastern Conference first round match-up is the three-seeded Chicago Bulls, who have a three games to one lead on the Milwaukee Bucks.

The first-round of the Western Conference is very similar to the Eastern Conference. The top seed, the Golden State Warriors swept the eight-seeded New

Orleans Pelicans. The number five seed, the Memphis Grizzlies, lead the number four seed, Portland Trailblazers three games to none. The second seeded Houston Rockets lead the number seven-seed Dallas Mavericks three games to one. In possibly the best series so far, the three-seed Los Angeles Clippers and six-seeded San Antonio Spurs are even at two games apiece.

The Cavaliers were led in their series sweep by LeBron James. James was able to score throughout the series and when he wasn't scoring, he was getting his teammates involved. The Celtics offense sputtered and wasn't able to keep up with the high powered Cleveland offense. If you can't stop James, you don't have much chance at beating the Cavaliers. It doesn't matter how well you play offensively. The Cavaliers will play the winner of the Bulls and Bucks series.

The Warriors swept the Pelicans. In game one, potential MVP Stephen Curry scored 34 points and Klay Thompson scored 21 to lead the Warriors to a 108-

98 win. Game two saw the Warriors fell behind by 13 points before a strong second half on both ends of the court saw Golden State come away victorious. Thompson had 26 points, which was tied for the game high. Curry chipped in with 22 points. In game three, the Pelicans took a 20 point lead before Curry and company put on a ferocious comeback to pull out a 123-119 win in overtime. Curry had a game high 40 points including a three-pointer in the final seconds of regulation to complete the 20 point fourth quarter comeback. In game four, Curry put up 39 points to lead Golden State to a 109-98 victory and the sweep. The Warriors will play the winner of the Grizzlies and Trailblazers series.

The Hawks won the first two games of their series before the Nets came away with the victory in game three. The Hawks led in game one for the majority despite the feisty play from Brooklyn. Kyle Korver led Atlanta with 21 points and Jeff Teague and DeMarre Carroll scored 17 points each. In game two, Atlanta got out to a 12 point lead

but the Nets fought back. The game went down to the wire. Deron Williams missed a jumper would 10 seconds to go that would have tied the game and the Hawks were able to come away with the win. Game three saw the Nets hold a 47-40 halftime lead before the Hawks went on a 11-0 run in the second half. Later in the half, the Nets went on an 18-0 run of their own to seal the game. The winner of this series will play the Wizards in round two.

The NBA playoffs have been fun so far and they should only get more exciting as we get later into the playoffs. It will be interesting to see what upsets we see and how easy or hard it is for certain teams to make it through. A team like the Cavaliers is expected to make it to and probably win the NBA Championship. The better question will be how many games each series goes.

Sports

Kentucky Derby to Run this Saturday



BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Pharoah put in his final workout before the Kentucky Derby, and trainer Bob Baffert says his colt is quite comfortable with the track at Churchill Downs.

The likely favorite for the Derby worked five furlongs in 58.40 seconds under Martin Garcia on Sunday. Looking on was Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who arrived from California to supervise, and owner Ahmed Zayat.

The colt has been in Louisville since April 13 after winning the Arkansas Derby by eight lengths.

Baffert says American Pharoah handled his lone workout on the dirt strip well and he looks great.

“He was doing it in hand, but that’s the way he works,” Baffert said of the move, the fastest of 32 at the distance. “That’s how he works in California. He just does things really effortlessly.”

American Pharoah takes a four-race winning streak into the Derby. He’s won those races by a combined 22 1/4 lengths, all under Victor Espinoza, who will be aboard in the Derby.

Baffert now waits for Wednesday’s post-position draw that he called “probably the last stressful moment that we have.” He compared his Derby week anxiety to a space launch with onlookers waiting for each booster rocket to fall away in stages, but the three-time Derby winner clearly felt comfortable with his

horse’s position entering the race.

“He still needs racing luck,” Baffert said of American Pharoah. “You have to get a decent post. You need to break well and get the trip. A lot can happen, so I don’t really take anything for granted.”

Baffert will also saddle another top Derby contender in Dortmund, who arrived at Churchill Downs early Sunday afternoon. Two other California-based runners, Firing Line and Bolo, joined the Santa Anita Derby winner on the flight to Louisville.

American Pharoah, last year’s 2-year-old champion, is one of three Derby horses racing for Zayat Stables with different trainers. Zayat finished second in the Derby three times in a four-year span, most recently with Baffert trainee Bodemeister in 2012; but he said he’s focused on forward-looking positive thoughts in trying to win the world’s most prestigious race.

“It’s a dream,” said Zayat, who will also run El Kabeir and Mr. Z and trained by John Terranova and D. Wayne Lukas, respectively.

“When you say you want to live the dream, we’re living it right now. I don’t want to wake up.”

PLAYbyPLAY

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4/25
Mount St. Mary’s 3, Sacred Heart 2
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Mount St. Mary’s 5, Sacred Heart 4
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Mount St. Mary’s 4, Sacred Heart 3
- Men’s Lacrosse**
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- Softball**
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Fairleigh Dickinson 5, Sacred Heart 2
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- Softball**
SACRED HEART (12-27) @
Army (22-24-1)
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- Baseball**
SACRED HEART (14-22-1) VS
Canisius (17-18)
Friday, 3:00 p.m.
- Men’s Golf**
SACRED HEART @
Northeast Conference Championship
Friday

Come and Join the Club

Club Football to Start Inagurial Season this Fall

BY TAMARIC WILSON
Staff Reporter

About a year ago, the director of club sports Ray Mencio, dean of students Larry Wielk, and vice president of athletics and student affairs Jim Barquinero approached Greg Jones about a club football team. In the fall, that team will be on campus.

Jones is a Sacred Heart alumni and a former member of the football team. He graduated in 2010 and went on to continue being a part of the program by working with the coaching staff.

He is currently is the video coordinator and safeties coach for the varsity football team. Next season he will be the head coach of the new club football team.

“Being approached to run the program was an honor and it humbled me,” said Jones. “I’m going to be a player’s coach and this is for fun and for winning.”

A big part of him accepting this offer was being able to coach students that love the game and have a strong desire to play. He has heard a lot of people being interested in playing football who are not on the varsity team.

“I was drawn to seeing kids that want to continue their career,” said Jones. “I’m very excited to lead group of kids that have passion for the game.”

The club football team will be the 26th club team on Sacred Heart’s campus and Jones is happy for the team to finally be here.

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“It was a long process, but I’m glad to finally have a solution to it,” said Jones.

While the process of getting a team is on campus is over, there is still a lot of work to be done to get the coaching staff together.

“I’m looking to add six to seven coaches with experience playing college ball,” said Jones. “Young guys with playing experience is my preferred staff.”

The head coach is also working on building a roster of 40 to 50 players and used the first interest meeting on April 21 as a stepping-stone.

“It went well,” said Jones. “Everything was addressed from uniforms to practice schedules.”

He also added that they already have 15 to 20 students committed to playing on the team.

Another issue they are working through right now is the scheduling for practices. It is not the easiest thing for them to do with everybody having different class schedules.

“We are still working on schedules,” said Jones. “We have to find time on the turf field for practice.”

The administration is also putting the finishing touches on the game schedule. As of now they have six games on the schedule with hope of adding two more.

The team will be competing in the Mid-Atlantic conference of the National Club Football Association. The teams in their conference are Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, University of Hartford, and University of Vermont.

Going into the season Jones has a few goals set for himself and his team.

“I want to win the first game, that would be big,” said Jones.

The team will kick off their season this fall as they open up against the Hawks at the University of Hartford.

His other goal is about more than him and his team.

“I want to bring a second successful football program to campus that the school will be proud of.”

Sports



DALLAS MAVERICKS' CHARLIE VILLANUEVA, BOTTOM, IS UNABLE TO STOP A DUNK BY HOUSTON ROCKETS' DWIGHT HOWARD (12) IN THE FIRST HALF OF GAME 4 IN AN NBA BASKETBALL FIRST-ROUND PLAYOFF. SEE NBA PLAYOFF ARTICLE ON PAGE 10.

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