Dancing with Heart

BY CHRISTIAN COLON
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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 Gammon, psychology professor, and Larry Wiek, 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 later transitioned into a mixture of popular songs by the same artist.

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.

"Love that they finally changed the light to get on campus...no more illegal left turns."

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That's why I'm doing what I'm doing."

Keep well. That was my goal for when I went for education. I wanted to keep people well, what to do if their blood pressure was a bit high or low."

Groups and have another event in the future.

With the students from Sacred Heart because I also teach anatomy and physiology there," said Cindy Maguire, fitness director at the Watermark.

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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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Summer Plans 2015

Did You Catch It? Senioritis

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 Panci! 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 Jen in New Jersey. At the Stone Pony in Asbury Park Stilgherly 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.)

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 getting 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.

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 they’re trying to get grades in and grow 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.”

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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 every day 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 weekend 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 a known environment, 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.

BY NICOLE LOSTOCCO
Staff Reporter

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 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 Domenique 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 years in college 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 try to do my best to do.”

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

“I set goals 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.”
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 Guminski.

Sacred Heart’s Career Development and Placement Center guides students by helping them plan for their careers and preparing 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.

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."

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**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."
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 breath 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
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.

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BY KYLE DRAGO
Staff Reporter

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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.

By GINA BATTAGLIA
Staff Reporter

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“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 begin 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 else.

“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.

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.

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Meet the Mr. SHU Contests

BY GABRIELLE HAMILTON
Staff Reporter

Senior, Elias Gharis:
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: Exactly how every college student prepares for an event that is this big. I dressed up a bit, had a good cut and color, and practiced non-stop.

Professional Business

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

Alternatino is asking for students to bring in shoes and to bring in your friends to help bring in shoes. He also asks that you bring in as many pairs of shoes as possible.

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 shoes. Many of them either show up to races in dress shoes or basketball shoes. Neither of these shoes 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 be 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."

Alternatino 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 HLC Lounge, across from Outtakes.
The Theatre Arts Program. The group hosted the first as the theatre was filled with current students, alumni, and family members.

"It was really fun to change like the SHUpermen," said sophomore Tiffanie Rodenberg, during the concert.

Men's ensemble, the SHUpermen, also made appearances into the repertoire by famous British artists such as Adele, Justin Timberlake, Augustana, and Sam Smith, LeBlanc similarly pulls inspiration from aspects of everyday life. "I write a lot about relationships," said LeBlanc. "But whenever that 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. "I write a lot about relationships," said LeBlanc. "But whenever that 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.

"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." When looking back at his time at Sacred Heart he said, "The overall experience was incredible. I learned a lot and made lifelong friendships. 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 too fast. I will always treasure those times."

During his time at Sacred Heart he never realized that his writing from 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.

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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 these songs."

"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 breakup. Even though I was pretty messed up by the whole thing, I didn't want the record to be a depressing one."

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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 shows." 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. Four of the four cohorts of the Performing Arts department were well represented, with performances by the university choir, 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 SHU 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 show received 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 makeup, 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 were 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.

For more information on all Performing Arts events contact the Edgerton Center box office.
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 was also 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 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."

"This is my whole life, I've 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."

Bruce Jenner Comes Out as Transgender, "I am a Woman"
Fight of the Century

Mayweather-Pacquiao this Saturday to determine who the best is

BY NICK MCAENENY
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 be foolish to guess 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 superstud 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 skimming 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 times during the thirty 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 December 12, 2014, 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 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 weighing 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 leading forward. Mayweather is the fighting 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
Assistant Sports Editor

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 one seed, in the best of seven first round series.
The Cavaliers were led in their series by Kevin Love scoring the majority despite the series that are sputtered and wasn't able to keep up with the high powered Cleveland offense. If 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.

The Grizzlies and Trailblazers series.
The Warriors will play the winner of the Bulls and Bucks series.
The Hawks are a veteran team having being a part of the Hawks for a long time, 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 but the Nets fought back. The game went down to the wire. Deron Williams missed a jumper with 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 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 trainer Bodeen 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."

BY TAMARIC WILSON

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.

"Being approached to run the program was an honor and it humbled me," said Jones.

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

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 himself and his team.

"I want to bring a second successful football program to campus that the school will be proud of."
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 18.