Bishop Frank J. Caggiano to Speak at the 51st Undergraduate Commencement

BY VICTORIA MESCALL
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The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, the Bishop of Bridgeport, has been selected to be the 51st Undergraduate Commencement speaker for Sacred Heart University’s graduation on Sunday May 14, 2017.

Bishop Caggiano will deliver his remarks to the class of 2017 at the Webster Bank Arena this coming Mother’s Day. During the ceremony, he will also be receiving an honorary Doctorate of Theology degree from Sacred Heart.

“I think it’s great that our commencement speaker is the Bishop of Bridgeport,” said senior Alicia Frisica, student government vice president of the class of 2017. “It’s nice that they picked a member of our local community to represent our graduating class as a Catholic school.”

Caggiano was installed as Fifth Bishop of Bridgeport on Thursday, September 19, 2013 as St. Theresa Church in Trumbull, Conn.

“Our partnership with Sacred Heart University has grown tremendously since Bishop Frank Caggiano was installed as our Bishop,” said John Grosso, social media leader for the office of the Bishop of Bridgeport. “We’ve been very fortunate to partner with Sacred Heart many times this year. We’ve worked with the School of Communication to film videos, Bishop Caggiano spoke at the Inaugural Bergoglio Lecture Series, and we welcomed the Papal Nuncio to the United States.”

On March 29, 2017 Bishop Caggiano spoke on campus in a lecture titled, “Pope Francis and the Social Gospel: Where Do We Go from Here?” honoring The Pope’s spirit and vision in the twenty first century.

This speech inaugurated the Bergoglio Lecture Series, and students from all majors and faculty from all disciplines crowded the entire square footage of the Schine Auditorium, filling the aisles and the stage in order to hear Bishop Caggiano speak.

According to the Diocese of Bridgeport website, “On February 22, 2014, [Bishop Caggiano] formally convoked the 4th Synod of the Diocese of Bridgeport, the first in 32 years, as an opportunity for renewal and pastoral planning for the future of the local Church.”

After a series of listening sessions with over 4,000 commentaries by laity, priests and religious across the diocese, the Bishop announced the Synod 2014 themes of empowering youth, building up the community of faith, fostering evangelical outreach, and promoting works of charity and justice.

“Given Bishop Caggiano’s commitment to the youth and young adults to the church and our important history with Sacred Heart, working together has been a natural fit, as is Bishop Frank as the commencement speaker,” said Grosso.

Bishop Caggiano joins a legacy of renowned community scholars and leaders who have served as commencement speakers in past years.

The university’s 50th commencement speaker was Victoria Sweet, a former award-winning historian and associate professor of medicine at the University of California. The year before, former United States Senator from Maine, George Mitchell, delivered the university’s 49th undergraduate commencement address.

“When we’re a Catholic university, it’s nice to have the Bishop come speak during our classes commencement,” said senior class president Theresa (T) Fletcher. “As a university and community we are all rooted in Catholic values and it’s going to be a great experience to hear Bishop Caggiano speak.”

According to the Sacred Heart University magazine, the class of 2017 includes 890 undergraduates who will be receiving bachelor’s degrees during the commencement ceremony.

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Campus Ministry Introduces Agape Latte

AGAPE LATTE IS AN EVENT HOSTED BY CAMPUS MINISTRY TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN MORE ABOUT FAITH AND RELIGION

Sacred Heart University had its debut of Agape Latte on Wednesday, April 19 at the Linda’s dining hall in the McMahon Student Commons.

Hosted by Campus Ministry, Agape Latte is an event designed for students seeking to learn more about faith and religion while also trying to create a social environment. It was first started by Boston College in 2007.

"We wanted to do this event in order to create a chill environment but also talk about the importance of faith," said sophomore Trevor O'Brien. "We realize that students are stressed out due to many things they go through at school, so with Agape Latte, this can help smooth things out and have them come out of here with a clear and positive mindset."

Preparation for this event had actually been going along for six months. Those in charge of Agape Latte at the university said that promoting the event was the most important thing for them to get interested.

"I think that students will really enjoy it because it makes the faculty, staff, administrators totally accessible to them, these are the people that they look up to, learn from, and are around everyday, but they don’t know anything about them," said Devon Kemp, Campus Minister of the university. "Having different faculty and staff speak about their lives and experiences allows the students to learn from them on a much more personal level."

The term Agape is a Greek word for a kind of love that seeks nothing in return, while Latte is a rhyme and pun used in reference to the coffee, and an engaging discussion offered to students, similar to that of a coffeehouse.

"Boston College actually began Agape Latte ten years ago, and have been working to spread it to other colleges across the country," said Kemp. "They have been very helpful in getting together our whole plan: our speaker, our location, our marketing materials such as the coffee beans, the buttons, the stickers and much more, so most of the work has gone into our marketing of the event."

The speaker during Wednesday’s event was Joel Quintong, Director of Residential Life. During his 30-minute discussion entitled “The Pursuit of Happiness,” Quintong spoke about his career leading up to his arrival at the university and told some stories about his time at Boston College, as well as his Filipino-American background.

"I tried to relate my faith to my extracurricular activities, focusing all my energy on that," said Quintong. "However, later in my life, I was on a journey on this pursuit of happiness and the one person who really helped me on this journey was my wife."

Members of Campus Ministry and other clubs around the university are hoping to replicate the success of Agape Latte made by Boston College and other universities by having an event every month. "If you have the thing that we go through in college," said sophomore Erin Curley. "I think that with Agape Latte, we can create an open forum for discussion about important topics that students and faculty are interested in."
The Anticipation of Growing Up

KELSEY...

The senior class of 2017 is about to graduate in a couple of weeks. Although I still have one more year to go, I am still taken back by the fact that in around 11 months or so, that will be me. You start to ask yourself, am I really ready for the real world?

As a rising senior, I still have some time on my hands to be in college. When you can just be a kid for another year and have limited responsibilities.

Now when I mean limited responsibilities I can speak for most people in my year and can say not having the responsibility to pay for housing bills, your full financial education payments, and among various things varying from person to person.

Senior year is the last year to make the most of the memories you want to have in college. Are you going to make that change in yourself that you always wanted to before your time at school is up? It is time to do what you want with your friends while you still get to see each other on a daily basis. You get to cherish all the interesting memories you had with each other before you go out into the real world.

For the class of 2018, going into our senior year could be a lot to swallow. Do we still need to take on new internships? Do we need to join more organizations or activities before it's too late? How do we know what we do will make us happy?

In this time frame many of us in senior year will probably be searching to try to figure out what we actually want to do with our lives and what we plan on doing for the new couple of years after graduation.

Although we can only plan so much and have unexpected things happen to us whether good or bad, we can't help but wonder for our own sakes what are we going to become. Will what we planned to be when we thought about our lives a few years back be a reality or will we completely lose ourselves and be somewhere we never thought we could be and make us learn and make us stronger as individuals.

As for the class of 2017, deciding on whether to live with your parents, continue on your education and go to graduate school Dunkin Donuts next level, or go into the work force and be completely independent is totally up to you.

Now is your time to get that job that you want to later possible get you that dream job you always wanted. Although you maybe scared chances are everyone is in your age range and your competitors for your dream job are also fearful as well.

It's human nature to feel scared for the unexpected and be skeptical to what is to come. All I can say is to live in the moment and try your best to succeed. Who knows you might be rewarded when you least expect it and if you really hard work.

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Say Goodbye To Coolattas

BY MICHAEL MARINO
Staff Reporter

This summer, Dunkin Donuts will be dropping the Coffee Coolatta from their menu. The big question is, will "America still run on Dunkin?"

According to CNBC, Dunkin Donuts will be replacing the Coffee Coolatta with their new Frozen Coffee, which is said to have more of a coffee taste compared to its predecessors.

"This came as a complete shock to me," said sophomore Matthew Falce. "Every morning I have an early class, I make sure I get up in time to rush over to Dunkin for a Coolatta. I should not have tried to complicate things by releasing a new product. I just don't understand what they were thinking. They already had a drink that many people loved. It just doesn't make sense that they felt the need to take away an original."

On the other hand, some students are happy that Dunkin Donuts has made this decision. "I was never really a big fan of the Coffee Coolatta anyway," said sophomore Joseph Siegel. "I was always the kind of person who was happy with a regular hot coffee to wake me up in the morning. The few times I have tried the Coolatta I was not impressed. I always thought it was a bit too sweet and sugary."

However, the sweet taste of some Dunkin Donut drinks like these is what many students are looking for.

So this is it. This is my last He Said. Honestly, it feels good, knowing that I've given so many people insight to a better life. I also can honestly say that I'm the first person in Spectrum history to go undefeated in the He Said, She Said debates.

For our last He Said, She Said we decided to do something a little more sentimental. A lot of us on the Spectrum board are graduating, including me, so we're going to be talking about the anticipation of growing up.

I know it's not necessarily a debate but I figured I would save Kelsey from taking another loss. So I've been at Sacred heart for the past four years and I got to tell you, I've gotten pretty comfortable here.

If there's one thing I don't exactly enjoy it's change and if there's one thing graduating college brings you, it's change. Probably one of the biggest parts of graduating is realizing that you have to grow up. I mean, no more hanging out in the middle of the day with your best buds or having as much down time. You can kind of take for granted the time you have in between classes to go grab a sandwich or take a nap.

As for my personality, I don't plan on changing all that much. I think I've matured a lot at college and I feel that if I mature any more I'll become some dweeb. Another big part of graduating is getting a job. I've been fortunate enough to put a halt on that process. I've been lucky enough to get into grad school and also get a graduate assistant position to help pay for my schooling at Sacred Heart.

So that means two more years of me on this campus and two more years of me enjoying this school. To be honest I'm not looking forward to getting out of school. Sure it is cool to think where I'll end up and what type of job I have but like I said before, I'm very comfortable where I'm at and I'm not a fan of change.

However I know that I can't be at school forever, I mean that would just be way too expensive, so I'm going to try to live these next couple of years to the fullest. Just thinking about the increase in the amount of responsibility that I will have once I graduate makes me want to crawl into my bed and never leave.

Honestly people, who knows how to do taxes? Anyone? No? If you do then let me know cause I must've missed out on that lesson while I was writing about the human journey.

Not to mention I'm going to have to worry about a rent check every month, really planning out my financial situation. I really rather not care about these things.

But we all must grow up. Let this be a lesson to you all underclassmen. College doesn't go on forever so you should do what you really want and just be able to say that you loved it here after you're done.

So pretty much when you come to the decision of going to a party or going to class, I think you know which one to pick.
SACRED HEART STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER

From the Catamaran's top deck, Freshman Devin Nealon could see nothing but blue skies and a calm ocean as he sailed through the US Virgin Islands. Nealon visited the US Virgin Islands for the first time in the summer of 2015 and is planning on returning this summer for his second trip after his freshman year has officially ended.

"Summer is one of the best times of the year for me, especially to go on vacation with my family," said Nealon. Students at Sacred Heart University take time in the summer to do a variety of things. Some students either work in the summer, travel, relax, or even take classes. "Once summer starts, you can find me working six to seven days a week. The amount of money needed to support my life in college is absurd, and summer is when I have to make that money, so there's no other choice," said sophomore Vinnie Tuinmaello.

Some students make their money in the summer from regular jobs while others make their money from internships.

"I have a paid internship this summer for the first time. The pay is significantly higher than my job I had last summer scooping ice cream," said junior Connor Altamura.

Students can use paid internships as a way to make money and increase their experience working. However, not all internships are paid. Some are simply to gain experience.

"I have an unpaid internship this summer which I'm pretty excited about. The hours aren't very demanding at all and it is going to look great to put on a resume," said freshman Danylo Yanovskiy. "Since my internship is unpaid, I need to have a paid job also. I'll be working a couple days a week on my friend's farm. While some students are busy working during the summer, others are busy taking summer courses. Some even manage to both work and take summer courses. "I'm taking a few classes this summer, which only meet a few days a week. So luckily I'll be able to work on the days that I don't have classes," said freshman Nico Di Lucia.

Others don't have much time to work or take classes, especially if they are travelling for the summer.

"I'll be going to Italy for the majority of the summer visiting extended family with some of my cousins. We'll also just be in Europe when we aren't in Italy," said sophomore Kristina DeLeonardi.

Some of those who are graduating this May have different plans than those that are returning to the university. "I'm going out this summer and looking for a real job to start my career, I'm definitely going to miss this school," said senior Eric Bialczak.

Emojis Taking Over Snapchat

BY MEAGAN BONNER
Staff Reporter

In June of 2017 you'll find a few more icons on your keyboard that weren't there before. Yet, what do students at Sacred Heart University prefer? Emojis or Bitmojis?

"I love Bitmojis. I don't have an iPhone, but I use a ton of Bitmojis on my Snapchat, way more than Emojis," said senior Marcus Rich.

Bitmojis are a character that you can create with the Bitmoji app that can look like you, dress like you and act like you via text message and now on Snapchat as well. A Bitmoji is your own personal Emoji.

Bitmojis are updated more frequently than Emojis are. To get one all you have to do is download the app, create your own Bitmoji and access them onto your keyboard through your settings.

Both androids and iPhone's can use the Bitmoji app.

"I use Emojis all the time. I do use Bitmojis a lot and I love my Bitmoji, but I use Emojis in daily text and Bitmojis I use in some, specific moments," said junior Alejandro Perez.

According to NBC Connecticut's website, when the new Emojis come out this June they will feature ones like a mermaid, a merman, vampires, zombies, a brain, a dinosaur, a pretzel, a zebra, tomato soup can and a face with a monocle. "I think Emojis are used more frequently because they're easier to access and quicker to respond," said junior Lauren Pelister. "Bitmojis are a lot more specialized and there are much more options compared to Emojis. Bitmoojis feel more personal. I love both though."

New celebrities are creating their own Emojis for people to use. These Emojis look like the celebrities and have the same facial expressions just like the Emojis you love.

Celebs and star athletes like Kim Kardashian, Jimmy Fallon, Conor McGregor, Justin Bieber, Aly Raisman and Michael Phelps all have their own own Emoji apps to name a few.

They Emojis also have clever names like "Kimojis," which refer to Kim Kardashian.

"I actually have the Jimojis downloaded on my iPhone and keyboard," said junior Dani Fitzpatrick. "I love Jimmy Fallon so I figured why not. They crack me up and they have faces that relate to sketches that he does on his late night show."

Disney now has their own Emoji's and Emoji app as well. The Emoji's include characters like Elsa, Simba, Wreck-It-Ralph, Ariel, Peter Pan, Tinker Bell and many more. Not only does Disney have Emoji's, but they also have an app that's a game based off of their Emoji's called Emoji Blitz.

"I feel like they are mostly the same," said senior Dylan Moore. "I like Bitmojis on Snapchat because it's a way to keep the convo going. I just use Emojis for text and Bitmojis for Snapchat."

Pepsi Commerical Peaceful?

BY DANIELLE LAPIERRE
Staff Reporter

Kendall Jenner and Pepsi joined forces for a new advertisement, which was supposed to depict a peaceful protest that Jenner eventually participates in. Many groups, including Sacred Heart University students, are seeing the advertisement as controversial.

In the commercial, which was originally posted on the Pepsi YouTube channel before being deleted, Jenner is originally being shown participating in a photo shoot and noticing a passing protest. The protesters were holding signs bearing phrases such as "peace" and "join the conversation." Jenner then abandons her photo shoot and joins the protest.

In the final scene, when the protesters come across a barricade of police officers, Jenner offers one a Pepsi, and both groups celebrate, indicating the issue they were fighting about has been resolved.

Said a statement given to The New York Times, Elle Hearns, a former organizer for Black Lives Matter, said that the commercial "plays down the sacrifices people have historically taken in utilizing protests. No one is finding peace and understanding. Clearly we missed the mark, and we apologize," Pepsi said in a press release that was promptly called on her.

"I think Pepsi was just trying to get involved in the conversation and tried to send a social message but did it in the completely wrong way," said senior Kyle Brady.

"There were way better ways to do that than by undertak­ing an entire movement that has been taking place in our country for a few years now."

Amid the controversy, Pepsi has since pulled the advertisement from their YouTube channel, but before multiple other accounts posted it on their personal channels, making it still viewable. A repost of the commercial on one account still has more than nine million views, with the number still rising every day.

"Pepsi was trying to project a global message of unity, peace and understanding. Clearly we missed the mark, and we apologize," said senior Kevin Hearns.

"Regardless of anything, I hope other companies use this as a lesson," said junior Kevin Dunn. "Don't use social issues in order to sell a product, 99 percent of the time, it won't end well."
Thank You Spectrum Mondays

NATALIE CIOFFARI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I think I may be one of the few college students that actually enjoys Monday. Yes, that's right. I like Mondays.

It all started three years ago when I accepted the position as assistant arts and entertainment editor. During this time I got into Professor Kabak’s News Writing & Reporting class. This meant that Sundays and Mondays I would be editing and placing the paper, Tuesdays I would be in the class and the rest of the week I would be writing my article.

Then, the cycle would start all over again, and it would stay like this for the next three years. It became such a routine that it was second nature to me. I loved being in the office so much that I would schedule my meals and my appointments around it.

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Dear Spectrum:

JESSICA CHALOUX
MANAGING EDITOR

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Some of the late nights that Natalie and I have pulled Monday into Tuesday are some of the most memorable. We’ve danced on the table tops, eaten countless pizzas and other junk food that I don’t want to mention because I’m already getting hungry just by typing pizza, sang at the top of our lungs very off key and just all around had fun even if we argued sometimes about missing an error.

Although I’ve known Natalie since our pre-fall program freshman year, being in Spectrum together gave me one of my best friends. I’m not sure what I would do without her, I know that sounds sappy, but sappy is my middle name. Heck, we even went to Alpha Delta Pi sorority formal together #BFFgoals (sorry Tony).

Spectrum has given me many friendships that I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to make otherwise. It’s so strange how SHU students walk amongst each other for years and end up becoming friends in their senior year. I wish I was able to make these friendships my freshman year to have more time with some of my favorite people.

So thank you Spectrum. Thank you for the friendships, learning experiences and solidifying that media and communications is something that I am looking to continue with after graduation in May.

To Alexa, Giovana and Bryan who will be taking over as Editor-In-Chief and Managing Editors, we will be reading online next year. Can’t wait to see you guys, along with the rest of the Spectrum staff, further the growth of this amazing paper.

The editorial page is an open forum. Editorials are the opinions of the individual editors and do not represent the opinions of the whole editorial board. Letters to the editor are encouraged and are due by Sunday at noon for consideration for each Wednesday’s issue. All submissions are subject to editing for spelling, punctuation, and length.

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Junior Kevin Carman is a business major at Sacred Heart University, who recently started a hat company called Locals Only LI.

Carman was inspired to start the company when he bought a trucker hat in Montana with the outline of the state on it with locals only printed on the back.

"I said to myself, why don't I take this concept and bring it to life in Long Island. And that's where we are now," said Carman, who is from Malverne, NY.

Although the company began in January, Carman had the intention of starting the company for a while.

"I just woke up over winter break and was like, yeah it's time. I need something new and I need to do something exciting that I would want to do and here we are," said Carman.

He doesn't just run the company on his own. Junior Ben Field is the operations manager who has helped him in many ways such as coming up with designs for the hats.

The large Long Island student population at Sacred Heart has helped his company take off.

"If it wasn't for this school, I would not be where I am today," said Carman.

The demand for the hats has been increasing. He is in the process of ordering more hats for his new 631 collection which does not have a release date yet.

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Frank Martire graduated from Sacred Heart with a degree in Economics in 1969. The couple has had a financial impact to the university with their time and effort. The Martire’s are among the school’s biggest donors and supporters, and beyond that, Frank is a member of the Board of Trustee’s who actively works on the betterment and improvement of the university.

“Tonight was a great night for multiple reasons. It was a great celebration of the Martire’s and all they have done for this institution, while also introducing all of our guests to our brand new West Campus and its beautiful Guest House,” said Dr. Petillo.

In honoring the Martire’s and all they have done, the organizers of this gala hoped to show other guests how important and impactful donations and assistance can be and inspire them to follow in the footsteps of the Martire’s.

“This year’s Discovery Gala really brought new life to the West Campus and gave guests a true-feeling of Sacred Heart,” said Petillo.

The 28th Discovery Gala was Speakeasy-themed. Speakeasy clubs were famous in the 1920’s during the prohibition era, where it was illegal to sell and consume alcohol. What classified these bars as speakeasy was their hidden entrances and discrete locations, which allowed these places to remain a secret and stay open. The five-floor Guest House is located in the very back of the West Campus and was built into a hill. The only visible aspect of the house is the lobby which has four elevators and took guests down to the very bottom floor where the ballroom was located. The speakeasy theme was chosen to show off Sacred Heart’s new hidden gem.

The night would be comprised of various food options throughout all three-courses, flapper-waitresses, and a club-like ambiance, including lights and booth-style seating. The event would conclude with a music performance.

The Gala began at 6 p.m. and the music performance went on at 8 p.m. This year's performer was former professional athlete-turned-musician, Bernie Williams. Williams was a professional baseball player for the New York Yankee’s from 1991-2006 until retirement, when he then indulged in his other passion, music.

“We honored two truly philanthropic champions in Frank and Marisa Martire, most importantly to raise scholarship funds to help our students obtain a Sacred Heart degree,” said Anne Whitman, Special Events Coordinator in the department of University Advancement.

Whitman said that with each coming year they exceed their rising fundraising goal.

“We surpassed our fundraising goal for a second year in a row, raising just under $900,000, all because of the generosity of so many university and community friends, corporate sponsors, alumni, parents, faculty, and staff,” said Whitman.

To learn more about the Discovery Gala, the impact it makes yearly, and honoring the Martire’s visit http://www.sacredheart.edu/offices/advancement/discoverygala/.

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Student Creates His Own App: Bar-Eeze

BY ANNA FINN
Staff Reporter

Junior marketing major Peter Siegel’s idea to create an application all started after he took an introduction to business class his freshman year.

Siegel’s first idea was to make an app that would show how busy different locations on campus were to the students, such as if there were any seats open in the library or treadmills available in the gym.

“My friends and I were tired of paying for Uber’s to bars and realizing they were empty or too crowded,” said Siegel. “I remember thinking to myself, I wish I had a crystal ball to see how these places were before we left the house.”

He took his original idea and decided he wanted to apply it to bars and began to make his app Bar-Eeze.

“The app Waze inspired me since it is an app where the users helped one another to avoid traffic on the roads. This concept is similar to mine but with bars,” said Siegel.

To create Bar-Eeze, his first step was getting the money to develop it.

“I spoke to investors who loved the idea and wanted to help me make it happen,” said Siegel. “I didn’t have any coding experience so I knew I would have to hire a developer to do it for me.”

Siegel interviewed numerous different developers, determined to find who was the best fit for him.

“I was confident with a developer called BlueLabel Labs and contracts were signed and we started the design stage,” said Siegel.

He was responsible for the whole design of the app. He created wireframes, which are images that exhibit the functional elements of the app, to give the developer an idea of what he wanted.

“After the design came development and different builds of the app. We had 23 builds before we launched on the app Store,” said Siegel.

It took Siegel about two years to create the app, due to pausing the project for a few months to get more investors on board.

The now launched app Bar-Eeze is a social networking platform that helps its users view the current status of any bar.

It introduces Vibe Badges, which is a quick way to view or select the bar’s current atmosphere, such as the gender ratio, the line outside, wait time for a drink, and more.

“I advertise the app on social media mostly. But there is a lot more to come,” said Siegel.

With this app, you can invite your friends out and then they can instantly receive your message asking them to join you at your current check-in location, as long as they become a Bar-Eeze user.
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Arts & Entertainment

Sacred Heart Dance Company Presents "Fall/Rise"

BY LAUREN FINAN
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University's Dance Company performed their spring semester showcase on April 21 and 22 in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. The name of the production, "Fall/Rise," portrayed the obstacles and successes that the dance company has gone through.

The music the performers danced to ranged from R&B, instrumental, to hip-hop.

The costumes had a large variety such as leggings paired with a tank top with a plaid shirt tied around their waists to traditional salsa dresses.

"I liked how none of the costumes were identical for a selected performance. Each dancer had a different variation of the simple idea the director wanted," said junior Brittany Joseph. "For example, no single dancer had the same color as another but it would be the same style of clothing."

Around 75 students and family members were in the audience to support the 50 active members in the dance company.

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Cormier said that this would be her and Tricairo's first opportunity to show off their abilities as they have choreographed their dance piece independently.

"The Unforgiven" began the second act of the production. This particular dance number had a live piano performance as well as a live painter. The painter painted the solo dancer while she was performing.

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The 2017 MTV Movie & TV Awards

BY CINDY SANAWONG
Staff Reporter

The 2017 MTV Movie & TV Awards will be held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Sunday, May 7.

Each year, this award ceremony recognizes the best in film and television. All of the categories and nominees are chosen by MTV's producers and executives and then the general public votes online for who they want to win.

This year's host is American actor, comedian, singer, screenwriter and producer, Adam DeVine. He is known for productions such as "Pitch Perfect" and Comedy Central's "Workaholics." This will be his first time hosting the MTV Movie & TV Awards.

For this 26th edition of the award ceremony, changes have been made. Gender-specific award categories have also been removed and actors are now merged into one category, such as "Best Actor in a Movie" and "Best Actor in a Show."

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Carlos Jobim. Director of Academic Music Programs and presented their fourth annual for the Performing Arts.

"The entire performance was just filled with great energy. The ensemble was on point all night at every point of the performance," said Carter. "I liked seeing Professor Carter play. I have him for my Latin American music class, where he played some of the songs to the class," said freshman Erin Perotta. "He's also very passionate about what he teaches and it makes it easy to focus and listen in class."

"I am glad to see that the importance of women's rights continue on," said DeVeau-Jailbert. "He is, in my opinion, the most important and influential Brazilian composer of the 20th century," said Carter. "He's the person that contributed the most to the development of Brazilian music in all its forms."

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**SHU L.O.V.E. Celebrates Women**

**BY JULIUS BROWN**

On Saturday, April 22 Sacred Heart University’s Ladies-Only Vocal Ensemble, or SHU L.O.V.E., presented "A Celebration of Women" for their Pops Concert. The Edgerton Theatre was the stage for creative expression and celebration of women.

"This whole performance is to let women know that they are not alone, and actually surrounded by support," said Anna DeVeau-Jailbert, director of SHU L.O.V.E.

"SHU L.O.V.E. performed a wide variety of powerful female centric songs. From the soft gentle cadences of "Songbird," to the strong and determined chorus of "I Will Survive/Survivor." The celebration of women and women’s rights is present at every point of the performance."

"Shout out to the SHU choir for acknowledging the power of women," said junior Winnie Victor. "Along with celebrating women, the concert also served to celebrate the ensembles Director, DeVeau-Jailbert. Members of SHU L.O.V.E. appreciate the amount of awareness that DeValue-Jailbert has brought to women’s rights through the ensemble."

"Anna has just done so much to support and help with empowering women on this campus through this ensemble," said graduate student April Jaregui. "She also made it more than just a SHU thing, she has made women's rights a point in the community, by inviting the actual community."

Also, a part of the SHU L.O.V.E. celebration was a foundation from the surrounding community. A dance performance by the Anacaona Enrichment Program’s all women dance team was included into the celebration of women. The event provided a positive environment for girls and women from all walks of life to feel acknowledged.

"The entire performance was just filled with great energy. The energy along with the great message felt very inspiring and empowering," said sophomore and SHU L.O.V.E. soprano Stephanie Doheny.

"Unity and equality were recurring concepts throughout the night. Male audience members, whether loved ones or just students, were also in attendance to support the female centric event."

"I am glad to see that the importance of women’s rights is so heavily acknowledged here at SHU, it shows that actual difference can be made," said senior Christiano Lopes. "SHU L.O.V.E. continued their performance with multiple soloist sections that allowed for select singers to flex their vocals.

"It just felt great to step out in front of that audience to send that message of empowerment, all through my voice," said sophomore soloist Maria Ogunbolami. Other sections of the performance included a duet from SHU L.O.V.E. members Wendy Estavien and Meredith Conroy who performed Beyoncé’s "If I Were A Boy."

"The sequence of songs culminated in a soulful performance of "I’m Every Woman. "Audience members cheered and clapped at the huge show of support and acknowledgement for women."

"This whole night just felt right, this is how we should celebrate each other as women. Girl Power," said Ogunbolami.
Sports

Men's Golf Places Eighth at “Til Duty Is Done Collegiate Invitational”

BY MARK MORALES
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men’s golf team played in an invitational on April 14 and April 15 at the Mohican Sun Golf Club in Baltic, Conn. The men came in eighth place.

The invitational was hosted by the University of Connecticut and was called “Til Duty Is Done Collegiate Invitational.” The tournament is named in honor of the Til Duty Is Done organization. They are a non-profit company based in Connecticut. Their goal is to provide safe, secure and stable housing for returning veterans. Til Duty Is Done’s main aim is to reduce homelessness and unemployment with returning veterans.

This is a special tournament because the vets were involved. The final round I got to play with someone from the air force. It was really cool to spend time with them because they didn’t get the chance to play college golf. We had questions for them, they had questions for us,” said sophomore Jacob Henny.

As for the course itself, there were some challenging aspects throughout the event.

“There was a stretch of holes, one through four, that were a pretty tough stretch of holes. They were a little bit longer with smaller greens so it made a little bit tough but once you got through that stretch, you kind of got into a set of scoring holes,” said junior Matthew Shubley.

The only negative thing both men had to say about the tournament was that the wind played a huge factor throughout the event.

“The course itself wasn’t too difficult but the conditions, like the wind, made it tough,” said Henny.

Although both men enjoyed the tournament with the veterans, they both have some work to do before the postseason begins.

“I’ve been out from May until March with a series of injuries. So just getting back in the competitive setting again is something that I need to improve upon. This is only the second tournament I played in the past 10 months so I think I did okay around the green. Stroking was great, putting was good but ball striking was a little suspect,” said Henny.

“In my opinion, we should be favored going into conference,” said Henny.

The men’s golf team will begin their postseason on April 28.

The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez Ends With Suicide

BY SHAWN SAILER & ALEX PADALINO
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The ex-New England Patriots tight end was serving a life-sentence for a 2013 murder conviction when his body was found hanged in his prison cell.

Hernandez’s father died from complications from a surgery. Hernandez was angry because de Abreu accidentally bumped into him at a nightclub while dancing, spilling his drink.

The associated press contributed to this article.
Bobby Valentine Receives the Joe DiMaggio Award

BY RYAN TOUHEY
Staff Reporter

For the past 16 years, the Joe DiMaggio Award has recognized community leaders who have helped others, particularly those who are less fortunate. This year’s recipient was Sacred Heart University’s Executive Athletic Director, Bobby Valentine.

Valentine was honored with the award at its annual dinner event on April 5 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. The purpose of the event was to raise scholarship dollars for underprivileged boys and girls of New York.

“It was one of the great honors of my life,” said Valentine.

The event was cosponsored by the Columbus Citizen Foundation and its affiliate, the Futures in Education.

According to its website, the Foundation is a non-profit New York City organization which works to assist Italian-American students through scholarships and grant programs. The Foundation presents over $2 million in scholarships for students to go to high school and college each year.

According to the Futures in Education website, the Joe DiMaggio Award was created in 1999. It was named in the ballplayer’s memory because of his support in the education for students with learning disabilities.

According to the Sacred Heart website, Valentine’s worked as a philanthropist including serving as Student Council President of Rippowam High School in Stamford, Conn. He has also created scholarship funds of his own such as the Mickey Lione, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

According to the Fund’s website, the scholarship is given to student-athletes who give back to the community off of the field.

Valentine’s coworkers believe that his ability and determination to connect with others is what propelled him to winning the award.

“Valentine’s the guy that will ask you what he can do for you even if you may not need help,” said Nicholas Wormley, Executive Director for University Advancement. “I think Bobby has people around him that are so engaged in different areas.”

Tyler Endee Named NFC Fencer of the Year

BY KENDALL CLARK
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University co-ed Division I fencing team has completed another successful season. They finished with a high ranking in tournaments, having fencers named to the all-conference team as well as having the conference fencer of the year, junior Tyler Endee, on the team.

Endee’s spirit is rubbing off on his teammates.

“He really is fantastic, I’m extraordinarily happy with it. It’s something that I worked for this season very intently. I did the best that I could and I did it. So I’m very happy,” said Endee.

Though this is a prestigious accomplishment, Endee was more focused on giving back.

“What drives me? More so than anything, it’s to make others happy. I think I fence for my parents, my friends, my coach. So if I can fence and make them happy then that drives me,” said Endee.

Endee is very happy and he played during the same time as my father-in-law Ralph Branca,” said Valentine.

Branca was a Major League pitcher who pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees. In the 1947 World Series, while he was with the Dodgers, he faced the Yankees and DiMaggio.

“I knew Joe DiMaggio and he played during the same time as my father-in-law Ralph Branca,” said Valentine.

No one is happier than the coach of the team, Yuiy Molchan.

“I was very proud of him because he showed how he can work together with his team. He is very hard; he can go from the beginning of the competition to the end of the competition. Not many people can do that and that’s why I’m very proud of him,” said Molchan.

Molchan’s motto is heart and integrity. He wants all of his fencers working hard but not taking any shortcuts. One can only achieve if he or she is willing to work for it.

“It’s driven by how hard he carries himself during practice and competitions, whether it’s leading in practice, or leading in tournaments. Tyler is always leading,” said Molchan.

Molchan had twelve of his fencers make the conference team and he wants more.

“Recruiting, recruiting, recruiting. The better recruiting, the more titles. This is key,” said Molchan.

Sophomore Dante Centeno also views Endee as a leader.

“He’s a great leader who shows hard work and dedication to the team. He gives us all a helping hand when we need it, he’s a great leader and role model for us to follow, which makes us work harder for the goal of becoming fencer of the year,” said Centeno.

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“From a competitive standpoint, I really am aiming to be the best I can be on the fencing team. Tyler exemplifies that by having a 29-1 record, which motivates me to work even harder next year and to make it a priority that I win about every time I go out to fence,” said Centeno.

With another year to go, Endee is hoping for a big senior season.

“If I could go 29-1 again that would be perfect, if I could win conference fencer of the year again that would be perfect, but if I made it to NCAA’s then that would be the perfect way to end my career at Sacred Heart,” said Endee.
SACRED HEART SOFTBALL SPLIT VHTH MOUNT SAINT MARY ON SENIOR DAY ON APRIL 23