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Students arrested for I.D. fraud

Two Sacred Heart University students were arrested before Spring Break for the manufacturing of fake I.D.s and the Fairfield Police Department are searching for the third as of Monday.

Craig Kelley is being charged with one count of conspiracy to commit forgery and Jeff Murray is being charged with one count of forgery in the second degree and three counts of attempted forgery. Both posted a $2,500 dollar bond and are our awaiting trial.

The third, Marc Rolland, is being charged with 22 counts of criminal attempt to commit forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit forgery. The police released Rolland awaiting the $2,500 bond, which he was unable to pay at the time. As of Monday, Rolland has yet to post the bond. Police are trying to locate Rolland and collect the bond.

Time change for Abraham Vergheze lecture

The time for Abraham Vergheze’s lecture, “The Search For Meaning in a Medical Life,” has been changed from the original time of 7:30 p.m. tonight. It will now begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the Academic Center, which used to be the old gym.

George giving April talk and presentation

Babu George, chair of Sacred Heart University’s Department of Chemistry/Physics, will present a lecture and demonstration at SHU at 8 p.m. on April 14 in the Schine Auditorium.

The program, which is sponsored by the Continuing Education Council, is open to the public.

George will complement his talk, “Chemistry in Our Everyday Life,” with chemical demonstrations using everyday items - fortified iron cereal, lemon juice, laxatives, salt and sugar. Preparation of food, the story of certain drugs and musical instruments are among the diverse topics to be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Edward Donato, associate dean of University College, at 371-7836.

Public Safety and police looking for thief

The Department of Public Safety along with the Fairfield Police Department is searching for the person responsible for the theft of three wallets from women’s pocketbooks in the Administration Building that occurred last Thursday.

The description of the perpetrator is an African American male, 5 feet 7 inches tall in his late 30’s with a goatee and shortly cropped hair receding on both sides with hair in the middle. He was neatly dressed and wore a white shirt with a long black trench coat.

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Taft: Hall will close its doors

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said Wielk. “The bigger issue is the exasperation of the excesses.”

According to Wielk, if SHU were to keep all University housing buildings open in addition to Taft there would be a difference in revenue of about $1 million.

“We are reducing this by eliminating Taft,” said Wielk.

Wielk said the University also wants to, “eliminate the distance between the campus and students.”

The decision has not been well received by students. Gabi Beoloe, a Taft RA, sent an e-mail to University President, Anthony Censer and other administrators, pleading for them to keep the hall open.

It was a tough decision for University officials to make, according to Wielk.

“The community at Taft is tight. Chris Spilia has been the ‘SHD’ there for three years and her continuity has built a bond,’” said Wielk.

Library hoping for changes

Kijanka’s resignation prompts updates

By Terri Williams Contributing Writer

In the wake of the December retirement of Sacred Heart University’s Head Librarian, the library’s stuff has begun to lay the groundwork for a new image.

Dorothy Kijanka retired as Head Librarian at the end of December. Mary Rogers is temporarily filling Kijanka’s position until a search committee is assembled to replace Kijanka permanently.

“One of the things I’ve been given authorization to do is act as more than someone who just maintains, said Rogers. “Among our short-term goals is to have a full library staff. We just filled two full-time positions and are working on filling two more part-time positions.”

To make the library into the place it wants to be, Rogers said she is working from the ground up.

“If I’m concentrating on getting us back together and laying out the groundwork needed for the library to improve,” she said.

To carry this out, Rogers has been working with Eileen Bertsch, assistant academic vice president and Thomas Forget, interim academic vice president.

“We need to do more and part of my beginning conversations with Ms. Bertsch and Dr. Forget was to help them understand what we need to do that,” said Rogers. “I’m working with them to make it work.”

While some students said they use the library regularly, many said they never use it. They said that outdated books and malfunctioning article retrieval systems are among the reasons they do not use the library regularly.

“I think it’s amazing how sometimes ProQuest isn’t up and running and all of the computers aren’t hooked up to the Internet,” said John Cesario, a senior from Staten Island, N.Y.

One of Roger’s long-term goals is to address the library’s technology issues.

“We will continue to work with technology issues and build a better budget,” said Rogers. “We are aware that ProQuest does not work with remote access, but we have been looking into ways of fixing it.”

Many students who do use the library regularly said they come to relax, study and finish homework, but not to research or find reference materials.

“T used the library regularly, but I only really looked for books there three times,” said Cesario.

Rogers said she acknowledged weaknesses in the library’s book collection. “There are deficiencies, but this all goes back to our budget.”

“The Association of College and Research Libraries sets standards from how many chairs to how many books we should have,” said Rogers. “No, we don’t meet the ACRL’s standards in books, and no, we don’t meet budget standards.”

Rogers said she wants to see the library overcome these bureaucratic problems. “I prepared a budget and forwarded it to Dr. Forget which addresses these deficiencies,” said Rogers.

Snowstorm closes SHU last Monday

By Gregory J. Bavedas Contributing Writer

The New England area was bombarded by a Sunday night snow storm that caused day classes at Sacred Heart University to be canceled on March 15. The storm heavily blanketed the University and left the buildings and grounds crews a handful of problems.

Mike Austin, coordinator of special events, knows how heavy the snow can get and sometimes the job is too big for the SHU grounds crew to handle alone.

“We know exactly what we have to do and we always get it done,” said Austin. “But sometimes the snow is so heavy for our guys to fight through a huge parking lot in their trucks. That’s when we call in a private contractor to lend a hand.”

The last storm caused huge amounts of damage and left hundreds of people in the area without power.

However, the grounds crew at SHU worked to make sure that any damage done on campus was quickly fixed.

“We know exactly what we have to do and we always get it done,” said Austin, coordinator of special events for SHU.

“We had a lot of downed trees and tree limbs to contend with but no really serious damage was done,” said Austin. “We never lost power but with the heavy weight of the snow fall serious damage to the buildings, especially the roofs, is always a danger,” said Austin.

Even after the storm, the potential for damage still exists.

“When all this stuff melts there’s going to be a lot of water on this campus,” said Austin.

“We had all the drain pipes and storm drains cleared a week before this last storm, but drainage on campus has never been that good so it may be a little soggy around here until the ground dries,” said Austin.

Although the grounds crew feels understaffed at times, they work to get the job done before anyone shows up on campus.

“We could always use a few more hands, but what grounds crew anywhere couldn’t?”, said Austin. “With the exception of the people that do our interior cleaning, everyone in the department lends a hand in a storm.”
Elections: Last chance to vote today
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Keri Blair is running for Class of 2002 president, Keith Markey and Erin Zych are running for vice president, Tom McCabe is running for secretary. Four senior positions are available.

Elections for next year's freshman class will be held in the fall.

Current Student Government President Tom McCabe said that the amount of available senior positions is due to the fact that many senators are running for positions higher up in student government.

"A lot of the senators decided they wanted to do more with their class," said McCabe.

Photo by Kerrie Darress

Students stand outside the Cashier's Office Tuesday to hand in their housing deposits.

New housing policy in place

By Lori Magliocco
Contributing Writer

A new housing selection process has been implemented for the student body during the 1999-2000 academic year.

The housing selection has changed from previous years. In stead of calculating priority numbers by credits and GPA, it will be based on a lottery system.

The selection consists of students being put into a lottery by class. For example, students who have senior credits of 72 or more are put together. The seniors will have numbers 1-500 and will be picked randomly.

All students designated as juniors will have between 42 and 71 credits and will be designated numbers 600-1,000 in the lottery. All students designated as sophomores will have between 12 and 41 credits and get numbers 1,100-1,500.

The housing deposit has also changed. This year, the housing deposit has gone up from $200 to $300 dollars and is non-refundable. This year, the housing deposit has been implemented for the academic year.

"A lot of the senators decided it was necessary," said Raynis, adding, "That's the bottom line.

"We wanted to improve the quality, service and variety," said Walk. "That's the bottom line.

The changes have received mixed reviews from students.

"I was very happy with my carver meal," said Kristy Barra, a junior from Clifton, N.J. "I wasn't happy with the lines though." "I think the changes made the lines longer," said Kelly Reo, a senior from Hicksville, N.Y. "I don't like how the grill food has been separated."

Kennedy said the changes would take some getting used to, but once everyone becomes familiar with the new system, it will be less crowded.

Conference: Women gather to examine leadership issues
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"Our focus this year was kind of on community and local leadership," said Raynis, adding, "There is a theme, but hopefully it's generalized enough where anyone could attend and find something interesting."

The conference costs $15.

Flik: New expansions arrive
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New housing selection process is not fair

Well, it's that time of year again. Housing selection, registration; two events that strike fear into the lives of students. Each year, students can expect these processes to be different but this year's revision of housing selection may be the most dramatic.

In years past, housing selection has drawn upon credit hours. The more credits you have, the higher you are placed on the list. This year, there is a random drawing. All groups are picked at random and placed in order. Is this fair?

A group that works hard to accumulate a lot of credits was, for the most part, guaranteed to have a good shot at getting the housing of their choice. That is fair. What is not fair is that this year, a group like this could get stuck behind a bunch of slackers who cut class everyday and take 12 credits a semester. Students who work hard in school and get the most out of their experience deserve to be rewarded with the chance to have a nice place to live. This new arrangement makes slackers and scholars equal and that is not fair.

Many thanks to FLIK for recent changes

Congratulations and thanks are due to FLIK and its director Chip Kennedy for implementing several changes during Spring Break.

An expanded entree line, improvements to the grill and the new pavilion at lunch seem to have eased the crowded conditions and long lines that have been a common sight since September. The quality of food also seems to have improved.

FLIK even began a new service that provides students with pizza delivery to their dorm rooms four days of the week.

While the new changes are appreciated, they should have come sooner. Improvements like this were promised since the first week of the fall semester. It took seven months for the changes to be made.

The biggest problem that FLIK should concern itself now is the inflated prices in the Marketplace. Even with the discount that students receive when paying with Dining Dollars, the prices appear to be high. Hopefully FLIK will find a way to address this problem in a timely manner.

A healthy body doesn’t come off the shelf of a GNC store

Alright, so you're looking for that perfect body. You're going to drive yourself down to the local GNC and pick up those essential vitamins and minerals that will help you get that definite edge over everyone else. You'll do anything to get those "miracle pills" so you can look like the actors you see on television. It doesn't matter what they cost because they work, right? Sure they do, you say to yourself. After all, Lou Ferrigno uses them, and he's a muscle head.

Guess again. All of these over the counter remedies aren't going to make you look like a million bucks. In fact, you may even wind up spending a lot of money and still not look like half the man Jack LaLanne is even in his crippling old age. So stop watching Chuck Norris and Christie Brinkley try to work up a sweat on an imitation Nordic Flex and get yourself in gym, where the real "working out" begins. I know what you're saying, "I've been working out for months and I'm still not getting the results I want." There are two answers to that. One is that you're not working out hard enough and the second is that it takes years not months to get your more-body into great shape. Some of these body-builders and fitness models have trained for years and hardly any of them are at the point of satisfaction either.

Don't get me wrong. Some people just do not have the time to workout three or four times a week, and in these cases a little is more than nothing. However, this doesn't mean you're allowed to be lazy. If you take mass transit to school, walk to the nearest bus stop instead of driving. Try exercising for 15 to 20 minutes during your lunch break. I can assure you this will make a difference. It's not only the exercise that can help you achieve your goal. This is where nutrition and eating right fall into place. Just as anyone in the local gym can tell you, eating right is the secret to staying in shape. These bottled vitamins and powders are called supplements because they "supply" your body with the additives it needs to grow. But you don't need any of that garbage as long as you maintain good eating habits and exercise frequently.

Anybody with a high school education knows that carbohydrates like bread and pasta give you energy and proteins, like fish and poultry, help build muscle. There is a science behind all this and if you have the time to read the thousands of different magazines and late night informercials, then by all means do so.

If you're like me and have much better things to do, stick to these three simple concepts: motivation, exercise, diet. Without these three components: working out, you are well on the road to a stronger, well-defined body and mind.

All these strength powders and pills help some but hurt others. Supplements such as Creatine, a muscle enhancing powder, have been known to affect the liver and most of these supplements are to new to the market so their side effects are not yet discovered. Brand names like "Ultimate Orange" have been banned by the International Olympic Committee, and if that doesn't tell you something, you're in need of a little more than a perfect body.

So stop popping miracle pills with Bon Bon's, get up off the couch and work out. All it takes is an hour a day to get yourself into some sort of shape, and it also can be a great stress reliever. Spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon bike riding or taking a long jog. It liberates your body and mind. So after a tough day at work, instead of crying with Oprah, hit the treadmill, and keep at it.

The SHU Voices

How do you feel about FLIK's recent changes?

Jen Rimkus
Senior
Naugatuck

"The school is developing and it shows their initiative to better the school."

Rob Walters
Senior
Scranton, Penn.

"There is a decrease in congestion to get food. Selection has improved with more variety."

Ali Silverio
Sophomore
Lawerence, Mass.

"It shortens the lines and the selection is better."
Letters

RA PLEADS TO DR. CERNERA TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORIENTED TAFT COMMONS OPEN

(The following letter was sent via e-mail to the University President, the Editor-in-Chief of the Spectrum and other University administrators)

March 25, 1999

It is my understanding that a recommendation was delivered to you (Dr. Cernera) from Jim Bargainero (VP enrollment planning and student affairs) advising that Taft Commons be removed from the Department of Residential Life. As you know, I am very opposed to this drastic measure. When I had spoken to you at mass on Tuesday, it alarmed me when you referred to the predicament as a space issue.

I am very sorry that I did not utilize you as my faculty friend at Taft as well as I maybe could have. The reason why I had choosen you at the beginning of the year is because you represent, to the students, the university’s mission statement. There exists a strong correlation between the living environment at Taft Commons and this school’s mission statement.

"The University aims to assist in the development of people knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, and able to respond to an ever-changing world." I am sure that you have used this statement many times to define Sacred Heart University. Allow me to use this statement to describe the reality of this ideology. A person cannot come to know oneself until he or she is comfortable and is given the capacity to grow in his or her environment. There is on the average two programs hosted by one of the four resident assistants per week at Taft. You may argue that this occurs at every resident hall at Sacred Heart. However, it is the turnout for the programs that proves Taft residents’ eagerness and willingness to grow as an individual. It is not uncommon for a quarter of the residents of Taft to attend one program.

Did you know that once a week a group of Christians gather faithfully to observe and share witnesses and testimonies in Christ? This Campus Ministry-sponsored event, which began September 30, (and has been missed one week yet) became so popular due to Taft’s enthusiasm and success that it attracted students from other resident halls. The success is greatly due to our building’s structure. No other hall has twenty apartments joined by a common corridor and lounge. This format has promoted social activity and a sense of community found in no other hall.

During the seasons of Lent, I have facilitated a Breaking of the Word series, which is open to all residents. The program was formed in order to assist a Taft resident who is making her journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Taft community gathers together faithfully to support a fellow Christian. Taft Commons is rooted in faith.

Our resident hall has academic-centered residents in it. One of the selling points Taft has always been recognized for is the quiet study atmosphere it can provide. Not only is the upstairs in each apartment practically soundproof, but also Taft possesses a study lounge in the heart of the building. In what other hall can you find an isolated study lounge? None. You see, Taft is a very unique resident hall that is an enormous asset to Residential Life. The school would lose half of its bargaining rights pertaining to Residential Life if it chooses to eliminate Taft.

Taft Commons is overwhelmingly compassionate in heart. The numerous and successful fundraiser projects are evidence of our kindness and goodness. We have had fund-raisers for many causes such as breast cancer research, Colombian earthquake relief, food cabinets, RHA, MS and many others that do not come to mind. The act of compassion that stands out in my mind is the collection of soda tabs. A Taft resident saw the my mind is the collection of soda tabs. A Taft resident saw the immense output of soda cans from our building and took it upon himself to collect the tabs weekly to be donated to St. Vincent’s Hospital a few blocks away. The soda can tabs are used by the hospital toward the blood dialysis process. Taft promotes and possesses such a large amount of compassion that it lends the opportunity for its residents to challenge themselves in becoming more kind-hearted.

The last piece of the mission statement with which I want to associate and correlate Taft is our response to social and civic obligations. This is where Taft thrives mostly. In the first semester, our building donated well over 100 hours of community service as a building. We sent a delegation of 20 people to Boston’s Serve-a-Thon weekend for the weekend for the second time in as many years. This year we decided to host a Service Weekend inviting Stonehill College (who hosted us in Boston) to participate in community service in the Bridgeport area. Taft had a Habitat for Humanity Day in which I had to limit the number of people going due to inefficiency at the site when there were too many.

On Halloween, we invited 200 children to walk through our hall in which we had constructed a haunted house. Residents who were not involved in the haunted house were available for children to trick or treat. We facilitated a table at Hank Parkinson’s successful Helping Hands Day. On that same day, Taft residents hopped on a fire truck to sing Christmas carols and rang in a Christmas tree lighting that involved our surrounding neighborhoods.

This semester we volunteered our time to help Bridgeport Area Youth Ministry prepare to open its doors to Bridgeport’s children. One Christian group assisting another. Due to the enormous amount of community service, Taft Commons has been nominated for the State of Connecticut Higher Learning Community Service Award given to one college organization once a year. Taft reaches out to the greater community providing love and service to the poor and the Light of God to many.

I truly hope that the preceding information is being taken into consideration on the matter. It is my strong opinion that Sacred Heart will take a gigantic step away from its mission statement if the decision is made to eliminate Taft Commons. As a resident assistant, I understand the quality a healthy and successful resident hall needs to possess and Taft Commons is undoubtedly the most ideal and effective resident hall that Sacred Heart University has.

Taft’s Residential Life staff’s motto is “setting the standard.” We put those words to a reality. Our successes compare to no other hall. Residential Life is the department of the University that students experience directly. It is important for you to know as an administrator how the decision on Taft will affect the students’ perception of the mission statement. I love this University and for what it stands.

Take my argument seriously and objectively. I thank you ahead of time for considering the impact on the students and what this University is founded.

Gabie Goodine
Taft RA

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Merton Center program provides care for Bridgeport kids

SHU students give back to community in after-school program

By Guy Fortunato
Contributing Writer

The first grader stood there with his eyes looking downward, his hands in his pockets and his shoes untied. "Hello there," said the volunteer. "You must be Scott. I am here to spend some time with you. We are going to have a lot of fun."

Scott was intimidated and shy with the presence of Kristine Schiebel, a sophomore volunteer from Bethpage, N.Y. After a while he replied, "Hi."

Kristine could feel the first grader's eyes staring at her as she spoke to one of the directors of the Merton Center. Kristine Schiebel is one of five Sacred Heart students currently taking part in the Merton Center after-school program on Madison Avenue in Bridgeport. The program is held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

According to Phyllis Machledt, director of Service Learning and volunteer programs, the program is part of a series of volunteer activities that take place at the Merton Center throughout the year.

"Project: Learn was established by Sacred Heart people 27 years ago to help the Bridgeport community," said Machledt. "The after-school program is just one part of these activities which also include a prayer group, a women's support group, and a family support center."

Campus Minister Tricia Leonard-Paisley said that the after-school program was brought about three years ago in an attempt to meet children's needs.

"Our program is intended for working women who cannot afford daycare," said Paisley. "We provide a warm, safe place to go and our students serve as role models to these children."

The program provides homework and tutorial help to neighborhood children in a safe, nurturing place where creative activities and play are encouraged.

"After every visit, I really feel that I have made progress with the kids," said Schiebel. "I feel that I make more of a lasting impression on many of these kids."

According to Kristina Willis, coordinator of supervisors at the Merton Center, the experience and knowledge that volunteers are gaining is just as valuable as any course they have taken on campus.

"We normally have five to 12 students volunteer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays," said Willis. "We have done a recent survey that determines how pleased parents are with the volunteers," said Willis. "They are truly grateful for the time, energy, and effort given by the volunteers."

Kristine Schiebel is just one of the several students that has been volunteering at the Merton Center since the Spring of 1998, and is convinced that the program is a success in more ways than just positive parental feedback.

"I think one of the greatest accomplishments of this program is that it establishes a sense of permanence and structure in the children's lives," said Schiebel.

Credit card debt has students in a bind

By Reb Loud
Contributing Writer

Have you ever been at a store and did not have the cash to purchase something? One of your most immediate reactions is to pull out that all too powerful plastic card and charge it. Why not, you ask yourself? After all, you worry about the bill later.

Well, this is the mentality of many college students today. Debt is becoming easier to fall into especially with the annual increases in college tuition.

According to Patricia Scherschel, a spokeswoman for the USA Group, fixing tuition, free spending and easy credit get many young people into debt. "Clearly students are borrowing more to finance their college education," said Scherschel. "Students find it easy to fall into debt, and things 'snowball' with the increasing costs.

"Credit card debt then becomes worse when combined with loan," Scherschel added.

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Ski trip to Stratton

The ski and snowboard club sponsors a trip to Stratton Mountain on March 28. The trip is open to all students and faculty and costs $50 for bus and lift and $100 for overnight lodging.

American Coffeehouse slated for April

The American Coffeehouse will feature the American tunes, on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Mike Kachuba’s entrance stories will also contribute to the festivities.

Sorority walks for fund-raiser

By Terri Williams

The sisters of Beta Delta Phi raised over $1,000 between the ages of 15 and 34. It was hard, but obviously it wasn’t impossible,” said resident Chris Cirri.

Parkridge residents create new abominable snowman

By Chris Cirri

Now that spring has officially sprung, the snowball that provided students with an extra day of Spring Break seems ancient history. But to several Sacred Heart students March 15 will be a day to remember.

Most students were pleased to find that all the work they put into their snow day, literally. Nine students built a 14-foot snowman on Geduldig Road, directly across from the townhouses.

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Students wanted

By Frances Moore
A&E Editor

Students who enjoy recreational reading will get a chance flex their literary muscles this semester.

The Offices of Student Life and Residential Life have formed forces to form a Book Discussion Group, much like Oprah's Book Club.

The group will meet once a week to discuss books that have been selected from Oprah's list of must-reads.

Sutphin stated that so far only faculty and staff have shown interest. She hopes that students will catch on.

"I realize that reading a book a week is too much for most students. Hopefully they can make it to one or two though," she said.

Director of Women's Studies Nina Clark is one of the faculty members who signed up for the discussion group.

"I love to read and I think that a book club involving faculty, staff and students is a worthwhile endeavor," she said.

The group has organized a similar book discussion during AIDS Awareness week.

The response for the book, "What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day," was so successful that Sutphin and Katrina Coakley, assistant director of Residential Life, decided to expand on the idea.

They offer a variety of titles to choose from, such as "The Divine Secrets of Ya Ya Sisterhood," by Rebecca Wells, and "Jewel," by Billie Letts.

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Ingrid Wagner
30 years, Lead Duplicating Technician, Mailroom

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30 years, Associate Professor of History

Roberta L. Staples, Ph.D.
Professor of English

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Rebecca L. Abbott, M.F.A.
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Claude Bartel, M.B.A.
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Laxwomen scalp Braves

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

Sacred Heart’s women’s lacrosse team bounced back from a loss in its season opener to crush Northeast Conference rival Quinnipiac 20-7 last Saturday at Campus Field. The Pioneer’s season began on March 10 with a 17-7 loss to the University of Connecticut at Campus Field. The Huskies took an early 2-1 lead before sophomore Laura Mack of Franklin Square, N.Y., scored the team’s first goal of the season. UConn, who outshot SHU 45-20 in the game, led 8-3 at the half, but that lead dwindled when SHU scored three straight after the break. The Huskies pulled away steadily after that. Mack led the Pioneers in scoring against UConn with three goals. Keri Remington scored twice while Jill Corrigan and Julie Pandolfo each tallied once. SHU goaltender Ginny Capicchioni, who also starred in goal for the field hockey team, made 19 saves.

The Pioneers rebounded with a convincing win over Quinnipiac. Remington led the attack, scoring six goals. Mack tallied five times and added an assist. Corrigan recorded a hat trick. The Pioneer’s led 9-4 at the break and pulled away even farther from the Braves in the second half. Capicchioni made nine saves and gave up four goals in 50 minutes. Megan Matthews replaced her for the remainder of the game and made two saves.

Mack and Remington share the conference scoring lead with eight points each. The win over Quinnipiac was the first career coaching victory for Tara Fisher. Fisher played at SHU and served as an assistant.

Pioneers prepare for annual race

Special to the Spectrum

The Student-Athlete Council, along with the University’s 600-plus student athletes, will sponsor the third annual “Running with the Pioneers” five kilometer road race at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 11 to benefit the “Make-A-Wish” Foundation of Connecticut.

The 5K race, which will be held on campus, has helped raise over $2,000 the past two years to benefit the “Make-A-Wish” Foundation of Connecticut and terminally ill children from the Fairfield County area.

Last year, a terminally ill child from Trumbull was able to go to Disney World with her family due to the proceeds from the race. "This road race is a great way for people in the Fairfield area to get together and have fun, exercise, as well as help a child in need have their 'wish' come true,” said Sacred Heart’s basketball Coach Ed Swanson, who also serves as advisor for the Student-Athlete Council.

Swanson, who also serves as advisor for the Student-Athlete Council, said that SAC hopes to raise over $3,000 for the Connecticut ‘Make-A-Wish’ Foundation.

First-place finishers in each division receive a one-year membership to the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center.

Those interested in competing in the race or becoming a sponsor should call Swanson at (203) 365-7698.

Remind me to take part in the Runnig with the Pioneers this year!
SHU tops D-I Monmouth

By Matt Duda and Jason Havelka

Sacred Heart's men's tennis team scored its biggest victory of the season Tuesday.

"It was a huge win for us," said senior co-captain Toney Cabana from Tampa, Fla. "Everyone in the line up stepped up espically in doubles."

The Pioneers set the tone for the match by winning two out of three of the doubles matches. "It was so important to play strong right from the start of doubles, we played well and the momentum was able to carry over into our singles play," said coach Mike Giaquinto.

After singles wins by senior captain Jason Havelka and freshman Eric Rosenberger of Rahway, N.J., tied the score at 3-3, Cabana won a second set tiebreaker to clinch the victory for the Pioneers.

The team lost twice last week to St. Peter's and to cross-town rival Fairfield.

The Pioneers, who are 3-6 on the year, lost to St. Peter's 5-2. SHU's fifth singles player Nick Asaro was the highlight for the Pioneers, earning his third three-set victory of the year.

The junior from Lindenhurst, N.Y., also teamed up with freshman Eric Rosenberger of Rahway, N.J., for a win at third doubles.

First baseman Brian Brunchorst of Teaneck, N.J., leads the team in batting with a .463 average. Brunckhorst is tied for the 100 meter hurdles.

Just a bit higher: At left, prepares to spike the ball while looks on in a game against Navy.

The Pioneers men's volleyball team defeated Navy last Saturday 3-1, by scores of 15-11, 13-15, 15-4 and 15-11.

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The highlight of the season so far was the winning of Coach Nick Giaquinto's 200th game at the Pioneer's helm. Giaquinto defeated the Pioneer's 4-3 and 8-4.

SHU centerfielder Rich LaVacca went 3-for-3 with a home run and two RBI's against Yale.

Batoh blasts Assumption

By Matt Duda
Sports Editor

Thanks to some powerful hitting, Sacred Heart's baseball team defeated Assumption in one game of a doubleheader last week.

Tim Batoh went 2-for-3 with four runs batted in to lead the Pioneer's to a 11-8 win over the Greyhounds.

After winning just six games and losing 27 last season, the Pioneer's are already close to equaling their winning number from a year ago.

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Ohio St., BC hand laxmen lopsided losses

By Matt Duda

Last season, Sacred Heart's men's lacrosse team lost its first five games before beating Southampton for its first win.

This year, the Pioneers broke into the win column after their first game, but now they're in the midst of another short losing streak.

With just over two minutes remaining in the first sudden-death overtime period against Vermont on March 3, senior attackman Ray Gogarty of Deer Park, N.Y., worked the ball over to midfielder Kenny Martin.

Martin, a senior from White Plains, N.Y., cradled the ball then fired a rocket past the Vermont goaltender, giving SHU a 9-8 win.

Since the Vermont game, the Pioneers have struggled. In game played at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County on March 13, Ohio State beat Sacred Heart 14-3.

The Buckeyes, who are ranked 23rd in the STX/United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Poll, jumped in front early and never relinquished the lead.

Last Saturday, SHU sought to work better together.

"As a defense we have to work better as a solid defensive unit," he said. "On offense we have to improve working in the settled situations."

The Pioneers take on Lafayette at 2 p.m. at Campus Field.

Softball off to hard 1-0 start

By Adam P. Lagnese

The women's softball team lost a doubleheader to Wagner College this weekend by scores of 1-2 in eight innings and 2-1. The Lady Pioneers played tough but just couldn't score enough to win the games.

"Our fielding was great," said senior shortstop Chris Vigliotti, from Staten Island, N.Y.

"The pitching was excellent too, but we're not getting the key hits we need to win games," she added.

In the first game, with the scored tied at one, the Lady Pioneers had the bases loaded with no outs and did not score.

"We don't hit in crucial situations," said junior second baseman Stacey Garrity, from Shelton, CT.

Second game showed a more solid defense as sophomore Ann Snellinger only gave up four hits in the loss.

"Both pitchers pitched well and we showed very strong team defense," said junior centerfielder Nicole Dorsa, from Masseville, N.Y.

There were other bright spots for the Lady Pioneers. Vigliotti went 4-for-8 on the weekend, driving in Dorsa three times for all of the Lady Pioneers' runs.

Despite the 1-0 record, the team seems upbeat and happy with their improvement from spring break, where the Lady Pioneers went to Florida and dropped eight of nine.

"The coaches felt we have improved from our dismal Florida trip," said Dorsa.

"As a whole, we are getting better. Compared to last season, our hitting has improved," said Vigliotti.

"The way we have played our last five games in no way reflects our record. We just need to learn to click and jell with each other."

Game one's pitcher, freshman Stacey Garity, from Shelton, said that the team is off to a rough start and their poor record doesn't show what they can do.

According to Garity, the Pioneers, who have seven weeks left in their schedule, will definitely turn the season around.

"If we play up to our capabilities," said Schwartzberg, "then there is no reason why we shouldn't beat a lot of teams."

The Lady Pioneers next game is at Albany on Saturday and then at home on Sunday to face Boston University.

Runners place second

By Emily Greenough

Both the men and women's outdoor track teams placed second against Division I and Northeast Conference teams on Sunday at the Monmouth State season opener in West Longbranch, N.J.

Both teams lost only to Monmouth, but beat teams such as Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Wagner, Marist, Stonybrook, and St. Peter's.

Senior Captain Morrise Harbour was the only winner for the men. He won the triple jump with a leap of 42' 2". Sophomore Mike Benedetto finished third in the triple jump. Junior Shaws Keenan finished second in the high jump. Freshman Gaetano Marra, who currently has a bruised heel, still managed to place second in the high jump with a leap of 6' 3".

Benedetto jumped the same and landed in third place overall.

Junior Brian Williams broke the school record in the 5,000 meter run and finished third with a time of 15:54.

"It was a good start to a new season to beat all but one team," said junior hurdler Jared Walsh.

On the woman's side, sophomore Carlin Guameri won the javelin and broke the school record by almost five inches with a throw of 124' 11". This throw allowed Guameri to automatically qualify for the New England championships.

Senior Julie Nevero finished second in the javelin and freshman Danielle Moreau came in third place.

Sophomores Brandi Blevins and Andrea Klancko also threw automatic New England qualifying times for the hammer throw, finishing third and fifth, respectively. Blevins also placed second in the shot put. Freshman thrower Katie Rooney finished tenth in the hammer throw.

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