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By Megan Flood
Editor in Chief

On Sunday, April 22 Reverend Monsignor Gregory M. Smith gave his resignation to Sacred Heart University amidst allegations of sexual misconduct in the late 1970's, early 1980’s. Dr. Donna Dodge, Vice President for Mission and Planning at SHU, released a statement for the University. "Dr. Anthony Cemera accepted with deep regret the resignation of the Reverend Monsignor Gregory M. Smith as executive director of the Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Services." Dodge went on to say, "We have worked closely with him [Smith] for more than a dozen years, and our experience has shown him to be a man of exceptional integrity, intelligence and compassion."

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Twelve of the thirteen US Cardinals made the trip to the Vatican this week to meet with Pope John Paul II. The ailing Pope is expected to retire in 2000, could not attend. The official meeting agenda is to create a protocol specifically designed for the United States, culture and legal system to resolve sexual abuse allegations, which in turn will help prevent abuse.

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Relaxing before Finals

Students can listen to an hour of music with Handel's Messiah Saturday night at 7:30 in the Theater. The goal of the performance is to help students deal with the stress of finals and enjoy music.

Christian Rock Band- The Mighty Purple to Perform Friday

The Mighty Purple, a Christian Rock Band will be in the Mahogany Room at 7pm. Food and coffee will be available. The show is free for SHU students and $5 without SHU ID.

Make-A-Wish Foundation and SHU's Student Athlete Council host 5K run

Sacred Heart University's Student Athlete Council will be hosting a 5K Run in conjunction with the Make-A-Wish Foundation on May 5th @ 10:30am. This event welcomes SHU students, faculty, and all outside runners. For registration and more information call Sheryl Madison at Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Ironman Associates and Delta Phi Kappa present "Shades of Poetry"

Delta Phi Kappa in conjunction with IRONMAN ASSOCIATES and Poetry 360° Inc. present "Shades of Poetry," an open mic poetry showcase on April 30th in Mahogany Room @ 8:30pm. SHU students are free with ID. For more information contact Brandon M. Graham at 396-1182.

Attention Seniors: SENIOR WEEK UPDATES

Mandatory meetings

Students must attend one of the mandatory meetings which are 2, 4 and 5pm on May 15, in order to pick up tickets and be allowed to participate in senior week. There will be no exceptions!

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Lori admits that he is reversing the order made by Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York by removing Smith. The Associated Press reported that Smith, while Bishop of Bridgeport, allowed Smith to remain an active priest of sexual abuse against active and inactive priests. "As these allegations come stronger than it was before, "Dodge replied when asked about how students should react to the scandals that continue to emerge. "We now need to try to rebuild the Church and make it even stronger than it was before."

Sacred vows broken

"The Church is a human institute based on the belief in God, not in humans. We are fallible. We are not perfect," said David. "It's time to lend an effort to restore trust in the Church and in the Priesthood," Lori said.

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The votes for Hradek and Pesce were run very cleanly and everyone worked hard to be elected into the positions that they will hold as of this Sunday, April 28, after the Student Government Installation Dinner.

"Personally, I am very excited about the work I will be undertaking as Vice President of Senate. I have many plans for the next year and cannot wait to work with the Senators to make this the most successful year for Senate ever!" said Hradek. Pesce shares Hradek's excitement for the possibilities next year holds.

"As in any relationship, I do not believe that trust can just be given. Instead, it must be earned. I hope that I have served the student body in a way that has been deserving of their trust and I hope to serve them even better next year."

"Representing the student body's concerns, feelings, ideas, and voice as Student Government President is the greatest gift that I could ever receive while attending Sacred Heart University. "I love our school so much and I can not wait to continue the work we have started this year to ensure next year as being the best for students in Sacred Heart University history!" Pesce said.

There are many specific ideas Pesce has in mind for next year.

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Sacred Heart students have strong reactions to priest scandal

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"After reading the paper and being asked to comment... all I can say is I only know what I read in the paper, but I feel that issues like this just go to show the importance of raising awareness about Sexual Abuse.

Maureen McCay, a junior from Cortlandt Manor, NY, feels very strongly about Monsignor Smith's former presence on the SHU campus.

"I'm outraged, to think that someone who is guilty of sexual abuse was employed by this school. I am even more disturbed that it was covered up.

"Every day he was here, that definitely makes me feel unsafe. He is supposed to be someone that people go to for guidance and support. It's a disgrace that our university employed such a person," said McCay.

Some students feel that since Monsignor Smith's actions were over 20 years ago, his working here did not really present any immediate danger to the students.

"I think that he made a mistake years ago and now it's over. I feel fine with the fact that he worked here as long as he did, obviously there had not been any incidents recently."

"I feel like the whole situation is going to bring on a radical transformation in the Catholic church as far as priest and marriage is concerned," said sophomore Carrin David of Trumex, NJ.

Bishop Lori also felt that Monsignor Smith was not dangerous, according to the "Connecticut Post."

"We are not talking about pedophilia here, we are talking about people who were very near attaining the age of majority and while that kind of behavior is never appropriate I don't have any evidence of a string of victims."

At the press conference in which they announced their removal, he stated, "The evil of sexual abuse of minors calls for a radically new approach."

"I feel very strongly about this. It's time to lead an effort to restore trust in the church and trust in the priesthood," Lori said.

Lori said that on Sunday, April 22, Smith tendered his resignation at Sacred Heart and had also requested and been granted a leave of absence.

Cardinals called to the Vatican for assembly

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Among the ranks are Cardinals Bernard Law of Boston and Edward Egan of New York, both who are accused of covering up pedophile priests among parishes, of covering up their own mismanagement, and of caring more for their own image than ministering to hundreds of victims.

The latest sexual abuse controversy began in January, when published reports disclosed that Law and other church leaders had reassigned a priest accused of pedophilia. The now-defrocked priest, John Geoghan, was convicted this year of fondling a boy at a swimming pool and has been accused of molesting dozens of others.

Law acknowledged in January that he failed to remove the pedophile priest who is now accused of molesting more than 130 people. He has stayed in office despite mounting pressure to step down.

Last Tuesday Law spent a few days in Rome, where he met with the pope and other Vatican officials. In a statement, he said he raised the possibility of resigning.

"As a result of my stay in Rome, I return home encouraged in my efforts to provide the strongest possible leadership in ensuring, as far as is humbly possible, that no child is ever abused again by a priest of this Arch-diocese," he announced.

Law also commented about The Vatican's need to understand that the abuse scandal is "a very serious issue undermining the mission of the church."

Over the weekend, Cardinal Edward Egan of New York told parishioners he apologizes "if, in hindsight," he made mistakes in handling allegations against priests when he was bishop of Bridgeport.

The current bishop of Bridgeport, William Lori, went public Sunday with the names of five priests removed from the ministry after they were accused of sexual misconduct that occurred decades ago.

Egan presided over the 1997 dismissals of the Rev. Joseph Moore and Monsignor Charles Stubbs. Lori admitted the diocese of Bridgeport did nothing when allegations against Moore first surfaced in the 1970s, before Egan arrived. He said Egan acted on it immediately when the claims were brought up again in 1997, but never told parishioners at St. Mary's in Bethel why Moore left.

Cernera gives thumbs up to University Commons space allocation proposal

By Tina Shushelnycyk

Staff Reporter

Space is in high demand at SHU. According to Dr. David Coppola, Chairman of the Space Utilization Committee, new ideas and expanded programs require more space or creative uses of existing space.

At the request of President Anthony Cenera a Space Utilization Committee was formed in Sept. 2001.

The purpose of the Committee, which includes representatives from various departments within the university, is to meet regularly to discuss use of space and future needs and opportunities for space.

The Committee gathers ideas and data in order to create proposals for space allocation to be reviewed by Dr. Cenera and his Cabinet.

The usual process for space requests, according to Coppola, occurs when members of the SHU community present issues about space to the Dean of their department, who then brings issues to a council established in the department, the council presents the proposal to the Space Utilization Committee.

Once the Space Utilization Committee reviews the proposal, they make their recommendations to the President's Cabinet.

The Cabinet decides whether or not to implement plans made in the Committee's recommendations, if approved, budgets and tasks are assigned to appropriate departments to set the wheels in motion.

"In Academic Affairs, for example, faculty members bring their needs to the department chair, who presents important issues to the Dean, who then brings the discussion to the Academic Council," Coppola said.

According to Coppola this process insures that all proposals receive fair consideration.

Members of the Committee include representatives from Academic Affairs, Enrollment and Planning, Finance and Administration, Mission and Planning, and the President's office.

Michael Giaquinto, Director of Facilities Management and Construction, in addition to being a member of the Committee also serves as a resource person to the group.

Donald Cook, Director of Athletics said that the Committee makes every effort to make a thorough examination of all sides of an issue before making a recommendation to the Cabinet.

Yet he said that there are sometimes no perfect solutions to issues raised.

"I can assure you every effort is made to do everything possible to be fair and open-minded assisting the community in addressing university-wide space issues, and all the problems attendant with them," Cook said.

According to Coppola, many issues concerning space have already been resolved and decided on by the Cabinet.

Issues such as University Commons improvements, expanded storage for the band instruments, expanded Service Learning space, as well as space requirements for Occupational Therapy accreditation. Also resolved were use of the Education Department's rooms room required to prepare for visitation, Campus Ministry needs, FLIK needs and Nursing accreditation space needs were all met.

Items on the Committee's agenda which still require more planning and funding, according to Coppola are:

- Improvements to the present buildings, more classroom space, additional housing, an expanded library, additional parking, and work on the Chapel.

The Cabinet recently approved a proposal for use of the university commons.

In the proposal guidelines were established for "proprietary" use of the space.

According to Dr. Margaret Palliser Assistant Vice-President for Mission and Planning, the university commons are a place where members of the SHU community worship and should thus be treated in a dignified manner.

"I think certain events such as comedians that use foul language, or music [being played] which uses foul language is not appropriate for a place where people worship," Palliser said.

"I don't think that some students would be comfortable praying in a space used [in that manner]."

According to the final proposal, approved by the Cabinet the university commons is primarily to be used as a worship space for Masses, interfaith services, Presidential events, lectures, academic convocations, awards ceremonies, course registration, laptop distribution and choir rehearsals.

The space will also be used for art exhibits, orientation programs, musical recitals, meetings, and receptions.

For students interested in learning more about the Space Utilization Committee's proposals and recommendations, a public folder is in the process of being created on SHU's Intranet.

According to Coppola, it should be up and running soon.
Editorials

Thank You!

By Tom Pesce
Student Government President

I would like to say a very big thank you to those who participated in this year’s online Student Government elections. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the trust that you have bestowed upon me and my fellow student leaders; for choosing us to represent your ideas, your concerns, and your voice. Being re-elected as your Student Body President is one of the greatest gifts that I can receive while attending Sacred Heart University. I hope that I have served you well this past year and that I can serve you even better next year.

Each one of you possesses so many outstanding leadership qualities and talents. When used to your fullest potential, those qualities and talents are what shape this University and bring it to a higher level of excellence. Please do not hesitate to come up to me in the hallway or around campus and tell me how you feel about our school or what you would like to see done differently. I want to know what you like and what you don’t like. More importantly, I want to know what ideas you have that can better our university.

My door is always open and every Student Government leader that you elected is always available to hear your suggestions, concerns, ideas, and feedback. That is our job—to represent YOU. Together, I am confident that we will make next year the most successful year for students in the history of Sacred Heart!

If you are interested in writing next year call
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Yonkers, NY

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Just wait, there's more in store for next year Sacred Heart

I would also like to take this time to thank this past year's Student Government members and the current student body for making this year so successful! I have been blessed to work with such a talented and dedicated group of individuals on this year's Executive Board.

As a result of the events of September 11th, I have been absolutely awe struck by the strength and determination of the students who have responded to something so evil, with so much love. With your help, S.G. has raised over $400 from selling US flag pins to help students on our own camps that have been directly affected by the events of September 11th.

Just last week, for the first time of both schools, Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University, joined together to plant two trees in dedication to the lives lost on September 11th. Those two trees represent more than just the Unity of both schools. They represent the increased our school's population. Last year only 17% of Sacred Heart University's student body voted. This year the voter turnout was only 14% of the student population. Last year only 17% of Student Government wanted to increase this number and since last year I have been researching on-line voting, along with the help of the Senate Vice President, Dana Mormon, and Mr. Wang Cheng of the University's IT department.

And here it is!

We are now one of the first two schools in CT to institute On-line Voting and while not by much, our voter turnout did increase this year. I hope to reach over 40% of our school's population by next year's elections. The list goes on and on and I am very proud of how much we have accomplished in just one short year.

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And of course Parking, housing, Course selection, and Flik prices are always major problems, just as they are at most schools. Members of the Senate can tell you about the improvements that they have already started to make in these areas, but I along with the Senate for next year will be keeping these four items at the forefront of our agenda.

We need the Student Body's input, suggestions, and help to reach our common goals. With that help, I believe we can make a difference.

We, the students of Sacred Heart University are a true testament of what it means to be "Pioneers"—never settling for where we are, constantly striving to be better. Change is never easy.

But if you know in your heart that what you are doing is right and that it can improve the lives of other, than it is worth pursuing. And that's what student government does.

Thank you for putting your trust in me. I hope to make you proud!

With much appreciation and SHU Pride,

Tom Pesce
Student Government President
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The Student Government Office is located on the first floor of Hawley Lunge and our door is always open. Hope to see you soon!
Students React to TV’s “Crossing Over”

By Elaine McCauley
Staff Writer

It seems as though John Edward’s new television program has sparked much controversy and differences of opinion among Sacred Heart students. “Crossing Over,” which airs on the Sci-Fi Channel Sunday through Thursday at 11:00 and 11:30 P.M. and has been approved for a second season, has received a mixed response from television viewers around this campus.

In “Crossing Over” Edward aims to reunite randomly selected audience members still in the physical world with loved ones who have already passed away. Since Edward cannot control what information “comes through” as he calls it, there are no passive audience members.

In other words, each person sitting in the studio is a potential candidate to be read by Edward. Some who have watched “Crossing Over” completely believe Edward’s power, such as Rachel Andreas, a sophomore from Hanover, PA. “I think he has been given a gift that others do not have. I do not see him as someone who can predict the future, but rather one who can provide some sort of closure for selected audience members about their deceased relatives or friends,” she commented. Andreas also admits that she would love to have the opportunity to be read by Edward to find out about some of her family members that have passed away.

“I agree with John Edward that everyone has the ability to tap into what he calls ‘the other side.’ However, I think the skeptics are the ones who haven’t been able or willing to figure out how to use this special sense,” sophomore Jessica Gomes from Camillus, NY said. She can relate to Edward’s abilities because she too has been able to be in touch with her own intuition. “I’ve known my whole life that I’ve had something, but as I grew older I learned how to control and sharpen these feelings and thoughts,” said Gomes.

However, there are some students who feel the complete opposite about John Edward and “Crossing Over.” For example, Patrick McMahon, a sophomore from Ocean City, NJ said, “I think he is a con-artist who toys with the audience members’ minds about their lost relatives. If I was a part of the live audience I may be able to understand the whole process better, but I still don’t think that I would fully accept it.”

There are also some who cannot fully decide whether or not they believe Edward’s powers and his popular show, like junior Jamie Minieri from Stormville, NY. “I have watched the show a few times and I notice some things that he predicts are so specific that only one audience member can truly know about. On the other hand, some of his questions are very vague and it seems as though he is manipulating the audience to believe what he is sensing,” says Minieri.

Edward’s Crossing Over America” tour will soon be visiting the area. On April 26 and 28 and May 7 and 8 he will be appearing at the Westbury Music Fair on Long Island. If you do get the opportunity to see John Edward live, remember that you may not get to connect with one specific relative that you have in mind. Edward suggests keeping your mind open and welcome whoever comes through during the reading. He does not want anyone to be disappointed if your chosen loved one doesn’t come through. As Edward says, “Please don’t put earthly expectations on a heavenly experience.”

According to the US Census Bureau, the average age for marriage is now 25 years-old.

Features
‘T’ill death do us part?

By Samantha DeVita
Staff Writer

About a week ago a friend proclaimed that she had gotten engaged to her boyfriend of two years over spring break. Was that a shock or what? Here we are, most of us in our early twenties, partying in the spring-breaker hot spots and just trying to get through school, and these two are ready to march down the aisle after graduation next year. There are many students at SHU that are about to tie in the spring-breaker hot spots and cars and you finally find your perfect partner, kids - but so soon?

Author Pamela Paul is the woman who originally coined this trendy phrase. According to her, this is the definition of the “starter marriage: It is a marriage between people between the ages of twenty and twenty-five, lasts for 5 years or less, ends before children are born, and the people involved in the starter marriages are not aware that it will be over long before their tenth wedding anniversary.” This new trend is what sociologists are afraid our generation is headed toward. The Census Bureau states that the average age for marriage now is 25, which puts many of us right in that category, yet the divorce rates are amazing. In 1998 alone, there were 3 million divorces of couples between the ages of 18-29. Some of us are more susceptible to this trend than others, harboring baggage and ideas that we are unaware of.

In Paul’s new book “The Starter Marriage and the Future of Matrimony,” she lists many of the factors that cause people our age to rush into marriage so soon and carelessly. First, many of the “starter marriage” couples are the first children of the divorced generation, and they think that because their parents got divorced, they will not because they do not want to do what their parents did. Yet, statistics from the U.S. Census reports that 20-25% of people coming from a divorce family will have problems in long-term relationships down the road. Secondly, she sights a lack of guidance from parents, where the parents have the mentality that “what ever makes you happy” is the way to go when we come to them and say we want to marry our boyfriends and girlfriends. Next, the cultural impatience of our society is a huge factor in the rushed marriages of our time. As anyone at SHU can see, we want what we want when we want it, yet this only promotes what Paul calls “matrimania.”

The major ones, that we all seem to be falling into are living together towards the end of college and after, and the big one: We are finished with school, want to move out of our parents houses, and the economic and global instability after graduation forces us to latch onto someone or something.

It’s a simple equation that has been forced down our throats since birth, especially to girls: Marriage equals stability and security. Yet, the problem with running down the aisle so soon is the fact that we are so concerned with the actual event of planning the wedding and getting married, that we don’t consider the long run.

Students React to TV’s “Crossing Over”
Just a day at the Beach

www.ecofood.com/beaches

By Romy Sarrazin
Staff Writer

New England has always been loved for its beaches. From smooth sand to rocky coasts, high ocean waves or cool fresh beach-goers a calm experience: everybody. More than just beauty, a summer day on a Connecticut beach brings out fishermen, swimmers, sun worshippers, surfers, water-skiers, and boaters - the list is endless! Long Island Sound offers beach-goers a calm experience:

very little waves and undertow for bathers, and big, sandy beaches like you find on the ocean. Along the Fairfield and New Haven county shores, you will find many beaches. - "The Spectrum" looked around and found some of the best.

On any given sunny, warm day, the Fairfield County seems to relocate to Penfield Beach in Fairfield. Penfield beach is off I-95 at exit 22. Parking can cost anywhere from $0-$15 depending on where and when you park.

If you are looking to travel a little bit, consider Milford. There are several beaches where you can get your tan on. Gulf Beach is off exit 39A off I-95 admission is $5 per day with free parking. Walnut Beach is located off I-95 exit 34 and $5 daily per day and free parking.

Traveling the other direction toward the tip of the state in Greenwich, "The Spectrum" found the Greenwich beach located just off 1-95. $5 on I-95 offers clean, crisp waters and beautiful scenery. This beach has boats docked at the harbor on one side and the have exclusive private homes on the other. Greenwich beach unfortunately is only accessible to Greenwich residents. However if you live there you can sun bathe with the likes of Kathie Lee Gifford, or Diana Ross.

Head a little further north up and you live in Stamford offers many nice beaches that will actually let non-residents take a dip for a small fee. Just off exit 8 on I-95 you can find West Beach located on Shippan Avenue. Some facilities at the beach include pavilions and a snack bar, boardwalk and fishing pier, marina and ramp, tennis courts, handball and basketball courts, four softball fields, rest rooms and parking.

Another beach that Stamford offers is Cove Island Beach. This New England sunspot offers a beach with pavilion and concessions, tennis courts, softball fields, horseshoe pits, skating rink, picnic areas, fishing, rest rooms and parking. While you lay back with your music pumping on your beach towel, look across the ocean to the Manhattan skyline. Once you get into the New York State of mind you may just spot Mets-owner Bobby Valentine who makes his home in Stamford.

Darien's Weed Beach located off exit 10 on I-95 also provides a nice place to catch some summer rays. This beach offers beach amenities such as public grills, picnic area, tennis courts, and a nice clean sandy beach. If you want to play some tennis you have to go through many of them before we find the one that is perfect for you to find that person! Comforting idea isn't it? The best advice to those of you out there who are thinking about running down the isle is to think about what you are doing together. Immaturity and irresponsibility are the top reasons that these early marriages lead to divorce before you are in your late twenties.

Maybe the "starter marriage" is a good thing for some people though; you learn how to function in a relationship and what marriage really means. Think about it for a bit - what kind of future do you think you are headed for? Hope it is a good one!

Eat well for summer and your health

By Diana Lamani
Staff Writer

A vow to lose weight is probably the all-time number one New Year's resolution. And every year your resolution is dead and buried by the second week of January only to be reactivated when the threat of summer clothing appears on the horizon. So now we are all struggling to watch our weight and hitting the gym for intense workouts. So if you're among the workout wild, here are some helpful tips to get you on the road to maintaining healthy cut back.

The dreaded "D" word, diet, brings images of deprivation and failure to the minds of many. Nobody who has been there would claim that it is easy to stick to a weight-loss plan for the long haul, but it can be easier to stay motivated if you watch for foods that avoid the most common blunders.

Common sense rules: If you are trying to maintain your weight and are active, eat a balanced diet, containing vegetables and fruits, dairy products, and meat, chicken, or fish. Vegetarianism is gaining in popularity, but recent findings suggest that vegans do not receive sufficient amounts of B-12 in their diet. Beware! This deficiency has serious consequences.

Have you found yourself gaining that Freshman "10" (or Sophomore "20")? Take a good look at what you are consuming. Avoid anything "creamed" - creamed corn, cream of mushroom soup or anything covered with cheese - eggplant parmigiana, potatoes au gratin, pizza.

Unless you are cooking for yourself, it is difficult to be in control of nutrients you eat. Assume that when you eat out, the cook is NOT looking after you self interest, that is, to eat healthfully. Most "college" food consists of fried foods and overcooked vegetables covered with cheese; in other words, there is little or no nutrient value. Stick with salads with very little or low calorie dressing. Be creative.

Advice: Don't starve yourself. As you begin your day, eat SOMETHING for breakfast, whether it is a piece of fruit, hot or cold cereal or a bagel. The best recommendation for a balanced breakfast that will keep you going through the day is starting off with a glass of orange juice.

Another great beach locations for SHU students can be found at Sherwood Island beach located off I-95 exit 18 in Westport. This state park features a one and a half mile

Long Island Sound offers beach-goers in Fairfield County a calm experience.

www.tropicana.com

Drinking orange juice is one way to stay healthy throughout your life.

It's not exactly groundbreaking news to report that orange juice is good for you. Every year, most of us have known that OJ is one of the best sources of vitamin C around. It's essential for strengthening blood vessels, keeping gums healthy and promoting healing, among other things. In fact, one ounce of glass gives you two times your daily total recommended intake!

If you're trying to lose weight, Heart to Heart Cereal also makes the mark: one cup serving (34 cup) has just 110 calories and 1.5 grams of fat -- and the cereal's 5 grams of fiber means that one bowl can help keep you feeling full and satisfied all morning long.

By now, you probably know that breakfast-eaters are leaner, so don't miss out on this meal that can not only help you stay slim but protect you from heart disease, the number one killer of men and women in the U.S. Good health and weight-loss benefits -- who could ask for anything more?

Practice makes perfect

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The long run is the same person, day in and day out, the same problems and same good stuff. Remember that like cars, girlfriends, and boyfriends, we will have to go through many of them before we find the one that is "right" for us, but there are so benefits to the "starter marriage." Paul states that "Once you leave, you learn what to avoid, and what there would be. Imagine the minds of many. Nobody who has been there would claim that it is easy to stick to a weight-loss plan for the long haul, but it can be easier to stay motivated if you watch for foods that avoid the most common blunders. Common sense rules: If you are trying to maintain your weight and are active, eat a balanced diet, containing vegetables and fruits, dairy products, and meat, chicken, or fish. Vegetarianism is gaining in popularity, but recent findings suggest that vegans do not receive sufficient amounts of B-12 in their diet. Beware! This deficiency has serious consequences.

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Nsync's 'Celebrity' goes 'Bye Bye Bye'

By John J. Ruggiero
A & E Editor

In the music industry re-inventing oneself is the key to furthermoreing one's shelf life.

As for the case concerning the pop music group NSYNC, the Moondogma Effect hasn't quite worked just yet.

So I ask this, why would you start now, while you're on top of the music world?

The pop group performed to a sell-out 20,000 plus audience at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, CT on Friday night April 19th, only to leave the crowd with a somewhat bad taste in their mouth.

Nsync performed their hits, mostly all remixed, that sometimes left the crowd even wondering what exactly were they singing?

But the low point of the show happened when the five-some came out dressed in these awful tuxedos belching out Beatles tunes like "Twist and Shout" and "I Wanna Hold Your Hand".

Not to mention, the audacity to basically omit on one of the greatest songs of all-time, "Hey Jude".

Nsync had the look of one of those wedding singer bands that'll probably play at Jerry Seinfeld's son's barmitzvah.

All joking aside, if the group continues to change the songs that got them famous, while at the same time sing songs that people didn't pay over a hundred dollars to hear, they might be opening in Vegas for Penn and Teller in the very near future.

All and all the show did have its ups and downs.

For example, the group did have a few nice numbers that made up for the lack of excitement generated from the stage and the absence of background dancers, that you're used to seeing.

Performing songs "Up Against the Wall!", "Tell Me Tell Me", and "It's Gonna Be Me" were probably the best numbers they did all night.

Not to mention these were the few of a short list of upbeat songs the group actually did perform.

Although I must say the one song that had a New Orleans blues feel to it did give off a nice touch of showing their ability to re-invent.

But as a whole, for the money spent on the show, it truly was not worth it one bit.

If anything, P. Diddy (formerly Puff Daddy, Sean Combs), who opened for Nsync, actually stole the show while pumping up the 20,000 plus in attendance, which were all in for a serious letdown.

NSYNC, which became a household name in mid-1998 with their debut song "I Want You Back", has risen to superstardom in recent years with hits such as "Tearin' Up My Heart", "Bye Bye Bye", "Pop" and the most recent single "Girlfriend", just to name a few.

But as of late the pop group has seen their popularity decrease with their latest album, their third in a row, "Celebrity", barely hanging onto the Billboard charts since its release in late July of 2001.

None the less, Nsync continues to carry a sold-out crowds across the United States on a near nightly basis.

'Selling out every arena and open stadium it arrives in. But you have to wonder; if the band continues to charge expensive prices, while not performing to crowd expectations you'll have to ask yourself this.

Will their fifteen minutes of fame run out sooner than expected?

With Justin working on a solo project, Chris running his brutal clothing line, Joey fathering hundreds of children and JC barely keeping the group together Nsync might be saying "Bye Bye Bye" to its millions of fans in a very short time.

Just don't ask Lance if the band is starting to demise.

He's training to get lost in space.

'The Rock' comes through

By John J. Ruggiero
A & E Editor

Expecting to see a masterpiece that basically "wowed" me, I was rather disappointed immediately after viewing the "Scorpion King".

Now I'm not saying it was bad. It was far from being bad, or even boring for that matter. I was just expecting so much more, almost "Gladiatorsque", than what I received, therefore leaving me with a major letdown.

Although the lines were scarce, the Rock did entertain and deliver in his performance as the Scorpion King.

It was amazing to see the man I've watched on television as a professional wrestler for over five and a half years make it to the big time as a Hollywood superstar.

The Rock is truly on his way to becoming a major player in the film industry.

The "Scorpion King" was a beautiful film shot on a budget of 55 million, 5.5 million was paid to the Rock for his acting duties.

Great costumes, beautiful backdrops, settings, and landscapes filmed in the country of Morocco helped give the "Scorpion King" a real historic feel to it.

The door is now left wide open for a sequel, and depending on how I tell the film does from here on we just might be seeing one.

The "Scorpion King" debuted at the number one spot for this weekend's film rankings, while bringing in an astonishing 36 million dollars.

Which in turn has made the Scorpion King's release the highest grossing April debut in film history. A funny moment in the film came, when the Rock had his kisssing scene with upcoming actress, Kelly Hu, who plays Cassandra, the Sorceress.

I know I said I wasn't exactly "wowed" by the "Scorpion King", but I did enjoy it.

Funny moments, exciting action sequences and a nice performance by the Rock helps the "Scorpion King" win big.

Media Studies Association presents 'The Media Studies Exhibition'

Do you ever wonder what goes on in media studies classes besides watching films and television? The Media Studies Association will prove there is much more to the field of media.

The Media Studies Association is hosting "The Media Studies Exhibition", also known as the MSX, at Sacred Heart University on May 4 at 2:00 pm, in the theater.

Come spend a day at the movies

-Julie Fuhrman
A Tribute to the Show Choir

By Christina Tantillo
Features Editor

And the award for best show at SHU last weekend goes to... The Show Choir for "A Tribute to the Tony Awards."

This theatrical event held in the auditorium, featured songs from many Tony Award-winning musicals of the present and past.

The show spotlighted such Broadway classics as "West Side Story," winner of the 1958 Tony for Best Choreographer and "Sunset Boulevard," winner of the 1996 Tony for Best Leading Actor.

The choir organized the tribute similarly to an award show, with eleven members of the faculty and staff acting as mock-presenters in-between acts.

No actual awards exchanged hands, but the "presenters" included Rev. Gustavo A. Falla from Campus Ministry, and Dr. Kathryn LaFontana from Psychology.

They provided a valuable asset to the audience narrating the history of the awards and specific winners, which the choir then portrayed.

The evening began when members of the choir chatted their way onto the stage with the house lights still on.

Suddenly and dramatically the focus turned to the stage as the choir began singing and dancing to "Wilkommen" from "Cabaret."

The night featured several student soloists. Sophomore Brett Wallace from Mystic, portrayed Big Daddy from "Sweet Charity," winner of the 1966 Tony for Best Choreographer. Senior Bill Woodruff from Brookfield smiled across the stage as he portrayed the Emcee from "Cabaret," winner of the 1967 Tony for Best Musical.

In perhaps the most surprising event of the evening, Freshmen Donna Palumbo from Cedar Grove, NJ and Freshmen Jeff Aldana from Portchester, NY engaged in one of the longest kisses ever to grace the SHU stage, publicly at least.

The duo stood in the spotlight for their rendition of "All I Ask of You" from Phantom of the Opera," winner of the 1988 Tony for Best Musical.

The evening concluded with a special tribute to the graduating seniors.

Several members of the show choir took the podium to thank their classmates for all they had done.

After several emotional speeches, seniors hugged their fellow cast-members and took their final bows.

By Brandon M. Graham
Contributing Writer

The Long Wharf Theatre has been flooded with theatergoers in recent weeks due largely to the personal vision of intra-racial prejudice, Yellowman, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

The play will run from April 3rd to May 5th. Yellowman has been rumored to be perhaps more compelling than the winner, Suzan-Lori Parks' "Topdog/Underdog," which has recently received good reviews while enjoying its run on Broadway.

There is nothing more painful than those who dwell in a state of being by which they hate their own bodies. This is the daring thematic voyage that talented co-acted by theater, film and TV writer Dael Orlandersmith has set sail to explore in his play, Yellowman.

This is a play that brings to light the terrible truth of racial prejudices that exist between light and dark skinned African Americans.

The play is directed Blank Zirnska. For the African Americans in the small South Carolina town of Russellville, where most of the play takes place, black is not considered beautiful.

The play depicts Alma and the slightly older Eugene from childhood. Throughout the play color remains as central factor. Eugene's father despises his son for being yellow, or redbone because it is believed to represent non-blackness.

While being yellow or fair skinned is considered a badge of superiority by some it is also regarded as being less than masculine by others.

In a day where we age, it is most awkward to look upon skin color as a defining characteristic of class and social status, chiefly because we have white suburbanites dressing, rapping, and corn rowing their hair like inner city kids, and inner city kids wearing Abercrombie and Fitch, Doc Martens and listening to Lifehouse.

However for Alma, the hope of becoming whiter is an elusive carrot. Orlandersmith fuses soliloquies and conventional dialogues between Alma and Eugene, and inner monologues and utilizes double narration. Yellowman, frequently provokes laughter, but at its heart the play is the seriousness of illusions that exist in black culture due partially by the prejudice instilled in African Americans by white society.

Strains of steel guitar, down south delta blues back the actors, which create a sense of the place and of its people. This is Orlandersmith's second play at Long Wharf.

She has grown impressively as a writer and a stage presence since The Gimmick four years ago.

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Women's Lacrosse Clinch NEC Tourney Berth

By Kyle St. George
Staff Writer

With two impressive conference triumphs over the Quinnipiac University Braves (Hamden, CT) and the Central Connecticut Blue Devils, the SHU Women's LAX team clinched a Northeast Conference Tournament berth this past weekend.

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Pioneers also leveled their season record at 9-7 with an impressive 8-8, and secured a regular season .500 winning percentage with their respective wins.

Sacred Heart received help from all directions against Quinnipiac University this past Friday, as six different Pioneers combined to outscore the Braves 13-11. The Pioneers led the Braves 10-2 going into the second half and were able to maintain their lead despite a furious Quinnipiac rally which ultimately fell short by a mere two points. The Braves who were led by standout senior Jesse Rowley (Billerica, MA) outscored Sacred Heart 9-3 in the second half making the game the nail biter it was expected to be.

Junior Michelle Bruckner (Carle Place, NY) led off the scoring for the Pioneers registering her first two hits before the Braves hit net once. Freshmen JoAnn Montesarcho (Cortlandt Manor, NY) and Mary Romano (Baldwin, NY) combined for six goals as sophomore Christina Macchia (Carle Place, NY), Jeanne Carroll (East Rockaway, NY) and Jackie Reichert (Nesconset, NY) combined for five. Sophomore Goalie Amy Lavoie (Nashua, NH) had an impressive day as she thwarted 18 Quinnipiac attempts to hit pay dirt.

Central Connecticut, which stood as SHU's final obstacle to clinching a NEC conference victory, was managed to a potent Sacred Heart offensive attack at bay.

Freshman Montesarcho honored as NEC "Rookie of the Week"

The Pioneers only scored four points in the first half and eventually wiggled past the Blue Devils with a final score of 9-6. The leading scorer for the Pioneers against Central Connecticut was sophomore Jeanne Carney who registered three goals. Michelle Bruckner and sophomore Meghan Tucker (Carle Place, NY) also both recorded a pair of scores each to help edge their team to victory.

Freshman JoAnn Montesarcho was honored for her exceptional performances last week by the Northeast Conference which tabbed her as the "Rookie of the Week". Montesarcho was the second women's LAX player to receive the award for the Pioneers this season.

She is now ranked second on the Sacred Heart team for goals scored this season with 21. This is the second week in a row that a Women's LAX player has received this award.

The top four NEC teams at the end of the regular season, based on conference winning percentage have the opportunity to advance the Northeast Conference Tournament.

The SHU program which is 8-8, 4-3 (NEC) share a tie for third place with Wagner College (Staten Island, NY) and will face number one ranked UMBC (Baltimore, MD) 10-4, 7-0 (NEC) in the first round of the Tournament. UMBC has amassed an incredible nine game winning streak to conclude their regular season. Sacred Heart also had a very impressive conclusion to their regular season winning four out of their five final games.

In their last meet with UMBC Retrievers, the Pioneers lost a tough game 9-5. The Pioneers however have been hitting on all cylinders these past few weeks and will undoubtedly attack UMBC full force.

The Pioneers face the Retrievers in first round tourney game tomorrow at 1:00 pm.

SHU Strike Out League Leading Monmouth In Position to Steal NEC Playoff Spot

By Mike Di Pietro
Staff Writer

Dan Scott's five-hit pitching coupled with Matt Lemanacyk's hot bat led SHU to a 4-1 Northeast Conference victory over Monmouth Sunday at Harbor Yard. The win handed Monmouth their first loss in six games out of the last three.邸

Lemanacyk (Rockville Centre, NY), Sacred Heart's All-NEC centerfielder, went 6-for-8 at the plate and stole three bases upping his total to 32 for the season. For the three-game series, he was 8-10 at bat, including his fifth home run of the season.

Joe Santacroce's (Bridgeport, CT) infielder out produced the first run, and then Bill Eller (Coneggs, NY) executed a sweet suicide squeeze bunt to score the second. Lemanacyk brought in the third with one of his many RBIs on a single to left.

Lemanacyk opened the fifth with a single to right, swiped his 30th base of the sea­on and flew home on Brian Rojo's (Soph., Foxboro, MA) single to left.

In the nightcap, Sacred Heart snapped a 7-7 tie with a walk in the seventh on a wild pitch to sophomore Rob Andrews (Catskill, NY), freshman Andrew Cutrona (New York Park, NY) sac fly and McCann's deep double to left. The Pioneers added an insurance run in the eighth when Lemanacyk picked up his fourth hit of the game, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on Byrne's base hit to center. "Matt is a fantastic ball player. He really gets our team going. Everything starts with him and he's produced some huge plays for us this year." Sophomore a clo closer Chuck Ristano (Valley Stream, NY), who replaced the winning pitcher Eric Bushor (Soph., Uncasville, CT) in the eighth after the Hawks put two runners aboard with one out, retired all five batters he faced. He finished with a bang by striking out the side in the ninth. Bushor pitched a fantastic game, throwing 71/3 strong innings. "It was one of the strongest games I've seen him pitch," remarked assistant coach Seth Kaplan. With the two wins, the Pioneers are now just three games out of the last playoff spot for the NEC tourney. "We have put together a great run the past few weeks," said senior Bill Eller. "The coaches have made excellent adjustments in the lineup, our defense has been unbelievable and we were starting to produce a lot more runs."

Other bright spots for the Pioneers this past weekend were Eric Mittelstadt's pinch hit homerun, his first of the season and Jamie Schilkowski's impressive weekend at the plate. "Jamie came up with big hits for us all weekend," said Kaplan.

Sports Schedule

Women's Lacrosse

Friday-Sunday
NEC Championships
Baltimore, MD

Men's Lacrosse

Tuesday
@ Wagner
4:00 pm.
With Three Games Remaining SHU Laxmen Continue on Quest For .500

By Kyle St. George
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart Men's Lacrosse team split a pair this past week as they fell far short of the #9 Ranked Hofstra Pride 19-5, and cruised past the Marist College Red Foxes 18-10. The Marist win upped their season total victories to four and kept the Pioneers’ hopes of achieving a .500 season alive.

Sacred Heart now stands at 4-7 overall and 1-4 in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) with only three games remaining on their schedule. A three game sweep of their final games would assure a .500 season for the Pioneers who have fought hard this year to earn respect within the Colonial Athletic Association. Their final game of the season versus third ranked conference opponent Towson stands as the last real obstacle for the Pioneers who have their sights set on .500.

The Hofstra game was a dramatic loss as the Pride produced their highest goal output of the season and scored 10 unanswered points against the Pioneers which spanned the entire first half and a good portion of the second. Hofstra scored three times in the first, five in the second, seven in the third quarter and four more in the fourth to put the Pioneers away 19-5.

Junior Mid-Fielder Dan DeVoe (East Rockaway, NY) was the first to score for the Pioneers as he splashed the Hofstra net with only 2:24 remaining in the third quarter. He was joined by four other SHU players during the remaining quarter of the contest to register their not so impressive team game mark of five.

Senior Eric Perez

Senior Eric Perez (Long Island, NY) had an exceptional game for Sacred Heart scoring. He was the first to score for the Sacred Heart team also proved their ability to work together during the contest as five different players combined to register 11 total assists.

For the season, "L's" leads SHU in virtually every offensive category including batting average (.365), slugging percentage (.644), hits (53), total bases (87), runs scored (32), triples (a school-record six), home runs (five) and stolen bases (32 in 37 attempts). He is also second on the club with 21 RBI. Lemanczyk, whose father Dave pitched for eight years in the major leagues, ranked fourth in the nation in stolen bases in the most recent NCAA report.

Tennis

Heart tennis team ever. The Tennis Championships will be held from April 25-27, at The Mercer County Tennis Center, in West Windsor, New Jersey.

Their 5-1 record in NEC play this season has earned them a first round bye. They will begin play on Friday, taking on the winner of the sixth seeded Wagner, and eleventh seeded St. Francis (NY). The Pioneers will move into the semifinals on Saturday (if they win) to take on the winner of number two seeded Fairleigh Dickinson vs. Central Conn./Mount St. Mary's winner.

Baseball

Lemanczyk batted .700 in five games, smacked two triples, belt three homers, stole four bases, scored eight runs and drove in 11 more showing NEC most complete offensive week all year.

Matt Lemanczyk had a career-defining week, as the Pioneers became the first NEC team to knock off Monmouth this season, sweeping a doubleheader this past Sunday. Lemanczyk, who batted .700 (14-20) in five games, smacked two triples, belted three homers, stole four bases, scored eight runs and drove in 11 more. It was the most complete offensive week the NEC has seen all year. In the pivotal series with Monmouth, the senior went 8-10 with a home run and four stolen bases. After going 2-2 with a homer and two RBI in a 9-6 loss to the Hawks on Saturday, Lemanczyk went 6-8 with three runs, two RBI and three stolen bases in Sunday's wins.

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Johnson Becomes Pioneers 1st Player selected in the NFL Draft:

Dallas Cowboys select Johnson in sixth round, 208th overall pick

By LaMar Kennedey
Staff Writer

Daveren Johnson came from California to play basketball at Sacred Heart University, three years later, he's plan changed and he is leaving to play professional football.

The plan always was to get drafted. After leaving San Diego for Champlain Junior College in Burlington, Vt., Johnson worked tirelessly on his game. Eventually he decided that he would use Sacred Heart University as his conduit.

The next year Johnson who stands six-foot-six inches would go on to score 320 points, leading the Pioneers with a 13.9 point per game average, during a frustrating 3-25 campaign. A fall out with Head Coach Dave Lacey ensued, and the dream seemed dead.

So Johnson went to plan B, and turned back to a sport he last played as a junior in high school. Then Head Coach Jim Fleming, welcomed the lanky young man into his new look Pioneer football program, but he had his reservations.

Just two short years later Daveren Johnson would become the most famous football player in Pioneer history.

With the 208th pick in the 2002 National Football League's annual amateur draft, the Dallas Cowboys made Johnson, 23, the first North East Conference player in history to be drafted. "I was definitely surprised by the pick," "my family was rejoicing after seeing it," Johnson said. Just days before Johnson was unsure if he would even be drafted; now he was on the phone with Cowboys Owner/General Manager Jerry Jones.

In two years of playing division I-AA football Johnson helped turn SHU from a door mat to a National Champion. In his first season with the team the junior receiver caught 38 passes, six for touchdowns, and racked up just under 600 receiving yards; helping SHU to a school best ten wins, and second place in the NEC. For this effort Johnson was named to the all-NEC football team.

Former offensive coordinator and current Head Football Coach Bill Lacey always felt that the former basketball player had the potential to play on Sundays. "After his first spring practice we thought he had the potential," Lacey said. "Daveren was a great athlete, with a even better work ethic, nobody out worked Dev." "At that point all we had to do was teach him football," Coach Lacey said. "Daveren has a tremendous upside, mostly due to the fact that he only played two years of college ball," he added.

In the 2001-02 season Johnson would improve in every category, on his way to being named to his second consecutive All-NEC team, in addition to being named a division I-AA Mid Major All-American. Johnson caught 50 passes for a NEC leading 1,157 receiving yards, 13 touchdown receptions and 23.1 yards per catch average; leading SHU to an 11-0 record, its first ever NEC football championship and Mid Major National Championship.

Currently Johnson holds eight school records, his 50 catches during the 2001 campaign is the most for a single season. The 1,750 total receiving yards including 1,157 this past season are career and single season records. In addition Johnson holds career and single season records for receiving yards per catch with 19.9, and 23.1 respectively, longest catch at 80 yards, single season and career touchdown receptions catches with 13, and 19, and a single season receiving yards per game average with 104.9.

During the draft process Johnson had no fewer than fifteen professional teams come to campus for individual work outs, including return visits by five to six coaches.

"Jacksonville, Cleveland, and New England all showed interest," he said, but the Cowboys pulled the trigger. Johnson leaves today for mini-camp in Dallas and will return Sunday, to prepare for graduation ceremonies next month.

For Johnson the dream resumes in July when camp starts.

"I hate waiting. I'm ready to get to work. Coming from a small school, I don't get a lot of respect, I've got to earn it," he said.

And he would be right, currently the Cowboys have incumbent starters all-pro receivers Joey Galloway, and The Rocket Ismail Rajhib; also the Cowboys drafted Antonio Bryant, an All-American receiver from The University of Pittsburgh in the second round. Bryant won the Biletnikoff Award as the top receiver in the nation in 2000.

So the road to the top is once again paved with speed bumps but you would expect him to be used to it by now, after all he is a Pioneer.