Sacred Heart tuition on the rise

By Lucie Davis
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart tuition will increase 4% next year, according to an April 24 e-mail sent by Larry Wielk, Dean of Students.

"I would like to let you know that last night, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed University budget for the 2002-2003 academic year.

"This budget projected a 4% increase in tuition for 2002-2003. At their meeting last night [April 23], the Executive Committee wholeheartedly endorsed the projected budget and have sent this proposal to the full Board of Trustees for final approval at their May meeting," said Wielk in his e-mail.

"In this institution of higher education, students question, "What's really being paid for?"

According to the Sacred Heart University Website, cost of tuition for the 2001-2002 academic year is approximately $17,000.

Students facing a 4% question why there is such a hefty price for this school, which does not have adequate housing or parking.

"Is any financial aid going up 4%?" asked Nelson Loversa, a sophomore from the Bronx, NYC. Victor Postemski, a senior from Wyndham, CT recently finished up his second term as Vice President for the Student Government Finance Board.

As the student representative for the budget development committee he believes, "Unfortunately a tuition increase is needed to move Sacred Heart forward if we want to see it grow. It also unfortunately comes from student's pockets."

Dr. Paul Madonna was not available for comment.

Danielle Tumberello, a junior from Holbrook, NY said, "It's a catch 22 situation because we need the money in order to grow into the University we want but at the same time those who are paying need to find a way to afford it."

Nick Whalen, a sophomore from Nisnant, NY agrees with Tumberello.

"Although financially burdening the increase is necessary for advancement of this institution and compared to other institutions it's not that bad," Whalen said.

Students who have lost books are required to pay for the books lost, so the library can re-buy them, and also a fee to put a label on the spine of the newly bought book and a pocket on the book's inside.

One of the staff, Debbie Guerra, came up with the idea of donating non-perishable goods to a foodbank at one of the Library staff meetings. Benamati then contacted Phyllis MacBledt who recommended the St. Charles Food Pantry.

Students who return overdue books before or after the three days allotted for the amnesty will still have to pay. Students can check on overdue books at: http://library.sacredheart.edu.

Food replaces fees at library

By Kerry Frei
News Editor

On May 8, 9, and 10 (next Wednesday through Friday) students can return overdue books to the Ryan-Matura Library and give non-perishable food items instead of paying late fees.

The Library is planning to do an inventory over the summer which, "works best with the books sitting on the shelf," according to University Librarian Dennis Benamati.

The inventory will allow the Library to see what is missing from the collection of books, articles, and other research items, but will also help to see what is improperly shelved and what is not in the catalog.

To encourage people to bring books back to the Library, to efficiently complete the inventory, the Library is offering an amnesty. Instead of having to pay late fees on overdue books, students can bring non-perishable food items to the library next week. No fines up to $5, students will be required to give one food item, for fines up to $10, students will be required to give two food items and so on.

People can still pay the fines with money if they choose to.

"We'll take the money, but we would rather have the cans and books," Benamati said.

The food will be donated to the St. Charles Food Pantry who, Benamati explained, requested specifically beans, rice, tuna and peanut butter.

On any given day, the library has about 1400 items out in circulation to the SHU population, and at any time, approximately 500 of these loaned books are overdue.

After calculating some figures, Benamati explained that there is approximately $13,000 in fines and overdue books owed to the library. But if people brought in non-perishable food items instead, there could be a massive donation to the St. Charles Food Pantry.

Center for Values Based Leadership opens at SHU

By Kacry Semler
Staff Reporter

On May 21 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., the Center will extend knowledge on values-based leadership.

This will be the country's first non-profit member association that will provide programs and other services that will extend knowledge on values-based leadership.

Redgate is a retired corporate executive who specialized in human resources and business practices in Fortune 500 Corporations.

This former president and first chairman of the Ethics Officer Association comments, "New laws and regulations alone will not solve the problem and restore the public's trust. The solution to this serious leadership crisis rests in developing a new generation of principled leaders."

"The Center's mission is just that-to provide resources that will nurture and develop leaders and propel them to the forefront," Redgate said.

According to a recent press release, members of the Center's Advisory Board, including chairmen and executive officers from various businesses and companies such as Nielsen Media Research, the Clorox Company, Brooks Brothers, Price Waterhouse and the RadioShack Corporation, to name a few.

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Blackboard opens international doors

Twelve students in Dr. Frances Grodzinsky’s computer ethics class participated in an international collaboration using Blackboard with computer science students at the University of Limerick in Ireland and students at DeMontfort University in England.

Students were paired and put into groups of six. Each group analyzed a computer ethics scenario using threaded discussions on Blackboard and wrote a collaborative paper that will be graded by the three instructors at the three sites.

Most of the students enjoyed working with their international counterparts. The program hopes to run this project again next year.

- compiled by Dr. Frances Grodzinsky

HATS OFF TO THE SENIORS!!!

A WORD TO THE CLASS OF 2002, FROM THE DEAN OF FRESHMAN, MICHAEL BOZZONE:

"ALL OF YOU ARE STILL THE SAME PEOPLE THAT I REMEMBER FROM FOUR YEARS AGO, YET THE CLASS OF 2002 AS A WHOLE IS SO IMPRESSIVE NOW AS SENIORS. I CAN SEE THE GROWTH AND MATURITY THAT HAS OCCURRED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND IT MAKES ME VERY PROUD. IT'S VERY SATISFYING FOR ME TO SEE THE SENIOR CLASS FROM START TO FINISH. I START OFF KNOWING EACH STUDENT AS A 'FOLDER' IN MY FILING CABINET, AND NOW I KNOW EACH STUDENT AS A SUCCESSFUL PERSON. THERE COMES A GRATIFYING MOMENT WHEN I START LEARNING FROM THE STUDENTS, AND THAT IS WHAT MAKES EVERYTHING WORTHWHILE."

Seniors Liz Hinchey, Amber DeGray, and Nicole Baccala will be accepting diplomas on May 19. Hinchey, from Rochele Park, NJ, has a job lined up as manager of a Starbuck’s in Fairfield County.

On the weekend of May 18 and 19, Sacred Heart University will graduate 849 students.

News Briefs

Community service award winners

On April 23 at the Connecticut Department of Higher Education Community Service Awards, students and staff were applauded for service work at the State Capitol. Sabine Auguste, Keri Nastr, and the Alpha Sigma Psi fraternity were all nominated for their various community activities and work. Auguste works in the Bridgeport schools and is active in SHU’s Habitat for Humanity program. Nastr does extensive mentoring and promoting of media literacy, and the fraternity has worked to fight hunger, has participated in mentoring programs, and also held a Child Advocacy Program in March.

Nastr won one of three state awards in the individual student category. Alpha Sigma Psi won one of three state awards in the student group category for it’s second consecutive year.

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 outsider runners. For registration and more information call Sheryl Madison at the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Library survey to be e-mailed soon...

The library will be running a survey soon which will reach students via e-mail. The surveys have been done in past years, but not recently. The library survey will include questions about how many times a year students utilize the library and to generally “check the pulse of the library,” according to University Librarian Dennis Benamati.

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!

Commencement Tickets

Tickets are required for the Commencement ceremony. Tickets can be picked up during the week of May 6 in the Registrar’s Office (Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-8pm; Friday 8:30am-4pm). If you are sending someone else to pick up your tickets, please provide a written permission slip.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather, the university will announce an indoor ceremony by 7am. The usual Bridgeport Area radio stations used for weather cancellations, along with the Sacred EHart University cancellation hotline (203-365-7669), will have the information.
Migration: for birds and SHU e-mail

By Kerry Freol
News Editor

The deadline for the e-mail migration on certain accounts, switching all current e-mails and contact information into a personal folder so it will not be lost in the upgrade, is May 15. Sometimes trying to decipher technical jargon can be more intimidating than a bird first spreading its wings to fly. But the time for e-mail migration is now and the directions to help successfully complete this task are found at: http://it.sacredheart.edu/mobile-computing/2002migration/

Students must be logged into their own accounts, being online and able to access SHU e-mail, and find their name in one of three columns. If someone’s name is not on any list, it is because this process does not apply to them.

The SMCP (Student Mobile Computing Program) Coordinator, Leslie Roggen of Information Technology explains, “There is no cost to the students at all. These migrations are part of a continuous improvement of the technology systems by the University.” Students do not need to purchase discs; they simply need to spend time following the instructions that come up after clicking on the above link.

“No discs will be necessary. Network storage space will be provided for each student. E-mail addresses will not change,” Roggen explains.

The versions of e-mail systems are changing, and that is why the migration must occur.

“The IT Department is moving all email users from our current version of mail (Exchange 5.5) to the most recent release (Exchange 2000).”

“The benefits of this move to both students and our administrative test too numerous to list, but suffice it to say, reliability will improve,” Roggen said.

Some staff and students have already migrated through this current semester, and that is why, Roggen explains, that, “from time to time you may have noticed your email isn’t able to find a professor or someone else’s name in the Global Address List.”

“This was only a temporary problem but was as a result of losing e-mail accounts in two different versions of the same program. Most students, except graduating seniors, will need to go through e-mail migration that come up after clicking on the above link.

Current sophomores or those with a 2 year old laptop will get their new laptops in the fall. They can only keep their old laptop during the summer if they are currently registered for the fall semester.

“When they receive their new laptops, they will be able to reconnect to the network storage and copy their old INBOX items and data files back to their new laptop,” Roggen said.

The SHU e-mail system will remain inactive May 15 - August 15 for students if they do not request otherwise prior to leaving in May.

“If anyone needs their current e-mail between May 15 and August 15 for a particular reason they may call (203) 395-8279 or e-mail mig2K2@sacredheart.edu,” Roggen explained.

Roggen assures the SHU community, “The e-mail migration will not occur every year. Again, this is just the continuous improvement by the University.”

The Center offers annual seminars, forums, research, lectures, consulting, databases and advocacy to enhance its main goal of growing values-based leadership, according to a recently press release.

The Center aspires to deepen their understanding of values and how to integrate them into an organization’s culture, resulting in more trusted and more effective performance.

The Center offers annual memberships for organizations and individuals that include: discounts on educational programs and events, research on best practices and trends, information resources, consulting services, opportunities to confer with peers, and referrals to resources on related topics.

“The most successful leaders are those who respond to a changing world while staying true to what they stand for and aspire to accomplish,” stated Dr. Cenera.

Pioneer Classifieds

Roommate needed to fill 3 bedroom furnished House near I-95 Exit 21, near Metro North (NYC in 45 minutes) and a roller blade to the beach. The house is clean. It is fully furnished and equipped with everything you could think of. It even has ‘Central Air Conditioning and 2 washers/ 2 dryers and off-street parking. Great roommate, great landlord!!!!!

Ask about the apartment at: INYcash@aol.com, or cell phone (203) 395-6671, or at work- (203) 254-7739.
The final say

By Megan Flood
Editor-in-Chief

Now we have come to the end of our journey. For many, this moment was always in the back of our mind. Do we have to grow up now, is it really over?

No. It is only the beginning, the beginning of a journey that will mold the rest of our lives. To the students, Sacred Heart is only what it is because of you. You have the ability to change it. Don’t take no for an answer, always push the envelope.

To my staff, what can I say, you are truly the most gifted group of people I’ve ever had the chance to work with. I wish you nothing but happiness and love in every endeavor you take. Good luck Sami, but make sure you enjoy your senior year—it goes by fast.

To my friends, I love you. You have touched my heart in ways that you will never know. May God be with you in your journey.

To the Seniors, I wish you luck, it a tough world out there (and don’t drink to much on Senior Week). Remember who you are and what you stand for, and don’t let anyone change that. See you on the 19th.

For myself this past year was a year of personal growth. I’ve learned more than any textbook could teach me. I’ve met many different people, some better then others, and be it good or bad I’ve learned something from each of them.

They have taught me how to love, they’ve taught me what friendship and hatred are. I’ve learned to laugh, and how to cry. Some people will enter your life and like the wind they are gone, but others make an impression on your soul and they will never leave.

Everyone makes mistakes, some bigger than others, but we learn from them and what doesn’t kill us only makes us stronger. So don’t think twice about taking chances, this may be the last time they are offered to you.

Never look back and never regret a single thing you do, because life lessons are worth taking. Yesterday is the past and tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift, and that is why it is called the present. God Bless. It’s been a blast!

The SHU Voices

What is your most memorable experience at SHU this year?

Suzanne Bastos
Naugatuck
Sophomore
“Mr. SHU, because it was so much fun!”

Jenn Webb
Norwalk
Freshman
“Traveling to Dayton, OH for WGI Championships”

Rob Trenske
Naugatuck
Junior
“The Spring Concert”

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As each day begins, I dread picking up the newspaper. What news story will be on the front page that day? Will it be a story that affects me personally? When I was younger, I always wanted to be a reporter for a newspaper. Now that I'm older, I've realized that being a reporter is not what I want to do with my life. I've decided that I want to pursue a career in the arts, specifically film. I've been writing screenplays in my free time and I'm excited to see where this journey takes me.

Well, I've been busy with my film project and also with my work at SHU. I've been working on a recycling program here and I'm excited to see how it all comes together. I've also been working on a project with some of my friends to create a video for the school's upcoming commencement ceremony. We're all very excited about it and I think it's going to be a great production.

I've also been thinking a lot about the future. I'm wondering where I'll be five years from now. Will I be in New York City, working as a film director? Or will I be living in Los Angeles, working as an actress? I don't know. I just know that I want to be doing something that I'm passionate about.

The days are quickly passing to the end of the academic year and I can't help but feel a bit sad. I'm going to miss my friends and the people I've met here. I've learned so much and I'm excited to see where life takes me next.

Thank you for reading. I hope you enjoy my work and I look forward to seeing what the future holds.

Romy Sarrazin

Class of 2002
Senior Kristy Pacelli has had an exciting past couple of months. Aside from traveling to El Salvador over Spring Break, being active with Student Government, and preparing for graduation, Kristy had also been waiting to hear from the graduate schools she applied to. The list included Fordham, Rice, and Georgetown, all of which Kristy would attend to get her Masters and Doctorate in Government, and preparing for Break, being active with Student Government, and preparing for graduation, Kristy had also been waiting to hear from the graduate schools she applied to. The list included Fordham, Rice, and Georgetown, all of which Kristy would attend to get her Masters and Doctorate in Government, and preparing for Break, being active with Student Government, and preparing for graduation, Kristy had also been waiting to hear from the graduate schools she applied to.

Kristy Pacelli (left) will attend Rice University (above) in the fall. By Aimie Likens

"I started screaming in the middle of the airport. I was jumping up and down people must have thought I was crazy!" she explains. When she got home, Kristy decided to call Rice to confirm the information. As a result, she was assured that it was accurate, and Kristy made her decision to attend Rice University. "Three weeks ago the school flew me to Houston, TX, for a visit. I spent the weekend touring the campus, meeting teachers and other students in my program," she said. "It was great because I got a good feel for the school, and knew it was exactly what I wanted." With enrollment at about 4,500 students, Rice University is similar to Sacred Heart in the sense that it is very small, and dedicated to paying attention to the individual student. Kristy's advisor, Dr. Gary Rose, and Dr. John Kikoski were instrumental in helping her make decisions about her future. To the help her look at graduate colleges, and gave her valuable advice about the process of choosing a career path.

"Both of them were so excited when I told them I wanted to pursue a doctorate and teach," Kristy explained. "What's better than telling someone you want to be like them?" Kristy has had a wonderful college experience at Sacred Heart University and she continually emphasizes how much she loves it here. Holding the position as Head of CCO (Council of Clubs and Organizations) for the past two years, she feels "that has been one of my greatest achievements at SHU." Also acting as an Orientation Leader for three years, Kristy explains that it was the greatest job ever. "You get paid to play," she exclaimed. Kristy is looking forward to graduating on May 19, and will be working for Dean Wielk over the summer. She will move down to her apartment in Texas a few weeks before classes start. She promises she will be back to visit SHU, and adds, "I would stay in college the rest of my life if I could!"

"Think of your goals," advises program director, Dr. Charlotte Gradie, "What do you want to accomplish while you are abroad?" Some students may want to learn about their roots or take a specific course; others want to learn about the language or culture of a particular nation. "If you decide that at the beginning, then you will be happier at the end," Gradie added. Many of the more popular countries offer multiple SHU-approved campuses catering to different majors and other student interests. CCIS offers two programs in Australia, three in South America, two in France, three in Ireland and three in England with two in London alone. Additional campuses are located in Greece, Italy, and Scotland. No country seems to make the best destination for all students. "It's more the student than the country... we get great responses from everywhere," Gradie said.

Study abroad students this semester seem to agree with Gradie. Junior Mary McMahon from South Yarmouth, MA spent this spring on the Gold Coast of Australia. When asked about the semester she described how happy she is to "travel all around the world and [meet] tons of new people."

"The people here have been great," Junior Amanda Curry from Rayham, MA described of her semester at the National University of Ireland at Galway. "I've been here for so long now that I don't feel like a tourist anymore, and the locals don't treat [me] like one," she added. Students who are interested should begin their search early. Now is a great time to start gathering information to travel next spring and students should plan a meeting with Dr. Gradie and her assistant, Marylou Roof early in the fall. A good place to begin is the SHU webpage and its "Eight Easy Steps to Study Abroad." These steps include turning in an information sheet and an initial intake form. Remember to focus on final exams, as most CCIS programs require a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Also worth noting is that any
Two tickets: $50. Parking: $25. Two hotdogs, one ice cream, two sodas: $13.50. Attending opening day at Yankee Stadium: Priceless. This common slogan you can probably recognize as an example of MasterCard’s “Priceless” campaign.

The MasterCard advertisements seem to be the general attitude of college-age students around the country at the dawn of the 21st century. Young adults have become quite carefree about spending money in the last decade, especially when it is so easy to splurge with the help of a little plastic miracle - the credit card.

“It’s really hard to manage classwork with having a job, but every weekend you want to go out,” commented sophomore Megan Flood from Lubbock, TX. “Since college is the first time that many students are completely independent from their parents, some may find it difficult to manage their money in a smart and efficient manner.

It seems as though students who are in the most debt are those who use more than four major credit cards, have a balance of over $1,000, and do not pay off their remaining balance each month.

Most college students have mixed feelings about using plastic in place of cash. Some feel as though credit cards have made their life easier, while others feel it is a blessing and curse at the same time.

“It has been great!” said Zach Spivey from Lubbock, TX. “When my bank account runs out I rely on my parents.”

“I avoid credit cards,” sophomore Tiffany & Co. undergraduate student Meghann O’Hagan from Pearl River, NY. “Especially at the end of the semester.”

Students who think they are becoming adults are actually taking two steps back for every one forward, as they go deeper and deeper into debt.

Accordance to a market research company Claritas, the average student loan debt rose 142% to $15,700 in the last decade. Also, more than 460,000 people under age 35 declare bankruptcy annually, and the yearly credit card debt has soared from $1,479 in 1998 to $2,748 in 2000. Paying off a balance like that in one year with a card charging 15% interest would require monthly payments of about $250.

“When I graduated I was $5000 in credit card debt,” recalled Rebecca Ricketts. “I had really nice clothes, though.”

Shu Spectrum. May 2, 2002

By Elaine McCauley & Christina Tantillo

SHU Attends Nursing Conference

The National Student Nursing Association (NSNA) held a convention this year in Philadelphia at the Philadelphia Convention Center, April 2-7, to celebrate NSNA’s 50th anniversary. This year, 3500 students from across the United States gathered to attend this convention. Also present were 350 exhibitors from around the nation.

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Ten years ago the Real World was just about the most controversial (and the most watched) show on TV, especially with college students. It's a simple enough concept: place a group of twenty something people in one house, throw in some potential argument topics and then sit back and watch what happens...how can they get along? How could they possibly find a show that would be more entertaining? Always trying to take television one step further, MTV has taken their cameras into the home of eccentric and morbid rocker Ozzy Osbourne. The show is so over the top and different that people can't seem to turn it off. Even here at SHU, students find themselves blowing off homework and party plans to be gathered around the tube at 10:30 every Tuesday night to see what this wacky family has in store for them this week.

"I think it's very humorous. It's an interesting look into the life of a rock star. It's comic relief and it's real," said Michelle Barretta, a senior from Floral Park, NY. What is it that everyone hooked? Well, the combination of Ozzy's celebrity and the craziness of his family life has created a formula that is seemingly irresistible. Due to the popularity of the show, Ozzy has gotten his own star on Walk of Fame and at close to 6 million viewers per week (and growing), his show is even more popular than the Real World. Sophomore Justina Colicchio from Buxford, Massachusetts feels that The Osbourne's is a better show than the Real World. "It's real and Ozzy is funny. Every other world out of his mouth is a curse. They're not acting for the camera, they're being themselves, not like that stupid Real World crap," he said.

But Ozzy alone does not make the show. Ozzy's two children, Jack and Kelly, have learned well the ways of Ozzy and his equally as eccentric wife, Sharon, in many ways, from their outrageous language, crazy lifestyle and their "who cares" attitude.

Arguably the center stone of the show, Sharon, the obvious boss of the house as well as the business, at times seems (at times) to be slightly more crazy then even Ozzy himself. Which is understandable being that Sharon struggles to maintain the household and raise their kids all while keeping Ozzy's career on track.

Kelly at 17, is going through the normal difficulties of a teenage girl, including fighting with her brother, staying out past curfew and even an appointment to the gynecologist. Jack is trying to find himself, not an easy task for the 16-year-old only son of the Prince of Darkness himself, especially as the world sits back and watches his progress.

And as for Ozzy? Well, Ozzy struggles to do just about everything: change the channel on the television, turn on the vacuum cleaner, walk, talk.

"It's real and Ozzy is sexy. Only MTV would put the biggest drug icon on TV telling his kids not to use drugs. It's one of the best shows MTV has put out since the Real World," Lucy Davis, Manhattan, NY. Senior. What makes this show work is that besides the outrageous arguments that they do. But even among the heated words and cursing, their love for one another is evident, especially when challenged by those outside their Gothic Beverly Hills mansion. In this episode in particular, the family rallied together, throwing food, blasting music and screaming threats at those who threatened their family life.

Their vulnerability is what makes them so lovable, and it's obvious they care about each other a great deal. Their love is also shown in another episode where Sharon, Jack and Kelly surprised Ozzy while he was on tour in order to celebrate his birthday with him, despite his pleas to have them do otherwise. "It's interesting to watch how another family works. They're dysfunctional, but at times they seem like a normal family," said Jen Cutter, a Junior from Milford, MA. A "normal" family would, in fact, pull together to make sure their family member had a wonderful birthday and that they were there to share it with them.

And that's what makes this show great...the heartwarming moments this family share aren't the artificial ones you would see on a show like Full House for example. Just about every emotion this family feels is expressed in this show, they aren't afraid to be themselves in front of the camera. The Osbourne's are taking the world, even the world of SHU, by storm. It's a "Crazy Train" of emotion, and we're all on for the ride.

We just have to sit back and see where the next stop will be, and God only knows with this family, but hey...that's why we like it - isn't it?

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"The Osbournes' reshape pop culture

By Kathleen Haughey
Contributing Writer

That's right - MTV has taken reality television to the next level. Somewhere between the Real World, Diary, and a family oriented situation comedy lies The Osbourne's. It's a show that has MTV taking their cameras into the home of eccentric and morbid rocker Ozzy Osbourne. The show is so over the top and different that people can't seem to turn it off. Even here at SHU, students find themselves blowing off homework and party plans to be gathered around the tube at 10:30 every Tuesday night to see what this wacky family has in store for them this week.

"I think it's very humorous. It's an interesting look into the life of a rock star. It's comic relief and it's real," said Michelle Barretta, a senior from Floral Park, NY. What is it that everyone hooked? Well, the combination of Ozzy's celebrity and the craziness of his family life has created a formula that is seemingly irresistible. Due to the popularity of the show, Ozzy has gotten his own star on Walk of Fame and at close to 6 million viewers per week (and growing), his show is even more popular than the Real World. Sophomore Justina Colicchio from Buxford, Massachusetts feels that The Osbourne's is a better show than the Real World. "It's real and Ozzy is funny. Every other world out of his mouth is a curse. They're not acting for the camera, they're being themselves, not like that stupid Real World crap," he said.

But Ozzy alone does not make the show. Ozzy's two children, Jack and Kelly, have learned well the ways of Ozzy and his equally as eccentric wife, Sharon, in many ways, from their outrageous language, crazy lifestyle and their "who cares" attitude.

Arguably the center stone of the show, Sharon, the obvious boss of the house as well as the business, at times seems (at times) to be slightly more crazy then even Ozzy himself. Which is understandable being that Sharon struggles to maintain the household and raise their kids all while keeping Ozzy's career on track.

Kelly at 17, is going through the normal difficulties of a teenage girl, including fighting with her brother, staying out past curfew and even an appointment to the gynecologist. Jack is trying to find himself, not an easy task for the 16-year-old only son of the Prince of Darkness himself, especially as the world sits back and watches his progress.

And as for Ozzy? Well, Ozzy struggles to do just about everything: change the channel on the television, turn on the vacuum cleaner, walk, talk.

"It's real and Ozzy is sexy. Only MTV would put the biggest drug icon on TV telling his kids not to use drugs. It's one of the best shows MTV has put out since the Real World," Lucy Davis, Manhattan, NY. Senior. What makes this show work is that besides the outrageous arguments that they do. But even among the heated words and cursing, their love for one another is evident, especially when challenged by those outside their Gothic Beverly Hills mansion. In this episode in particular, the family rallied together, throwing food, blasting music and screaming threats at those who threatened their family life.

Their vulnerability is what makes them so lovable, and it's obvious they care about each other a great deal. Their love is also shown in another episode where Sharon, Jack and Kelly surprised Ozzy while he was on tour in order to celebrate his birthday with him, despite his pleas to have them do otherwise. "It's interesting to watch how another family works. They're dysfunctional, but at times they seem like a normal family," said Jen Cutter, a Junior from Milford, MA. A "normal" family would, in fact, pull together to make sure their family member had a wonderful birthday and that they were there to share it with them.

And that's what makes this show great...the heartwarming moments this family share aren't the artificial ones you would see on a show like Full House for example. Just about every emotion this family feels is expressed in this show, they aren't afraid to be themselves in front of the camera. The Osbourne's are taking the world, even the world of SHU, by storm. It's a "Crazy Train" of emotion, and we're all on for the ride.

We just have to sit back and see where the next stop will be, and God only knows with this family, but hey...that's why we like it - isn't it?
**Sexy Summer Suits**

By Samantha DeVita

Summer is on its way and that means it's time to beach and poolside partisailing for the hottest swimwear out there, right? Of course it does, and here is your ersatz guide to the best beach swimwear. Most suits are designed to fit your body, no matter what your body type. These suits will leave you with total body confidence, flattering the things that are not so proud of. So, read on!

For those ladies out there who have a large bust, you are going to want to stick to something simple up top. You are going to want to stick to suits that have amazing support in the tops, with material that is not only comfortable around your neck, but it also tucks you in, in all the right places. This will not only help you conquer gravity, but it will also look flattering on your body. Under wire bras are great for this. The under wire will provide added support, while the triangle tops will help life your ta-tas up and make them stand out a bit more. Just make sure that you are getting the right size for what your needs are. If you are trying to minimize, go for sporty looking tops, like halter-top and Polo-Style bikinis. These are the best for keeping you in, but still looking oh so feminine. If your goal is to fluff it up...triangle tops are the way to go. For those of you who are really looking to grab the attention of that cute surfer you have been eyeing, try going down a cup size in the top...summer will be busting out all over for you. Ralph Lauren, OLD NAVY, and Nautica have some amazing suits for our big-busted ladies at SHU, so check them out while you are shopping.

For the other extreme, bolstering your bust is a frequent problem for women, ranking in the number one thing about their bodies they would like to change. No need to run to plastic surgery for that, here are a few safe alternatives to look great, and remember, les is more. The main key here is design. The pattern and design of bathing suits have gotten so much better over the years, and designers know what little tricks in the folding and arrangement of fabric will make your chest appear much larger. Of course, padding and push up bras are a definite must if you are trying to add bulk to your upper region. Also, the falsies that are sold in many department store are great little insert to place in the bottom of the bikini top, just make sure that you are definitely in there...you don't want those babies falling out while you are chicken fighting! How embarrassing! Try and look for bathing suits that have florid designs over them, or animal prints. The patterns in the fabric will actually look like you have added a whole cup size to your chest! Animal prints are also a great way to accentuate one other thing to look for is a triangle top with lace or ruffles, or any other decorative accents that adorn them. Again, these little trinkets will also add bulk to your bust! Companies like GUESS?, Tommy Hilfiger, and Pompei, have awesome boob-boosting styles for this summer.

So, maybe you are not blessed with aitty-bitty tiny waist? Have no fear...camouflage for your so not perfect waistline is here. Your best bet is to stick to patterns that are diagonal, but only across the front. Remember, less is more. A diagonal line from the shoulder all the way down underneath the breast, will leave you with the illusion that your waist is actually a size smaller than it really is! Nice huh? A two-piece tankini is another way to cover up poop, but still look oh so feminine and sexy at the beach. If your tummy is the problem that urks you the most, go for the bathing suit that have built in tummy trimming fabric in the front portion of the suit. Now I know you are probably thinking that those are the type of bathing suits your monowears, but they have been redesigned over the years and there is no way to tell. Designers like Tommy Hilfiger, Nautica, and J. Crew have great looking suits and only you would know what was going on it there!! Here is a free little fashion tip for you to remember...Stand up straight! Yes, standing up straight is not only great for your posture, but it also make you look taller and it is rumored to make you look one waist size smaller when you stand. Try it out in the mirror and see...it's true! Are you pear shaped? Minimizing those hips is sometimes a big problem, but here are a few solutions to slim your sides. There are two general ways to look slimmer: One, pick a two-piece with the boy shorts bottom. But, be careful, this could be horrible looking on a short girl, so use your discretion wisely. United States of Benetton has a great line of these types of suits, and so does OLD NAVY. The other solution for you is to create an optical illusion. To do this you are going to need a high-waisted suit, but stick to solid colors, you don't want to add bulk where you are trying to minimize. This look will not only make your legs longer, but placing the side right at your waist will actually help tuck everything in where it belongs! And, the other bonus is that it will draw attention away from your waist and down to your legs...so sign yourself up for that bikini wax a.s.a.p.

Now that we all have bases covered you should be able to strut your beautiful stuff down the beach without fearing anything moving around, stickling out, or falling out of where it is not supposed to be! And while you are out of shopping for that perfect bathing suit, remember to pick up little accessories like straw hats and bags, funky colored sunglasses, wedge sandals, gold and silver bangles, and handkerchiefs for taming those wild sun-kissed tresses. Now, if you could only conquer the Brazilian wax you would be all set!
SHU Softball Gains Split with St. Francis

By Senior Tim Mulvey

Looking back at these last four years, I can't help but think about the events that have defined my life here at Sacred Heart. There is no better way to look at things then through sports. A lot has happened in the time from freshman year up until the looming graduation next week, both here and in professional sports.

As the class of 2002 moved into South and West Hall, Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa were in an intense battle to take the 37-year-old single season homerun record. I actually used my dry erase board on the first floor of my life here at Sacred Heart. After four years, I can't help but think about events that have defined sports.

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Sacred Heart Women’s Lacrosse End 9-9 Season with 16-4 Loss to UMBC

By Kyle St. George
Staff Writer

The Sacred Heart University women’s Lacrosse team fell in the first round of the Northeast Conference championship tournament to the number one ranked UMBC Retrievers this past week. The Retrievers, who eventually went on to win the NEC championship, dominated and eventually upended the Pioneers 16-4 in a game that never once favored Sacred Heart.

UMBC outscored the Pioneers 9-1 in the first half and 7-3 in the second to secure their fourth Northeast Conference championship birth in the past five years. The Retrievers led the NEC with five first-team all Northeast Conference selections and one second-team selection. They also clinched all three slots for performance of the year, including "Coach of the Year" which was well earned by Head Coach Monika Yeakel (Marple, PA) who orchestrated her team to its first NCAA national tournament-qualifying season.

UMBC jumped out to a quick lead against the Retrievers scoring the first three goals of the contest. The Retrievers added a lone score in response, but were then held scoreless for the remainder of the half. Leading the Retrievers in scoring against the Pioneers were first team NEC selections Jamie Gerhart (Bel Air, MD) and Jen Dragoni (Morton, PA) who both combined for six goals and three assists. Gerhart also received the Northeast Conference "Player of the Year" accolades following her outstanding season.

Freshman Mid-Fielder JoAnn Montezarchio (Cortlandt Manor, NY) scored two goals while Freshman Attack Natalie Smith (Wantagh, NY) registered one goal and one assist.

The Pioneers ended their season with a even 9-9 record overall as well as posting a 4-3 mark in the Northeast Conference.

by Mike Di Pietro

Baseball Update

Dan Scott threw a no-hitter, striking out 12 in game two of a Northeast Conference doubleheader as Sacred Heart posted a 3-0 victory over Long Island. After losing the opener 6-2, at LIU Field, Scott rallied his teammates and led the Pioneers to a big conference win.

Scott (4-3) retired 12 consecutive batters from the second through sixth innings, seven on strikeouts. The sophomore right-hander walked just two over seven innings of work and faced a measly three batters above the minimum.

Sacred Heart (16-23, 10-10 NEC) scored both runs in the second inning on RBIs by Mike Delparte and Jamie Gerhart. Andrew Cutrone led off a one-out single to center field and Caldeodemus also singled to center. Sean McCann reached on a fielding error by shortstop Glen Farkas (Edison, NJ) to load the bases. Delparte singled through the right side to bring home Cutrone and Santacroce and Murdick plated an insurance run on a sacrifice fly.

The offense was more than enough for Scott, who sat down the four batters with his impressive and overpowering pitching. In the seventh inning, he retired sophomore Khyi Farron on a groundout and struck out senior Mike Wilson and freshman Thomas Bennett.

Junior Shaun Kuebler (1-7) pitched solidly for the Blackbirds (7-27, 5-15), but was on the losing end of the game. Kuebler, who yielded just one hit over the final five innings, allowed two runs and six hits over seven innings with five strikeouts and three walks. With the win SHU kept its playoff hopes alive.

Equestrian Update

By Mike Di Pietro

Following an impressive showing at the Zone 3 Championship Horse Show, two members of the SHU Equestrian Team will continue on to compete on to compete at the IHSAA National Championship Horse Show.

Junior captain Stephanie Bimbaum (Ramsay, NJ) will compete in Individual Novice Equitation over Fences while sophomore Crystal Cassetori (Archbald, PA) will ride in Individual Novice Equitation over Fences after placing second at Zone. For both riders this marks their first trip to IHSAA Nationals.

Sacred Heart was well represented at the Zone 3 Horse Show with 5 riders competing. SHU had the largest number of qualified individual riders from Zone 3, Regional 1, following the April 7th Regional Finals.

Additional competitors at Zones include Carolina Kroenquist in Open Fences (5th place), Christina Pratt in Intermediate Fences (4th) and Jessica Gehle in Intermediate Flat (3rd). Riders qualify for the Zone Horse Show by placing first or second in their respective classes at the Regional Horse Show. Bimbaum, Cassetori and Pratt all won their classes at the April 7th show while Kroenquist and Gerber placed 2nd.

Contribution to Spectrum

The Colonial Athletic Association named Sacred Heart University’s senior attack TJ Hutmacher (Pearl River, NY) as the “CAA Player of the Week” this past week.

Hutmacher scored four goals and contributed four assists to lead Sacred Heart to a 16-8 victory over Hartford last Wednesday. The eight points were a season high for Hutmacher, who is tied for the CAA lead in scoring with 47 points for the season. The win by Sacred Heart snapped Hartford’s six-game winning streak. In addition, the win over the Hawks marked the first time the Pioneers have beaten Hartford since head coach Tom Mariano took over the program in the 1997 season. Previous CAA Players of the Week include Hutmacher’s teammates Stephen Grabow, Michael Sullivan and Stephen Brandung from #3 Loyola, Kyle Campbell from #14 Towson, and Scott Dooley and Tom Kessler from #11 Hofstra.

The Pioneers travel to Staten Island, NY on Tuesday, April 30 to match up with Wagner at 4 p.m. They return home on Saturday, May 4 to wrap up the regular season hosting Towson at 1 p.m. on Campus Field.

A senior recaps four years of sports highlights

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Not to be out done, both the men’s and women’s hockey teams proved to be formidable challenges on the ice. The men made their way to the semi-finals of their Conference tournament and women won the NEAC open women’s title. With their other teams starting to challenge for title, Sacred Heart sports look to be on their way up.

Who can forget Barry Bond’s run these last few years or the feeling of pride everyone felt when Devvern Johnson was drafted this past May. Many things have defined my life here at SHU and I could find no better example then sports to my life. Everyone has something, I’m just happy to express to all of you some of the great memories that I have had here.
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