Student Government Candidates Ready for Close Race

By Eileen Galian & Elaine McCauley
Staff Reporter & News Editor

Don’t worry it's still not too late to vote for student government. Today April 3rd is the last date to vote. The polls are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can vote online or in flik during these times. Flik will have laptops set up for your convenience, or you can check your Sacred Heart e-mail for the link.

Sophomore Shannon Kinney, who is running for President of the Class of 2005 said, “Since we switched over to online voting more people have voted because it’s easier and more convenient, you can do it in your own room or right after you eat at flik.” Kinney also stated, “The more people that vote the better the election.”

Junior Meagan Walsh (Stewart Manor, NY) said, “I like how you can vote while you are home online; everyone should vote it only takes a few moments.”

For those who are not sure how elections are run, here is a little review. Among the many positions available some are appointed and some are voted on. The positions that are appointed are Vice Presidents of Finance Board, CCO, S.E.T., Greek Life, and E-Board Secretary. A small group that includes the present Student Government President, Tom Pesce the current advisor of the group and Denise Tibero who is the student-governing advisor, appoints these positions. This is running for this position because he says he is experienced with Student Government and is “well acquainted with all the problems that SHU students face and am well equipped to solve these problems.”

If elected SG President, Whalen hopes to “work with the students and make sure that everyone’s opinion is accounted for in big issues such as housing and parking and in little issues such as programming and the type of salad in flik.”

Savage, (Taunton, MA) who is known for wearing the t-shirts with his picture on them as part of his campaign, said, “My main campaign strategy is just to be seen. I try to walk around as much as possible and talk to students and let them ask me questions.”

He also said, “I feel like I have that quality about me to get the students to like the school as much as I do” and wants to be “a great listener because I am a representative for the students.”

Juniors Jason Bowszka and Jennifer Hradek are the two candidates running for Executive Vice President of Senate. Hradek, is running for re-election for the VP of Senate because “I’ve gotten many things accomplished this year with Senate and I have some unfinished projects I’d like to complete. Along with the Senate, I started some new traditions and carried on old Senate traditions. I have a huge amount of energy for SHU and its students and their concerns.”

She hopes that her extensive Senate experience will help her pull out another victory.

Bowsza (East Windsor) is aiming to “bring the Senate to a point where it can continue to build each year” and wants to “take on projects that would directly effect the students.”

By interning with a state Senator Bill Finch, Bowsza already has experience working with government in the real world. Senator Finch was even willing to come to campus on Tuesday to help Bowsza campaign for this position.

“Jay is a terrific intern and has public service in his blood,” said Finch. He added that while on campus he was “going right up to students and telling them how much I think of Jay and use my persuasive abilities to try to get him a couple of votes.”

Bowsza is confident that he is “outspoken enough for people to listen” and has “total faith that the best candidate will win.”

For each class election, every class has eight positions to fill - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Senators. All students will be able to vote for their specific class officers as well as having the opportunity to choose the school-wide positions.

Jon Cetells, who is running for the President of the Class of 2006 realizes that this election will be a close race for all positions. He said, “I’m very excited to see what the turnout will be, all of the candidates are very good. I just hope that the students are happy with the outcome.”

So if you haven’t voted already you still have time, be sure to make your vote count before 6:00 p.m. tonight. Your vote can make a difference.

SHU Cheer, Dance, and Winterguard Showcase Their Nationals Routines

Last Wednesday night, March 26, the SHU Cheerleaders, Dance Team and Winterguard performed their nationals routines for the Sacred Heart community. This was the first time the three performance groups came together to exhibit the routines they compete with. The Cheerleaders and Dance Team left for NCAANDA College Nationals in Daytona Beach, Fl. yesterday and the Winterguard goes to compete nationally in Dayton, Ohio next weekend.
News Briefs

Don't Forget to VOTE!
Today is the last day to vote in the Student Government Elections. You can vote conveniently online to elect next year’s positions. Don’t miss out on your chance to have a say in who wins.

Attention all Clubs and Organizations
On April 7th and 8th DaVor Photgraphy will be coming to SHU to take group pictures for the 2003 Prologue Yearbook. Any club that wants a picture taken must sign up for a time slot on those two days between 8 and 11 p.m. Sign up in the Yearbook Office (next to the ATM) by April 6. Also, you can drop off any candid pictures of your club/organization up until the last day of classes, May 5.

Trip to the Bronx Zoo
Next Saturday, April 12, you can take a trip to the Bronx Zoo. The bus leaves from Public Safety at 9 am. You can sign up with Pam Barnum in Student Activities. Don’t miss out!

Public Safety Reports
March 28th:
8:48 p.m. - In South Parking Lot there was a motor vehicle accident involving a staff member in a University owned vehicle. There were no injuries and Fairfield PD was called.

March 29th:
2:09 a.m. - West Hall residents were involved in a verbal dispute with visitors. The visitors were told to leave and they complied.
4:22 a.m. - Security reported items were being thrown from a South Hall window and officers identified the parties. They were told to clean up the items and they complied.
11:51 a.m. - A West Hall resident became ill. 911 was called and she was transported to the hospital via ambulance.
9:49 p.m. - A West Hall resident injured his ankle while running. He was transported to the hospital via taxi.

March 30th:
9:42 a.m. - An officer observed graffitti on ceiling tiles in South Hall. B&G was notified.
6:06 p.m. - A South Hall resident’s digital camera was stolen from his room.

March 31st:
8:30 a.m. - A staff member injured his wrist while working in the Pitt Center.
11:59 a.m. - A visitor reported he damaged his vehicle due to a pothole in the road by the Pitt Center.
9:37 p.m. - The West Hall elevator doors were pushed off track. B&G was notified.

Majors Fair - “It’s Time to Declare”

Academic Advisement Stresses the Importance of Declaring a Major Early

By Sarah Keller
Staff Reporter

Today there is a Majors Fair from 5 - 7:30 PM in the University Commons. A Majors Fair is an event where all academic departments are represented and their faculty provides information on their particular major area. Students are able to meet with the faculty represented and gather valuable information to make a decision on the major they will declare.

According to Frances Collazo-Curtis, Director of Academic Advisement, attending a Majors Fair is important because “... declaring a major is important because it helps students to determine their interests and goals. This can help them make an informed decision about their future careers.”

Senior Maria Hendrickson from Boonville, NY, said, “Even though I declared my major and never changed it, I regret not applying to the education department during my sophomore year because if I had, I would be going for my Master’s next year instead of taking classes for my certification.”

All freshmen must attend the Majors Fair, and if they are not ready to declare, they will fill out an Undecided Form. “This way, we are sure to assign them an advisor for the following semester,” said Collazo-Curtis. All sophomore freshmen and any sophomores or juniors who have not yet declared a major are encouraged to attend and to declare a major. If students have any questions about the fair or about declaring a major they should contact Frances Collazo-Curtis in SC 125.

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Forensics Specialist Speaks to Sacred Heart Community

By Maureen Daley

Police, forensic science, and sociology were on the agenda for Dr. Henry Lee, Chief Emeritus of the Connecticut State Police Laboratory, who talked to Sacred Heart University students and faculty on behalf of the Criminal Justice Club in a packed Schine Auditorium on Monday evening. Dr. Lee spoke about several cases in which he assisted on, and discussed high profile cases such as the sniper shootings of last fall, Elizabeth Smart’s disappearance and the O.J. Simpson trial.

His presentation consisted of a series of slides showing crime scenes and murder victims. Dr. Lee discussed each slide with the audience, pointing out pivotal clues in each that would help solve the case and find the culprit.

“I thought it was great how he incorporated visuals and comedy into his lecture,” said sophomore Valerie Burns of Chelmsford, MA.

Dr. Lee stated that everything he wants and needs to know to solve a crime is located at the scene, yet oftentimes he is called in for his expertise too late. In the case of Elizabeth Smart, Dr. Lee was called in to handle the “hot potato,” as he called it, after the Salt Lake City investigators came to a halt in their investigation. Earlier in the search for Smart, the case investigators declined Dr. Lee’s assistance.

He also said that the O.J. Simpson murder investigation could have been solved on day one if the bodies of Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman had not been moved from the scene of the crime. Nicole Simpson had visible fingerprints on her upper arm, and if she had not been taken to the morgue where they were washed off, they could have been used to identify the killer.

“The lecture was awesome. Henry Lee is the man. He told us how the O.J. trial could have been solved in less than a day had the evidence been left untouched. Overall it was a good lecture,” said sophomore Matt Braley of Falmouth, MA.

In investigating any crime scene, Dr. Lee told the audience that an investigator has to see the entire area and have the ability to look around and make logical conclusions about their observations. He also said that one small piece of evidence, such as a shoe print, can also solve an entire case.

“Dr. Henry Lee was not only a very informative speaker, but he was humorous as well, which enhanced the lecture greatly,” said sophmore Erica Cudina of NYK, NY.

Technological advances have also changed the way crime scenes are investigated. Tools such as portable x-ray devices, electrostatic lifting devices, several light sources and chemicals assist investigators in solving crimes. DNA matching, another important tool used in investigations, can also link suspects or exonerate people.

“It was an interesting lecture, and I liked how he used bits of humor to keep it from becoming too heavy,” said sophomore Lauren Brown of Georges, VT.

Dr. Lee contrasted true crime scene investigations with the popular crime dramas on television today, where cases are solved by the second commercial.

“In real life, we don’t have a second commercial,” stated Dr. Lee. Dr.Lee, implying that solutions are not that easy to come by. He emphasized that it is the job of scientists and investigators to be objective and to just report the facts of a case.

Dr. Lee has over 35 years of practical experience in several fields, and has investigated more than 4,000 homicides. He has testified as an expert witness over 1,000 times in criminal and civil cases. Dr. Lee is also a consultant for over 300 police and law enforcement agencies.

In Fr. Gustavo’s Words - “Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”

This column, written by Fr. Gustavo Fallo, was also printed in the Fairfield County Catholic.

As I sit by my computer and think about the subject that I have chosen for this column, I cannot avoid feeling like the majority of people at this time of war, including young and old. I sense the tremendous pressure that the war against Iraq brings upon all of us and indeed, the whole world. The temptation to become argumentative and dig deeper into the very much discussed issue of this war crosses my mind but then I dismiss it as something that needs to talk about an even more powerful subject, peace.

The millions of students that attend college both here and abroad are living through an historical moment that will have an impact on them for the rest of their lives, whether they want it or not. CNN, ABC, FOX News, the Associated Press and every mega news company are constantly giving updates about the war. Both on print and in the air, the war is being followed with such a passion that on occasions it seems as if reporters are talking about a soccer match. There is however, a less spoken of communication phenomena that is not getting as much attention from the general public, namely, the number of email messages, personal notes, telephone calls, instant messages, pictures and web addresses that are being exchanged by individuals worldwide. This plethora of information can be seen as an expression of the human need to get actively involved in life issues, a need to be in the world, a need to be part of the world.

When it comes to the subject of getting involved in war and/or conflict, there are always three clear positions that can be taken: attack, defense and observation. It is obvious that those in the position of attack need to put on a good defense as well. Humanly speaking, one could say that what motivates us to opt for any of these three roles is pretty much in accord with what the heart dictates. No matter what you and I decide to do in times of conflict, the heart is always involved. Interestingly enough it is the human heart that God targets. It is the human heart what God wants for himself. After all, it is through the loving Heart of the Son of God that we learn how to act with the compassion of the very Heart of God.

First On-Campus AIDS Walk Benefits Important Cause

By Keri Nastri

Staff Reporter

Saturday, March 29, 2003 was the first on-campus AIDS walk; the sisters of Phi Omega Tau hosted the event. “Our goal was to be able to designate an area on campus, where a large group of students concerned with finding a cure for艾滋病 and walk to raise funds for our cause,” said Angela Mercer, walk co-coordinator, and a sophomore from Plainfield.

The walk took place on the track around Campus Field behind the Pitt Center. To start off the walk, Dunkin Donuts donated two-dozen donuts and FLIK gave one hundred bottles of water. Including the sisters who participated, there were approximately seventy people.

“We definitely would have liked to see more people there. However, we understand that the weather was a factor and it was our first time planning an event like this,” said Michelle Contino, a junior from Port Washington, NY, and co-coordinator of the walk.

Krista Nasha, a sophomore from Old Saybrook and a sister of Phi Omega Tau said, “For our first year it was a good start. We learned a lot and know what needs to be improved for next year. We hope that this walk will become an annual event.”

The walk lasted an hour and refreshments were available afterward. One participant, Stefano DeSantis, a junior from New York, NY, stated, “What a great idea. It’s not too strenuous, and it allows people to raise money for a good cause, while walking and talking with friends.”

“Overall it was a great morning and we are still accepting donations. Next year our goal is to raise more funds and have more participants. We also would like to get major corporate sponsors and walk to the walk to the community. We would like to thank everyone that lent their support this year,” said Mercer.
Can’t Decide Where to Live? 
These Snapshots Can Help Make Your Choice Easier

Pictured above is an apartment in Park Royal, a complex located on Park Ave, approximately two miles from SHU. Park Royal is available to seniors and juniors to live in one to five person apartments.

Pictured here is a common room and bathroom in Parkridge, which is available to seniors and juniors in apartments that can fit 2 to 8 people. It is located on Park Ave. approx. 1 mile past East Hall. The Townhouses (not pictured) fit eight or nine people.

J-Hill has apartments that fit 8 people in 3 bedrooms. The apartments also include a kitchen. There are 13 sophomore and 19 junior apartments available.

See more pictures of housing options on page 9 in the Features section of The Spectrum.

Famed Sportswriter Frank Deford
Headlines SHU’s Annual Celebrity Breakfast

By Marisa Ierardi
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University held its fifth annual Celebrity Breakfast on Tuesday, April 1 at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn on Main Street. The doors opened promptly at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast was served at 7:45 a.m.

This year’s celebrity speaker was Frank Deford, one of the most multi-talented sportswriters in America. He has worked in virtually every medium but has returned to writing for Sports Illustrated magazine. In addition, he could be found every Wednesday morning doing commentary on Morning Edition on National Public Radio. He is also noted as a regular on television as a correspondent on HBO’s Real Sports, which is hosted by Bryant Gumbel.

Deford has written 13 books over the years, two of which he wrote in dedication of his daughter who died of cystic fibrosis. These works were made into movies, while one of his other books is being adapted for a Broadway musical. In addition to his books, he also wrote the original screenplay for the film Trading Hearts.

As a journalist, Deford has won numerous awards for his talent and proficiency. He was voted six times by his peers as U.S. Sportswriter of the Year.

Deford spoke to those who attended the event, which will benefit Sacred Heart University’s Pioneer intercollegiate athletic program. As part of the event the Sacred Heart coaches served as waiters.
NEASC: Reform Faculty Governance

By Mark Stanczak
Staff Reporter

Dr. Anthony Cernera, President of Sacred Heart University, recently announced the creation of a new faculty assembly during closed meetings with faculty and staff last Wednesday, March 26.

The new assembly, to be composed of all willing junior and senior faculty members, will have the role of ratifying all decisions made by the Faculty Senate. Created in 1991, the current Senate consists of faculty members elected to represent their respective colleges and departments. Prior to the creation of the new assembly, the Senate recommended that it would be voted on and sent directly to the University's president.

The new body was created "to improve faculty involvement in governance," according to Cernera. The President said the move was prompted by a recommendation of the NEASC accreditation team. Cernera described his concerns that the current Faculty Senate is not representative of all instructors, especially junior faculty, and that its structure is outdated. "The faculty assembly will be a temporary body," said Cernera, "pending the creation of a new faculty governance system to replace the current Senate." Cernera estimated that the process could take months and will include the recommendations of an outside consultant.

A "concern noted by two [NEASC] members was that... the current methodology for faculty governance is ineffective," said Academic Vice President Thomas Forger. "[They said] we needed to find a better way to engage all the faculty, especially the junior faculty." The team's concern roughly mirrored that presented on page 22 of the University's "NEASC Self Study 2003," a document created to assess the status of the University in preparation for the NEASC visit. This document is available on the campus network under "Public Folders."

While it is widely agreed among both faculty and administration that the current system of faculty governance is imperfect, many faculty members disagree over the validity of the President's solution. "I think it's an empowerment measure on the part of the President, which is a good thing," stated Professor Gary Rose, chair of the Political Science Department. "In recent years I would say that the Senate and the administration have not at all been on the same page. What we're seeing is polarized politics."

"Very few people have gotten involved in the Senate because they know it's a no-win situation, so they stay out of it," Rose observed. "I welcome a general assembly right now because there are a lot of good people around here who we should be listening to that—for all intents and purposes—have been muted."

"I think it will be a great thing," believes Forget. "The opportunity to have a greater faculty voice is essential." Yet, others disagree with such optimistic appraisal.

"My problem with [the assembly] is that you never get a committee of the whole," said one senior faculty member, skeptical of the President's decision. "The professor would speak only on condition of anonymity. "We'll have a dually elected system. [The Senate will] report to a self-selected body, made by a group of people who speak only for themselves."

"In my experience, nothing will change," predicted Philosophy Professor Edward Papa. "The administration will continue to hold all the cards."

Concerned that governance is being restructured for ulterior motives, Dr. Bahu George, president of the Faculty Senate, stated, "[Cernera] can reform the faculty government not by decree, but by talking. Up until now I don't know why—and many Senators don't know why—he hasn't met with the Senate as a whole. He refuses."

"It is a representative body," asserted George. "[Cernera] approved the constitution, he approved everything... he had no problem [with the Senate] until we started to question."

Rose believes that the motives for the restructuring are more forthright. "When you have a team of accreditors saying [faculty governance] is a serious problem, who came to that conclusion based on multiple interviews with faculty and so forth, then you do have a problem," he said. "And the administration is taking the appropriate action."
A Time to Speak

The last time the United States was at war, most of the traditionally aged students at Sacred Heart were in grade school. I was eight years old when the Persian Gulf War began. At eight my major contribution was to tie yellow ribbons around trees in my front yard and sending letters to soldiers in the Middle East with my 3rd grade class. I only remember a few things about the war. I remember Norman Schwarzkopf’s face very clearly and I remember seeing green fuzzy pictures on my television that ended in a video game. War has never been a reality to me and I know I’m not the only one. This is really the first time any of us, and by us I mean the majority of the student body, have been forced to take a stand on a major political issue. While some still chose to and remain opinionless, many students are picking up newspapers and watching CNN to find out what exactly is going on. Why now? Because we’re the people it really effects. The decisions that are being made now are shaping the nation we are going to inherit in our adulthood and the nation we will raise our proverbial children in.

The present war in Iraq is a situation that no one really seems to be entirely comfortable with. And I don’t really know how someone can be comfortable. Whether you agree or disagree, support or protest, there is not a comfortable state of being. And look around you, Americans like nothing less than to be uncomfortable. We are part of a truly pampered culture and anything that interrupts that is simply bad news. We nearly choked on the thought of curtsying our right to a red carpet ceremony at the Oscars. Really, what are you thinking, this is America.

So naturally we’re going to complain about having to show our school ID’s every time we come on campus, and of course were going to grumble about feeling like we’re on look down, and of course were going to squirm when we feel we are being judged for our opinions and principles. But honestly, what else would you like to be judged for? Having an opinion, be it pro-war, anti-war, or anywhere in between, means you take on an understanding that others will or won’t share it. The idea of having an opinion, especially a political opinion, is married to the idea that at some point it will place you out of favor, and you will have to defend it.

"I have heard time and time again that this is no time for protest; this is a time for support. But I feel that this is a time for education, change and responsibility.”

Yes, I get aggravated when I’m backed up in traffic on Park Ave and get honked at. But I don’t have a solution to it, when I do I’ll drop Public Safety a line, but I understand they have a responsibility to heighten security. But inconsistencies at the school entrance and having to take my shoes off at the airport are not what bother me about this war. What frustrates me are the many people who aren’t willing to express an opinion for fear of being opposed.

There is a lot about this war that I don’t agree with or understand. But I do know that my generation is simply not prepared to change our lifestyle to accommodate a war, and now we are struggling to catch up. But its time we did. We are at war whether we like it or not. So if you want to walk out of all of your classes or sit yourself on Capitol Hill in protest, or if you want to hang a flag out your window or enlist in the army, go ahead and regardless of my opinion I’ll applaud you. But do something, be intelligent and accept that this is a part of our world and our lives now. I dread the thought of my peers being afraid to be passionate about what they believe in.

That’s the whole purpose of this war, to fight for our right to speak out, to oppose and to be opposed. Despite obvious other political and economic agendas surrounding this war, the primary reason America has armed forces is to defend that right. If we, the generation of the educated future are too afraid or simply too indifferent to express an opinion then I think we should call our troops back and tell them to come home to their families.

I have heard time and time again that this is no time for protest; this is a time for support. But I feel that this is a time for education, change and responsibility. Let’s prove that the rights our soldiers are fighting to protect are worth fighting for and that we aren’t a generation that will let them go to tragic waste.

By Katie Fanning
Contributing Writer

Two Weeks Notice

December 7, 2001 is a day that will live in our memories; this is the day that coach Santoli walked into our lives. Have you ever seen a world record in person? Have you ever seen a 6’6”, 360 lb man in a kit dunk a basketball? How about a man in a shirt and tie power clean more than you can squat? We are the privileged few that have had the pleasure of witnessing these events. It is through our relationship with Mr. Santoli that we have had this honor.

"Today he submitted his resignation; in two weeks he will be gone. Immediately there was a feeling of emptiness that consumed us.”

We say relationship because what the SHU throwers and coach Santoli shared was so much more than an athlete coach relationship. To us he was an athlete, coach, mentor, teacher, history buff, comedian, world record holder, guidance counselor, role model, All-American, and friend. Coach Santoli currently works for graduate admissions, as the Student Athletic Advisory Council adviser, and an assistant coach for the Sacred Heart Track Team.

Today he submitted his resignation; in two weeks he will be gone. Immediately there was a feeling of emptiness that consumed us. This feeling is not because we are losing a coach, but because we are losing a friend. To say it doesn’t hurt would be a lie, but we understand that there are more important things in life than being an assistant track coach. All we can hope is that he will always remember this mediocre group of students that he made a formidable force in the NEC, because we certainly will never forget him. Sacred Heart University is now a better place because of his presence and we wish coach Santoli the best of luck in whatever comes his way.

By Gregg Curley
Contributing Writer

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Letters/Op-Ed

Student Reaction to Gas Dilemma

As most people already know, in the last few months gas prices in the USA have been skyrocketing and, in fact, a record was recently set for the highest national average gas price ever. The average price in the USA is now $1.728 a gallon, which broke the previous record, set in May 2001 as reported by the Energy Information Administration. The lowest price was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at $1.48 and the highest price was in San Diego, California, at $2.18.

For now, the price seems to have leveled off but because of the War in Iraq who knows what will happen in the near future. The prices could stay where they are now, or as many people seem to think, the prices could begin going up again. One would think that since gas prices have been going steadily upward the price of crude oil, which is refined into gasoline, would be going up as well.

However, since March 17, the day of President Bush’s ultimatum to Saddam Hussein, the price of crude oil has been dropping. This is mainly caused by reduced uncertainty in Middle East oil supplies, meaning the gas companies are expecting to have access to the Middle East oil supplies very easily.

Predicting what will happen when the war with Iraq is over is a next to impossible feat. Who knows what kind of access or rights America will have to the oil fields when the war ends? So, my question is why are the gas companies not transferring this drop in oil prices to the prices at the pumps?

It is most likely because the crude oil price will not stay as low as it has dropped and the gas companies would like to increase their profits while they can. War makes a good excuse for inflating prices without a good reason. However, why should the hardworking citizens of this country pay through the nose for gasoline? In my opinion, we shouldn’t have to, and unless there is a big piece of the puzzle that I am missing that should be obvious to anyone who fills their car up with gas.

Of course, identifying the problem is only half of the job. Finding a solution is a much more difficult prospect, but it still should be done. The solution must encompass all gasoline distributors as well because it is obvious that there has been an arrangement reached to keep prices high or else there would be much larger variations in gas prices from station to station.

The government should investigate the possibility that the gas companies and distributors have illegally agreed to deepen the price of gas artificially high in order to increase their profits at the expense of the consumer. If the government does not step in then, to be honest, I do not know what can be done about this.

However, something should be done, and soon or the American people will continue to cut down on buying gas which will eventually decrease profits for the gas companies. In other words this will become a lose lose situation that will hurt many people and companies driven by the oil companies short-term desire to inflate profits.

Editor’s Note

The Spectrum would like to apologize for the mix up in the SHU Voices section in last week’s issue. Again, our apologies for the confusion with the quotes and pictures. Thank you.

The SHU Voices

How do you feel now that there is less than 1 month of school left? -Compiled by Susan Magnano

Spectrum Gets Recognition Via E-Mail

I just wanted to tell you all how much I have been enjoying The Spectrum of late. You have some excellent reporting and you are dealing with substantial issues. Wonderful! And, honestly, I don’t remember the last I saw time I saw such an such an improvement in the newspaper in such a short time. Keep up the good work!

By Louise Spence
Contributing Writer

By Dennis Fleischmann
Contributing Writer

By Tom Etense

SHU senior, Tom Etense reacts to recent Spectrum editorials regarding war and security on campus, in his comic shown above.
Stop, Drop & Roll Is Not Enough

By Lindsey Gerskoff
Staff Reporter

At a very young age children are taught the basic rules of fire safety; stop, drop and roll, and that that equals danger. Kids learn that it is important to know what to do in an emergency, how to escape their own home, and how to find a safe meeting spot with their family members. How, at such a young age are children so fire conscious, and grown adults, don't even know where the exit of their local bar, movie theater, or gym is? Ignorance isn't always bliss. Due to the recent tragic nightclub fire in West Warwick, RI, people are beginning to become more aware of their surroundings. But is this also true for party prone college kids? Sacred Heart students can be found any night of the week in Bridgeport and Fairfield's local bars, but have these students stopped to look around and notice all the exits, if the bar is equipped with fire prevention sprinklers, or even who will remain sober to help when needed? Junior, Elaine Ovecka, of Brandon, VT has enjoyed going out since her freshman year.

"I have gone to Murphy's so many weekends, I can't even count, but I have no idea if the bar has a sprinkler system...or an emergency exit," Ovecka said.

Connecticut's attorney general, Richard Blumenthal, is aware that many patrons at local bars do not stop to think of such things as exits. In a recent meeting of the Public Safety Committee, Blumenthal urged the committee to consider safety measures that could help prevent the recurrence of recent tragic fires in nursing homes in Hartford and Bridgeport as well as the Rhode Island nightclub.

Current law states that only buildings constructed after 1987 are mandated to have sprinkler systems, and that buildings with a capacity under 300 people, are not required to have sprinklers.

"Experience shows that every commercial building - no matter when constructed - should be equipped with sprinkler systems if it is used or inhabited by people who may be unable to appreciate the danger of fire or flee it quickly," Richard Blumenthal said. "Sprinklers are an absolutely vital safety measure, often a matter of life and death." Christopher L. Morano, the Chief State's Attorney for Connecticut, agrees with Blumenthal and also suggests new regulations such as floor lit exits, wider entrances, mandated use of sprinkler systems, and harsher punishments for those who do not comply.

Many people may not be aware of the exits of local bars, but they should be.

Freddy Giusullo, the manager of Murphy's Law in Bridgeport, is proud to say, "Murphy's is nothing like the bar in RI. We are prepared for an emergency if one should happen, but we do not anticipate a problem." Murphy's is well equipped with four available exits, has sprinklers, and obeys its maximum occupancy rule, a consistent Giusullo continues.

Another local bar, The Sports Page in Bridgeport, welcomes college students and encourages a good, safe time. Manager Joe Beam is pleased to report that there are five available exits and a sprinkler system in the Page. Giusullo and Beam were happy to talk to the American Fire Sprinkler Association. Russell's Pub in Fairfield had no manager available to comment for the paper, however they do welcome all patrons to look around for themselves. It is a fact that sprinklers can save lives. The National Fire Protection Agency, (NFPA) has no record of a fire killing more than two people in a completely sprinkler building where the system was properly operating, except in an explosion or flash fire or in cases when fire fighters were killed during fire suppression operations.

It may be awkward, or even morbid, to search around for sprinkler systems, or well lit exits, or fire extinguishers, but if you do, it could save your life.

"May be if the people in the RI bar had sprinklers or firefighters, or at least where the exits were, they would have been more cautious," said junior Gregory Tomnala, from Denville, NJ.

Sprinklers are only required in buildings that hold 300 or more persons, luckily for Sacred Heart Students, many local bar owners have been smart enough to install sprinkler systems even if their maximum capacity is less than 300. Students are urged to become familiar with their surroundings.

For more information, log on to the American Fire Sprinkler Association's website: http://wwwfiresprinkler.org/

Student View: How To Deal With artime Worries

By Diana Lumani
Staff Reporter

The uncertainty that comes along with the existing war in Iraq and a high state of terror alert leaves Americans susceptible to more worry, stress and anxiety than a non-war average day would present. Anxiety is a fear of the unknown, that's what is getting to everyone, according to senior Angie Phelan, a psychology major from Armonk, NY.

"The war can affect people's anxiety level. Most people might experience some stress but can go on with their daily lives," said William Harris, SHU graduate of Psychology from New Britain, CT.

Possible sources of the anxiety, according to Harris, include a general threat of nuclear war, students facing the idea of being mentioned in the war and the general feeling of helplessness among many members of the American public with the current situation.

This feeling of anxiety is "absolutely normal and a common reaction," according to Phelan. "With Sept. 11, there was a 25-30 percent increase in anxiety.

"It's important to realize that you may be vulnerable but you're not helpless. There are things people can do to bring a sense of control and predictability to their lives," Harris said.

"Some people can cope with direct action by buying sheets, extra food and water. Some might join the service to protect the country," Harris said.

Monitoring exposure to the events is helpful when the news about these events is constantly on the television, according to Phelan. It is necessary that people know what their tolerance is to these things. Phelan suggests reading the headlines off of the Internet and if that isn't good enough, then go and read the full story. Finding social support is extremely important. "Talk to other people, don't become isolated," Harris said.

"Take care of yourself. Try to keep your same routine," Phelan said. Events like this are one source of stress. When one takes on a lot during stressful times such as these it adds to the anxiety as well.

"Keep your life at an easy pace," Phelan said.

One thing that should be considered, according to Harris, is that although Sept. 11 was a negative event, people were able to use it as a growth experience. In times like these, many people think about what they can do to make their lives more worthwhile.

"Keep your life at an easy pace" Angie Phelan

However, if these feelings of anxiety interfere with daily activities, one should consider visiting a physician or mental health professional, according to the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

"The APA suggests that the following symptoms, among others, may indicate a need for a medical evaluation: changes in eating and sleeping habits; physical problems: stomach upsets, back and neck aches, headaches; inability to focus or concentrate on the task at hand, feeling tense in previously enjoyed activities; and extreme fear of leaving the house."
6 Choices For Your Home Away From Home

By Kerry Freel
Features Editor

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Housing selection begins on April 7 for those who will be seniors and want to live with other seniors next year. Pictured above and in the news section, are six of the places SHU sophomores, juniors, and seniors can live next year.

Every location has its pros and cons. The pros range from convenient walking distance from campus to maid service. The cons include needing a car on campus and sharing a confined living space with many other students.

Distance is a big issue for students who will need to plan accordingly to ensure they get to class on time. While Jefferson Hill and Parkridge are within walking distance of under 10 minutes from the main academic building, the other dormitories require a car or a shuttle service.

Taft Commons and Park Royal are relatively close to one another, as are the AmeriSuites and Ramada Inn Hotels. The potential inconvenience is the travelling time. While Taft and Park Royal are fairly close to SHU's campus, at least nine traffic lights may shine red lights and cause the drive to be more of a hassle than expected.

The AmeriSuites and Ramada Inn Hotels are easily accessed via Route 8, but that leaves them open to traffic jams on that roadway. The staff of each hotel provided a tour of a typical room. SHU students would be staying in, showed the "Ving" card or key which would give students access to not only their room but the indoor pools on the first floor at each hotel, and expressed their anticipated warm welcome of SHU students in the fall.

Parkridge, Taft and Jefferson Hill are exclusively student residential options while Park Royal, and the two hotels are occupied by a wide array of individuals. The hotel management, in conjunction with SHU residential life, plans to block off certain floors in the hotels that will be for students only. This information is according to a recent e-mail about the housing configurations sent out by residential life and the people who gave the tours of the hotels.

The hotels differ primarily in that the bathroom sink is outside of the literal bathroom at the AmeriSuites, where they have a couch in the "common area" of the room. The Ramada Inn has the sink inside the bathroom, has a bar on the first floor, and also a mini-arcade on the first floor. Taft, Park Royal, Parkridge and Jefferson Hill give the true apartment affect while the hotels are single rooms. There are six different options for housing for juniors and seniors, while sophomores can choose between East Hall and Jefferson Hill.

Housing can be a headache, but beyond the stress are thoughts of how to decorate the living space and meeting new neighbors in the school year to come!
Madonna Speaks out Against War in Song

By Colleen Mitranro Staff Writer

Though Madonna has made a career out of shocking behavior, her new video for her single "American Life" is stirring up a lot of controversy.

Madonna's new video depicts her in an anti-war stance; which many feel is inappropriate considering the recent events. Although Madonna is causing some heated controversy she told Nancy O'Dell in an interview that aired on "Access Hollywood" that she is using her emotions since 9/11 as a driving force for her video.

"I am in a lot of pain like everybody. It is so scary what is happening...Since 9/11 it feels like danger and suffering is creeping closer and closer to us," said Madonna during the interview.

Contrary to what many believe Madonna insisted during the interview that the video was conceived back in November, but consequently her new single is out now and with wars raging in Iraq it has just been a catalyst for controversy.

Besides Madonna just being seen behaving as some would deem "unpatriotic", the end of her video offers quite the questionable depiction of President Bush singing a lighter as a lighter for his cigar.

In defense of this controversial scene, Madonna insisted during the interview that she is not being unpatriotic. "It is not me being anti-Bush—it's me being ironic and tongue in cheek," revealed Madonna. "It's my kind of wish for peace and my desire to sort of turn a weapon of destruction, which is a grenade, into something that is completely innocuous. It's my wish to finding an alternative to violence, to war and destruction."

During the interview Madonna also addressed the rumor that after her record company saw the video, they made her edit it. Yet, Madonna insisted that it was her choice. "No one forced me to do anything. I have changed this on my own volition. I am saying exactly what I want to say," stated Madonna to O'Dell.

However, Madonna is not the only celebrity who is sharing their opinions about the war. Many celebrities such as Susan Sarandon, Martin Sheen, and Michael Moore all spoke their minds about their feelings on the current war. Though all strong opinions, none were as strong as Moore's speech he gave after he won an Oscar on March 23.

Madonna who is acquainted with Moore expressed her feelings about his controversial anti-war speech during her interview with O'Dell, "He has every right to speak his mind and some people might not agree with his opinions, but that is what being an American is. Everybody has a constitutional right to express themselves and voice their opinion."

Nevertheless Madonna's new video will still stir up tons of controversy and many will continue to feel that she is being unpatriotic. Yet, Madonna feels she is doing nothing wrong by using art to express her emotions. She feels she is only portraying American life as it is today; there is nothing anti-war or unpatriotic about it.

"I am trying to portray the fragility of human life with children, with soldiers. I am trying to say that this is not a fashion show, this is not entertainment, this is real and we have to recognize it," she said.

Linkin Park's "Meteora" a Decent Effort

By: Jessica Gruszkievicz Staff Writer

Linkin Park's sophomore effort "Meteora" is a solid release with one of its few downfalls being that the album is only about 36 minutes.

Nevertheless, even if you aren't a huge fan of this type of music you can still appreciate the in-depth quality that the band puts into it's lyrics, sound, and visual art. All of those aspects give the band the esteem it well deserves, especially after their wildly popular first album "Hybrid Theory" which broke records all around.

"It's a good follow-up to 'Hybrid Theory,' it doesn't top it, however it's still worth buying," said Stephen Giunast, a senior and WHRT's radio-station manager, from Manchester, NJ.

On one hand, if you are looking for something newer or more creative from the band to surpass their "Hybrid Theory" popularity you may not want this CD. It has the same type of hip-hop verses, the same grindingly melodious guitar licks, the same scratchy metal choruses, and same wailing to whispering vocals. Those all make a good album, however it doesn't exceed their original.

What's even more interesting is that this short 36-minute album also includes a 35-minute DVD, which includes some documentary footage on the band, screen-savers, a music video, merchandise offers, and pitches for the band's so-called "Underground" fan club. Femally enough though, the band included a DVD almost just as long as their CD, which may make their fans wonder where their priorities are.

On the other hand what really makes the album stand out is the similarities that cleverly contrast with the differences it has from their first album. The similarities being some of the better songs, like "Breaking the Habit," "From the Inside," "Lying From You," Don't Stay," and "Somewhere I Belong" (which may end up becoming the next radio favorite since "In the End").

On the other hand the band does add one very fresh and innovative track called "Nobody's Listening." The song is a very inventive and captivating one which features a Japanese flute in the background, and while very surprising, it makes for a very creative and catchy tune. Then there's also the one instrumental song, which doesn't quite seem to fit in, and makes you wonder why they left out the words.
SHU Professors work on an “Extra Credit Project”

By Ryan Broadin
Staff Writer

After correcting papers, preparing lectures, and teaching class all week, several Sacred Heart University faculty members have come together during their free time to perform and sing.

Known as The Extra Credit Project, this all-professor band has three members: Steven Michels, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, Michael Ventimiglia, Ph.D., philosophy and religious studies professor, and Vern Taylor, M.A., adjunct religious studies professor.

Michels is the founder of The Extra Credit Project. When he arrived at Sacred Heart University last April, he spoke to Taylor and Ventimiglia.

After learning about their penchant for music, Michels decided to form a band with the professors.

“It turned out that Steven is a Rolling Stones fan, I like Bob Dylan, and Vern was into metal and funk as a kid,” said Ventimiglia.

Each member in The Extra Credit Project has a stage name. “We don’t use our real names when we play. It was my idea to come up with stage names that are mixed with the names of philosophers and musicians,” said Michels.

He noted that his stage name in The Extra Credit Project is Aristotle Enthistle.

For the name of the band, the professors agreed on using The Extra Credit Project after brainstorming, and mulling over a list of names.

“We had a bunch of ideas for names: The Rough Drafts, The Professors and Marianne, and Rolling Stones, but that one was already taken.”

There was a student who overheard Michels talking about band names in his office.

When Michels said the word “extra credit” to a professor, the student walked into the office, and said, “project.”

Michels said the student thought he and the other professor were talking about extra credit projects for a class.

“Extra-Credit was my idea. And one of my students, Danielle Tumbarello, added ‘Project’ to it, and after that, we knew we had it,” said Michels.

The members of the band were going to include the name Marianne from “Gillian’s Island” as a joke.

However, Ventimiglia agreed with Michels on choosing a different name.

“We were going to call the band The Professors and Marianne, but people were just laughing at us,” said Ventimiglia.

The Extra Credit Project plays along rock, blues, punk, and throw a little jazz in there,” said Taylor. “It’s not a question of what we play. What don’t we play?” added Michels.

Michels noted that the professors in The Extra Credit Project do not rehearse, but do impromptu performances.

“We’re not really going to practice. We’re expecting improvisation and genius to work like gravity,” he said.

“We recently came together to have some fun, and to do a gig,” said Taylor.

“When the students hear about it, they just laugh. But the faculty is really excited about it. We hope to draw a large crowd, since the proceeds are going to charity.”

“No, the band is no joke. It’s frighteningly serious. In fact, we dare you to come see us,” said Michels.

Chris Rock Shines in “Head of State”

By Alison Pohorylo
Staff Writer

Chris Rock for President? It might sound funny, but that is just what his new movie, “Head of State”, is all about. Rock plays Miles Gilliam, a local hero in his neighborhood in Washington D.C., a neighborhood he describes in the beginning of the movie as “so bad you could get shot while getting shot.”

When a presidential candidate and his running mate are killed in a plane crash, Debra Lassiter (Lynn Whitfield) and Martin Baker (Dylan Baker) are appointed by Senator Bill Arnot played by James Rebhorn to get Mays to run for office and run his campaign. The Senator did this to help himself win the next election.

He did not expect Mays Gilliam to even come close to winning. Tired of the straight-laced, traditional style of campaigning that Mays starts out, he starts to be more himself- wearing sweat suits instead of a suit and tie, playing the music that he likes, and even using profanity in his speeches. Mays chooses his own brother, Mitch Gilliam, played by Bernie Mac, a bail bondsman who knows nothing about politics, to be his running mate.

He falls in love with gas station attendant/waitress Lisa Clark, played by Tamala Jones. After ignoring him in the beginning, she warms up to him as he tries to win her heart. Mays gains significantly in the polls, but when his opponent begins to air commercials that destroy his image, he finds out why he was chosen to run. Although devastated, he refused to give up, and fought for the Presidency until the polls closed for a dramatic and close finish.

This movie was hilarious. Chris Rock might be one of the funnest people alive. His portrayal of Mays Gilliam is laugh out loud funny and at the same time, emotional. Rock is the perfect candidate for the audience to make a real connection with him. He also wrote the screenplay, produced, and directed the film, allowing the role of Mays to really reflect who he is. Most of the campaign speeches are very similar to Rock’s stand up routines, and the audience was roaring with laughter and his clever lines.

Bernie Mac’s role of Mitch in the film was not as significant as the previous leads on. But when onscreen, he was a scene stealer, whether greeting his brother with a punch to the stomach or face or proudly announcIng “I love crime!”

Although their parts were small, Robin Givens’ performance as Mays’s former girlfriend turned stalker, Kim, was hysterical and Tracy Morgan made the audience laugh out loud with his character, Meat Man, the guy in the neighborhood selling stolen meat to the locals. Also, many scenes were set up by a quick song by Nate Dogg, best known for his hit song with Warren G, “Regulators.”

I would recommend this movie to anyone. It is full of laughs and Rock pushes far toward outrageous with the Mays’s campaign. I won’t say who won the election, but I will say this: I would have definitely voted for Mays Gilliam.

Chris Rock put everything into this film; writing, producing, directing and starring in the film.

Rudd Remains a “Friend” for Final Season

By Donna Palumbo
Staff Writer

The characters of the Emmy Award-winning sitcom “Friends” are sometimes notorious for always having short-lived relationships. But Lisa Kudrow’s character, Phoebe Buffay, is about to break the mold.

As the die-hard “Friends” fans have already noticed, Paul Rudd has been playing Phoebe’s boyfriend Mike for quite some time now—nine episodes to be exact—but there’s even more to come.

The couple first met on the show when Matt LeBlanc, who plays Joey, set the two up on a very unusual double blind date.

Even despite the recent argument between the couple when Rudd said that he couldn’t picture getting married, NBC still hasn’t sent him packing yet. Rudd has just recently signed a contract in which he agreed to appear in the last two episodes of this season, and to be a recurring character next year.

In fact, next season, which will be the tenth and final season for “Friends,” Rudd signed on for five episodes with the option of five more, according to E! Online. The only other outsiders of the “Friends” cast that have lasted this long were Ross’s ex-wives, Carol and Emily. Could this mean wedding bells are in Phoebe’s future?
Dummer’s Successful Approach

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Ashley contributed in more ways than one. Some players just give you a basketball player. She gave us that and so much more. The most important things are sometimes overlooked. Yet in records will eventually be broken; however, the resiliency, toughness, and leadership she continually exhibited are going to be hard to replace," added Swanson.

"I believe that time management is the most crucial aspect of a college student’s life, especially if they are also student-athletes. You need a balance of academics and sports, but most importantly leave some time for yourself. I would have a great four years; it’s been a rollercoaster at times, but I wouldn’t change a thing except how the first round of the tournament went for us."

"After graduation, teammate Brooke Kelley and I are travelling to Europe in June for a month. I’m going to relocate to Washington DC, shortly thereafter to work as a legislative assistant," said Dummer. "I ultimately hope to make my mark in the Washington, DC area."

At twenty-two, Dummer has accomplished a lot of the goals she set for herself and realizes that many more loom on the horizon for her. "My coach and family are extremely proud and I would like to have made it without my teammates and friends. I’m really happy here. Coach used to say that the mark of a program would be measured by how you left it. Was it better than when you came in," said Dummer.

Ashley Dummer most assuredly led the program in better shape, evidenced by her accomplishments and Coach Swanson’s remarks.

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Nets Dunk Knicks

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Houstan led the Knicks in points scored with 27, but that was not enough to stop the Nets this night. Richard Jefferson of the Nets was the leading scorer of the night with 39 points in 41 minutes, but it was the latter part of the game however was Jason Kidd of the NETS with 16 assists and 8 points. Kidd, who plays guard, had an all-time assist record over the course of the contest. Throughout the game Kidd set his teammates up for big baskets with daring passes that included a couple alley-oops. These big baskets were the high points of the game, as the Knicks didn’t put up much of a fight. The Nets had a total of 23 fast break points, most of which were contributed by Kidd, and led by as much as 26 points over the course of the night.

For any basketball fan this game was extremely fun to watch simply because of the high quantity of razzle-dazzle plays. The Knicks who were simply outmatched by the fastly and aggressive play of the Nets lost control early and didn’t regain it for the rest of the game. A lack of rebounds, both offensive and defensive was the main reason for the Knicks loss. Their post-season hopes are on the rocks.

Tara Brady Takes Action Against SHU

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Brady started 12 games in her sophomore season as the center for the women’s basketball team, and averaged of 9.1 points per game for SHU.

Brady discovered she was pregnant in June 2001. When she told Head coach Ed Swanson here, "He gave me a big hug and told her would talk to the school administration about her status. A few days later Swanson told her in the middle of a summer camp that he, and school officials determined she would be a distraction and an insurance risk and that she had to sit out the academic year also her scholarship was rescinded, said Brady according to the Courant.

Brady continued to live in Connecticut with her father Randy Pelkisson. In a program at one of the women’s basketball games, she was shocked to see that she was incorrectly listed as a medical red shirt. NCAA Guideline 3b participation by the pregnant student-athlete states, "The risks and benefits of athletics participation should be one of the objectives for the team physicians in counseling the pregnant student-athlete. This includes the effects of pregnancy on competitive ability, the effects of strenuous physical training and competition on both the pregnant student-athlete and the fetus, and the signs to terminate exercise while pregnant.

The student-athlete should be informed that NCAA rules permit a one-year extension of the five-year period of eligibility for a female student-athlete for reasons of pregnancy."

"I have been against abortion since the first time I learned about it. This may sound stupid, but the way I look at it is God will forgive the pre-natal sex more than he would killing my child. But if I had an abortion, I’d still be on the team..." Tara Brady

At one point, Brady met with Sister Donna Dodge to ask her for help. According to the Courant Brady said, "I was going to lose my medical insurance, because I wasn’t a student. She (Donna Dodge) said, "I could help you file an appeal and I’m not getting involved."

According to Dodge "That is a mistake. I met with Tara who came to see me with her son and his father. I listened to her concerns for over an hour. When she told me that she had filed an appeal, I told her to see what happens as a result of the appeal process. (That is the purpose of an appeal.) I told her it was not necessary for me to get involved in any way at that point. She never contacted me again.

Brady felt that she was not treated fairly and her father pressed Swanson to allow her to return. The Courant said "He again refused", however, a conference call with Brady’s parents and Coach Swanson and a NCAA compliance officer changed all that and Brady was reinstated.

Brady's case ended on March 31, 2001, at a meeting According to the Courant “Swanson told Brady the program was doing well without her and she wouldn’t receive a second appeal this year.” Brady appealed and her scholarship was renewed for the second time.

Frustrated Brady transferred and is now suit SHU for violation of Title IX and is also suing for the emotional damages that came about as a result of this situation.

Many students on campus were unaware that this was occurring right under their nose. However the word has traveled quickly over the past week when this story was first released. Senior Katie Dowling (Blauvelt, NY) said, "I think that she is just suing the school so she has money to support her kid, I mean she (Swanson) is the coach he can play who ever he wants."

Senior Scott Grimo (Bristol, RI) said "I don’t agree with what the school did by throwing her off the team when all they had to do was red shirt her." Junior Karen Oliva (East Hampton, CT) said, "I think she should be more concerned with taking care of her baby than worrying about basketball."

Freshman Bob Forte (Washington Crossing, PA) stated, "I feel that she should win her money."

Sacred Heart has issued the following statement in regards to the lawsuit by Tara Brady "Sacred Heart University has not received a copy of the lawsuit filed by Ms. Tara Brady, former student and member of the women’s basketball team, on Monday, March 25. The University regrets that Ms. Brady has taken this action. The University regards the lawsuit to be unfounded and plans to contest the allegations. The facts of the case will show that Sacred Heart University did not discriminate against Ms. Brady in any way or for any reason regarding the Education Amendment of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex."

Mr. Brady with drew from Sacred Heart voluntarily, even though at the time of her notice of withdrawal form the University (July 17, 2002), she had been granted full athletic scholarship for the upcoming 2002-2003 academic year as a member of the Sacred Heart University women’s basketball team.

As a Roman Catholic institution Sacred Heart University is opposed that Ms. Brady would be insinuated, for the sake of publicity, that Sacred Heart would, in any way, punish Ms. Brady for completing her pregnancy.

Inquiries regarding this action should be directed to legal counsel for the University, Robert L. Juliane. It is not Sacred Heart University’s position on the progress of litigation. As of this time, there is no new information about the case and Sacred Heart is offering no further statements.
Student Athlete: The True Definition

Basketball Star,
Dean’s List Student: 
Ashley Durmer takes
full advantage of the
SHU experience.

By John Antignani
Sportswriter

A look of determination resides in number 22’s eyes. She scans the battlefield in front of her, with the expertise of a field general at work. All the while her body remains in a constant blur of motion. Head feint left, silky smooth crossover from gifted ambidextrous hands that momentarily stuns the opponent in front of her, who is vainly attempting to defend her.

The opponent’s teammate streaks across the perimeter to give logistical support. Number imperceptibly onto her toes. This sartles one defender, who quite baffled falls out of position. The guard’s sneakers rebound off the glistening, hardwood floor as the second defender strains in agony to match her rise.

Twenty-two has a serene look on her face as she ascends onto an imaginary platform in the air and picture-perfectly follows through with her left hand from beyond the three-point arc. The ball drops through the rim so cleanly that the net barely registers a vibration.

She doesn’t seem to take notice that the crowd yells her name in unison. She has now already turned into a tenacious defender: backpedaling; fluid motion; backing out a defensive scheme; determination still imprinted in her eyes, ever searching out a weakness she can exploit in her competitor.

Senior Ashley Durmer (Nashua, New Hampshire) has made a career out of doing the impossible as a four-year starter for Sacred Hearts’ Women’s Basketball Team. The business major with a concentration in Marketing has rewritten the record books in many different categories.

The four-year starter has contributed to 65 team wins, hit 72.9% of her free throw shots, and broke Chrissie Perkins (1994-98) record of career three (146) with 165 for a .333 percentage. Academically she’s on the dean’s list and has also sat on the student athletic council.

Durmer started her athletic career by participating in soccer from grade one through eight, eventually spending two years in the Olympic Development Program. She began playing basketball with the boys in the fifth grade. By the time she got to high school, basketball was a

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ries over UMBC. “We looked great down at UMBC, Michelle Walker pitched her heart out for us and as a team we played with unity and determination,” says utility infielder Katie Bowen, a Senior from Hudson, Ma.

“We looked great down at UMBC, Michelle Walker pitched her heart out for us and as a team we played with unity and determination,” said Senior Katie Bowen.

The individual accomplishments kept rolling in last week as Michelle Walker was named Sacred Heart athlete of the week and Freshman Jen Place from. Laham, NY was named NEC rookie of the week. Place admits it came as quite a surprise, “I never really thought about it to be honest, but it is awesome though,” she says all the while remaining humble and focused on the big picture, “I’m more concerned with how the team performs as a whole.”

After a tough doubleheader sweep to Stonybrook last Tuesday, the Pioneers to Wagner College this past weekend for another doubleheader against the conference foe. Seeking vindication the team split the two games, winning the first game 2-1, however Wagner came back to win the second game 3-1.

In the first game Wagner jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Senior Marie Biancione singled to open the game. Sophomore Kim Bruckner hit an RBI single with two outs to put the Seabahawks ahead.

Sacred Heart scored a run in the top of the fifth on an RBI single by Junior Shannon Bailey (Carmel, NY) that scored pinch runner Katie Bowen. Bowen was running for Walker, who led off the inning with a double.

The sixth inning proved to be the deciding factor in the game. Sophomore Tiffani Cross-Monzo (Thousand Oaks, Ca) began the rally with a two-out double. Freshman Heather Gutke (Newport, RI) entered the game to pinch run for Cross-Monzo, and Junior Leslie Konsig (Millburn, NJ) followed with the single as Gutke scored the game winning run from second.

The team has a positive outlook on the rest of the season after playing just two conference games and holding a record of 1-1 in the NEC. “We need to focus on our conference games, we have only had two and there are a lot more to go,” says Bowen. “Our pitching staff is now all with us and our defense looks great,” she added.

Bowen ended by saying, “We have a great chance to make it to the NEC.” The goals and hopes of the Pioneer’s are still very much in reach, it’s just a matter of hitting on all cylinders.

THE PIONEER SCHEDULE

Thursday, Apr 3

Baseball: vs Iona, Fairfield, CT 3:00 PM Gametracker
Women’s Tennis: vs Stony Brook, Fairfield, CT 2:00 PM

Men’s Tennis: vs Stony Brook, Fairfield, CT 2:00 PM

Friday, Apr 4

Men’s Tennis: vs Hartford, Fairfield, CT 12:00 PM
Women’s Tennis: vs Hartford, Fairfield, CT 2:00 PM
Women’s Lacrosse: vs Quinnipiac, Fairfield, CT 4:00 PM

Saturday, Apr 5

Baseball: vs LIU, Fairfield, CT 12:00 PM
Football: vs LIU, Fairfield, CT 2:00 PM
Softball at RMU, Moon Township, PA 1:00 PM
Men’s Golf at Yale, New Haven, CT All Day
Women’s Track at Southern CT St Invite, New Haven, CT 11:00 am
Men’s Track at Southern CT St Invit, New Haven, CT 11:00 am
Men’s Lacrosse at Delaware, Newark, DE 7:30 PM

Sunday, Apr 6

Softball at STFPA, Loretto, PA 12:00 PM
Equestrian at Reg 1 Champ, Happhank, NY
Men’s Golf at Yale, New Haven, CT All Day
Men’s Tennis vs Wagner, Fairfield, CT 12:00 PM
Women’s Tennis vs Wagner, Fairfield, CT 12:00 PM
Men’s Volleyball at Southampton, Southampton, NY 2:00 PM

Monday, Apr 7

Men’s Golf at Hofstra, Port Washington, NY All Day
Women’s Golf at Hofstra Invitational, Port Washington, NY
**Sluggish Start**

A large home town crowd supports the Pioneer Lacrosse team during a recent game at Campus Field.

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The Knicks who have always been known for their tough defense were lacking in defense this time around. The Nets seemed to be unstoppable as they wrestled rebound after rebound away from the Knicks on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

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**The Brady Bunch**

Tara Brady speaks to the Hartford Courant about why she has decided to take legal action against Sacred Heart.

By Christopher Giarrusso

Photo: Courtesy SHU Sports Information

Tara Brady is a former Center for the SHU Basketball team.

Pelkisson (Sean's father) in King of Prussia, PA. Brady is a center for the Division II women's basketball team at West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Brady receives a Pell Grant that according to the Courant "covers about one-fourth of her costs. She had a 3.5 GPA last semester and averaged five points this season for the basketball team."

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**SHU Defeats St. Francis**

The Sacred Heart women pull near to .500 on the season.

By Jennifer Jensen

Photo: by Susan Magnano

Freshmen Darcy Shoop and Lauren Galletti work together during a doubles match this past week.

(Albany, NY) defeated Andrea Browne of St. Francis with a 6-4, 6-0 score at number one singles. Freshman Darcy Shoop (Rocky Hill, CT) defeated St. Francis's Alicia Browne with a 6-0, 6-1 score. Singles wins were also gained for Sacred Heart from seniors Sonia Jallu (Trumball, CT) and Tiffany Paul (Tinton Falls, NJ). Jalli faced St. Francis's Jaime Brown with a 6-0, 6-0 win while Paul took the win against Ren Luces 6-1, 6-0. Sophomore Katelyn Kittredge (Medfield, MA) matched up against Safiya Willock and won 6-0, 6-1 while freshman Liisa Von Brecht (Cumberland, ME) squared off against Angela Passacqua winning 6-5, 6-0.

Taking all three doubles matches, the women teamed up for the two doubles wins with Von Brecht and Kittredge defeating Luces and Willock, 8-0, while Paul and junior Jennifer Sampson (Irvington, NJ) paired up to win against Al. Browne/J. Browne with a 8-3 score. Shoot and Galatice teamed up where they defeated Alicia and Jamie Brown of St. Francis, 8-0 also in doubles.

Sophomore, Alex Kantarelis (Worcester, MA) a member of the men's tennis team, believes the women are proving to be very successful as the season progresses. "The girls really have great team this year. I have watched them play and they are not just squeaking by to gain the win. They are putting in solid performances to take a strong lead in each match," Kantarelis said.
Game On!

Hank talks about the benefits of professional sports during the United State’s war with Iraq.

By Henry Gargiulo Sports Columnist

Any time there is military action in the United States there is always a raging debate on whether or not we should continue or cease leisure time activity of kicking back and watching the sport of our choice. I say “Game On”.

I say this not because I believe sports are somehow more important than the ongoing war in Iraq, but because sports are a way of life for some people in America. For some people it is their profession, whether they are an athlete or work for a sports organization, or even write in a newspaper about a sport. Sports is as much of an art form that keeps this country going as any other entertainment source.

I know sports have provided me some of the most memorable moments in my life. I remember my first trip to Madison Square Garden and seeing the New York Rangers beat the Ottawa Senators. My first trip to Fenway Park, and leaving just before a late inning rally. My first NFL game up in Foxboro and laying in bed on a mid June night, listening to my radio as the New York Rangers held off a last minute surge by the Vancouver Canucks to hold on for their first Stanley Cup in 54 years.

We should keep playing because it is a part of our everyday life and not playing would be letting them win a small victory, it would let them disrupt our way of life. And after all, isn’t that what we are fighting for? So that we can go forth in our daily lives and do as we please?

One of my pet peeves is why we always question sports place during wartime. If sports is a leisure-time activity, which it is often described as, then why doesn’t anyone ask whether or not actors should continue in their latest big-budget film, or if a music artist should stop recording for his new album? If nobody raises an eyebrow when these things happen then why should we stop playing sports?

There are occasions where we need to halt play. After September 11, during the World Wars were obvious times. But in this case I do not believe we should. Everyone man and woman overseas is fighting for our right to live as we choose to and a resonating number of Americans choose to follow sports. I know if I were fighting for something, that I would very much be angry if the very thing I was fighting for, the very thing I was putting my life on the line for, was not being exercised in my homeland.

We should play because that is what the people want. We want to be able to sit down in front of our television and watch the men’s college basketball tournament, to watch “The National Past Time” baseball in its opening weekend, and to watch our favorite NHL and NBA teams jockey for playoff position. I know without these events I would not have a column to write and would be a much different person.

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Think on how sports have changed your life, even if it was for a fleeting moment. I know the jubilation of watching our team during midnight comebacks, winning championships, and being so close to a championship you can taste the champagne, only to watch a ball pass and a drifter through the first baseman’s legs.

Sports are an integral part of my life, a part that I could live without, but choose not to. Sports also know it place in this country. Go watch a tape of Superbowl XXV and tell me otherwise.

Have Comments? Email Henry Gargiulo @ SHU!

Pioneers Fall To Villanova

The Men’s Lacrosse team suffered a tough loss to conference opponent Villanova last Saturday.

By Amy Lavoie

Sacred Heart men’s lacrosse suffered a hard fought 9-6 loss at the hands of Colonial Athletic Association opponent Villanova this past Saturday in Pennsylvania, evening the Pioneers record at 4-4 overall but dropping them to 0-2 in the CAA conference.

Villanova opened their scoring early with four goals before SHU could get on the board on a man up goal by senior Eric Perez (Locust Valley, NY) on a JT Hutnamcher (Pomona, NY) assist with 53 seconds to play in the first half.

“We knew that if we kept dodging hard and making better decisions with our shots we would be able to get back in the game,” said head coach Tom Mariano about the halftime talk. “Defensively, we wanted to keep the pressure on them and take away whatever they like to do,” he added.

The Pioneers came out firing early in the third quarter with two quick unassisted goals by Perez and senior Dan DeVo (East Rockaway, NY) to cut Villanova’s lead to 4-3. But the 18th ranked Wildcats would not be denied as they sealed their victory with a four-goal surge in the last six minutes of the third. The Pioneers would get one more goal from senior Chris Swier (Hicksville, NY) on an assist from junior Jorge Bravo (Long Beach, NY) late in the third quarter.

“We were able to possess the ball very well at times, which was our main goal,” Coach Mariano addresses his team following a recent contest at Campus Field.

SHU Edges URI But Falls To Quinnipiac

The Pioneers won a tough game against the University of Rhode Island and dropped a double header versus Quinnipiac this past week.

By Katie Atkins

Consecutive doubles in the ninth by sophomore Greg Delmonico (Brewater, NY) and junior first baseman Jamie Schilkowski (Shelton, CT) paired with complete-game pitching from senior Leo Natu (Bridgeport, CT) resulted in the Pioneers’ victory over the University of Rhode Island 3-1 last Wednesday afternoon.

The teams remained at a deadlock after four innings when finally Rhode Island put one up on the board in the bottom of the fifth. The Pioneers let just one inning go by before matching URI’s run with junior right fielder Ed Marotta’s (Bethpage, NY) solo home run in the top of the sixth.

Natou allowed just one run on nine hits while striking out nine. SHU was led offensively by freshman shortstop Tim Lantz (New Rochelle, NY), who had two hits, freshman centerfielder Dan Bushor (Edenfield, CT), who finished the game with two hits and an R.B.I. and Schilkowski each collected an R.B.I.

On Saturday, Quinnipiac traveled to take on Sacred Heart in an NEC doubleheader at Bobcats Field in Hamden, CT. The third game of the weekend series was cancelled due to inclement weather but Quinnipiac managed to take both games on Saturday.

“They were the better team on Saturday, they swung the bats when it counted and flat out beat us,” said junior pitcher Eric Bushor (Uncasville, CT).

In the first game, it looked as though the Pioneers were going to run away with the win but Quinnipiac battled back in the bottom of the seventh to edge the Pioneers 3-2.

“After the tough loss in the first game the team was down but we got a little life back in the second game. Quinnipiac just played better all day long,” said junior pitcher Dan Scott (Nanuet, NY).

Leading SHU offensively in the second outing was Maiella and Chris Vartuli, who finished the game with two runs batted in each. Despite the effort, the Pioneers dropped game two 8-4.

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“In the second game they just hit my fastball, my breaking pitches were working well but they hit my fastball,” said Bushor. “Hopefully during the week we can find some kind of spark to get us ready for LIU this weekend. We need to start beating teams and run up the score. As a team, we are still waiting to break out because right now, no one is playing outstanding ball,” said Scott.

The Pioneers, who are now 5-10 overall, drop to 2-3 in the NEC. The team is back in action this weekend at home as they take on Long Island University for a three-game weekend series.

“We’re struggled lately executing some things that we need to do to win but team morale is still good, it’s just a matter of time until everything clicks,” said junior pitcher and captain Chuck Ristano (Valley Stream, NY).
Pioneers Outshine St. Francis Red Flash

The lady Pioneers beat St. Francis University by an impressive score of 15-1.

By John Antignani
Sports Writer

Sundays have been good to the Sacred Heart women's lacrosse team. For the second successive week in a row, they've notched an important win on the day of rest. This time they completely dominated Northeast Conference rival St. Francis (PA), posting a 15-1 victory, which improves their record to 4-3 and 1-0 in the NEC. Any fireworks that the Red Flash had planned for went up in a plume of smoke. Senior Jean Girosard (South Windsor, CT) started off the festivities by finding the goal just 21 seconds into the contest. She would ultimately end up with three goals and an assist.

"We've really started to gel as a team in the past couple weeks. Everyone is feeling the surge, as we head towards games against teams in our conference," said Assistant Coach Kim Banner.

Sophomore Natalie Smith (Wantagh, NY) also had an outstanding game on the offensive side for the Pioneers. She had two goals on the day to go along with season-high four assists. Senior Michelle Brokner (Carle Place, NY) also got into the act, as evidenced by a game-high six points via four goals and two assists.

Junior Amy Lavoie (Nashua, NH) and freshman Candice Celebre (Lake Grove, NY) each played a half in the nets for Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart's offensive attack was so overwhelming; Lavoie and Celebre faced just a total of three shots on goal on the day.

"There wasn't much action in our defensive end, as we only saw three shots on the day and got the ball out pretty quickly the other five or six times they brought it down," said Lavoie. Rounding out the scoring for the Pioneers were sophomore JoAnn Montescario (Corlant Manor, NY) and Mary Romano (Baldwin, NY), who each posted two goals on the afternoon. Not to be denied was junior Christina Macchia (Carle Place, NY), who added three assists in the win.

"Considering the cold, they were working the ball around really well and finding the passes inside. All the freshman got playing time which was great. Overall, we moved the ball well and capitalized on most of our offensive chances," said Lavoie.

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Sacred Heart returns to action this Tuesday, April 1st, to play conference team Central Connecticut at 7:30 p.m.

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Softball Aims For Championship

The Softball team has set their sights for the top despite a rocky start.

By Michael Burns
Sports Writer

After a spring break down south with very few wins, it is a whole new story as the Pioneer softball team is back up north and focused on making a run towards an NEC title. The Pioneers took their annual week-long trip down to Orlando, Florida, and left with a dismal record at best, finishing their excursion with a record of 2-8, with notable wins against Gardner Webb and Holy Cross.

"I was just thinking to hit the ball hard and long somewhere, since I had a rough day at the plate," said Caveney, "you just can't think, just zone out, look for your pitch, grip it and rip it." The tournament also saw one Sacred Heart player take home personal accolades. Senior pitcher Michelle Walker from Paramus, NJ was named the tournament's Best Pitcher, recording W's in both victories.

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