The Chapel of the Holy Spirit is located in the heart of the university's campus.

Staff Reporter

Melissa Carmelitano

The Boston Society of Architects "People's Choice Award." According to the BSA juror's comments, the award recognizes the work of three religions of the book- Christianity, Judaism and Islam," said Ryle.

The sense of space is very conducive to peace," said Ryle. "I find the chapel inspiring..."
Facility Art Exhibition allows staff to flaunt their talents

Frank Morrone
Staff Reporter

The Gallery of Contemporary Art at Sacred Heart University was a stir of curiosity and contemplation on the opening night of the Facility Art Exhibition. Professors of the graphic design and visual arts department showcased their artwork amidst a scene of students and other spectators.

Beginning Nov. 16 and lasting until Dec. 12, the gallery will share a collection of artwork from the abstract shapes and colors of Kevin Daly, to a "Shogun" montage of feudal Japanese scenes by Jeff de Graffenried. The entire exhibition features 21 pieces by 11 faculty members.

"Students have the chance to see, and to compare, their own work with that of their professors," said de Graffenried.

On opening night, an acrylic on canvas stood out due to its enormity and crowd assembled in front of it. "Till We Find Blessed Isles Where our Friends Are Dwelling," painted by Nathan Lewis, shows a boat rowing upstream against the tide. Seen from a side perspective, the three-inch wide frame has words taken from the American Declaration of Independence.

"People don’t realize the radical nature of that document," said Lewis. "It is encouraging the standing against authority."

In this remake of the iconic "George Washington Crossing the Delaware," by Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze, the boat is occupied by Lewis’s former students and a history professor he knows. It required photo shoots in addition to about six months to paint, said Lewis.

Lewis explains the significance of the title taken from the philosophical novel, "Thus Spoke Zarathustra," by Friedrich Nietzsche, as words that he had thought about for some time. The painting itself is a social commentary for a modern American society. The upside down depiction of an American flag is a signal for distress, and the oil rig in a girl's hand is meant to connect with American oil dependency, said Lewis.

"Just like an author’s signature," she said, "that picture has a certain style."

Towards the end of the exhibition, an older nearby resident shared his opinion comparing two of the abstract pieces by Kevin Daily.

"This one, I like," said Kevin Costello. "It has an exciting look—if I had to stare at something for an hour, I wouldn’t mind this.”

Then he closely looked at the one next to it.

"But this one," he said, "gives me a headache."

Late night library time

Student government pushes for extended hours

Thomas O’Hanlon
Staff Reporter

With Christmas just around the corner and final exams even sooner, the last thing students at Sacred Heart University need to worry about is where to do their studying. Students at the university have long asked for library hours to be extended to better suit the lifestyle of the college student.

According to Student Government, the number one complaint Sacred Heart has received over the years has been concerning the library’s hours of service.

Student Senate has done research over the past few years concerning the libraries of benchmark schools in the area, including College of the Holy Cross, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University, and Marist College, finding that all of these school’s stay open past midnight, regularly. Sacred Heart’s Ryan-Matura Library has historically stayed open only past midnight during finals week.

According to student government vice president of senate, junior Mario Valenti, after numerous talks with faculty and administration, the student senate proposed a budget for new hours of operation. Interim president Dr. John Petillo, made sure the appropriate funding was available and the hours have now been extended. The library will be open until 3 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday, midnight on Fridays, and until 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

With later hours now available at the library, students will be able to study longer without having to relocate in the middle of what many students call “all-nighters,” which become a popular during final exams.

Another change the school has seen this year has been the reorganization of the cafeteria and Mahogany Room. This change too has caused many students to worry about study locations.

The Mahogany Room, a favorite of the upperclassmen for its laid-back feel and group study accessibility, was changed due to the meal plan hours. According to Valenti, "Student Government played a large role in communicating student concerns with the Chartwells staff.

"Everyone was pretty upset that the Mahogany Room would be closed from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., so in an effort to provide more study space, student senate has organized "Mid-term Week in the UC Lounge," said Valenti.

This "mid-term week" will come, as much needed relief to students looking to study outside the dorm room. Chartwells will also be providing complimentary coffee to students taking part in the event.

"Sacred Heart is rapidly changing and it was time for many of its old rules to be updated. With the help of President Petillo and the insight of the entire Student Government, we hope to continue to bring the University to new heights," said Valenti.

Extended Library Hours

(through December 17)

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Mon - Thurs: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to midnight
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Trotting before Turkey Day

Exercise science club holds 5K race to promote wellness on campus

Jacqueline Duda
Staff Reporter

Many people see Thanksgiving as the kickoff of the holiday season. But how about starting it off by staying healthy and fit? Sacred Heart University’s campus offers an abundance of different ways to get involved in the local community. Now, there is a way for students to give back that takes place right outside the dorm rooms.

On Nov. 20, the Sacred Heart exercise science club held a 5K run on campus, also known as the Turkey Trot. The race will begin at 10 a.m. and was set up around campus.

"We map out a course that takes the runners all around campus in a two loop series," said president of the exercise science club, junior Lita Decicco.

This is the second year that the exercise science club is holding this event. The reason for the race is in order to raise money for different charities as well as the exercise science club itself.

"The 5K is our club’s main event we host each year. Last year was our first one and it went really well so we continued the tradition. We fully intend on donating a portion of our proceeds to a fundraiser or multiple, but those are still under debate," said Decicco.

The race is not only open to Sacred Heart students.

"Anyone in the community was able to participate in the race. "Anyone can run the race. Part of why we host this race is to promote health and fitness within the Sacred Heart and local community," said Decicco.

Participants can be able to register on Nov. 15 to 19 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for Sacred Heart students and faculty is $10. Non-Sacred Heart participants were able to register on Nov. 16 to the 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For non-Sacred Heart members it was $15.

The registration also gave runners the opportunity to make a donation towards the cause.

"The Turkey Trot is a great way for students and other community members to help out. I think it’s great that it is right on campus because it offers ease and convenience for the students," said junior Alyssa Verdi.

According to the Sacred Heart website, there was a prize for the male and female student and faculty top competitors. In addition, the first place non-Sacred Heart student or faculty member will receive a free VO2 Max test which is maximum oxygen uptake and measures an individual’s capability to perform exercise.

"I think offering a prize is a great idea. It offers initiative for students to participate and to perform to their full athletic ability which I think is the goal of the Exercise Science club," said freshmen Katrina Ross.

Andrew Cohen, Chris LeBeau, John Schroeder, Steven Acquavita, Tommy Montgomery, and Leonidas Katsetos run in the Trot.

Photo Courtesy of Kathryn Johnson

Common core capstone requires community service hours

Jessica Colucci
Staff Reporter

What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to live a life of meaning and purpose? What does it mean to understand and appreciate the natural world? What does it mean to forge a more just society for the common good? These are some questions that have probably been heard multiple times by students at Sacred Heart University.

"The beauty of this place resides on the realization of bold ideas, and it is also the fruit of the dedication to numerous small but critically important details by many talented and selfless individuals." - Ann Heekin, director of the CCJU

This curriculum consists of four required classes, but this program may include doing work at soup kitchens, social situations, and mentoring opportunities, said Ryle. "I don’t know a student who promised to never go in as a form of protest. Now she goes in all the time because she said ‘it is a thing of such beauty’.

Ryle did, however, say that he agreed that the chapel was a long time coming, but also said that students should visit the chapel before making up their minds.

"This building is both for students now, and generations to come. It’s meant to be a chapel for all peoples as a house of prayer.”

Feelings about spending money on a religious house of any kind on an academic property continue to be mixed. All students interviewed did agree that the building is architecturally beautiful and Garratt agrees that it is something Sacred Associates is very proud of.

"The students of the school have spent dealing with the horrendous parking situation on campus, or on building an academic libera...." - Brian Stiltner, associate professor of religious studies

While students have mixed feelings about the chapel, some are proud of Andrew Cohen, Chris LeBeau, John Schroeder, Steven Acquavita, Tommy Montgomery, and Leonidas Katsetos...

This program is in place.

"The decision was in response to the larger questions of what makes CC 104 – the capstone course in the Human Journey curriculum – a unique learning experience in the Common Core sequence?" – said Heekin.

Heekin explained what she finds to be the positives of the program.

"Service learning offered an opportunity for experiential learning in settings that raise ethical issues around the theme of the common good."

—from Ann Heekin, director of the CCJU

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The class presentation that provides reflection on these volunteer experiences and relates their community service to what they have learned in the class...

"The Sacred Heart curriculum calls it "a teaching and learning approach that integrates community service learning area of their choice," said president of the exercise science club, senior Emily Stack.

"The students are required to serve a minimum of 10 hours in a service learning area of their choice," said president of the exercise science club, senior Emily Stack.

"I think that community service is something that benefits both the people who give their time and those who are receiving help," she said.

Some professors at Sacred Heart feel that it’s a good way to take advantage of applying knowledge to the real world.

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The sororities of Sacred Heart University pose for a picture on campus.

**Greeklife growing among campus community**

Sororities vote in favor of expansion. Fraternities consider taking on new chapter

Caroline Campo
Staff Reporter

In recent years, the Greek Life on campus has grown to a population of 450 students, including five sororities and four fraternities. However, either this spring semester or next fall semester the sorority life on campus will be expanding once again.

President Nicole Alfieri runs the Panhellenic Council, which was installed at Sacred Heart University on Dec. 10, 2009. The current five sororities are Kappa Delta, Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha, each of which have representatives in the council.

"This is definitely a very exciting time for the Greek Life at SHU as we look for a perfect match to help make our Greek community stronger," said Rob Napolitano, president of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) on campus.

"I know the goal is to find another strong, national sorority that will again be diverse but also align with the values, mission and philanthropic goals of Greek Life at SHU."

-- Rob Napolitano, IFC President

"I think it will be good if we expanded," said junior Jill Singer, member of the Kappa Delta organization. "After every recruitment, we almost double our chapter which makes it hard for us to get to know all the new girls. If there were more sororities, each sorority wouldn't get as many girls."

Expansion of Greek Life will ultimately create more activities for the students to do—especially incoming freshmen—and current freshman might be more interested and curious as to what it is.

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"In high school, the 'cool' thing to do always seemed to be join a sorority," said freshman Brianna Lauria. "Now that I know it is popular here at SHU, I may want to look into it more."

"I also think it will be good for Greek Life if the sororities expanded because it will give the girls more of an option," said Singer. "If they feel like they don't fit in well with one sorority we have now on campus, they can get a bid for a different one, and don't have to join one just to join."

Although only sororities are expanding, fraternities may also expand one day as well.

"As for the IFC," said Napolitano, "we are hoping to begin our expansion with a new fraternity sometime next year, as we want to allow all of the existing organizations to charter and initiate before we bring on someone new."

"Sororities and Greek Life was never for me," said freshman Natalie Giardina. "I do think it is good publicity for our school, though, if incoming freshmen see that our Greek Life is expanding, as long as it is positive publicity, like volunteering."

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Technology proves a disruptive necessity for students

Students feel the impact of constant use of technology in and out of classroom

Henry Crocker
Staff Reporter

It is 3 a.m. in the Mahogany Room and junior Brian Winfield has a paper due for his 8 a.m. class. Thankfully he is finally almost finished with what he has been working on, his eyes strained from lack of sleep after almost five hours of sitting in front of his laptop screen.

Finally after hours of searching different sites, compiling information, and downloading necessary files, Winfield is almost done locating and downloading a decent version of Bruce Springsteen's new "Darkness on the Edge of Town." Now it is time for him to get down to that essay.

This scenario is not an uncommon one for this generation. Many tend to have their own technological vice, if not several. Sending and receiving text messages, browsing Facebook, downloading music and playing games online are just a few of the more "addictive" plugged-in pastimes students have succumbed to.

"I never make the conscious choice to procrastinate and avoid work," said Winfield. "It's just simply too accessible. If I'm sitting at my computer already on the Internet, pretty much anything that I would rather be doing is only a mouse-click away."

Technological advancement is not slowing down and consequently neither is the need for the technology in students' everyday lives.

Danielle Vuotto
Staff Reporter

For some, the idea of college and cigarettes go hand in hand. For others, having to walk through second-hand smoke to get into a building is bothersome. While O'Connor admits the problems he has experienced with lending money, he finds his empty wallet, realizing she forgot to check that she had enough money to chip in. Rather than drive to an ATM, she simply borrows money from one of her friends. "As junior Katherine Nichols places an order for pizza with a group of friends, she connected at all times," said Patterson. "A lot of our work and research requires an enhanced technical understanding and use--even if it is hurting us in someway we don't really have a choice."

Senior Erica Ryan agrees that this dependence seems to be more and more inevitable as time and technology progress.

"It is kind of a lose-lose situation when I think about it. It's so prevalent it isn't really the kind of thing people even consider a problem," said senior Erica Ryan.

"I know the first thing I do when I wake up is check my phone and that's also usually the last." -- Erica Ryan, senior

The fact that you are constantly on your phones, even when they should be sleeping, is alarming to some.

"It doesn't really surprise me that technology has all of these negative effects, but it really is unavoidable," said sophomore Ethan Patterson when asked about technology use relative to day-to-day problems.

"We go to a school that runs entirely off of e-mails, we have to remain connected at all times," said Patterson. "A lot of our work and research requires an enhanced technical understanding and use--even if it is hurting us in someway we don't really have a choice."

Mixed feelings about on-campus cigarette smoking

Danica Lentz
Staff Reporter

According to the independent newspaper Student Life, of Washington University in St. Louis, the school joined more than 500 colleges across the nation that ban smoking on campus, implementing a campus-wide tobacco ban on July 1.

Sacred Heart students do not necessarily agree with campus bans though.

"I feel like the number of students who smoke have gone up and it's become so common. I don't really mind people smoking around me," Stern said.

College life makes borrowing money from friends common

Ethan Patterson
Staff Reporter

Junior Bryan McCain agrees, recalling his experiences with borrowing and lending money to roommates and friends.

"My friends and I borrow money from each other randomly all the time," she said. "I only do it when I'm running out of cash."

According to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, approximately two-thirds of all U.S. college students graduate with loans.

With this majority clearly illustrating how tight students are on money, the practice of borrowing and lending money has become a common occurrence amongst college students.

Juniors Elyse Mattson and Bryan McCain agree, recalling their experiences with borrowing and lending money with their roommates.

"Last year at Scholars Commons, two of the five of us would buy groceries and we would share the food," McCain said. "When we started to run low, someone else would step up. As long as everyone is comfortable with each other, there is no problem."

The give-and-take style of lending money is something many students actively participate in.

"The person who is borrowing and [the person who is] the borrower tend to be the luck of the draw of who happens to have cash on them that day," said Nichols. Even while it is not usual to borrow a small amount of money, it's when students borrow larger amounts that problems may arise.

"I lent one of my roommates $100 so that he could pay the down payment on the house we are now renting back in June," said junior Ryan O'Connor.

"He hasn't paid me back yet and I found out that he bought an Xbox a couple of weeks ago instead of paying me back. It's led to a lot of fights between the two of us." While the act of borrowing money is based on the expectation of having money in the future, some students can see the danger in borrowing large amounts of it.

"If it is a significant amount of money, I can see how it may cause a rift," Nichols said. "Most of the time, it's for small things, so I don't think anyone is uncomfortable asking or borrowing--it is usually not a big deal at all."

While O'Connor admits the problems he has experienced with lending money, many students have made this a common practice amongst their roommates and friends who they feel reliable and they trust will pay them back.

"I know they're good for the money and they know I'll pay them back if they lend me anything," McCain said. "In my experience, it has never been a problem."
Conan O’Brien’s move to TBS receives positive feedback from loyal fans

Andrew Orlandi  
Staff Reporter

Conan O’Brien is back on TV once again with his new late night talk show simply entitled “Conan.” The show airs at 11 p.m. on TBS Monday through Thursdays.

O’Brien, who was under extreme pressure from NBC after taking over the Tonight Show, was taken off the air completely after a contract dispute left him show-less.

After his 30-city comedy tour O’Brien is finally back to prove that he is still a relevant figure in the world of late night television.

“I think that after the drama Conan had with NBC, he has made an epic comeback. His new show on TBS is, in my opinion his best work yet,” said senior Kate Hann after watching the first episode. “I was worried at first that it wouldn’t be as funny as his NBC show, but it definitely lived up to the expectations.”

Sophomore Rich Keegan also agrees that O’Brien has made the comeback he so desperately needed.

“It definitely did not disappoint. It was a good choice to bring Seth Rogan onto the show because that made it really funny. Rogan is always a character,” said Keegan. “It’s not much like other comedy TV shows and I think it’s better than his previous shows.”

According to MediaPost.com, about 2.2 million over-all viewers tuned in for the premiere of “Conan” on Nov. 8, tallying more viewers than both “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” and “Late Show with David Letterman.”

Senior James Loughren thinks that the show did well to bring back his target audience as well as introduce potential fans to the program.

“I think Conan was smart for choosing to begin a relationship with TBS,” said Loughren. “It’s a good choice to reach a bigger fan base; you know that the people who are fans are going to be back watching no matter what.”

Junior John Ahem agrees that O’Brien is finally back where he belongs.

The new Conan show definitely did not disappoint. The ratings so far have been great but Conan continues to make the show as the true star with his hilarious monologues,” said Ahem.

Senior Mike Oberhagemer was at first skeptical about O’Brien’s return, but is glad to have him back.

“I saw the first episode and it was good to see him back. I don’t watch much late night TV anymore but when I used to it was always Conan,” he said.

Some students around campus had high hopes for the show when it was announced, but later felt disappointed upon the night of its premiere.

“I think it was over-hyped. TBS had a commercial about Conan in literally every commerical spot,” said senior Matt Fitton.

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The complaint about the advertising behind the show is something that it a trending topic among some on the campus. Some students feel as though TBS tried too hard to force the show into being a hit.

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It depends on what kind of person you are. If you are bored with your life, stuck doing the same thing over and over, you are going to want someone who can show you a better time and spice things up (the opposite). But if you like what you do in your day-to-day, you want someone who doesn’t mind you throughout the journey of life (the same).

When you really think about it, if you are with a girl who likes to do the things that you don’t, I don’t think it is going to last very long.

The most important thing is whether it’s a great fit where exactly is the line drawn for the “sames and opposites” argument? If Bud likes chocolate chip pancakes but Ruth is more of a cinnamon and sugar waffle kinda girl, what are they going to do to eat for breakfast? If Jack wants to go to Buffalo Wild Wings to watch a hockey game but Lucy wants to stay in and watch “Sleepless in Seattle,” what are they going to do on a Saturday night?

Take it easy. I don’t think the boats of polarity are being rocked too hard.

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Girlfriends and gift-giving grief this Christmas

Thanksgiving has come and gone and so has Black Friday. With 23 shopping days left, Christmas is right around the corner. For one have a lot of people on my shopping list—Mom, Dad, brother, sister, extended family, friends. But the most stressful one of all seems to be my significant other. This is the one person on your shopping list that you do not want to disappoint and want to get a present that he/she will love.

Some people feel like they need to give the “better” gift in the relationship and “one up” their significant other. Nothing good ever comes from this. It can result in disagreements and empty bank accounts, and who really wants this during the holiday season.

Guys are extremely picky, and therefore harder to shop for. For the most part everything has to be exactly what they want—the exact style, the exact color—otherwise they won’t like it.

Guys may think they found their girlfriend the perfect gift, and then on Christmas day when she opens the gift, she displays a fake smile along with a “Oh, thank you so much… I love it.” There is nothing worse than that feeling on Christmas, when you know your companion doesn’t like their present.

Guys on the other hand are pretty laid back and generally are fairly easy to shop for. Girls may think otherwise, but I really don’t think guys are that hard to please. Most guys like sports and there are plenty of gifts that can be given to a sports fan. You can really never go wrong with that.

Even if a guy isn’t into sports, guys are pretty flexible. Presents don’t necessarily need to be an exact style, or be from a specific place. Bottom line, guys are less picky than girls and easier to shop for.

So, when it comes to buying presents this holiday season, couples need to set spending limits. It stops a lot of problems from occurring and decreases the stress level. And for girls, guys really don’t want to hear how hard they are to shop for because in reality guys are pretty laid back and the girls are the hardest ones to please.

YOU MEAN DECEMBER ISN’T SANDAL WEATHER?

Sandal in the winter? You bet. Is there a reason? Not really. Sandals are comfy and convenient, that’s about it. Call me a bro. Call me a skater. Well I don’t skate, and what exactly is a bro?

I wake up to the buzzing of my alarm clock. Damnit 9 a.m. I need to get up. I stumble over to my closet and throw on my gym pants and sleeveless Glen Rock football tee, and no I’ve never played football. I jump into my car and head to the Pitt center for a quick morning workout.

As I enter I say hello to the friendly older security guard and head downstairs. Naturally the ellipticals are all taken up by girls, hoping to get their daily workout in before class. I put down my belongings and walk over to the free weights. It’s Tuesday, I grab the dumbbells and begin my chest workout.

After an hour and a plentiful amount of burned calories I head back to Oakwood.

When I arrive at my room I need to hurry, as the Spectrum meeting is in 30 minutes. I turn on the burners, shake my protein and try it. After you experience the orgasmic sandal sensation you won’t turn back.

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Guys may think they found their girlfriend the perfect gift, and then on Christmas day when she opens the gift, she displays a fake smile along with a “Oh, thank you so much… I love it.” There is nothing worse than that feeling on Christmas, when you know your companion doesn’t like their present.

Guys on the other hand are pretty laid back and generally are fairly easy to shop for. Girls may think otherwise, but I really don’t think guys are that hard to please. Most guys like sports and there are plenty of gifts that can be given to a sports fan. You can really never go wrong with that.

Even if a guy isn’t into sports, guys are pretty flexible. Presents don’t necessarily need to be an exact style, or be from a specific place. Bottom line, guys are less picky than girls and easier to shop for.

So, when it comes to buying presents this holiday season, couples need to set spending limits. It stops a lot of problems from occurring and decreases the stress level. And for girls, guys really don’t want to hear how hard they are to shop for because in reality guys are pretty laid back and the girls are the hardest ones to please.

YOU MEAN DECEMBER ISN’T SANDAL WEATHER?

Sandal in the winter? You bet. Is there a reason? Not really. Sandals are comfy and convenient, that’s about it. Call me a bro. Call me a skater. Well I don’t skate, and what exactly is a bro?

I wake up to the buzzing of my alarm clock. Damnit 9 a.m. I need to get up. I stumble over to my closet and throw on my gym pants and sleeveless Glen Rock football tee, and no I’ve never played football. I jump into my car and head to the Pitt center for a quick morning workout.

As I enter I say hello to the friendly older security guard and head downstairs. Naturally the ellipticals are all taken up by girls, hoping to get their daily workout in before class. I put down my belongings and walk over to the free weights. It’s Tuesday, I grab the dumbbells and begin my chest workout.

After an hour and a plentiful amount of burned calories I head back to Oakwood.

When I arrive at my room I need to hurry, as the Spectrum meeting is in 30 minutes. I turn on the burners, shake my protein and try it. After you experience the orgasmic sandal sensation you won’t turn back.
Radio station brings ‘drama’ back to campus

Nicole Mastroni
Staff Reporter

Remember learning about Orson Welles’ “War of the Worlds” hoax in 1938? Radio may be a long way since then, but Sacred Heart is returning to radio’s roots.

“WHRT’s Radio Drama Club will break the mold of DJs playing music and talking to viewers. Instead, DJs involved in radio production and performance put on a live production of classic stories, and viewers in the club are going to work together and put on a live production of classic stories,” said senior David Choy, a member of WHRT’s Radio Drama Club. “The segment of radio theater was designed because we were recently recognized as one of the top 15 college radios, and we want to keep pushing in order to be number one.”

With many successful shows already under their belt, the Radio Drama Club is yet to find its niche in the radio station that will bring back a classic form of radio.

“It’s another way for students to get involved in radio production and performance, plus it’s also a long gone media,” said Greg Golda, media studies professor and advisor of the Radio Drama Club. “Being a professor in media studies, I want to bring some of our cultural past back to life.”

John Lennon, Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney and George Harrison now on iTunes.

Venitisha Sourignamath
Staff Reporter

Beatles anthology. After much speculation and anticipation, the quartet’s 13 legendary remastered studio albums are now available for download.

“I saw the ad on the iTunes website about the Beatles songs being available to buy but I don’t know why they were never on iTunes in the first place,” said junior Kristin Legnon.

From 1978 through 2006, there had been a going legal dispute between the company Apple Corps and the computer manufacturer Apple Inc. (computers) over trademark rights. Apple Corps Ltd. is a company owned by Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and the widows of John Lennon and George Harrison, according to the BBC news website.

The 20-year dispute finally came to an end in May 2006, when the Royal Courts of Justice of England judged in favor of the Apple Computer, but it was not until Feb. 2007 when the relationship between the two Apple companies began to improve, according to the International Business Times website.

Since the first broadcast on Dec. 24 1906 by Reginald Aubrey Fessenden, according to the International Business Times website, “When it got to be closer to Halloween, we did ‘Frankenstein,’ and that was really fun. I wanted to make it a regular program.”

With Frankenstein under the New Jersey’s helm, and a new division of WHRT underway, what story will the Radio Drama Club bring to life?

Modern radio has come a long way...
Everyone's favorite 'Elf' makes festive foray on to Broadway stage

Staff Reporter

As the holiday season approaches, people seem to resort back to their favorite holiday movies. Whether it's "Christmas Vacation," "It's a Wonderful Life," or favorite family "Elf," these have become staples of the holiday season.

"Elf" is just one of those Christmas movies that just makes you really excited for the Christmas season," said senior Christine Loscri. "The movie is hilarious and cute all rolled into one, and if it is a Will Ferrell movie, you can't go wrong.

Since news broke out this past September about Buddy's tale being Broadway-bound in November, the cast had a creative way to stir buzz and attract audiences to check out the live version of this holiday tale.

According to the Huffington Post, the show's star, Sebastian Arcelus, distributed gifts randomly to a child to win a walk-on role during the play.

"Words cannot describe my excitement for this musical," said junior Nataki Palage. "I'm a huge 'Elf' fan and to see this come to life on stage will be a dream come true.

The duo responsible for bringing this recent classic to life are Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," and a child to win a walk-on role during the play.

"The family-friendly film starred Ferrell, along- side Bob Newhart and James Caan and told the story of a wayward elf named Buddy, who tries to bring Christmas cheer to the big apple, all the while trying to find his way back to the north pole.

The New York Times had more raves than rants about the show as well.

"The score is generic, true, but it is also polished, hummable-tune laden and professional," said Charles Isherwood of the Times. "Mr. Beguelin's lyrics, at their best, have a bright comic zest and are well matched to Mr. Sklar's gently swinging music.

But will students spend their extra Christmas time to check out the live version of this holiday hit?"

I've never been more excited about a musical in my life," said sophomore Max-Anne Fulbruge. "The only thing that would make this even more amazing is if Will Ferrell would play Buddy the Elf once more."

"Elf"'s nine-week run will end on Jan. 2, 2011.

Mark Jacoby and Sebastian Arcelus in "Elf."
...start up your own blog

Mari Brown
Staff Reporter

Diaries and journals are out, blogging is in. Today, the world has gone from writing daily entries in books with mini locks to keep their thoughts safe to publicly posting their most intricate feelings online.

In addition to blogs narrating a personal life story, there are several blogs dedicated to cooking, music, sports, cars, photography, art, and more. Here are some hints on how to get started in the blogging world.

1. Sign up. There are several websites that provide free membership for your own blog. After browsing the options, choose a site and sign up. Create your blog with a user name for everyone to see when they access your blog. If you blog is about your life, it can be an pseudo name or your real name. Remember, if you choose to use your real name, employers often search the internet for job applicants, and may stumble upon your blog. If the blog is going to feature something specific, the name you choose may want to include something regarding the topic of choice.

2. Design your page. You have artistic freedom with the style of your blog, so take advantage of the opportunity to express yourself. If you happen to know html scripting, feel free to type out the coding for your page. For the majority of people who aren’t familiar with computer coding, there is an easy step by step option in the tool bar of your blog. You can choose your background color or upload an image to be seen behind your blog posts. Font color, size, and style, along with hyperlink style options are also available for new users. Don’t worry, you can change the look of your page as often as you like.

3. Start blogging. You are now ready to post your first blog. Drawing a blank? Introduce yourself! Welcome readers to your blog and talk about the purpose of the site. Explain what your blog will revolve around and how often you plan on posting. This way, reader will know how often to check your page and what to expect when they visit.

4. Pictures are a plus. Try to include some images in your blog. If you can, take your own photos. However, if you are writing about a band, sports star, Hollywood idol, politician, or other famous person and you can’t obtain your own photos, borrow one from the internet. Make sure you have the rights to use the photo before posting it on your blog, and include a photo credit under the image.

5. Be reliable. If you plan to update on a daily basis, stick to your plan. If this is a once-a-week blog, make sure you check in at least once every seven days. To build a steady readership, you have to be consistent with your blog posts so your readers know what to expect.

6. Make some changes. Every once in a while, change the style of your blog a bit so your readers don’t get bored. A new background image or different font colors every once in a while will keep your readers’ interest.

After your first few posts, blogging will seem like second nature. Once you get the hang of things, feel free to have more than one blog. The more blogs you have, the more coverage you have online. You may also want to create a separate blog for employers to display your work and show off your qualifications in your field. If you have several blogs, you can add links from one blog to another, and utilize social networks like Facebook and Twitter to promote your blogs. Happy blogging!

TO BLOG OR NOT TO BLOG, THAT IS THE QUESTION

How creating your own blog can attract future employers and companies

Marisa Graniglia
Features Editor

So back in the day, when Spice Girls and sparkles were cool, online diaries or blogs were up and coming in the World Wide Web. Blogging sites, such as Xanga, were the coolest places to complain about parents and school.

My personal favorite, however, was to post heart wrenching lyrics about how about the cute boy in my math class always shared his study hall snack with the well-developed blonde across the room. As I poured my adolescent heart to the few viewers that followed me, I never knew that one day I would be doing this for a living.

Today, almost all of the major multimedia corporations require blogging as a prerequisite to an interview or even getting a job. Though blogs are a free space to release some heat, it is always a good idea to keep them PG. The Internet is an unforgiving world and it’s easy to dig up old dirt on anyone, even if it was years ago. You never want to curse or talk bad about anyone your blog. Though your blog is a place for you to talk freely about anything you want to, it just isn’t smart to bash anything.

By doing this, you’re giving people a reason to bash you back. Not to mention, when you put negative things on the Internet, employers will be able to see it even if you don’t tell them about it.

Searching a name online is anything but difficult and you just want to make sure that you’re always leaving yourself in a positive light. You don’t want to limit yourself in the job market before you even search for a place of employment due to a bad blog post. It’s supposed to bring on employers, not turn them away.

Though my blog might not be exactly the way I would like, someone else designs the layout and format. I’m still thankful for this opportunity. I took on the position because I thought it would be something else to put on my resume.

I had no idea that blogging would transform into something so necessary for future success. My all-time favorite blog page is Cupcakes and Cashmere. It’s a fashion blog by a girl named Emily who lives in Beverly Hills. She talks about everything from fashion to food. She decided, randomly one day, to start up a blog and now she’s famous. She even gets to attend A-list events like fashion week in New York City and she recently designed a Coach bag inspired by her blog and innovative fashion sense.

As you can see, starting up your own successful blog site doesn’t take much. Though this is an extreme case of luck, this could be one day be you! Get on your coziest pajamas and set the mood (I like low lights and John Mayer)...anything to get the creative juices flowing. I promise, it’s definitely worth a shot!
BLOGGING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Professional photographer, professor makes blogging work for her

Maile Hetherington
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday morning you may have found photographers Kathleen Trense and her husband Robert Trense shooting a wedding in Manhattan. Last Tuesday, they may have been teaching their Humans in the Humanities Center wing of the Academic Building teaching her magazine editing class.

In the past month, the Trenses have travelled over 5,000 miles, enough to drive across the country and bring back plenty of moments to share on their blog “Robert and Kathleen Photographers.”

Sacred Heart alumni and adjunct media studies professor Kathleen Trense joined her husband’s wedding photography business five years ago and has since then been capturing iconic moments and blogging about them nonstop. Trense always had an enthusiasm for journalism and design but it was not until she gave up her full-time job and picked up a camera, that she realized her true passion.

“Our job could never be boring,” said Trense.

“Sharing that experience with couples, being able to tell their story is incredible.”

- What inspired you to go into blogging and how has it helped your wedding photography business?

“Our blog is an integral part of our business. As photographers, we are always looking for new ways to showcase our work. The blog allows us to post our personal favorite shots from each wedding or event, giving readers entrée to the pictures and images we like to photograph the most. We spend a lot of time on each post (up to 8 hours for a wedding post), selecting the pictures and writing a story that really encompasses each individual couple’s wedding day.

“We know that selecting the people who will be capturing some of the most emotional and personal moments of your life is no easy task. That’s why we use the blog to let couples get to know us better as people, letting our own personalities show through with personal posts so that on the wedding day we no longer feel like strangers to them (or their guests).”

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- Lastly, I heard you are moving to the New York City, did your job influence this decision? Will you continue to blog?

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BUT EVERYONE FAMOUS IS DOING IT

Ashley Monaco
Assistant Features Editor

For students at Sacred Heart University, the 1990s were the peak of our childhoods. Our days were filled with Pokemon, Power Rangers, and pop music. And while we were clicking away on Game Boys and collecting Beanie Babies, little did we know that a phenomenon known as “blogging” was being formed.

Like any good trend, blogging has continued to grow since its birth in the 90s, and almost everyone is doing it, especially celebrities, who have managed to find time in their busy lives to update their fans on the web.

There are multitudes of sites dedicated to the daily ramblings of our favorite celebrities, including Celebbuzz.com, which I decided to check out after coming across it in a Google search.

After perusing Celebbuzz, I discovered that it is a unique hybrid in the blogging world. Not only does it provide followers with their daily dose of celebrity gossip but it also contains blogs from specifically for the site by popular Hollywood icons.

From the perspective of a first time viewer, I found it difficult to find the links to the featured blogs. Typically, the link is located under the celebrity’s name, which is not always located in the navigation but to my surprise, they were not there.

After a few moments of scrolling and scanning, I found the links at the bottom of the homepage. Some examples include those such as the Kardashians, Whitney Port, Nicole Richie, and Brittany Spears stuck out right away. Due to their recent opening of Dash NYC, I decided to check out the Kardashian blog to see what they have had to say since the launch.

After investing some time investigating their posts, I found that many of the things they had to say were similar to blogs my friends keep. There were longer feel like strangers to them (or their guests).

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Kim Kardashian appears at the opening of Charmin’s Deluxe free public restrooms in Times Square event on Nov. 23.

a plethora of pictures from Thanksgiving, updates on family members, and details about their lives. Of course, the extreme glam and glam set them apart from our friends’ home life.

Like any good businesswoman, the sisters also dedicate a good portion of their blogs to promoting their fashion line and newly released book “Kardashi-an Confidential.” With convenient up-to-the-minute updates, fans are constantly kept in the know. Kourtney, for example, shared a video from their Nov. 30 interview on The Today Show a few short hours after its occurrence.

So whether you’re looking to promote your business, opinions, or simply your life, blogging is certainly the way to go about it. After all, the Kardashi-an sisters have made it and they know success and trends better than they do. I suggest you browse sites like Celebbuzz to figure out how to get your start.
The Sacred Heart women's volleyball team celebrates their first ever NEC Championship after they defeated Robert Morris.

W. Volleyball NEC Champions

Move on to NCAA Tournament vs. Nebraska

Erin Burke
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart Women's Volleyball made history recently winning the Northeast Conference Championship.

The weekend-long battle started Saturday with a tough game against fourth seeded Central Connecticut State University.

The game was not going to be an easy win for Sacred Heart by any means.

"Everyone was a bit nervous heading into the game," said junior Ashlyn Trimble.

Sacred Heart took a commanding lead in the first set winning 25-15 with help from sophomore Elise Sage and freshman Christina Bauch as both would hit back-to-back kills to secure the point.

With 13 offensive errors, Sacred Heart would drop the second set to CCSU 22-25.

Eager to redeem themselves, Sacred Heart worked off of the momentum of a kill from junior Maile Hetherington and won the second set 25-20.

CCSU had no intent of letting Sacred Heart into the championship match with a tough game against fourth seeded Robert Morris proved to be a little tougher by winning at home. Sacred Heart ended their regular season home play at a perfect 16-0.

Sacred Heart faced Robert Morris on Sunday Nov. 21 for the NEC Championship title.

"The team was pretty clam and relaxed going into the championship," said Trimble, "We knew what we had to do and focused on getting our jobs done."

And that's exactly what they did, winning the final match 3-0.

Sacred Heart won the first match in decisive fashion. Sophomore, Johanna Ovsenek recorded one of her 16 kills of the match to win the first set, 25-9.

Robert Morris proved to be a little tougher in the second set, but was still no match for Sacred Heart's lethal offense. Kills from Sage, boosted Sacred Heart to win 18-25 and lead the match 2-0.

Bauch was a power house earning the only double for the match and Sage proved to be an incredible offensive threat again as her last two kills would win the third set for Sacred Heart, 25-12, securing, not only the match but also the teams first ever NEC Championship.

"Excited" was the only word that Trimble or Kidd-Kadlubek could say to describe how the team was feeling after the win.

By winning the NEC Championship, Sacred Heart will face the number two seed Nebraska in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Dec. 2 at 8 p.m in Lincoln, Nebraska at the NU Coliseum.
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Women’s Ice Hockey trips at Nutmeg Classic

Jess Orser  Staff Reporter

This past weekend the Sacred Heart women’s hockey team had another tough weekend competing in the Nutmeg Classic. The Pioneers lost both games against tough opponents, Quinnipiac and University of Connecticut. The Pioneers record is now 1-10-0.

The Nutmeg Classic was held at the Quinnipiac-TD Bank Sports Center, where the competition was fierce.

The Pioneers, who had just suffered a heart breaking loss in overtime to Nichols, were ready to try and regroup and get back on the winning track.

“We faced two tough teams this weekend, Quinnipiac University and UConn,” said junior Nicole Palazzo. “Friday night against Quinnipiac we lost 9-1, this was one of our most difficult games of the year because we did not play to our potential.”

Although the Pioneers lost 9-1 to the Bobcats, there were positive outcomes from the underclassmen. The freshmen on the team have stepped up and are beginning to make an impact for the Pioneers.

Free diver,goalie, Alexis Schutt, made 57 saves in net and fellow freshman, Sara Hanna, netted her second goal of the season, which was the only goal scored by Sacred Heart.

The Bobcats brought out their A-game, scoring three goals in each period, consistently. The Pioneers went into a deeper and deeper hole.

“‘It was a hard weekend. We knew that we were facing tough teams from the beginning.’” said junior Caileigh Coddall. “Obviously we would have wanted to be more successful but there were some positive aspects to our play, particularly on Saturday against UConn, that we are going to carry into this weekend against St. Michael’s.”

After a tough loss against the Bobcats, the Pioneers faced UConn in the consolation game.

“Saturday we lost to UConn 11-0 but the score did not reflect our effort throughout the game. The shots in this game were almost even, which reflects how close the game actually was,” said Palazzo.

Sacred Heart was outshot 35-21 by the Huskies. Freshman Schutt started in goal against UConn, but was pulled for junior Raelene Sydor, who stopped 17 of the 35 shots.

Hanna was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts in both games.

The Bobcats defeated Yale in the championship game by a score of 2-1. With that win, the Bobcats claimed the tournament.

“We look to move on this weekend stronger against St. Michael’s at home where we look to start a winning streak,” said Palazzo.

The Pioneers gear up for action this coming weekend on Dec. 3 against St. Michael’s on their own ice at the Bridgeport Wonderland of Ice. The puck is slated to drop at 7 p.m. They also face the Purple Knights in a Saturday afternoon match-up at 2 p.m.

“We will also be over the Christmas break with seven games, including participating in the Neumann University Tournament. We will face Cortland State in their opening round game.”

Stats courtesy of The Sacred Heart Athletic Department.

A DAY IN THE LIFE: PIONEER SWIMMING

Whitney Hughes  Staff Reporter

Many college students find themselves staying up until dawn and sleeping all day, but for junior Meghan Bailey and senior Katie Marshall, waking up at sunrise is a part of their daily routine. Both Bailey and Marshall are members of the Sacred Heart University women’s swim team.

The collegiate swim season spans from September to March.

“I usually swim the 400IM, the 200IM, and the 200 butterfly in races which begin in October,” said Bailey.

Bailey’s typical day when in season starts early and ends late. Bailey wakes up at 4:30 a.m. for her first practice of the day, which is held at the University of Bridgeport.

“I race the 200 fly, 100 fly, 200 free, and sometimes the 500 free,” said Marshall.

Like Bailey, Marshall wakes up early throughout the season.

“I wake up around 4:30 in the morning,” said Marshall. “Our morning practice starts at 5:15 a.m. and our afternoon practice starts at 2:15 p.m. Both practices are around two hours long.”

After practice, both Bailey and Marshall rush home and manage to find time to shower and eat before attending a full day of classes. Classes are particularly important to schedule correctly because the team has their second practice of the day.

“Practice consists of two hours of swimming. Some days of the week we swim together as a team, and on other days we split up into stroke groups so that we can focus more specifically on our individual events,” said Bailey.

“Two practices a day is both physically and mentally demanding,” said Marshall.

“The practice schedule keeps me busy. I currently take five classes so I have a full load. Some days are worse than others but by the end of the week it becomes more manageable,” said Marshall.

Practices don’t always involve just swimming.

“A typical work-out consists of a warm-up, a main set, and a warm-down. We also work out using a Vasa machine, which is a swimming machine that you ride on, use to simulate swimming in the water by pulling your own body weight a few times a week,” said Bailey.

“Napping is essential to an athlete that wakes at dawn and has two practices a day. In between practice and class, I usually try to take a nap and get homework done,” said Bailey. “The hardest part of my day is getting up for practice in the morning. It is hard to wake up at 4:30 knowing that you have a full day of classes and another practice ahead of you, and that you might not get a chance to nap.”

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“It is mostly just about time management and getting my work done whenever I have a free moment to get it done,” said Bailey. “The hardest part of being a student athlete in general is balancing school work, practice and getting to the pool.”

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With school, practice, and work, the girls still manage to have some free time.

“I have time for myself at night after I finish my work and at the end of the day. We do not have practice on Sunday’s so that is also time that I have for myself,” said Marshall. “Most meets are on Saturday afternoons so it is nice to have the rest of the day/night off and have Sunday off as well.”

Bailey has high goals for both herself and her team this season.

“My individual goals for the season are to get faster and swim personal bests at NEC’s,” said Bailey.

Marshall agrees with Bailey and has similar goals.

“My personal goals for this season are to go best times in my events and to win a few meets,” said Bailey.

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Next, Sacred Heart went on a two game winning streak, defeating Georgetown at home and then a victory at Monmouth. The Pioneers returned to Campus Field for the remaining two games of the season, suffering a loss to Albany, but then ending the season on a high note beating fellow NEC foe, Wagner.

The highlight of the Pioneers’ season came with their gut wrenching close win at Monmouth, 26-25 in an exciting back and forth game.

“The best moment of the season was when we upset Monmouth. Not only did we beat them on our homecoming, but we essentially knocked them out of NEC title contention as well,” said sophomore punter Bobbie Shepherd.

Arkler agreed with Shepherd as well.

“We hadn’t beat Monmouth since before our head coach Paul Gorham was here, so it meant quite a lot to beat those guys,” said Archer.

Senior quarterback Dale Fink was undoubtedly the leader all season long for the Pioneers. He finished the season with 18 touchdown passes and 2,907 passing yards. On top of that he also set 13 schools records in his time at Sacred Heart. Fink has also set the record for career touchdowns in the NEC with 82, and passing yards with 8,803.

For his efforts in the season finale against Wagner, Fink was awarded the Golden Helmet Award winner as the Division 1 New England Player of the Week as well as the NEC Offensive Player of the Week.

Many fans believe that there has been too much emphasis placed on one bad season. They believe that Jeter’s career numbers should be able to speak for themselves.

“I think there’s too much hype over one down year, said Fiorenza. “Just because he had one down year does not mean he can’t come back next year and bat .300 with 200 hits.”

Others are not quite so optimistic, believing that last years numbers are an indicator of what is to come.

“As a player, I think he is good, but I don’t think he’s in the category of one of the greatest of all time,” said senior Steve Armato. “I think he has already been recognized for his past attributes because he’s already making more than other shortstop in baseball, but Jeter and his agent are asking too much especially after this past season.”

Many Yankee fans believe that Jeter is worth much more to the franchise because of his intangibles, most of which cannot be recorded in the box score.

“At this age, Jeter has become a great mentor for the other younger players who will take over for him once he retires,” said Fiorenza. “Jeter is like having a coach on the field because he is one of the smartest players in the league.”

Nevertheless the contract dispute continues due to varying opinions on Jeter’s worth, with some supporting the Yankees management.

“I think the organization is doing the right thing because he’s is definitely past his prime of his career,” said Armato. “But I think if he’s asking for five years he’s looking for way too much for his age. You don’t get better with age so you have to face that Jeter won’t be around forever.”

Then there are others who are supporting Jeter.

“Watching Derek Jeter play has taught me the values of hard work and dedication,” said Fiorenza. “His ability to always do and say the right thing is extremely admirable from the fan’s perspective. He should get the contract he is asking for because his value cannot be underestimated.”

It is reported that the Yankees are offering Jeter a three year deal worth $45 million, working out to $15 million per season. However, the latest rumors from Jeter’s camp are that he is seeking a much larger deal. These say that he is seeking a $100 million deal over six seasons, which comes down to $25 million per season.
Junior wide receiver Rich Rossi (#11) darts to the end zone in Sacred Heart's season finale victory over Wagner. Rossi was named to the NEC all-conference team.