Student commons dedicated to McMahon

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News Editor

On Friday, April 13, Sacred Heart University's new student commons building was dedicated in honor of Linda E. McMahon, a trustee at the university. With President John J. Petillo and Student Government President Mia James providing assistance, McMahon cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the 46,000-square foot building. McMahon then spoke about the commons and what it means to have it bear her name.

"I'm humbled to stand here in front of this building," she said. "I know it's going to serve the Sacred Heart community for generations and generations to come."

During her speech, McMahon described the impact that the student union building had on her studies at East Carolina University. She believes that the student commons will be an integral place for campus connections.

"The student commons is a place to come and have conversations," she said. "Through these conversations, we learn about ourselves, and we learn about others."

For Petillo, the commons exemplifies Sacred Heart's devotion to the welfare of its student body.

"This building is a testament to the commitment to our students," he said.

McMahon is the former president and CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment. She and her husband, Vince, developed WWE from a small company to a multimillion-dollar empire.

McMahon's alliance with Sacred Heart began in 2004, when Dr. Peter Maresco of the John F. Welch College of Business invited her to speak at a conference involving women in business. She joined the university's board of trustees shortly thereafter.

McMahon has been involved with a number of projects at Sacred Heart. According to the university's website, she is a chair for the Discovery Gala, an annual event that honors community members and raises funds for the university's most deserving students. She also donated $5 million to Sacred Heart for capital projects, including the student commons.

The dedication ceremony included speeches from board of trustees Vice Chairman Jim Morley, Maresco and James. The Sacred Heart Choir also performed a rendition of "We Are the World."

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Dance team places fifth at Nationals

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On Thursday, April 12, the Sacred Heart University dance team competed in the annual National Dance Association competition in Daytona Beach, Fla.

During the weekend-long competition, the team competed against 14 other Division I teams from across the country, ultimately earning a fifth place finish.

The team, made up of 20 girls, competed in the team performance category. This is a two minute and 15 second dance routine containing jazz, pop, and hip-hop sections.

On Thursday, the team competed in the preliminaries in the Peabody Auditorium. All 14 teams competed, with only the top eight moving on to the finals.

"The uncertainty and suspense after prelims was by far the most stressful part of the trip," said senior captain Caroline Campo. "We put everything we had on the stage, and that was all we could control."

Going into the finals, they were ranked fifth with their Billy Joel-themed routine containing a variety of his songs such as "Pressure" and "Keeping the Faith."

The team's finish was the product of a year long effort and preparation.

"I am so proud of how far this team has come and the dedication and hard work it took to get here," said senior captain Breanna McLaughlin.

The finals were held on Friday morning on the Band Shell, an outdoor performance venue located right on the beach overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Friday's site was much more exciting than the setting the day before.

"It was surreal," said junior Monica Malcolmson. "All I could think about was taking in every moment."

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Minor makes books come to life with illustrations

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On Tuesday, April 10, Sacred Heart University students gathered in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts for an art exposition, featuring speaker Wendell G. Minor.

Minor is an artist and illustrator who has used his talents to create covers for many notable works of literature.

Some of Minor’s most recognizable art has been for Nora Roberts and Pat Conroy. He also illustrated the cover of Harper Lee’s iconic novel, “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

Minor tried to engage the audience by asking students, “Truthfully, how many of you hate to read?” Students hesitated to respond to such a direct question, until Minor said, “I grew up hating reading because of my dyslexia. And in high school, the yearbook editor laughed when I said I wanted to be an artist.”

Minor did not learn to appreciate reading until he was in his twenties, when he landed his first job in publishing, and his career demanded it. He began to value books when he was required to read them for his work as an illustrator.

“I learned that what you read takes you to infinite places,” Minor said. “After reading books for over 40 years, and having assigned books lead me to other books, I’ve had an incredible education.”

Minor shared that he never thought he would be on the path he is on, and has overcome doubts about his intelligence.

“We’re tied up in a world where everyone cares about what other people think,” said Minor, as dozens of pieces of his published cover art flashed across the screen.

“In a creative world, you must think for yourself. There’s always someone with a better answer than yours — but that’s their answer, not yours,” he said.

Minor made light of his early illustrating career, referencing his work for Halfmark. He said that his work included drawing fuzzy bunnies on cards. He then added that if you do something with excellence, there would always be another opportunity.

“Keep your mind open to accept things changing constantly. Always learn something new, because it is necessary for your survival,” said Minor.

He told students not to doubt themselves, and reminded them that some of the most talented people in the world did not fit into the education system. He gave the example of Steve Jobs, who dropped out of college after just one semester.

“I think the potential of your future is infinite,” he said.

Minor also told students that he sees everything as a spark for a new idea.

“I’ve learned that teaching is when someone comes back to you and says, ‘I didn’t know what you were talking about back then, but now I do,’” he said.

Minor concluded his lecture by instructing students on the importance of critical thinking.

“I had one shot to enlighten you guys somehow,” he said. “If I can leave you with one piece of advice, that is to ask questions.”
McMahon focus of dedication

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The event concluded with a "flash mob," a surprise choreographed dance, from members of S.H.U. LO VE, the SHU Band, and SHU F.O.R.C.E. Even McMahon and Pettillo were compelled to join in the dancing.

Sophomore Megan Tully, who was part of the flash mob, enjoyed participating in it.

"The flash mob was a nice touch," she said. "We had private rehearsals in the wrestling room of the Pitt Center to prepare for it, so I'm glad it went well."

After the ceremony, everyone in attendance was invited inside to tour the student commons and to enjoy a reception on the third floor of the building.

McMahon, who is fighting for the Republican nomination in this year's Connecticut U.S. Senate election, emphasized the importance of education.

"Education is the single greatest tool we have to create opportunity," she said. "We are all teachers, but it is even more important to be a student."

The student commons is not officially open, but administrators are hoping that this year's seniors will have the opportunity to enjoy it before they graduate.

Sophomore Kellie Mason found the tribute to be a fitting gesture toward McMahon.

"I thought that the ceremony was really good," she said. "McMahon gives a lot of time and money to the school, so it's a nice honor."

**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, April 18 - 1 - 5 p.m.**

SHU Dunk
Chartwells Patio

**Thursday, April 19 - 8 - 11 p.m.**

Spring Awakening
Edgerston Center

**Friday, April 20 - 7 p.m.**

Women's Lacrosse vs. Bryant
Campus Field

**Saturday, April 21 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Habitat for Humanity Olympics
Grass Field

**Sunday, April 22 - 1 p.m.**

Women's Lacrosse vs. Central Connecticut State
Campus Field

**Dance team competes with nation's best**

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"The massive crowd, the ocean, and being on that stage with my teammates was a dream come true. Everything we worked for paid off with 2.5 minutes of pure passion and adrenaline," said Mal- common.

Since the team first learned their routine in January, they have put in hours of practice time, cleaning up and perfecting the dance with a common goal of making it to the finals stage.

"It feels really good to finally show everyone else how much our hard work has helped us get to this point," said junior Kelly King. "It's an unreal feeling that I'm sure all 20 of us will never forget. Dancing on that stage will forever be a part of us."

Four of the twenty girls had previously danced on the Band Shell as freshmen. Advancing this far again was even bigger and more meaningful for them.

"It feels amazing being in the top five again, and knowing that even though Sacred Heart is a small school, we have the talent and heart to compete with schools much bigger than ours," said McLaughlin.

Other teams that competed against Sacred Heart included Towson University, Boston University, and Albany University.

After the exciting win on Friday morning, the team switched gears and showcased their hip-hop routine later that day.

The team finished in eighth against 12 other Division I teams.

"It was absolutely the greatest feeling of my life," said sophomore Katrina Rossi. "I had never been part of a team like this that worked so hard to reach one goal, and finally reaching it was an unbelievable feeling."

**Professors and students mixed on iPad updates and improvements**

Jennifer Biagiotti
Staff Reporter

Apple has never failed to impress the world with new and advanced technology. The newly designed, third-generation iPad is now available online and in stores, with many improvements from the first two designs.

The iPad has been redesigned with four new major components. Its A5X chip provides improved graphics, and it also features a 5-megapixel Sight and 4G-speed LTE. Additionally, the retina display has the highest resolution ever on a mobile device.

According to media studies professor Greg Golda, the device could still be improved for production use.

"A laptop is a great production machine. The iPad is still a little immature," said Golda. "It's fun and useful, but it runs out of features if you are doing production. It is more tailored towards casual web browsing and entertainment."

The iPad has been updated for every type of person, whether it is intended for college, the office, or even just for pleasure. The newly designed features are there to accompany a wide range of necessities.

Sophomore Gabrielle Scozarri believes that her iPad is more useful than other tablet brands.

"I got an iPad2 for my birthday, and I really enjoy using it to read on, subscribe to magazines, surf the web, play games, and take pictures," she said. "It is different from a Kindle, and can do so many other things."

Adjunct media studies professor Paul Pabst says that having a device such as the iPad is necessary for his line of work.

"The iPad is essential when I'm on the road for work, and is much quicker to work with than a laptop," he said. "I don't know if you need one as a student, but when you work in the field I would make sure to have one."

The main feature on the new-generation iPad is its retina display resolution. According to Apple's website, the resolution on this iPad is 2048 X 1536 (3.1 million pixels), four times the clarity of the previous iPad2.

Despite its features, some are not convinced that the new iPad is better than its predecessor.

"I do not think it's a significant upgrade to the last iPad," said Pabst.

The "dictation" function, which is displayed as its own key on the keyboard, is a new addition to the iPad. This function allows the user to send emails, text, search the Web, and make a note by using voice control instead of typing.

"Users have said that iPad is an ideal device for staying connected in a media-driven world. I keep my iPad near me at home to quickly check sports stories and post stuff on Twitter," said Pabst. "It's much faster than going to an office and getting on a desktop computer."
Rally sheds light on domestic violence

Julianne O'Hara
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, April 14, the Psychology and Sociology Clubs came together for a rally on the dining hall patio of Sacred Heart University to put an end to domestic violence.

Psychology Club president Katelyn Cleary came up with the idea for a rally with the club's faculty advisor, Diedre Yeater. "We wanted to make the Psychology Club an active and interesting club with a cause, rather than discussing psychology," said Cleary.

The event included music from DJ Ali Kaba, free food, games, and a self-defense workshop performed by Public Safety. There were multiple speakers, including Sacred Heart's own criminal justice professor, Dr. Tanya Grant.

At the end, everyone launched eco-friendly balloons to honor and remember all of those lost in Connecticut due to domestic violence in 2011. The prevalence of domestic violence among college-aged students is a cause for concern for the participants.

"One fact that has always stuck out to me is that domestic violence usually occurs between 16 and 22 years of age," said Cleary. "It is shocking to me that this problem isn't discussed more on a college campus, where a majority of this group is." All of the donations received at the rally were given directly to the Center for Women & Families in Bridgeport. The event raised $130 for services.

"I think when people think of rape or assaults, they don't consider men being the victim. But the truth is, this is a problem that everyone is at risk for and something everyone should be aware of," said sophomore Kincaid Council.

With help from local organizations, faculty, staff, students, and clubs, they were able to spread awareness all around Sacred Heart's campus.

"In order for women to understand how critical this problem is, we have to talk about it and take steps to prevent it from occurring to any of our friends or community members," said Cleary.

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U.S. hopes of diplomacy fade with North Korea launch

Associated Press

President Barack Obama's hopes of using diplomacy to defuse an unpredictable nuclear-equipped North Korea fizzled with that country's failed rocket launch, leaving Obama with little to show for his overture to the new North Korean leader.

The launch Friday, in defiance of U.S. and international demands, scuttled a once-promising deal to exchange much-needed U.S. food aid for nuclear concessions and the prospect of broader disarmament talks.

Obama had insisted that "bad behavior" would not be rewarded and now has few options to restart negotiations without appearing to let North Korea off the hook.

Obama told an interviewer Friday that the launch would only serve to further cut off North Korea from the rest of the world and shows the regime is willing to waste money on "rockets that don't work at a time when their people are starving."

He said in the interview with the Spanish-language TV network "Telemedio" that the U.S. would work with other nations to further isolate North Korea and "keep the pressure on them," although he was not specific.

Almost immediately after the launch, Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney accused Obama of trying to appease North Korea by dangling a food aid deal "that proved to be as naive as it was short-lived."

The White House responded tartly. Deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes was asked whether the launch represented a failure of administration efforts to engage the North's new rulers.

"Absolutely not," he said. "What this administration has done is broken the cycle of rewarding provocative actions by the North Koreans that we've seen in the past."

North Korea's attempt to launch a rocket with what the North Koreans said was a satellite attached ended in failure when the rocket disintegrated over the Yellow Sea.

Western nations have said the launch was a cover for the testing of a long-range missile, and worries remain about North Korea's nuclear program amid reports that it may be planning another atomic test soon.

The Obama administration is trying to shift its foreign policy emphasis toward Asia, home of most of the world's fastest-developing economies and markets, and had hoped that even modest improvements in relations with North Korea could help.

The impoverished, highly militarized autocracy is a looming threat to U.S. allies like South Korea and Japan. It is an irritant in U.S. relations with regional powerhouse China because of China's role as protector of its fellow communist state.

A sudden leadership change in North Korea seemed to improve the odds of better footing with the regime, one of the pariah nations former President George W. Bush placed on his "axis of evil" 10 years ago.

The food deal reached Feb. 29 was supposed to open the way for new talks that could eventually broker an end to North Korea's nuclear weapons program and the proliferation risk it poses.

North Korea had promised to suspend uranium enrichment at a major facility and refrain from missile and nuclear tests.

The announcement would have opened the way for international inspections for the North's nuclear program, which has gone unmonitored for years.
Staff Reporter

Each time sophomore Shannon Murphy logs onto Facebook she tries to make it a point of deleting several ‘friends’ from her account. “I have been trying to delete people recently because I have run into the problem of seeing people that I don’t want pop up on my newsfeed,” said Murphy. Over those years students have accumulated many friends and whether or not they are real friends has never been an issue until recently.

Facebook has recently added a new update, the choice to make people acquaintances instead of friends. It will limit how much information people have access to. This is the first step in different relationship categories that Facebook is coming up with.

Some students feel that Facebook is moving in a direction towards creating more privacy. “It’s a step forward,” said freshman Will Herlihy. “I feel like it is a reasonable adjustment because now people can categorize their relationships and that can be useful.”

Other students agree that the change can help them be more organized and aware of the people in their newsfeed. “I think this is a good step for Facebook -- that there is an option for more privacy,” said senior Alex Mellilo. “I know that there are some people who I don’t want seeing my whole Facebook. Also there are some people I have been friends with and I really can’t remember how I know them.” Although some students see the new update as a blessing, there are many that really can’t remember how they know them.

“It think it’s sort of offensive if you find out you are only an acquaintance when you thought you were a real friend,” said sophomore Jennie Robinson. “I already have over 1,000 friends on Facebook and most of them really are just acquaintances.”

A screenshot of the Facebook page where settings for acquaintances can be changed, Murphy brings up a good point about the timing of this update. “This is great for new friends that request you, but what about all of the friends I have already?” said Mellilo. “Do I have to go through all of them and decide what I want them to see? That is a lot of work.”

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Handheld health habits

Health and fitness applications rise in popularity among college students

Caitlin McLaughlin Staff Reporter

Today, more than ever, health and fitness are being stressed among the public of all ages. Cell phone users now have applications that they can download and use not only for games, news, and music, but fitness as well. Together, health and applications create a combination of useful tools for people to get healthy.

Software applications on cellphones, iPods, tablets, and computers are becoming more popular for the general public.

According to Pew Internet’s online article, these applications cover a wide range from those that count calories and help manage an exercise routine to more advanced applications that monitor vital signs and help individuals manage serious health conditions.

This convenient way of tracking health statistics has given people a more balanced and easy way to stay in shape.

“They’re really helpful when it comes to being organized with your diet,” said senior Carin Wagner. “I know a lot of people that use them.”

Statistics show that these apps are more popularly downloaded among the younger and middle-aged crowds. These ages range anywhere between 18 and 20 years old, along with the middle age ranged from 30-49 years old.

Senior Brittany Llobell, a member of the Track and Field team, has never used them before. “I feel like they are more useful for people who are just newer to the ‘health world’,” she said. “People who are really into exercise and fitness might find one or two apps that they like.”

Pew Internet’s online article also states that in 2010, cell users who reported having health applications on their phones were disproportionately young, African American, and living in urban areas. And while 15 percent of African-American users had a health application on their phone, the same was true of just 7 percent of white and 11 percent Latino cell phone users.

“I have heard my professor talk about some of these apps but they would be too much to use for work out. I guess they are pretty popular among adults as well as college students,” said Llobell.

The booming iPhone business has helped to skyrocket these apps immensely. Applications such as Lose It!, Weight Watchers, Nike Training, and more are popular especially among college students.

“I tried the Lose It! app, but it didn’t help me much because it was hard to constantly enter in each food that I ate. Sometimes I wouldn’t even be able to find the foods that needed to be entered, so I stopped using it,” said junior Julie Albanese.

Other students said while health and fitness apps have the potential to help people remain healthy, they plan on just sticking to their normal routine.

“I frequent the gym a lot so I really don’t have the time to use these applications. I would rather just do my own thing,” said Stein.

From Facebook friends to acquaintances

Erin Marley Staff Reporter

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Senior Amanda Rivera overlooks fellow classmates as they text and use the internet in class.

Amanda Rivera Contributing Writer

Alright everyone, get ready. I’m going to give you the 411 on how to get away with texting and Facebook stalking during class.

Oh, wait I don’t have any advice. Let’s be honest, it’s pretty easy to use technology in the classroom. However, there’s just one set back. The only thing is you hand in your badge of politeness for a grimy and dirty sack for being a rude jerk.

Never would you see me use a cell phone or my computer during class time, unless it is allowed in the classroom setting. I pride myself on not being that rude.

How I see it, I’m a broke college student and the classes I attend are NOT cheap. So if I’m going to pay so much for each class, you bet your behind that I’m going to pay attention in that class.

Honestly, what can I possibly say in a text message that can’t wait till after class. Who do I need to stalk so badly that I can’t wait an hour or two for it? It’s not like we are in training for the C.I.A. here. It’s real life. It’s Sacred Heart.

I don’t want to look back on my four years and say that I texted my education away or tell a future employer that I’m sorry I never learned how to do something because I was texting my best friend about how drunk I got on the weekend. Now that’s sad.

What’s worse is that it’s something that really affects our school. In every classroom there are at least one or two jerks texting the whole time. One of these days I’m going to send a mass text at the beginning of class to all of my classmates.

Whoever opens their phones during class will see this message: “Attention: We have attached a monitor to your cell phone and every time you open it and text during class you will be charged $150 per text by the Registrar. They’ll feel so cheap – literally because they’ll be broke.

Now that’s probably not the appropriate way to do it, and maybe I’m going on a bit of a rant, but I really don’t think it would be pretty dumb to think that the professor doesn’t see you texting while in class.

No one in their right minds will smile while looking at their pair of серьёза interested in them either. Who really does that? I apologize if that’s something you do naturally, maybe you are excited by blue jeans. Whatever floats your boat.

When it comes down to it texting or surfing the web during a lecture is just plain rude, not only to the professors, but to your fellow classmates as well.

So stop wearing that grimy rude sack of yours because it doesn’t even match your outfit.
A woman walks out of a Nokia building where new technological advances are being made every day.

### Technological Tattoos

**Nokia introduces futuristic tattoo invention for cellphone technology**

**Dan Miller**

Staff Reporter

Imagine sitting in a doctor’s office or movie theatre and your phone is set to vibrate but you can’t feel it. Suddenly, a vibration emits from your leg informing you that you have three new text messages, seven emails, and one missed call.

This day sounds like it may be in the distant future, but thanks to Nokia’s patent pending technology, it may be closer than you’d think.

The company has developed plans for a tattoo, either permanent, detachable, or spray on, that allows cell phone and other technology owners to receive notifications through a magnetic field.

According to ABC News, “The object could emit different vibrations for an alert of a message, indication of an incoming call, indication of a body part in proximity of the electronic device, indication of information displayed on the electronic device, indication of a launch of an application and indication of a least a portion of a displayed image.”

While some may find this technological advancement to be useful, others said they are wary about the consequential reliance on technology. “I can only imagine how stressful that is not being able to just turn off the technology and have a moment of peace and quiet.”

Senior Brittany Toy agreed that this type of technology is not necessary. “I don’t think anyone would actually ever need that technology. Everyone already has an unhealthy obsession with their phone as it is. It seems pointless to have a tattoo inform you that you have a text while your phone is going off in your pocket,” said Toy.

While many students said they find the idea ridiculous, others said they see the potential benefits for Nokia’s tattoo in certain situations. “I think that having a tattoo for your cell phone or laptop is unnecessary for the majority of people that would get it,” said sophomore Samantha Goleseiner. “But I think certain professionals could really take advantage of such a thing. For example, parents trying to balance having a family and a career might need the emergency interaction, which is obviously the most important benefit.”

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Relationships are better off with the phone. Now, I’ll be honest. In the very beginning of potential relationships, I have been guilty of some of these things. It’s just awkward to wonder how the words of a text could be perceived.

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### He Said/She Said

**Deciphering text messages in a relationship**

**Andrew Cresci**

He said

Nothing has changed the dating game quite like text messaging. While text messages are easy, quick, and allow you to avoid a possible panic of awkward silences during an initial conversation, there are negatives to every positive.

The big negative, with everything in the digital age, is judging emotions and vocal expressions through text.

Sometimes have you had to converse, discuss, argue, (whichever it may be) with a friend about the true meaning of what someone has texted you?

My guess is everyone has done that multiple times regardless of whether it was from another friend, a family member, a crush, an ex, or a prospective significant other.

When it comes to gaging some one’s interest in you, texting is a way to initiate first dates or other plans, and it can be useful in situations that don’t require a phone call.

But that is where I feel the use of texting really ends.

Building any kind of relationship with someone requires that face to face interaction, which is obviously the most important aspect.

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Communication is something vital in all functional relationships, but it is something oftentimes overlooked.

Think about it, How often do you text in a day? If you lost your phone for 24 hours, would you be completely miserable with it?

I think that texting is a great way to send a quick thought when you don’t have to take time to talk on the phone, but I am someone who always prefers to have the person on the phone when I cannot talk in person. It is more personable and you cannot think about what you want to say before you say it.

When it comes to starting relationships, a lot of the preliminary “flirting” stages are done through texting now. This can be a real problem. Text messages are often hard to decipher. You cannot understand the tone in someone’s voice through a text message, so the meaning behind a text is often misconstrued. You cannot tell if someone is being sarcastic or sincere.

Also, a lot of people will say things to you via text, which they normally would not if they were having a face-to-face conversation with you. A cell phone is like a mask that provides a certain level of anonymity.

You can hide behind a text message and have a sense of courage, knowing that the person you are texting does not have to look you in the eye when you are saying these things to him or her. This makes people extremely hard to read, since you cannot know their true intentions or whether or not they are sincerely interested in you.

Since text messages are so hard to decipher, do you know how when someone is actually interested? What do guys or girls normally text that let you know?

In my opinion, flirty text messages do not mean someone is genuinely interested in you. I know I have seen winky faces and little love hearts to people, and this was without thinking twice about it being misconstrued. It is so common to be flirty via text that it is hard to tell when someone is legitimately flirty with you.

I was having some trouble figuring out the difference between flirty texting texts, and texts from guys that have legitimate interest in you. I asked my friend, Sarah Loso, and the following are a few things that we came up with together:

1. You do not have to text him first all the time.
2. You both send equally flirty text messages.
3. If a guy knows you are busy, he still texts you knowing you probably will not respond.

These are just a few examples that we came up with together. I honestly think that if you are truly interested in someone, texting should be put on the back burner.

You should try your best to see the girl or guy you like in person. It means a lot more to have a face-to-face conversation. You can’t help but to read more from one via text. In fact, I know a lot of girls who are really turned off when a guy does nothing but text them. They want to see you in person.

Be spontaneous and creative. Most importantly, just be you!
Editorials

Protesting the Protest

Hannah Ackerman
Features Editor

The buzz on campus for the past year has been all about the new student commons building.

Last Friday, I was excited to finally attend the dedication of the new Linda E. McMahon Commons. The day could not have been more beautiful and it was great to see so many students, faculty, and staff come to the event. After the final words from James T. Morley, a number from the choir, and a surprise flash mob, we got to all go in to check out the new building.

However, when I walked up to the second floor and looked out the windows above the bookstore, my mood was dampened when I saw about seven students holding up protest signs against Linda McMahon.

While I am all for exercising your right to protest, I could not help but feel embarrassed and angry by what I saw.

As many have heard, some students have been protesting naming the building after Linda McMahon because of her pervious involvement with WWE.

One of the arguments I have overheard is that her work with the WWE undermines the catholic tradition. I'm sorry, but I wasn't aware that Catholics were against wrestlers. And last I checked, women were not being incarcerated and sold into the wrestling world.

Am I wrong in thinking wrestling is a job profession, and a choice?

I thought the whole protest was completely ridiculous and all I could do was hope that Linda McMahon did not see what was going on. Because I like I said before, I thought it was embarrassing.

Linda McMahon is responsible for the single largest donation to the university in its history. This money finds its way into scholarship funds throughout the university.

I was also taken back to see an individual from choir jump away from their group when they finished and join the protestors with a sign. I hope this person is aware that the choir group she participates in may not exist if not for Linda McMahon.

So to all you protestors at SHU: are you not planning on ever using the building?

I'm interested to see what will happen next. Either you need a book from the bookstore.

While after this editorial I may get some backlash from the angry group of seven, I do not regret anything I have said. I thought it was disrespectful and sour an otherwise great event.

One last summer vacation

Lisa Mante
A&E Editor

Why Voting Matters

Why would you want to live in a world where you had no say over your life? Would you want to live in a world where people, rather than yourself, decided what laws you should live under? Is this the type of world that you would want to live in? A world in which others decide your fate? Probably not. And that is why one of the most important decisions you can make as a citizen of this great country is to vote in the 2012 presidential election.

We are part of something greater than ourselves. This country, the United States of America, a world super power and the biggest advocate on the planet for social justice, is dependent upon an informed and politically engaged citizenry. In 2010, only 15 percent of 18-20 year olds voted - 85 percent of young adults between the ages of 18 and 20 chose not to vote. That is an astonishing statistic.

Our generation can potentially shape the political landscape of our country for decades to come. In order to do this, we must vote. We have already seen the tremendous effect on public policy that young voters can have. In 2008, Barack Obama invigorated the young adults of this country and rode that success straight into the White House. He was able to capture the imagination of young people, college students like us, and we helped him win the presidency.

Young voters in America have in their hands the power to re-elect the president, or elect his challenger. And we must realize this fact and make our power felt in the fall.

Many young people claim that they don't vote because they do not see how public policies affect them. Actually it is quite the contrary, as almost every policy in some shape or form has a direct effect on our lives, especially college funding, jobs, and the economy. These policies affect us now and will continue to affect us following graduation. The economy and the jobs we inherit have a direct effect on our success in the work force. In addition, if we are not able to pay for college without federal funding, we may not achieve our highest hopes and dreams.

As college students, we are faced with difficult decisions every day. We make these decisions knowing that what we choose to do or not do, may forever affect our future. Voting gives us that extra chance to shape our lives. Our individual votes can collectively change America to our benefit. Consider for example the recent repeal of the SOPA bill that was pending in Congress. As a result of political pressure from young adults, the Congress retreated from its initial position to regulate the Internet. Since we are attending college to better ourselves and our futures, does it not make sense to better our country as well? Be the voice that wants to be heard! Lead our generation into a better world! We can do it with one simple vote!

In the fall semester, student government in alliance with Professor Rose's presidential elections classes will be hosting a voter registration day for all students and faculty. We hope to see you there. Your future depends on your vote.

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Famous singer, Whitney Houston, who was found dead in February, is still making headlines. Before her sudden death, the pop diva was an executive producer and star of the upcoming movie “Sparkle,” a remake of the 1976 original. The movie, set to release on Aug. 17, has become very controversial, after the Los Angeles coroner, who assessed Houston’s body, confirmed the cause of her death.

According to the NY Times, the coroner said that Houston accidentally drowned in a bathtub with complications from cocaine and heart disease.

“Sparkle” is based around three talented sisters who try to form a singing group. Their mother Emma, played by the late Houston, tries to help her daughters but gets herself entangled in a world of drugs and addiction.

“I think that the release of the movie comes at a really sensitive time after her death,” said freshman Alissa Young. “It’s scary how close her character comes to her actual life.”

On April 2 NBC’s “Today” show premiered the trailer for the new movie, which included previous “American Idol” winner Jordin Sparks, who plays Houston’s daughter in the movie.

The trailer is just like any other trailer; it starts out light and humorous, but quickly becomes darker as the pressure of fame increases, an eerie comparison to Houston’s real life. Houston has publicly battled drug use and fame for many of years.

The trailer shows Houston singing the classic gospel song “His Eye Is On The Sparrow.”

This isn’t Houston’s first acting gig as she has starred in other movies including, “The Preacher’s Wife” and “The Bodyguard,” which now also draw comparisons to Houston’s death.

“I’ve seen the movie ‘The Bodyguard’ and remember the scene where she gets knocked out in the bathtub,” said junior Pierce Bradley. “I thought it’s kind of creepy that’s where she was found dead.”

While many are wondering if the movie is coming out too soon after Houston’s death, Debra Martin Chase, producer of the film, told CBS News, “The great thing for me as her friend and her producing partner is that this movie will be an essential part of her legacy.

“It’s the best performance of her life; she knew it at the time. She looked beautiful on camera and she enjoyed every minute making the movie,” she said.

Chase also said that they didn’t alter the movie at all after Houston’s death. Houston’s character, though important for the movie will serve as a remembrance of what a great singer she was.

“I think that the movie will serve as a memory of her life,” said Bradley. “And hopefully it will positively show her talents as a singer and actress.”

Fallen singer’s role in upcoming film will become a remembrance for all

Maryanne McGoorty
Staff Reporter

On April 10, 1912 the RMS Titanic set sail from England to New York. What was thought to be an unsinkable ship, sank to the bottom of the Atlantic on April 15, 1912.

The story of “Titanic” has been told numerous times before. But with the 100th anniversary of the ship’s sinking, TV stations, museums, media sources, and moviegoers are remembering the anniversary of the greatest disaster of the 20th century more than ever.

According to IMDB.com, James Cameron’s “Titanic” was the biggest box office grossing movie, with $1.8 billion, until his own “Avatar” topped it in 2009. The Oscar winning movie was originally released in 1997, but to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ship’s sinking, Cameron decided to rerelease it in 3-D this month.

Sophomore Gabby Nues saw the 3-D version of the film, and experienced it in a whole new way then when she saw the original.

“I saw the movie and I felt like I was actually on the ship,” she said. “The scenes where the water is bursting down the hall ways made you actually feel like the water was coming at you and you were going to drown. It was really cool. It made me feel like I was a passenger on the ship.”

While Jack and Rose’s love story held the top spot at the box office for 15 straight weeks in 1997, according to MSNBC, the revamped version of “Titanic” grossed $17.4 million during its opening weekend, number three behind “American Reunion” and defending champion, “The Hunger Games.”

Regardless of the profit, junior Vinny Costella thinks the movie will always be a classic.

“I think the only reason our generation really knows about the Titanic is because of the movie,” he said. However, many more may become informed about the historical voyage this month, as many television channels are airing documentaries, mini series, and TV movies based on “Titanic.”

To mention a few, on April 8, National Geographic aired a segment called “Titanic: The Final Word with James Cameron,” ABC premiered a mini-series, titled “Titanic,” on April 14, “Saving the Titanic,” aired on PBS on April 10; and “Titanic at 100: Mystery Solved” aired on The History Channel on April 15.

Some are even taking the experience one step further. According to the Associated Press, descendants of Titanic passengers and some historians boarded two cruise ships, leaving from Belfast and New York City, and will be experiencing Titanic just as their family members did 100 years ago.

At the end of their voyage, they will stop at the site of the iceberg striking, and the site of the sinking, to pay their respects to the fallen on the anniversary of their deaths.

For a less personal experience, sophomore Amy Nunes visited a Titanic exhibit in New York City in 2011, which has since moved the Las Vegas.

“It was really neat because when you get there you get a paper passport of a person who was actually on the ship. In this passport it tells you about the person’s life,” she said. “As you walk through the exhibit you learn a lot about the ship and you see things that were on it when it was afloat. Then at the end you find out if your person survived or didn’t make it.”

‘Titanic’ cruises to theaters for 100th anniversary

Many are remembering Titanic now more than ever, 100 years after the ship sank.
Premium channels boost in popularity

Jeff Daley
Staff Reporter

Fights for the iron throne, surviving a zombie apocalypse, and gladiator combat, have recently become the scenes invading million of household television screens.

While some fall premiere television shows have struggled to stay on the air, others have not only been renewed, but have become an obsession.

Network television has to be cautious of offensive content, but movie channels like HBO and Starz have the flexibility to take the jokes and drama as far as they wish. Both also have original content and have various new shows. These channels come at a price, so they can be purchased by viewers in addition to their basic cable packages.

“Obviously the HBO and Starz series bring more to the table because they are more dramatic and they have a higher budget, which means better visuals. They could put in whatever politics they want because its not public television, and they don’t have to worry about offending anyone,” said sophomore Chris Ballas.

According to The New York Daily News, with 8.3 million viewers in its second season premiere, it doesn’t seem like HBO’s “Game of Thrones” has offended viewers.

Similarly, Entertainment Weekly reported that 2.7 million watched the premiere of Starz’s “Spartacus: Vengeance,” with 1.4 million more streaming it online.

Cable TV’s AMC’s airs a very popular zombie drama called “The Walking Dead.” It got the attention of 10 million viewers during its mid-season two comeback.

Ballas has been following “Game of Thrones,” “The Walking Dead,” and “Spartacus,” and is drawn to their intense themes.

“I think that the good things about “Spartacus” and “The Walking Dead” is that there has been things that have been done about these topics, [like in movies] but there has never been a series with hours of content [on them]. It’s a consumed thing,” he said.

He also believes a reason for their success is the element of fantasy. “Game of Thrones” is based on a book of the same title, and is about families fighting for power over a mythical land. “Spartacus” is a gladiator tale, and “The Walking Dead,” is the story of what happens when zombies take over the world.

“The general public is drawn to things that don’t directly reflect their own lives. These things are all concepts that people are entertained with because it’s something that they’re not living. It’s a fantasy and that is enjoyable to them,” said Ballas.

Sophomore Brad Borisay is a “Spartacus” fan and enjoys being able to learn about the Roman gladiators without any censorship.

“It’s a different type of action show than normal. It’s a historic television show that is not as censored as cable shows, so there is more freedom. It actually shows what things would be like. It’s very realistic,” he said.

Pauly D moves from the Shore to Vegas

Emmett Manning
Staff Reporter

This season of “The Jersey Shore” may be over, but the partying, blowouts, and tanning have not left the airwaves.

“The Pauly D Project,” premiered on MTV on March 29, after the re-launch of “Punk’d,” and is the first spin-off for a Jersey cast mate.

The show follows DJ’s life when he’s not in the shore house.

In the first episode, viewers met Pauly “D” DelVecchio’s all-home entourage, and watched his journey to book his first job spinning in Las Vegas.

Replacing his sea side roommates are DelVecchio’s Rhode Island friends. Michael “Biggie” Morrow, who is DelVecchio’s long time mentor, “Big Jerry” Gianallen, who works as his security guard, and Ryan Labbe, wingman and “social director.”

While the similarities between these cast members and the usual Jersey characters are there, senior Mary St. Thomas wasn’t interested in meeting the new crew.

“I couldn’t watch it. I can’t take all the lingo and the way they carry themselves. It has to be a joke,” she said.

It’s no joke, and although critics gave the “Pauly D Project” an average reception, a solid 2.9 million people tuned in to see Pauly fly solo, according to The Examiner.

However, the series took a ratings hit in its second week with 1.7 million viewers, and most recently, episode three dropped again to 1.67 million.

Another non-joking matter, for the reality star is the lawsuit against him, brought on by his former talent agency. DelVecchio is being sued for back commission, and it was revealed to E! Online that he has fist pumped his way to making $150,000 per episode for the upcoming “Jersey Shore” season six.

Regardless of his legal trouble, senior George Barker tuned in for the premiere of the spin-off and hopes the series will continue.

“It’s so hard to say if the show is better than the Jersey Shore, but it was a great episode and has a lot of potential,” he said.

Senior Clay Caron enjoyed the comedy of the show but understands why many, like ST Thomas don’t take the show seriously.

“These shows are really hit or miss. You either think the show is hilarious or downright pitiful. I personally love it and can’t get enough of the fist pumps and energy drinks,” he said.

The show, like “Jersey Shore,” is a mix between partying, dancing and tanning. It’s set in Las Vegas, a breeding ground for comedy, drama, and regrettable decisions, and that’s the reason senior Emily Woods tunes in.

“It will be fun to see all the drama that plays out over the entire season and I can’t wait to watch all the drunk girls make a fool of themselves on national TV,” she said.

‘21 Jump Street’ jumps from small to silver screen

Kayley O’Brien
Staff Reporter

“21 Jump Street,” is a movie for every genre, with action, violence, and comedy.

The R-rated film adaptation is based off of the original “21 Jump Street,” which was a crime drama television series that aired from 1987 to 1991.

The film stars, Jonath Hill and Channing Tatum, play former classmates that end up meeting at the police academy and both graduate together. Tatum’s character, Greg Jenko was a popular bully in school, and Hill’s character, Morton Schmidt was a nerd.

The pair end up becoming friends during their stint in the academy. Tatum’s character helps Hill become more of a jock, and Hill’s character helps Tatum become a better student.

After they graduate together, the duo becomes partners and are assigned to a parking patrol job, a dull assignment in comparison to their exciting expectations on the job.

However, the assignment turns a little more hectic when the duo catch a group of drug dealers, but arrest them without reading their Miranda rights, which leads them to be re-signed.

“After their crucial mistake in the arrest, the two are assigned to a unit called Jump Street, where their first job is to go undercover as high school students. Cue the comedy.

The partners end up taking their role as undercover students a little too seriously and end up falling back in to their teenage ways. They get into trouble and make new, and sometimes questionable, friends.

There is a lot of blood and disturbing scenes, but at the same time I thought the movie was very funny.

At times, I cringed during the violent scenes but at other parts I was crying laughing.

While there is some gunfire and blood, the addition of comedy gives the message that life should be fun and not everything has to be taken seriously. This moral makes the film more of a feel good flick than a gory one.

While original cast member, Johnny Depp does make a cameo, Tatum and Hill are the real stars of the film, with a great acting skill and a hilarious dynamic.
Oscar's Delicatessen satisfies students stomachs

Sophia Destruge
Staff Reporter

If you're looking for a typical New York deli but don't have the means to travel all the way there, then look no further than Oscar's Delicatessen on 159 Main Street in Westport, Conn.

Located in the heart of Westport, it's a perfect place if you need to stop in after a few hours of shopping.

After a read through of the menu, a friend and I decided to start off with a tossed green salad with grilled chicken to share. For most people, this is not your typical order at a deli, but as a salad lover I had to test it out.

The deli had a welcoming entrance. The walls were filled with photographers pictures and work of local artists.

The Oscar's is situated like any normal deli. You order at the counter and find a seat afterwards. While I was looking forward to my salad, I was upset that they only offered packaged dressing instead of anything fresh.

However, this deli is known for their famous sandwiches, offering about 36 different options. This made it especially hard to choose from.

I decided on the Greek Goddess Demeter, which is turkey on a roll with tomato, green peppers, feta cheese, olive oil, oregano, and kalamata olives.

The sandwich was so big I could hardly take a bite out of it. While the sandwich was good, the turkey was a bit dry and ended up using some of the left over dressing from the packet to moisten it up a bit. I was only able to eat half of the sandwich, so if you order this, make sure you’re hungry.

My guest chose one of their most popular sandwiches, The Oscar and Sally, which includes smoked salmon, lettuce, tomato, and bacon on whole wheat bread.

The sandwich was lightly toasted and well proportioned. There was plenty of salmon.

Each of our sandwiches was paired with a complimentary sour deli pickle, which we both thoroughly enjoyed. They also have these pickles for sale separately at the front register.

Oscar's offers dozens of options including salads, chips, sandwiches, soups, pasta salads, salad platters, and bagels that can accommodate almost anyone's taste. Overall, we enjoyed our meal at Oscar's Delicatessen. This well established deli is not one to be missed.

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Devita discovers dream job
Alumna Samantha Devita opens up about life after college

Dana Maltese
Staff Reporter

As graduation is quickly approaching, senior Crystal Rogers is looking forward to starting her career as a nurse after college. For Sacred Heart University alumna Samantha Devita, staying focused after graduation spring launched her into a successful career as a marketing director.

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A previous Spectrum writer and editor, she had writing and managerial experience. "It was an undertaking, in terms of the redesign of the brand and the layout, but I had an amazing staff and we really produced a quality paper," she said.

Devita could focus on one position and put her all into it. "What I loved most about that position was that I could address and tackle timely and sometimes, controversial topics in the News and Op-Ed areas of the paper," she said.

Devita noted that Sacred Heart had a tremendous impact on putting her on the career path she has today. She highlighted staying true to your morals, knowing you can be heard, and thinking about people other than yourself as lessons learned in college.

Alumna Samantha Devita launched a successful career after leaving Sacred Heart. Staff Reporter

"I aligned myself with great mentors - both men and women who had careers I admired," said Devita.

Networking, Devita suggested, is an important part of landing a job after graduation. "Aligning yourself with those who are immersed in the industry, allows you to soak up as much information and learning as possible," said Devita.

"I had an amazing staff and we really produced a quality paper," she said. "The ability to be confident and secure enough to do so was rooted in my education and experience at SHU."

She also alluded to Sacred Heart being a giving community helping her in the job force. "I had the great fortune of having amazing professors who became mentors, and gave me fantastic direction and guidance," said Devita. "I also developed a deep connection to giving back, and often spend free time working with local nonprofit organizations that give back to my community."

As for advice for transferring from college life to real life, Devita says the difference is the pace. "When you are at school you have a bit more time to craft your schedule and have your weekends off," she said. "As a working married mother with two children under 5, my time is not my own."

The morals and teachings of Sacred Heart helped Devita to not only succeed but to balance her time properly as well. "The biggest takeaway from SHU that I see as a similarity is the fact that life is like a university. You always have an opportunity to learn, grow, and give back," Devita said.

Rogers plans future as nurse, leaving college behind

Konstantine DeKaneas
Staff Reporter

As graduation is quickly approaching in less than a month, senior Crystal Rogers is preparing for the real world.

"These years have been incredibly tough filled with moments going both too fast and too slow, but May 13 is quickly approaching," she said.

Currently, Rogers is seeking a full time job to start after graduating this year.

"Graduating is a very stressful, exciting, and nerve-wracking time, especially for a nursing student. Most of us have been applying for jobs since March," said Rogers.

Rogers is facing many obstacles that lie in her path to maintain a position as a nurse.

"It's difficult to find hospitals that will specifically hire new grads because it takes about six months to a year to be trained before officially becoming a nurse on the floor," she said.

Originally from Philadelphia, she has been looking for housing and jobs around that area but is nervous about successfully obtaining one. To keep her options open, Rogers has been looking for jobs away from home as well.

Rogers works at a pediatric specialty care group home, something that serves as a viable option for a job opportunity. "They have offered me a job as a nurse there after I get my license and I wish to continue working there as a registered nurse. Once I get my license this could be a potential start as a nurse," she said.

On top of all of her school projects and clinical, Rogers works three jobs, which leaves little time to job hunt and study for the NCLEX licensing exam.

"Luckily the Sacred Heart Nursing Program is a great program that really prepares you for the NCLEX exam. We even attend an ATI NCLEX exam live review course for an entire week," she said.

After graduating, Rogers will be spending her time studying for the NCLEX independently, and knows that will be a real challenge ahead of her.

"I know that if I want to pass and do well, I'm going to have to dedicate and make time during the day and over the summer to study," said Rogers.

As part of her introduction into the "real world," Rogers is doing away with Facebook for good. "I'll be shutting down my Facebook soon, not just to eliminate the distraction, but to avoid future employers seeing anything they might deem inappropriate or make them raise an eyebrow," she said.

Rogers said that doing so is just a precaution. "I think it's a smart move for anyone trying to get a job in their field after graduation," said Rogers.

As a senior, she knows that college life is quickly coming to an end. As she watches the rest of her peers land jobs, the reality of being a grown up sets in.

"It acts as a reality check. Now I know the interviews and real world are pretty much here," Rogers said.

While Rogers only has less than one month left at Sacred Heart, she is ready for what is to come. "Overall, I am ready to graduate and become part of the nursing workforce," she said. "I'm excited to see where I am as a nurse a year from now, because at this point, it is difficult for me to imagine being anything other than a nursing student."
The Hawks answered with 11:00 left in the first quarter when senior midfielder Matt Ferrino scored to get the Pioneers within 1-0. 

"I felt the difference in the game was that they capitalized when we got penalties and we didn't, and this loss is a very tough one to swallow," said Ferrino.

"We played hard, it was tough starting in a four goal deficit, and then we didn't put the ball away in the fourth. I felt the difference in the game was that they capitalized when we got penalties and we didn't, and this loss is a very tough one to swallow," said Ferrino.

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The Pioneers kept pushing and at 7:38 sophomore midfielder Matt Gannon scored to get the Pioneers within one.

"Alex Miller made a good play behind the net and gave me a good pass on the crease and I finished it," said Gannon.

About two minutes later at 5:51, Gannon scored his second of the game, making it 4-4. "Joe Kemp came down the field and forced my defensemen to play him and dumped it off to me for the goal," said Gannon.

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Then, with 21 seconds left in the half, sophomore attacker Cody Marquis scored to give the Pioneers a two-goal lead, 6-4 at the half.

The start of the third quarter was a good one for the Pioneers, as just 40 seconds in Ferrino got his second goal of the game, increasing the lead to three.

"The second one was just a shot from the outside on a pass from Alex Miller, and to be honest I didn't feel great about it when I shot, but luckily it went in," Ferrino said.

A few minutes later the Seahawks fought back when senior attacker Mike Hurley scored, making it 7-6. "The second one was just a shot from the outside on a pass from Alex Miller, and to be honest I didn't feel great about it when I shot, but luckily it went in," Ferrino said.

A few minutes later the Pioneers retaliated with Gannon picking up his third goal of the game, making the score 8-6. "The third goal was from Tim Sanders who came down and found me open backside and I put it in," Gannon said.

The Pioneers ended the third quarter with the lead, but they would not score the rest of the game.

The beginning of the fourth quarter was not the start the Pioneers had hoped for.

Sardelli was charged with a pushing penalty at 13:45, giving the Seahawks a man advantage.

One minute later Faughnan scored to get the Seahawks within one goal of the Pioneers.

45 seconds later, DePhillips scored the equalizer off of an assist from O'Rourke, tying the game at eight.

With 6:48 left in the game, Wagner called timeout and at 6:29 Hedges scored to get the Seahawks back in the lead at 9-8.

A few minutes later, O'Rourke made another great play for the Seahawks when he assisted sophomore attack Sam Morrissey's goal, making it 10-8 Wagner.

With 1:32 left in the game, Wagner took their fifth and final timeout, and with 39 seconds left in the game, Hedges scored making it a final score 11-8.

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The Pioneers have now lost four straight and five out of their last six, dropping their record to 3-8 overall, and 0-3 in conference.

They have two regular season games remaining, Saturday, April 21 at Mount St. Mary's and Saturday, April 28 at home against rival Quinnipiac.

The team will be seeking their first Northeast Conference win of the season.
Catching up with SHU Baseball

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Asst. Sports Editor

Although The Spectrum has taken a two-week hiatus, the Sacred Heart University baseball team has not.

Since sweeping fellow Northeast Conference opponent Mount St. Mary’s University (12-27, 5-15 NEC) on March 24, the Pioneers have played 14 games, compiling a 4-10 record in that span.

Sacred Heart (11-23, 6-8 NEC) started that stretch on March 28 with a 12-7 win at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport against Iona College (13-22, 4-7 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference).

Five little-used Pioneer pitchers combined to give up just one earned run, while junior reliever Kevin Magoon (1-0) picked up his first collegiate win.

“We had some guys get some opportunities they usually don’t,” said Sacred Heart head coach Nick Giagiutti.

“Experience is so important. To have an opportunity to get some guys experience will definitely help us down the stretch.”

Sacred Heart returned to conference play two days later when they began a four-game road set with Fairleigh Dickinson University (13-23, 6-8 NEC) junior starter Peter Kelich, who was outgunned by Bryant (20-15, 13-3 MAAC) junior reliever Kevin Magoon (1-0) picked up his first collegiate win.

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“Friday, we got to go and get the first win,” said junior ace Troy Scribner. “The first win is the most important, as usual. [Fairleigh Dickinson] is not a slouch team. I just got to go out and throw my game like I have been.”

The Pioneers would drop that first game, 8-6, when the bullpen imploded in the seventh inning, surrendering seven runs on seven hits and ruining Scribner’s (2-5) start of six shutdown innings.

Sacred Heart and Fairleigh Dickinson (15-17-1, 10-6 NEC) would split the next day’s doubleheader.

Fairleigh Dickinson took game one, 2-0, as Joe Borelli, their freshman starter, hurled a complete game three-hit shutout to outduel Pioneer sophomore starter Nick Leiningen (2-4).

Leiningen was stingy himself, allowing five hits and two walks in the complete game loss.

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April Fools’ Day was no laughing matter for the Pioneers, as they dropped the series finale, 6-3.

Down 3-0 in the sixth, Sacred Heart junior shortstop John Murphy (team-leading .333 AVG) tied the game with a lead-off single. Sophomore catcher Dan Perez (team-leading .308 batting average) hit a RBI triple and scored a run.

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Scribner, who started the game at first base, had a single and a run scored.

Although he is the ace, Scribner has been used as a glorified utility man. He has started 13 games in the field this season, and the 6-1 righty from Washington Depot, Conn. is batting .239 with 5 RBI and five walks.

I have been,” said Scribner, “I haven’t had this much fun playing baseball since high school. It’s great playing and hitting. I’ve missed it so much the last two years. It’s good to get back into it.”

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Sacred Heart dropped game two, 6-1. Scribner threw scoreless ball through the first four innings, but gave up two in the fifth, and three in the sixth for the loss.

Sophomore catcher Dan Perez (team-leading 17 RBI) chipped in two hits and a walk for Sacred Heart.

The Pioneers were shutout 7-0 in the series finale, as sophomore starter Kody Kerski (2-4) gave up five walks and absorbed the loss.

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The Pioneers return to action on Friday when they travel to Brooklyn, N.Y. to begin a four-game set with Long Island University (14-23, 6-10 NEC), who is seventh in the NEC.
Kim Woodruff
Staff Reporter

A ball player since the age of four, freshman James Cooksey has big hopes of standing on the mound this coming fall for Sacred Heart University’s Division I baseball team.

With such high competition, Cooksey made an important decision early on this season when he decided to red-shirt as a freshman, allowing him an extra year of eligibility later on in his college career.

“It’s a good experience and a new level of competition. From last year to this year, I’ve gotten a lot bigger and stronger — just overall a better pitcher and person,” he said.

Throughout his life, Cooksey has worked really hard over this past year in the weight room, the baseball field, and the classroom. “I want to get better and to give my team extra incentive to perform. We’ve worked really hard this past year and playing in the stadium will be the icing on the cake.”

The brand new facility features stadium-style seating with cup holders, a press box, bullpens, batting cages, and turf.

SHU pitcher turn announcer

Everyone remembers their first memories in a new place

The Sacred Heart University softball team will get their chance to make everlasting memories when they take the field at their new state-of-the-art stadium for the first time today at 3:30 p.m. for a doubleheader with in-state rival Yale University.

“We are beyond thrilled to play on the field,” said sophomore Annie Dreher. “I’ve walked by it every day and seen it become the beautiful thing that it is now. I know I am taking it like it’s my child, but a team is incomplete without a field and it is finally here.”

Dreher and her teammates feel that the stadium will not only excite the team, but also enhance their performance.

“I am so excited to play in the stadium,” said junior Nicole Sidor. “It looks great and it will give the team extra incentive to perform. We’ve worked really hard over this past year and playing in the stadium will be the icing on the cake.”

The locker rooms are equipped with a television, showers, and couches, and connect to the dugout. Pioneer Park Softball Stadium will be one of the premier facilities in the Northeast Conference.

In the NEC, the Pioneers are currently tied for seventh with a 6-8 conference record and a 16-25 overall record.

“We’re getting into the heart of the season,” said Sidor.

“We are playing very important conference games. The team looks forward to finally playing at home. We have some important games coming up and we’re very motivated and excited for them. We hope to win another NEC title.”

Although Sacred Heart is riding a four-game losing streak, they hope change will come in the standings, too, as they attempt to defend their NEC crown in the stretch run.

“We are finishing up,” said Dreher.

“We are ending with mostly home games. We started off rough but I have a feeling it is just going to get better when we get the chance to play on the new field.”

“We have a great group of girls and I love each one of them. I cannot wait to share that moment with them when we all get to step out onto that field.”

Pioneer Park set to open

Annemarie A’hearn
Staff Reporter

Everyday people's first memories in a new place

During an interview with The Hour online, James Cooksey was asked if baseball has taught him one thing.

“It was my coach’s idea and I just willingly went along. People say I have the voice for it,” Cooksey said.

Throughout his life, Cooksey has played for various baseball teams, including the New England U during his junior and senior year of high school.

Cooksey said he grew up around a game, a birth of baseball. “As a child, but a team is incomplete without a field and it is finally here.”

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Staff Reporter

It was an exciting weekend for the Sacred Heart women’s bowling team as they joined seven other teams for the 2012 NCAA Tournament.

The Pioneers traveled to Ohio to compete at the largest bowling center in the country, as they competed against the top teams in the country.

This would be their fifth appearance in the nine-year running of the NCAA Tournament.

“We didn’t have the outcomes we had hoped for, but going in we knew nothing was guaranteed,” said sophomore Nicole Trudell. “All eight teams competing had strong seasons, and all could take the championship trophy home.”

The Pioneers suffered back-to-back losses in Friday morning’s matches, eliminating them from the tournament.

The Pioneers were able to fight back from a 3-0 deficit in their first match, but a split in the 10th frame of game seven would end the season.

Sacred Heart got off to a slow start in their first match against the Maryland-Eastern Shore Hawks, as they had five open frames in a 206-171 defeat.

Four straight strikes in the second game by UMES gave them a 2-0 advantage on a 214-183 victory.

Sacred Heart’s two open frames in the third game wouldn’t slow them down as Trudell, Savannah Zientara, and Meghan Pero bowled three straight strikes. It was a close game, but the Hawks would take it 212-202, giving them a 3-0 lead.

“We got off to a slow start against champions University of Maryland Eastern Shore,” said Trudell. “But we were able to come together to force them into game seven.”

The Pioneers made a powerful comeback, shooting a 235, including eight strikes, for their highest game of the block.

Sacred Heart would take game five as well with a turkey in the middle frames leading them to a 212-205 win.

Sacred Heart took the lanes by storm as they got four straight strikes starting from the second frame. Their 206-191 win tied Sacred Heart and UMES at 3-3, giving them a deciding game seven.

The Pioneers were unable to recover from an early open frame and a UMES triple early. The Hawks were able to claim the game 205-187, and the match 4-3.

The Pioneers would go on to take Valparaiso next, losing some of the momentum from their first match.

They struggled in the opening match losing 188-162 to the Crusaders. They bounced back in the second game with a double, winning 197-178. Their three open frames in game three cost them a 202-153 loss.

Sacred Heart took the chance at a comeback, as they took advantage of a split from the Crusaders’ anchor. Junior Jackie Carbonetto struck in the ninth frame, right before Trudell buried the pocket twice in the tenth frame with a nine count, stealing game four 202-201. The Crusaders battled back in game five, taking the match 222-197 with five straight strikes.

Sacred Heart’s season came to an end as the Crusaders outscored them 201-190.

“The Valpo match was a heart breaker because we knew the loser went home,” said Trudell. “As a team we learned a lot though, and we are hoping to return to Detroit next year and use what we learned from this year to win a title.”

Raymond Morrissey
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University women’s tennis team entered the Northeast Conference Tournament last weekend with three straight losses.

This past week they hosted the University of Rhode Island on April 12, losing 4-2, and traveled to Fairleigh Dickinson the next day losing 7-0.

On Thursday, the Pioneers took on the Rams. The two teams were forced to play only the singles matches, due to a thunderstorm that cut the matches short.

Sophomore Gabi Kaldan came up short in a close first set, falling 7-5, but defeated Pam Emery, 5-7, 6-3, 10-8 in an exciting third match.

On top of Kaldan’s victory, Nicole Rydzewski gained a three-set win over Kirsten Leikem, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. These were the only two matches the Pioneers were able to win.

Singles three through six all lost in two sets.

The NEC women’s tennis tournament starts Friday, April 20.
Pioneer Park poised for home opener