Alternative Spring Break Issue

Habitat lends some helping hands

Students spend spring break making a difference across the nation

Students visit New Mexico to help build Adobe houses, which for many students was a completely new building experience.

"It was an absolutely terrific experience," said Phyllis Machledt, director of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs. "I was very impressed with the students who worked on the homes, as if they were they're own.

Each of the groups constructed houses from the foundation up, putting up walls, doors, and installing windows.

"In New Mexico, we worked with adobe bricks which is completely new to us because you can't use them here, but it is an ancient form of building," said Machledt.

Director of HAAP & ESL Programs Jim Minor, who was the advisor for the Florida trip along with wife, Laura, said, "We started with a slab of concrete, worked

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Sacred Heart 4-Day Forecast

Thursday
Overcast and breezy with spoty showers
High: 52°
Low: 39°

Thursday Night
Periods of rain

Friday
Mostly cloudy, rain possible; breezy

Saturday
Windy and chilly with clouds and sun

Sunday
Partly sunny, brisk and chilly

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## The ‘Heart’ Beat

**SHU’s exclusive safety & crime report**

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**Quinnipiac University**

Hamden, Connecticut
Students did more than just build houses, they build homes, friendships with the locals and wit their fellow students.

Tierra Blanca delegation was successful

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around interacting with the community of Tierra Blanca and learning about their culture," said Jay DeRosa, senior, Brantview, Mass.

The group accomplished this goal through making memorable bonds with citizens of the community and donating the estimated $10,000 that they raised for the trip to the areas of the community they felt needed it most.

The trip, planned by Mike Moylan, the Director of Student Union and Terry Neu, Assistant Professor for the Department of Education, consisted of 19 students and five faculty advisors.

Amy Ricci, with the Student Mentor Office, Maria Lizano-DiMare, and Edward Hendricks, Assistant Professors along with the trips students advisors, Jessica Boy and Laura Kelly played key roles in planning the trip. The efforts of every member of the delegation were essential to the trip.

"Each member contributed in different ways, each one being equally as important," said DeRosa.

For DeRosa the most memorable part of the trip was speaking with an 11 year old boy named Jose.

"Never have I seen somebody with so little, act like he had so much. I never knew that the most inspirational person that I would ever meet would be somebody that was half my age. I never saw him without a smile on his face, encouraging me to go home with an entirely new perspective on life. I am a better person for now knowing Jose and having the chance to attend this trip."

In addition to the emotional involvement contributed, the delegation made significant financial contributions to the community. "Prior to the trip we fund raised roughly $10,000 in which we all had a part in deciding how to use the money and specifically where the donations would go," said DeRosa.

"We were able to provide a brand new wheelchair for a man who had previously spent years using one with flat tires."

Apart from the personal sense of accomplishment members of the group, like DeRosa took away from their trip the delegation also gained recognition from other members of the university community.

"The fact that they were willing to give up their Spring Break to help others really shows the dedication and good nature of the Sacred Heart students," said Megan Dutcher, junior, Hopewell Junction N.Y.

Most people would think all college kids would go to some southern tropical paradise to get a nice tan and endless drinks over break," said Brian Germain, sophomore, Wallingford. Students like Germain were impressed with the selflessness of the students that went on the trip.

"The only way to measure the success of a trip like this is to ask yourself whether you left the community better than you found it," said DeRosa on his personal assessment of the trip's success.

"The trip was definitely a success. We left the people of the community with smiles on their faces and a little more hope than before."

The delegations trip to El Salvador was an opportunity for SHU students and faculty to give back to the Tierra Blanca community, and educate themselves about current world issues at the same time.

Three states became Habitat hotspots for houses

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hard each day and saw a simple affordable house take shape. It was really fantastic. Raising the house was the most exciting part."

Miguel Colon, advisor for the North Carolina trip, said that what they did this year was really special because they worked on two homes at the same time.

"We did the floors, raised the walls and the trusses."

But it wasn't all work and no play for the group. Every group was treated to side trips as well.

"The North Carolina crew drove there so we stopped for a night in Washington D.C. and one night we had a late night game of hide and seek in a supposedly haunted school," said Colon.

Machledt said that in New Mexico, they had an extra day of sight-seeing where they visited Bandelier National Park, an ancient Indian pueblo and Tent Rocks National Park. "They were really cool places," she said.

"The Florida crew even had time to go to a Red Sox pre-season game and to spend some time at the beach."

One of the most exciting things is that we ended up on the news, we were working side by side with another habitat crew and the local Fox News came with cameras and interviewed a few volunteers," said Minor. "It was great to see ourselves on TV."

Although students were required to work a number of hours building homes in Bridgeport to be able to go on any of the trips, Colon said he saw great improvement in the students' skills as the trip progressed.

"The difference from the beginning of the week to the end is amazing. At first, you would see them fighting with the nails and by the end they could hit them gen-tly," said Colon.

Machledt said that she was "really proud of the fact that the students them-selves planned everything."

The students were the one who came up with the rule that in order to go on these trips, you must work a certain number of hours in Bridgeport first. They organized the fundraisers and they came up with a no drug or alcohol contract that everyone had to sign, said Machledt.

Robert Bristol, sophomore, East Rockaway, N.Y., who was a student leader from the New Mexico trip, said the trip was worthwhile.

"You're doing something that you can remember. You're not going to have a crazy time and not remember any of it because you were drunk. You can say, "Wow, look what I did,"" said Bristol.

The trips also resulted in new friendships as students from various classes and cliques bonded. "Everyone came back from their trips saying that they had the best groups," said Machledt. "It was really not a glamorous trip, but [the students] really bonded and we had kids from all classes."

Minor said, "Not only did we work together but we played together."

Bristol said that the students were amazing because everyone had the same intent, no one complained, and everyone worked.

"I already have kids coming up to me saying how excited they are for next year, I think the word spreads really fast and I believe that next year we'll have an even bigger group," said Colon.

Machledt said that it's not about just a single trip. "It's a movement. A really great one. One that high schools and colleges are getting into and it's a really important thing."
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Cross your fingers, because the student housing process is officially underway

Kathleen Vissichelli
Staff Reporter

The student housing process for the 2007-08 school year is underway.

According to the Office of Residential Life, housing information requirements were met and all the paperwork has been handed in so that the lottery process can finally begin.

The housing process is done using a lottery system. Students are assigned a random lottery number according to their credit hours and class status once they’ve handed in their deposit.

On April 11, the lottery numbers will be posted, and students will be able to choose where they want to live throughout the week of April 16.

“Once you receive a lottery number, you have a guaranteed a bed here but you must go through the housing process. Just because you receive your number, doesn’t mean you have a bed yet,” said Allen Machielson, director of Residential Life and Housing.

Housing for incoming freshmen will remain limited to Seton, Morton, and Roncalli halls.

Dean of Student Affairs Larry Wielk said that during the freshmen and sophomore year, students still face the issue of making the transition from high school to college. As a result, more responsibility is placed on students as they continue their education and reach upper grade levels.

“If you look at the types of housing there is and the location of the buildings, there are progressively more levels of responsibility placed on the students as they get older,” said Wielk.

In terms of housing students in the same grade level together, Scott Panza, sophomore, Hamden, said he thinks it’s for the best that they have freshmen housing together.

“Seton was awesome you saw everyone all the time. I met all my friends on the wall outside of the building,” said Panza. “It was fun but it’s something that doesn’t need repeating.”

Catherine Oehm, sophomore, Staten Island, N.Y., said that as a freshman, the “main concern is definitely living with your friends.”

She said that for her and her friends last year, as long as they were all housed together it wasn’t a big deal. Most of their issues came from that.

Their second housing concern, Oehm said was living in a nice dorm. “We wanted to live in either North or East, they’re nicer.”

The most popular place for rising sophomores to be, according to Machielson, is the Christian Witness Commons. “I think it’s because of the nice amenities, the coffee shop, and the workout center.”

Housing for sophomores include Roncalli Hall, Christian Witness Commons, and Scholars Commons.

Wielk said they are projecting need for about 1,815 spots for sophomores for next year for school-sponsored housing which may be less or more depending on the amount of deposits that come in.

In terms of housing differences, Machielson said, “This year the only difference is that Scholars Commons will be exclusively sophomores, and that only 216 of the traditional dorms will be occupied by Sophomores.”

The office of Residential Life promotes the independent living of its upperclassmen, which is why junior and senior students are offered apartment-style housing living in place like Park Ridge, Oakwood, Park Royal and Taft Commons.

Despite the housing options, many students still plan on living in apartments and houses completely independent from the school.

According to the Housing Intent Survey given to all students residing in campus housing, 20 percent of students living in Roncalli, Christian Witness Commons, and Scholars Commons plan on commutering to school while living in an apartment or house independent from the school.

“A ton of the kids I know are moving into houses next year,” said Oehm. “It’s more fun, by this time you know who your friends are and you want to live with them.”

Panza also said he thinks the older students want to live off campus and not in dorms or the school’s apartments because they want to be able to do what they want, without being in trouble by R.A’s.

“There is a lot of trouble that would keep me on campus but the fact that it’s close to the classes and food is right there,” he said.

Lottery numbers will be posted at the office of Residential Life and in the hallway outside of PLIK.

SHU President displays a passion for the job
Dr. Cemera presents business philosophies to leaders on how he runs the school

Ashley Stearns
Staff Reporter

Dr. Anthony J. Cemera ran the show at “Inside the CEO’s Office” by sharing his story of the growth and development of SHU with business leaders.

The event took place on Feb. 23 in the William H. Pitt Center Board Room where Cemera presented his story and shared his views on how to strategically run a university to about two-dozen people.

Through the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, three to four times a year a breakfast where business people are invited to discuss different business matters is held.

While JP Morgan Chase sponsored the event, representatives from St. Vincent’s Hospital and other local agencies were present.

Cemera told the business executives about his coming to SHU as president in 1988 and there were financial problems and struggles to keep the university in existence.

Through strategic planning and hard work, the university was able to overcome those problems to become one of the leading Catholic schools in the Northeast.

“Finding a direction is one of the most important plans,” said Cemera in reference to running a university or business.

Cemera highlighted a few of the school’s major changes explaining that the direction SHU took in 1989 was to change from a commuter school to a residential institution. In 1995, the laptop program was developed in addition to the expansion of the academic and athletic programs began.

New areas of study were added, such as the health sciences program, one of SHU’s top programs today.

In 1997, SHU also moved up from Division II to Division I in athletics.

“I have never been told that the demographics had changed,” said Cemera.

That shift occurred because of the organization of the right people and sources working together in the same vision.

Cemera told business leaders that the CEO of any company needs to have those assets in order to run a company successfully and smoothly.

Cemera had to think, “What will it take to be a great university in the Northeast?”

He told his audience one must always be thinking and strategically planning what issues need to be addressed. Focusing on the mission statement and setting objectives and goals and moving towards them is what will make a company successful.

This has been Cemera’s approach for running Sacred Heart.

“It is fun to tell the story of SHU’s development over the years. This place has really arrived and it is something I am very proud of,” said Cemera.

“Everyone, from the lowest to the highest level positions must have the same vision for a company to be successful,” said Jeff Hanson, business major, junior, Woodstock, N.Y., said.

Some of the business professors teach with a similar philosophy to Cemera’s, said Frank Bainer, junior, Prospect.

“They explain the importance of having a vision and working with the right people when running a company,” he said.

“With the continuous progress of the university, it looks like everyone is on the same page and pushing SHU in the right direction.”

Studying abroad over break

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because I am a senior and I had never studied or even traveled abroad before. I have a demanding class schedule that did not allow me to do a full semester abroad, so the intensive programs that last for a shorter duration attracted my attention.”

Andronaco thinks a well rounded student is one that has experienced different places and a variety of different cultures.

“I think that studying abroad is an experience every college student should have,” said Andronaco.

“The class on Native Irish Spirituality was very interesting; the professors are really passionate about sharing Irish culture. Dingle is so pure and everything is different in Ireland. People don’t worry the way they do in the US. They truly enjoy life,” said Annie Bellettieri, senior, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Bellettieri learned a lot from the slow pace of Irish culture.

“This trip was definitely a reminder that everything in life is in a lesson and if you don’t slow down once in awhile, we totally miss it,” said Bellettieri.
Rachel Maresca  
Staff Reporter

The winter months are quickly fading away and the springtime is finally here. It’s time to put away the Ugg Boots and long sweaters and take out flip-flops and mini dresses.

Every magazine on the newstands is screaming spring fashion “must haves.” What exactly are these trends and how can you keep up with them this spring? Yes, the eighties are back, that is a statement we’ve seen and heard for quite sometime now. Clothes our mothers dressed us in as children seem to be finding their way back to the runways in the top fashion capitals of the world.

The eighties style isn’t only in fashion this season; there are so many things to choose from. What are the best colors to wear? Where can you find the latest pea coats, cocktail rings, clutch bags, metallic fabrics, flats, wide belts, and so much more?

As a college student it is hard to afford some of these latest trends, but these styles are extremely tempting to purchase. To be well dressed this spring you don’t have to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars, there is a way that you can get the looks for less. If you haven’t already heard the news, Pronoun Schouler, a sophisticated and well-known designer, has recently began to design clothing for the Target stores. This allows you to stay in fashion without spending an immense amount of money.

If you looking to spend a little more this season the Neiman Marcus catalog entitled “the book” lists a few of their spring must haves. According the catalog, the next big things are “statement rings, something silver, delicate blouses, dresses, wide belts, above the knee hemlines, cropped jackets, eyelet’s, and flat shoes.” Something in particular out of that list that the magazines are promoting more than ever this season are dresses.

Derek Blasberg, of the fashion department of JANE, said in March’s issue, “If you only wear pants, you’re sort of screwed. Dresses are everywhere: They’re mini, they’re long, they’re tents, they’re fitted. Even Calvin Klein, known for more tailored, masculine looks, just did a line of dresses.”

The way people dress says so much about them, either you choose to follow trends or you don’t. Everybody has his or her own look and you can be trendy or you can make your own style. Some people like to pick and choose certain pieces of trendy clothes and add their own personal fashion to it. When the spring must haves lists come out it is simply there as a guide for people to use when choosing their wardrobe that season.

“I love to follow fashion trends and be in style, for the spring season I love all the bright colors that are out,” said Francesca Grasso, junior, Northford.

Israelin model Bar Refaeli wears a creation part of the Clips women’s collection for the Spring-Summer 2007 fashion season.

Now that spring break has come and gone, being back here in Connecticut makes students anticipate the warm weather more that ever. What are some of the clothes students are itching to get back into this spring?

“This spring in particular I personally want to buy a pair of plain shorts, and I can’t wait to buy white sundresses. I also really like baby doll tees paired with jean skirts,” said Grasso.

Even though it still a little chilly outside spring is closer then ever, and before you know it you will be able to get into these top ten must haves. Just remember the cardinal rule of spring fashion, “too white before Memorial day.”

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## Voices

**Susie Patton**  
Staff Reporter

**Nick Lambusta**  
Junior, Yonkers, N.Y.

"Sitting on the beach at 6:45 am waiting for the sun to come up."

**Lauren Meberg**  
Freshman, Long Island, N.Y.

“I booked a trip to Disney with four of my best friends.”

**Erin Coghlan**  
Freshman, Long Island, N.Y.

"I went to the Dominican Republic relaxed and enjoyed the sun."

**Chris Williams**  
Senior, New Rochelle, N.Y.

“I love hockey and I got to go to the school hockey game.”

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Ringing in St. Patrick’s day the right way

Katie Carroll
Staff Reporter

Every year in March comes a holiday that is marked on SHU student’s calendars, which is St. Patrick’s Day. Many SHU students get decked out in green, white and orange to celebrate through out the day.

“I am 50 percent Irish, and St. Patrick’s Day is one of the best holidays to celebrate here at Sacred Heart University because a lot of my friends are Irish and everyone seems to always be in a good mood. I also march in the parade with my grandfather in New York City every other year. I try to do as much as I can,” said Dave Mandler, junior, New Canaan.

You don’t need to be Irish to enjoy this holiday, it’s just a great excuse to go out with your friends and have fun. Things like corn beef, cabbage, a pot of gold at the end of the rainbows and leprechauns are all apart of a traditional St. Patrick’s day.

Students unite on this fun and exciting day by dressing up and planning events and parties. St. Patrick’s Day is extra special among SHU students as opposed to other holidays. Not everyone may love Valentine’s Day, New Years, or Christmas but St. Patrick’s Day seems to be universally loved here. There is nothing about St. Patrick’s Day that makes people sad or lonely like other holidays can do. March 17th as far as SHU students are concerned is strictly a day to have fun.

“I am mostly Irish and I look forward to the St. Patty’s Day holiday because it’s a big celebration here at SHU. Even my friends who aren’t Irish enjoy the celebration. It’s fun to get dressed up. St. Patrick’s day is a really exciting time to celebrate my heritage and go out and have fun with my friends. I have my tradition every year I go to the parade in the city then out with my friends. We wear all green, put stickers on our faces and I even get a green bagel in the morning and night if I am home. I eat corn beef with my family,” said Kerry Donovan, junior, Manhattan, N.Y.

SHU students are fortunate enough to not have Spring Break before the St. Patrick’s Day holiday because then students have something to look forward to. I do get dressed up by wearing green and I eat corn beef. It’s the one-day a year that everyone wants to be Irish everyone wears green and is festive. You celebrate it the entire day. Justin Coughlin Berkeley Heights N.J. and another

Whether your Irish or not, St. Patrick’s Day is a holiday that is appreciated here at the university and is a great opportunity to dress up and to enjoy the festivities.

Girls & Sports

Picture of the Week

Students escaped to relax for spring break, some ventured to South Beach, or on service trips, and others traveled to Europe, to this Italian coast.

He Said/ She Said...

How do college students celebrate St. Patty’s Day

St. Patrick’s Day is awesome. It is celebrated by nearly every college student regardless of their heritage or ethnic background. St. Patrick’s Day is huge at Sacred Heart University as it is at every other college. It is a great day to drink and have a great time with your friends.

Many times St. Patrick’s Day falls on a weekday and this can inhibit your celebration. If you have a full day of classes your party may have to wait until later that night. However, classes and work often take a back seat to a St. Patrick’s Day party. If I remember correctly, I heard a story of a keg in the bathroom on the first floor of a college dormitory, when St. Patrick’s Day had fallen on a weekday in 2004. This keg, may or may not have taken here, but I believe those who participated did not allow the weekday to hurt their St. Patty’s Day.

There are always special “green” beers which come out for March 17. Budweiser shows off their green bottles, and beers such as Harp and Guinness fly off the shelves. Kegs are always a great choice, as it is often an all day long party. Personally, my favorite St. Patrick’s Day drink is Killian’s Irish Red. Have a great St. Patty’s Day and remember to stay safe.

St. Patrick’s Day is probably more anticipated than Christmas. What other holiday can you celebrate by loading up on whatever you can get your hands on? Students around here are especially antsy this time of year. Eagerly awaiting the morning they can have beer for breakfast and wash up with a shower of beer.

With a last name like Disaster, you could assume that I’m not Irish. But that doesn’t mean that I can’t celebrate it. Back home in a nearby yuppy town they start festivities two weeks beforehand complete with a parade and bar crawl.

It’s nice to see that students around here have spirit. Spirit for spirits, I guess you could call it. Attending parades, parties and bars are all appropriate ways to celebrate this special time of year. Though there may not be carousels and presents, there are good times to be had.

Even though here at SHU we have a “dry” campus, I think students still do all they can to celebrate accordingly, without getting written up. So I think it’s time that everyone raise their car bombs, or beers, or lagers, and cheers to a very happy St. Patty’s Day.

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**Bill Shannon the ‘Crutch-master’**

Shelley Thomas  
Staff Reporter

Sponsored by the sisters of Zeta Iota Lambda and special service learning, Bill “Crutch” Shannon gave a performance in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts on Feb. 27 in order to raise disability awareness.

The show began with Shannon giving the audience background information about his condition. He talked about how he has a hip deformity, but still has use of his legs. However, in order to not further damage his hips, he must distribute his weight with the use of crutches.

Shannon’s hip deformity is a permanent disability. He began using his crutches at five years old and continued until he was 12. Then when he reached his 20s he began using his crutches again.

During the years when Shannon wasn’t using crutches, he participated in many physical activities, such as skateboarding, snowboarding and dancing. Unfortunately, these activities made his hip condition worse, confining him to crutches for the rest of his life.

After Shannon finished talking about his past, he began to share about how his life is now. He explained his experience with cultural conflicts, such as how he can’t ride a skateboard without people looking dumbfounded at him.

“People seem to look for things in others that aren’t really there,” said Shannon, being humorous about how he finds the entertainment in his skateboard and falls in public places.

“I have a disability too,” said Emily Lupica, senior, Warwick, R.I. “I went to the show to see his take on it. It’s experienced a lot of what he went through as well.”

Shannon then taught the audience how to dance with crutches, just in case anyone breaks their break before a wedding. He named his style of dancing the “Shannon technique.”

“You can try to look good on crutches without the Shannon technique, but you’re going to have a hard time,” said Shannon, right before he amusingly demonstrated his dance moves, such as the spinning-crutch and the double-high-mid.

He gave himself a rest by showing the crowd a few video clips. One clip was of him performing a normal, everyday task—picking up a water bottle from the ground. He was in a busy place as he went into his high-mid low-mid split to reach the bottle; meanwhile an elderly woman stopped and watched him.

“I thought he was awesome,” said Amanda Davis, sophomore, Pequannock, N.J. “The old lady with the bottle was hilarious. He was a great performer and very talented.”

Shannon ended his show by revealing some of his most challenging tricks.

“I really enjoyed the show,” said Rachel Brophy, senior, Dalton, Mass. “He was really entertaining and I had a lot of laughs. There was a great turnout and the audience had a lot of energy.”

Shannon’s purpose for the show was not to have the audience feel bad for his disability because he didn’t feel bad for himself. He’s just living his life, remembering that the most important thing is to focus on what you can do, not what you can’t.

**The curtain has closed for ‘The Producers’**

After six years, Mel Brooks’ Broadway play ‘The Producers’

Christopher Forsyth  
Staff Reporter

After a six-year run, Mel Brooks’ critically acclaimed and well-received play, “The Producers,” is saying goodbye to Broadway this April.

In 2001, “The Producers” opened worldwide to the public. The musical is based on the 1968 film and currently stars Tony Danza alongside Hunter Foster as lead protagonists.

“The Producers” tells the story of an experienced movie producer Max Bialystock (Danza), and his financial broker Leo Bloom, (Foster), and their scheme to make millions off the production of a bad play.

Max, formerly praised for his exquisite production of plays, is reduced to doing “favors” for elderly beneficiaries for production money.

The plot is based solely on a suggestion made by Leo in the beginning of the play. He tells Max that you could make millions off a production flop, collect the earnings then go on with your life.

The charismatic Max convinces the shy Leo to join him in this moneymaking scheme. Max sees this as a way out of his production slump and Leo sees this as a way to fulfill his lifelong dream of becoming a Broadway producer.

The play highlights the trials and tribulations of these two characters on their way to their ultimate goal.

“The Producers was great,” said Elizabeth Cronin, freshman, Middletown, N.Y. “I loved every minute of it, especially the humor.”

“I can’t believe they are taking it off of Broadway,” said Theresa Larkin, junior, Eastchester, N.Y. “I mean, I saw the play when it first came out, and it was so well-received.”

The Broadway musical has won numerous awards since its opening to the public.

“I’m kind of surprised they are getting rid of it,” said Carl Dzioniwicz, sophomore, New Haven. “I hope they bring it back.”

This long-running musical that has seen much praise has surprised many students with the announcement to leave Broadway.

**CELEBRITY**

Lisa Brown  
Staff Reporter

Single ladies pining after the singing-dancing-acting sensation, Usher Raymond, listen up. Usher is engaged.

The 29-year-old star proposed to his girlfriend of over a year, stylist, Tameka Foster.

Foster joined Usher on his tour in 2004 for his last multi-platinum album, Confessions. But their romantic relationship has been kept quiet for a relatively long time.

“I like Usher as a singer and it’s cute she was his stylist and all, I don’t think it will harm his career because I feel he’s more grown up and mature,” said Felicia Falch, sophomore, Brooklyn, N.Y.

“I think this marriage will work because his fiancé now is only his stylist where as he previously was married to ‘Chilli’ from TLC, which probably didn’t work because they were both always in the spotlight; [Usher and Foster] look happy to me,” said Falch.

Foster, age 37, is considerably older than Usher which has caught the attention of the public.

 Rumors have also spread about Usher’s mother, Jonetta Patton, being opposed to the engagement and considering Foster is still married to Ryan Glover and has three children, some are apprehensive about whether the engagement will last.

“I heard that their marriage will work out because I heard that his mom didn’t like her, that will probably put a lot of stress on the relationship but I don’t think it will effect the engagement will last,” said Meaghan O’Hare, sophomore, South Salem, N.Y. “I can’t think of any big stars whose relationships have worked out when they’ve put their relationship in the public eye.”

When it comes to relationships, the media assumes they are expected to fail.

“I think that because not a lot of media has been publishing the relationship, it is more likely to work out,” said Christine Martiello, freshman, Bellmore, N.Y.

“Relationships in the spotlight of the media never work because there is too much pressure from the press to stay together. Celebrity relationships that you never hear of or hear rarely of are the ones that last, sometimes celebrity relationships can harm their careers; however some celebrities are able to separate their personal life, from their public appearance,” said Martiello.

Usher’s career has been successful since the mid-90s. His recent engagement has captured the attention of his fans once again, they are eager to see if this celebrity affair will defy the odds.
Order of the Arrow makes a stomp on campus

Kathleen Schultz
Staff Reporter

The sounds of a powwow echoed the halls as The Order of the Arrow Quintipiac Dancers brought back the traditions of Native American dances and songs.

The Quintipiac Dancers from the Owatanco Lodge 313 began their performance as they do every powwow: by conducting the national anthem. This is an honor dance for all the veterans in an act of respect for doing all they have for their country.

The American Flag was central as all the dancers danced around it to a Native American song chanted by those around the huge drum.

The Order of the Arrow is like a fraternity within the Boy Scouts of America. They do different services for their troops and camps. These scouts have to be elected and wear a white sash over their right shoulder with a red arrow going across it.

The Quintipiac Dancers are named after the Quintipiac River. These scouts are from all over the southern and central part of the state. There were actually no Native Americans among the troop, but they perform the dances and sing the songs in tribute and respect of the great Native Americans so that they can follow rituals that are very similar to powwows. There were two types of dancers; the fancy dancers and the traditional dancers. The fancy dancers beat of the drum is much faster than the traditional one. Fancy dancers dance frantically keeping up with the changing drumbeats and focusing on moving their body about in different motions. In their hands they carrying dance sticks that have feathers tied to a string on the tip of the stick that they whip around their body as they dance. These costumes are also more elaborate than the traditional having vibrant colors, long tassels and huge headpieces filled with long feathers that trail down their backs.

Traditional dancers danced low to the ground in appreciation of the Earth. They also danced with historical objects in their hands. Different items ranged from a feathered fan and mirrors that represented the goods they began to trade with the whites.

Both types of dancers had feathered head pieces shaped as wreaths and mohawks. They also wore jingling bells on their legs above their fur leg coverings so that when they danced to the beat of the drum their bodies would ring in rhythm.

All of these costumes are handmade by the dancers themselves. Some of the beginner dancers did not have full costumes since it takes ages to create. But by seeing such an array of costumes the workmanship of them really stood out.

"It was an awesome journey through culture and history," said Adam Cafarella, freshman, Rockville, N.Y. "The boys really performed the best I've ever seen.'"

They performed several dances ranging from one dancer to 18 of them at a time. One dance was called the Oklahoma Snake and Buffalo dance which is from the Southern Plains Indians. This is performed in a line where the last dancer becomes the lead. This roping of dancers happens two times and then splits. During their dance they pound their feet symbolizing the running herds of buffalo. In this dance the dancers honor their dependence of the buffalo and the earth, snakes, trees and grass.

"I think we performed really well, since we have a lot of new scouts that are just learning, and getting their outfits together," said Kyle Lewis, freshman, North Haven. "The new scouts are really learning from us, the older scouts, which is good because we are trying to teach them because we will soon be too old to perform and most will be away at college."

It was actually Kyle Lewis's idea to bring his dancers to campus to perform as an international club event.

"It was a great explanation of Native American dances," said Karima Ummah, Advisor of International Club. "It was a positive turn out with about 25 students. I will try definitely to have them back next year."

CD Review: Ani DiFranco

Cristin Colucci
Staff Reporter

On April 6, 2002, Ani DiFranco performed her second live show at Carnegie Hall in New York. In 2006 she released a live CD from the concert that she performed back in 2002.

DiFranco begins the show telling the audience that it was exactly one year from that day she played her first show in Carnegie Hall.

"I think that this performance sounded really powerful, especially since it was performed in the same year as the events on 9/11," said Tina Holmann, sophomore, Brooklyn, N.Y.

DiFranco performed this concert only seven months after 9/11 and her tour had been affected by the tragic events because people were afraid to come out, making the audiences smaller than usual.

"I really like the fact that she read a couple poems because it is a brief change from the music," said Felicia Falch, sophomore, Brooklyn, N.Y. "It was also really interesting because she put so much feeling into them which made it seem like the audience related to her:"

'Self Evident' and 'Serpentine' are the two song/poems that stand out the most from this performance because they are not just any other typical song.

They are each almost ten minutes long and were the best way that DiFranco was able to express everything she was feeling to the audience. They were also the only two song/poems that she added the words to in the case of the CD.

"[The CD] was a one woman show and it held a political and social message that was set in a quirky sense of humor to the audience in Carnegie Hall that night," said Emily Hamilton, sophomore, Stamford.

'Serpentine' and 'Self Evident' are very powerful because she is singing about life and the American society. These two song/poems are her outlet for her feelings about the world that she lives in, which is why she dedicated so much time to writing them.

When she performed 'Serpentine' it was actually still a work in progress but she felt that it was so important to express to the audience because of the way New Yorkers were feeling during this time period.

DiFranco's music is very personal, evident in the fact that she explains the reasoning behind writing certain songs to the audience before she performs them.

She really tries to make sure that the audience feels connected to her through little jokes and stories so she continues to do this throughout her show.
Features

Outpost sponsors ‘50-beers-around-the-world’ fest

Joe Di Guglielmo
Staff Reporter

If you’ve ever wanted to explore distinctive tasting beers from foreign countries, now is your chance to indulge your taste buds by participating in the Outpost’s “50 Beers Around The World.”

This is another great way for seniors or anyone of drinking age to participate in a campus sponsored event and ‘travel’ the world through the different beers being offered.

Those who are already taking part in discovering these new beers are having a great time hanging out with friends and learning which country satisfies their palette.

The way “50 Beers Around The World” works is the student come to the Outpost and look for the ‘specials of the week’ that are being offered.

The 50 beers are listed and proceed to get their card stamped, proving they have filled their requirement for the week.

The variation between the beer is enough to really get a feel for what kind of beer drinker you tend to be.

Some will like a light tasting beer, others will prefer something a bit heavier and rich.

“Not all the beers appealed to me, but overall it’s a great way to try new beers you might not have otherwise,” said Jon Okolowitz, senior, Providence, R.I.

Decorated bottles of Smithwicks, Harp, and Beamish tend to be his favorites due to their great taste.

“I have gotten a lot of my friends to join me and its something we can go do on a night when we just want to relax,” said Okolowitz.

This Outpost event takes the work out of having to go out and discover these beers yourself.

Students can sample brews from near and far, and 50 is the goal finish.

Okolowitz is just one of the many participants who likes to enjoy these distinctive world-class beers.

He says that Irish beers, such as Murphy’s, Smithwicks, Harp, and Beamish tend to be his favorites due to their great taste.

“After getting a lot of my friends to join me and its something we can go do on a night when we just want to relax,” said Okolowitz.

This Outpost event takes the work out of having to go out and discover these beers yourself.

It adds an element of fun by offering to permanently sketch the names of those who drink all 50 beers on a plaque in FLIK, in addition to receiving a mug.

“This is a fun event because you can complete it with your friends,” said Robert Mammond of Student Union.

“It’s not really a competition, everyone who participates can complete it. It’s just a fun thing to be a part of,” said Mammond.

Whether looking for an additional way of being able to bond and make some more great memories during your last semester of college or simply just wanting to sit and relax after class, this event may be something of interest for those wanting to look for a taste beyond typical American beers.

If you would like more information about “50 Beers Around The World,” take a trip to the Outpost and ask Michael Moylan for more details.

It’s never too late to start your international trip.

What better way to make some great memories, expand your horizons into more sophisticated beer and have a chance to leave your legacy behind by having your name inscribed upon the walls of FLIK.

Your name could get you the job you want

Jennifer Spinelli
Staff Reporter

Can your name lead to you to more than just the average job?

“According to a lot of research that’s out there,” said Nicole Davison, Career Development, Fairfield.

“I wish I could shield students from the reality of the world but its bigger than one issue; it is not something an employer will come out and tell you,” said Davison.

“There could be industries that are only looking at skills, for example people in Computer Science look for people who are knowledgeable and many times they look at someone from India better because they are known to be good in the field,” said Davison.

The world is changing and if your name is of a certain culture or not considered a ‘normal’ name it is something that you are aware of,” said Davison.

“It all goes back to being marketable” said Davison.

According to Davison, to be marketable you have to know yourself, know where you are applying.

Take time to figure out how you want people to see you, you also have to be competitive and impressive.

You need someone to remember you in a good way, you also have to stand out.

Everything that makes you up as a person is important and sometimes your name can help you by making you unique rather than have the negative effect that has been seen in many studies.

“You are who you are, your name will go on your resume and that is a strength, be confident no matter what” said Trish Klauser, Executive Director of Career Development, Fairfield.

According to Davison if you want to make sure your resume is looked at fairly the things that should be done are make sure its consistent, bolding, highlighting, make sure you proof read it, show it to as many people as possible and really it depends on the industry so it is extremely important to know your industry.

“There are many people who are not confident or comfortable with who they are which has a lot to do with jobs they will get,” said Klauser.

According to Davison it is critical when you are on an interview to shake the persons hand and to have eye contact because they show confidence.

It is also important to pay attention and present yourself appropriately.

“Any student, professor, or staff member looking for a job should know that it is most important to be prepared, you also have to have drive, focus, and be able to communicate with people,” said Davison.

“Being prepared is more than showing up, know not only yourself but also your employer, the real sale does not start until you get out there,” said Davison.

Even though you are given your name at birth and have no say in the matter, it is one of the many things you could use to one of your advantages when on an interview or searching for the perfect job.

Always know the meaning of your name.
Freeganism: an environmentally friendly lifestyle

Alyssa Larsen
Staff Reporter

Freeganism is a total boycott of an economic system where instead of avoiding the purchase of products from one bad company only to support another. The word freegan is compounded from “free” and “vegan.” Vegans are people who avoid products from animal sources or products tested on animals in an effort to avoid harming animals. Freegans take this a step further by recognizing that in a complex, industrial, mass-production economy driven by profit, abuses humans, animals, and the earth at all levels of production in just about every conceivable way.

In society today consumers are constantly being bombarded with advertising telling them to discard and replace the goods they already have because it increases sales. This creates an enormous amount of waste where many people can be fed right out of the garbage.

The most common strategy for freegans are “urban foraging” or “doumster diving.” Regardless of what society says about garbage, freegans rummage through the trash of retailers, residences, and other facilities.

At Sacred Heart University there has been a formal document or observation of freeganism or “doumster diving.” Freegans find it appalling that people starve when food is being thrown away. The goods that are recovered by the freegans are safe, clean, and in near-perfect condition.

Freegans take freezer food, beverages, books, toiletries magazines, comic books, newspapers, videos, kitchenware, appliances, carpets, clothing, furniture, electronics, animal care products, games, toys, bicycles, artwork, and just about any other type of consumer goods.

Recycling, composting organic matter into topsoil, and repairing rather than replacing items whenever just possible is how freegans dispose of these things.

If freegans find it to their advantage, they redistribute to friends, free markets, or using internet services, so nothing goes to waste. Recyling is an important priority to the Sacred Heart community.

Colored or white office paper and envelopes should be disposed of in the blue recycling bins around campus buildings and residence halls.

National Wildlife Foundation seeks grads for jobs

Taylor Higgins
Staff Reporter

For students who are about to graduate, the National Wildlife Federation has announced that they are hiring new campus field coordinators.

These jobs are for those who may want to work with the National Wildlife Federation and take the opportunity to join the campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on college campuses.

According to the company’s website, the National Wildlife Federation’s Campus Ecologic Program helps colleges and universities confront global warming by supporting and recognizing climate and wildlife-friendly practices and cultivating long-term leaders on campus and in the community and NWF views confronting global warming as one of the most important steps to protect wildlife and habitat for our children’s future.

The two locations for NWF Field Coordinator are Ann Arbor, Ml and Austin, TX.

The federation is seeking a national Campus Field Coordinator who would like to take the chance to work at the leading edge of a movement for campus climate action.

This person will be responsible for Campus Outreach, which is recruiting, cultivating, and supporting campus climate champions who commit to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by at least 30 percent by 2020. The jobs are also available to people who will be responsible for organizing regional gatherings and networks to support campus climate action, orchestrating a web based community to support climate action, and providing administrative and logistical support to the field director.

The jobs that have been open up by the NWF can really give students a chance to be interactive with the environment, particularly in the college atmosphere which is great because they can directly benefit from the work they are doing,” said Amanda Gross, senior, Mendham, N.J.

The qualifications that the NWF are looking for is, a college graduate with demonstrated interest in the environment, climate organizing and practical solutions to global warming, especially in a campus setting.

A minimum of 3 years project management experience is a plus.

Experience as an intern or professional staff with career or environmental or social justice organizing and experience working with diverse groups of people is also a plus.

More helpful qualities for a person looking for the job is, any kind of experience training, writing, teaching, and facilitating dialogue as well as event planning and meeting coordination.

The NWF will be a great chance for students to get involved in the community, and work with people from all over the U.S. I think it would be a great opportunity for students who are interested in the environment to get a job doing something they love," said Christopher Miller, sophomore, Oceanport, N.J.

“I hear students talking about wanting to get involved in something that has to do with the environment all the time, and global warming is going to really effect us so I think these jobs are perfect for people who are truly concerned about the environment,” said Katie Marchant, junior, Hamden.

The positions will pay in the mid 30s. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis and the position will be filled as soon as a qualified applicant is identified. You can apply online at http://www.nwf.org/careergateway/

Ciao, from Italy

Jenna Rignanese
Staff Reporter

Italy is not America, and America is not Italy. Waking up, breathing, walking, talking, cooking, smiling, dogs, children, school, food, the grocery stores, coffee, even the police sirens, they are all different here.

Every morning as I open my eyes, small beams of light shine through the holes in the heavy exterior blinds, although bright and colorful on the outside, their ability to block total sunlight in midday is miraculous. Hence, why siesta is a reality for many people here.

Sometimes, you just need a coffee to perk you up and start your day. Coffee here in Italy tastes very bitter and strong, but actually has half the caffeine as the American style.

At first, I hated the bitter cappuccino. But now I have acquired quite the taste for them. Taking public transportation to and from school can be quite a hassle.

To a freegan, sacrificing our freedom to take orders from someone else, stress, boredom, monotony is what it means to be constantly employed.

We need to spend money on food, clothing, housing, furniture, and transportation employment is not always a necessity. Instead freegans can devote there time to caring for there families, volunteering and joining activist groups.

It is important to not dispose of trash in these blue containers. If trash accumulates within the bins the entire bin has to be disposed as trash.

Jars, bottles, soda cans, plastic containers marked with a number one or number two in a small triangle on the bottom are the only plastics recycled.

Plastic containers or bottles with the number three through number seven are to be disposed in the trash.

Newspapers accumulated can be bundled and Building and Grounds can dispose of them properly.

For the most part, freegans do not use cars.

Instead, there methods of transportation are: train hopping, hitchhiking, walking, skating, and biking.

Hitchhiking fills up room in a car that would have been unused.

Automobiles cause pollution created from the burning of petroleum as well as other destruction.

Factors like the destruction of forests being due to road building in wilderness areas and collision deaths of humans and wildlife.

According to freegans housing should be a right, not a privilege.

People freeze to death on the streets while landlords and cities keep buildings boarded up and vacant because they can’t make a profit on available housing.

Living in America we live with our food being grown a world away being over-processed and stored too long.

Using the edible and medical plants instead of using supermar­kets and pharmacies is the way freegans reconnect to the Earth.

Paying bills and purchasing items consume the everyday.

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I shock me every day.

Dogs run wild here, but unlike home, it is not acceptable to pet other people’s dogs or gawk over babies.

Saying hello or smiling to a stranger on the street is not a cultural norm.

At the grocery store you must weigh your own fruits and vegetables.

If you do not the grocery clerks will talk bad about you in Italian.

The women walk the streets, ride the trams, and sit at the bars and cafe’s dressed to the nines by 8 a.m.

You must eat it when the bus is not on time and I end up running to class looking very ridiculous and flustered.

The teachers here are fairly easy. Attendance policies are very strict. Go figure!

A typical class consists of about 15 to 30 students, mostly study abroad but a few resident Italians students are scattered amongst the group.

Most of my teachers are from the U.S. but now live in Italy. They are fluent in many languages and are very helpful.
Sports

Men’s hoops finish No. 2 in NEC

Jay Gagliardi
Staff Reporter

Last Wednesday the Pioneers were 3-50 away from extending their season to the biggest stage in college basketball, but SHU let a late 10-point lead slip away late in the second half to lose 74-40 in the NEC final against Central Connecticut State.

It was a game that proved to have everything an NEC final should include. 2 lead changes in the first half, questionable calls, big plays, and a huge basket to change the outcome of the game.

The game started with NEC player of the year, Javier Mojica missing his first jump shot and a huge sigh of relief from the SHU cheering section. Joey Henley grabbed the rebound and Jarrid Frye converted on the other end.

If Mojica’s jump shot was foreshadowing the rest of the game, Sacred Heart would be cutting down the nets no more than two hours later. That was merely wishful thinking.

In fact, if one had been following the season he would remember the 19-point lead that CCSU was able to overcome in the team’s first meeting with the Pioneers.

The game was tied at 25 with 4:06 remaining in the half but Frye scored five of the last six points for the Pioneers in this span and back to back lay-ups by him and Shubik gave the Pioneers a 34-33 lead going into intermission.

Statistically, the two teams had split in the major columns. The Pioneers shot better from the floor and committed two less turnovers than CCSU, but the Blue Devils converted on more three-pointers and outscored SHU in the paint.

Mojica and Frye even ended the half with the same amount of points, with 13 respectively. Joey Henley had a quiet half for the Pioneers hitting only one field goal.

“I knew I had to calm down from the first half to the second half,” said Henley, junior, Kent, Wash.

The second half started, Henley calmed down and he would become the go to guy for the Pioneers in the second half in an attempt to close the points in the paint gap.

The trend would continue and the Blue Devils turned the ball over their next three possessions, allowing the visiting Pioneers to start the half on an 8-0 run and jump out to a nine-point lead.

But when Mojica came back in with 10 minutes left, SHU went cold and CCSU got hot.

“THERE was a point in the game where I felt like I was rushing and the coaches told me to calm down,” said Javier Mojica, senior, Auburn, Mass.

The sure calmed down, with a three point basket to put CCSU up for good with just 1:32 remaining. The Pioneers had opportunities to respond but could not convert and Tristan Blackwood sealed the Pioneers’ fate and sent the Devils to their third trip to the NCAA tournament in seven years, with two free throws.

The rest of the night involved the CCSU faithful rushing the floor as they dodged the collapsed Pioneers with their faces buried in their hands.

Mojica was named the tournament MVP and finished the game with 25 points, with the three most important ones in the final minutes.

There was no doubt about Joey Henley’s play as he scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half. Struggles continued for Jarrid Frye and he ended the game early after committing his fifth foul with 2:58 left.

“I played my hardest. I am happy with how the team played and I am proud of them. It’s just upsetting to lose when you feel like you played your best,” said Jarrid Frye, senior, Queens, N.Y.

“Feel bad for our seniors. They got us to a place we’ve never been before. It’s not easy to be picked at the bottom of the barrel,” said Coach Bike.

Both coaches had only great things to say about their opposing teams.

“Sacred Heart will have a good chance to be in this situation next year. Chances are very good for Sacred Heart to be cutting down the nets next year,” said Central coach, Howie Dickenman.

Tues., March 6
Women’s Basketball
Monmouth - 46
SHU - 50
Pape - 25 points, 10 reb.

Men’s Baseball
SHU - 1
Pitt - 5

Weds., March 7
Men’s Baseball
SHU - 10
Lehigh - 11

A look into the MBB crystal ball

This year, Sacred Heart experienced something new. A basketball team made it to the NEC Championship game. And both were left just seconds short of winning the NEC title.

With the rest of the country focused on which teams will make their NCAA tournament bracket a successful one, the Pioneers are looking to what will help them capture that elusive NEC title and enjoy the national spotlight of March Madness.

On the men’s side, the Pioneers have an excellent shot of becoming the team to beat in the NEC.

With only two seniors graduating, albeit two very important seniors, the men have the talent needed to fill the void left by Jarrid Frye and Tavio Hobson.

The load of carrying the team back to the NEC title game will fall on the shoulders of Joey Henley, who has another year of eligibility, soon to be senior Drew Shubik, and current freshman Chauncey Hardy.

Henley will continue to be the main inside threat for the Pioneers while Shubik will play his role of being one of the more versatile players they have.

As for Hardy, he will have to step into the role that will mix what Hobson and Frye have maintained. He needs to be able to run the offense as efficiently and be a main scoring threat.

The Pioneers also have sharpshooters Luke Granato and Ryan Litke back to add range to their high-powered offense. Litke is entering just his sophomore season and already is second on the team in three-point shooting.

Not to be forgotten is junior Ryan Howard who went down with a season-ending injury just two games into the season. Howard can be a lock down defender, capable of playing both forward spots and knocking down shots from anywhere on the court.

Two other wildcard for the Pioneers will be Corey Hassan and Josh Marshall, both of which sat out the 2006-2007 season. Hassan previously played at Boston University and was a standout as a freshman.

Combine that with junior Brice Brooks off the bench and the Pioneers are in great shape to overtake Central Connecticut atop the NEC.

So enjoy the best of what college basketball has to offer now, because in a little less than a year, the Pioneer’s will return to the court to capture the title that escaped them this season.

It will be interesting to see what the future holds.
What you missed over break...

Welcome back everyone. Hope your spring break was one joyful occasion.

For all those of you that there who were either: a.) too busy sitting by the pool getting tan, b.) drinking your face off while sitting in the sun and getting tan, c.) sitting in the hospital from drinking your face off, or d.) braving the elements up here (for those of you I truly sympathize), a lot has happened over the past two weeks.

Here's what we've learned...

First, we've seen that Sacred Heart men's basketball has the potential to rope again and again, and all students, faculty, and fans into its run at the NCAA tournament. The Pacers basketball team completed an impressive run to uncurtained waters by winning its first two NEC Tournament games.

We also found out that Javier Mojica is the NEC player of the year, and also why SHU wasn't won at Central Connecticut St in over nine years. Mojica had 25 points in the championship game against the Gaels by as many as 10 in the second half, the Blue Devils and their boisterous crowd were too much to overcome.

We also found out this week that even though Sacred Heart can be in a tournament championship game on ESPNU, the Pacers still don't get any love. With the entire telecast surrounding the wonderful story of Mojica, and Howie Dickenmann's plaques, it was enough to make a Pioneer fan sick.

We confirmed this week that Amanda Pape has enough power to almost single-handedly overcome obstacles. She scored half of the team's 50 points in the semi-final win over Monmouth last week, and sparked SHU from a nine point, second half deficit to a four point win.

We also found out that Pape's power can only do so much. After an eight-hour trip from hell to Moon Township, Pa. and after trailing by 13 at halftime, the Pacers struck back, and when it was time for SHU to deliver, she almost did. Dishing a nice pass when hung up in traffic for the apparent game-tying layup.

We also found out that breaks were not on the Pacers' side all week. Pape missed the subsequent Jayop off the timeout and SHU lost 68-66. This goes along with April Frye finding out on a questionable call with three minutes to go that she had lost her game as the realization that some dreams must be put off.

We found out that Wednesday, March 7, 2007, was Sacred Heart athletics day from hell. Because as the Pacers basketball team was being ousted in New Britain, the baseball side was being out slugged. SHU held a 9-0 lead in the Wednesday night game versus Lehigh, only to see the Mountain Hawks fly back with a vengeance and score three runs in the ninth inning to beat Sacred Heart 11-10.

We also found out that despite the lack of pitching on that night, SHU can hold its own with top-flight competition. Chris Howard pitched seven shutout innings in a 7-0 defeat of Pittsburgh. Rob Tencca pitched strongly in a win over St. Joseph's, as the Pioneers won as many games in Florida as they had in the past three years down there.

We also found out that all of Notre Dame nation knows, and the rest of the college baseball world should. take notice, of who Jay Monti is. The ace senior pitcher from Marlboro, N.Y., has gone 19 innings this season without an earned run allowed, and despite a less than sterling performance versus Duquesne, Monti fired back versus Notre Dame.

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Zarrinpour ready for NCAA's

Gabrielle Castellana Staff Reporter

The NCAA Wrestling Championships take place on March 15-17 in Detroit, Mich. and Sacred Heart's star heavyweight Payam Zarrinpour, senior, Shiraz, Iran, is competing in the tournament.

The Iran team captain and he and he has a 3.1 GPA even though he spoke no English four years ago. He is 27-4 this season and 122-32," said Coach Seras.

This is Zarrinpour’s fourth year in a row winning the NCAA championship in his weight division and it will be his fourth trip to the NCAA championship. At a weight of 285 pounds, he is classified in the heavyweight division. Zarrinpour along with Chris Cristallo, junior, Yorktown, N.Y., are the only two members of this team in this weight class.

Payam had a great year this year. I believe that he has won two losses. Two at Cornell body bar, and two at the prestigious Midland," said Andrew Silber, junior, Scotch Plains, N.J.

"I have done my NCAA wrestling championship. I got first place and qualified for NCAA Division I," said Zarrinpour. After defeating a Drexel wrestler in the CAA heavyweight championship match, he will now compete in the NCAA championship and represent Sacred Heart.

The 29 members that make up the wrestling team are divided among weight classes. As a team, these wrestlers were able to place fifth in the NCAA championships.

The team worked very hard this season, and was personally motivated by a lot of improvements. Some guys had to step up in weights that they weren't expecting to wrestle in and actually did OK," said Tom Sullivan, junior, Sauderstown, R.I.

There are 89 teams competing in the NCAA championship and 11 teams, including Sacred Heart University, that are a part of the CAA. However, there's a good chance that the players from the two CAA who are competing in the tournament are going to be on opposite ends of the brackets, and that they won't meet each other in the first round.

"Our team is a young team and hopefully we will hear more from it," said Zarrinpour. If Zarrinpour is successful in this championship he could become the teams first All-American, which is something that the team is hoping for.

"It's probably the most difficult event to compete in because Payam is a very positive person. If he stays positive, he should do well," said Sullivan.

"There's going to be harsh competition at the NCAA championship but both the coach and teammates are confident in Zarrinpour. He definitely holds a nationally ranked spot in the top 10.

"To qualify for this tournament is very tough. There are only about 30 athletes per weight class. I think Payam has a great shot to be in the top six," said Coach Seras.

Defending champion of the NCAA championship, Cole Konrad of Minnesota, will most definitely put up a strong fight in his match. So far he is undefeated this entire season and has won over 70 straight matches. With fierce competitors who will bring a tough game, this tournament will be one to look out for.

"Teach my athletes to bring their "A" game and trust it. Competitions won are by the most confident and best prepared," said Seras.

To qualify for the NCAA championship is a win in itself but Zarrinpour wants to take it all the way.

"It's my last year and I want to get something good from the Big East wrestling tournament in the USA. During these years I have worked so hard to achieve in but Payam and goal and the something that I need now is the title in the NCAA. I am mentally and physically ready to do that," said Zarrinpour.

Women's hoops fall in title game

Chris Armellino Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart women's basketball team came up short Saturday against Robert Morris University 68-66 in the 2007 Northeast Conference Tournament championship game at the Charles L. Sewall Center in Moon Township, Pa.

A fierce 28-point performance by junior forward Chinata Nesbit, with assistance from senior forward Sugeiry Monsac helped cement the Colonials' victory over the Pioneers, whose fierce offense came close, but failed to cap off a second half comeback.

The Pioneers could not keep up with the Colonials, who started off with a 21-8 lead, in the first half and maintained the advantage for the bulk of the game. Sacred Heart was able to close its deficit to one with 0:20 on the clock, with a pair of free throws by Amanda Pape and a lay up by Jasmine Walker. However, senior guard Jenna Burkett hit a free throw with just 0:13 left in the game to take back the Colonial lead for good.

The Pioneers came out strong in the second half, closing their deficit to one to make the score 39-38 with 16:05 to go. Lisa Moray started things off with a 3-pointer with six more points scored by Pape. This was followed up by Mary Rush and Kerri Burke, who each scored 3-pointers, to garner a 60-54 lead for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers advantage was short-lived, as a jumper from Nesbit with 2:44 left in the game started a Colonial run that would take back the lead and keep it there for the remainder of the game.

Nesbit’s 28 point performance was a career-high on Saturday that took the game for Robert Morris, along with assistance from Monsac, whose late game lay up help build a 65-62 lead with 1:31 to go in the game.

Pape lead the team with 20 points, along with Walker, who scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Each was a member of the All-NEC Tournament Team.

Sacred Heart defeated Monmouth last Tuesday to advance towards the title game in the NEC Championship. Pape finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds to bring the Pioneers the title game against Robert Morris this Saturday.

This marks the end of the Sacred Heart's 2006-2007 season with an overall record of 22-10.

File Photo Amanda Pape ended her career as Sacred Heart's all-time leading scorer.
Men’s ice hockey goalie Jason Smith will participate in both the AHA playoffs and St. Baldrick’s Day this week.

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Monti topped radar guns at 93 mph, and was just two hits, and a hit batsman away from a perfect game against the Irish. He threw 92 pitches and just 17 balls, reaching a three ball count just once in the complete game 3-0 shutout, while not allowing a base runner past second base. The win over Notre Dame provides SHU with credibility and with the promise that they can beat any team on any day.

We found out that SHU hockey likes being the top seed. With its 4-0 win over AIC, Sacred Heart has assured itself a trip to Rochester, N.Y., this weekend for the AHA's inaugural neutral site tournament. With two wins, Jason Smith and Pierre-Luc O'Brien will be dancing in the NCAA hockey tournament.

We also found out that sadly things have to come to an end. With that I say goodbye to the college careers of Kerri Burke, Jarid Frye, Tavio Hobson, Amanda Pape, Mary Rush, and Jasmine Walker. It has been my pleasure to watch, cheer, and cover you seniors for four outstanding years. You have brought me fun times and great moments and I appreciate it entirely. I wish the six of you great luck in your future endeavors, and you always have a fan out there in me.

**Men’s Lacrosse defeated by Manhattan**

Alyssa Jannotti
Staff Reporter

The men’s lacrosse team started its four straight road games versus Manhattan on Saturday, where it fell short with a score of 10-8.

Sacred Heart set off on the right foot by putting themselves on the board with a goal by Peter Greco, just 38 seconds in the game. Manhattan’s freshman Matt Ryan responded by scoring at the 6:35 mark.

About 1:10 later senior midfielder Chris Oppio scored too, putting Manhattan in the lead with a score of 2-1. With only seven seconds left in the first period senior attacker Brian Murray added another goal to bring the score to 3-1.

In the second quarter Sacred Heart roared back taking the lead 4-3. Manhattan took nine shots in the second period, but none of which found the back of the net.

The Jaspers were the first to score in the second half to bring the score to a tie of 4-4, when sophomore attacker Marc Labelle put one in at 1:31 into the period.

Jaspers’ goalkeeper John Geagan made seven of his 19 saves in the fourth quarter, with a score of 7-6, helping Manhattan make sure that they kept their lead. Manhattan’s defense soon was put to a test when both freshmen Steven Sternberg and Tim Clancy were both given a slashing penalty within seventeen seconds apart.

Regardless of having two men sheltered in the penalty box, Manhattan still came out strong. Attacking Sacred Heart’s goalie Ricardo Vargas, Jaspers’ own Murray scored another goal bringing the score up to 8-6 with 10:39 to go in the fourth quarter and Manhattan still in the lead.

Scoring two goals and two assist in Saturday’s game, Murray now leads the Manhattan Jaspers with seven goals and six assists in just the first three games of the season.

Manhattan freshman Luke Dillillo, scored an unassisted goal with 8:33 left in the final period. Dillillo’s goal pushed Manhattan’s lead to 9-6. Just 26 seconds later, Dillillo set up senior Jeremy Marrano to put yet another goal in to bring Manhattan’s lead to a game high, four.

Sacred Heart midfielder Bobby Rushton scored a goal at the 7:33 mark of the fourth period to cut the lead to only three, 10-7. But the Pioneers could only muster one more goal from Evan Morgan with 14 seconds left in the game bringing the final score to 10-8.

The Pioneers next game is upstate New York, where they are set to face Binghamton next Saturday afternoon at 1:50 p.m.
NO HAIR, NO PROBLEM

Pierre-Luc O'Brien and the men's hockey team will embark upon the Atlantic Hockey playoffs and St. Baldrick's Day this weekend.

THE FULL MONTI

Jay Monti shut out Notre Dame 3-0 in Florida, but this was one of the many things you missed this spring break.

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FALLING SHORT

Men's and women's basketball teams fell short in their respective NEC title games.

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