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## Park Ridge Break-In

Michelle Bassi  
Staff Reporter

Returning to Sacred Heart University after Easter break was a major disappointment for a few residents over at Park Ridge, who found their townhouse burglarized.

With no sign of a forced entry, the SHU students came back to school to see that someone had somehow gotten into their apartment and went through their drawers and closets.

Katie Janczak, a junior from Ballston Spa, NY and one of the residents who lives in this townhouse, was originally supposed to stay at school over break and worries what would have happened if she had stayed there all alone. Out of her belongings, she had her subwoofer and four speakers for her computer stolen. Also missing is her DVD player, a DVD, and her scanner, which are worth more than \$300.

"The worst part is knowing that somebody went through all your stuff. It's made me start to worry about safety with housing in general because after someone comes in and invades your space, you start to worry," said Janczak.

Another resident is Patricia Casey, a junior from Wrentham,

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The Spectrum/ROBERT TRENSKE  
Paul Herman is raised up in celebration of his crowning victory at Mr. SHU 2004 in the theater.

## The New Mr. SHU

Cortney Barbato  
Staff Reporter

At 10:10 p.m. on Monday, April 5, in the Edgerton Theatre, the Class of 2005 presented the sixth annual Mr. SHU Pageant. The show consisted of 11 contestants. These participants were Chris Kelly, Jason Bowza,

Kristopher Baffi, Jon Cretella, Paul Herman, Michael Champey, Greg Maurice, Alex Kantarelis, Guy Savage, Michael Burns, and Wille Geddis. Danielle Bachini and Mike Hougasian hosted the show.

The winner of Mr. SHU 2004 was Paul Herman. Including his sophomore year appearance in 2002, this was Paul's second time

winning the Mr. SHU title.

"It was a great experience not only hosting but putting the whole thing together with the class board," said co-host, Danielle Bachini, a junior from Feeding Hills, MA. "The best part about it was seeing how well it all came together that night

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## And The SG Winners Are...

Amy Deschenes  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, April 1, the results of the 2004 Student Government elections were announced. During the two-day voting process 791 undergraduate students cast their votes.

The Class of 2007 elected four senators including Robert William Rood, James J. Daly, Valerie Bellegarde, and Christina Ann Piazza. Jillian L. Hoxsie will serve as the Class of 2007 Secretary. Dominic S. D'Errico and Monica Maria Concha will serve as the Vice President and President, respectively.

President of the Class of 2006 is Jenna E. Molloy, who served this past year as the Vice President of her class. The Class of 2006 Secretary is Kelly Michelle Stritmater and the Vice President is Amy Nardone. Shannon Leah Hines and Meghan E Hyde are the two Class of 2006 Senators. In the fall of 2004 the class will conduct an interview process to find two more senators to fill the vacant seats.

The Class of 2005 elected Danielle C. Bachini as their president. Shannon Kinney was chosen as class Secretary and Kristen M. Fritsch will serve as the Vice

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The Spectrum/ROBERT TRENSKE  
Proud drivers stand with one of the new red SHUttles.

## CT Bars Extinguish Cigarettes

Gillian Weisman  
Staff Reporter

At the beginning of the month, Connecticut joined New York, California, and Delaware as the fourth state to ban smoking in bars and taverns. A smoke-free law for restaurants, private institutions of

higher education, workplaces with more than 5 employees, and establishments with liquor permits such as hotels, resorts, and airlines, went into effect in October.

According to the American Lung Association (ALA), secondhand smoke is responsible for approximately 53,000 deaths nationwide per year and

is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

"I think no smoking in bars is a good thing. I hate coming home smelling like smoke and having my eyes sting," said senior Angela Notaristefano of Levittown, NY.

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## SHU'S 'Safe Zone'

Mel Knight  
Contributing Writer

The same-sex marriage debate encourages people to consider individual perspectives and weigh the factors that influence one's moral code. In the midst of this controversy, Sacred Heart University's Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) began with a fresh start, with plans to inform the community of homophobia issues and raise awareness.

The GSA meets every Thursday night at 8 p.m. in Hawley Lounge's Student Conference Room. The club's mission is to instill equality, respect, justice, and dignity on campus, as well

The Laramie Project.

"I feel that there is a problem with how some people view the GSA as a group where homosexuals join with heterosexuals to promote their sexuality. My understanding is that the group is where all people, regardless of sexual orientation can come together and forget this aspect of their lives so that they are able to connect as human beings," said Cristina Baptista, a junior from Newton.

"I have absolutely nothing against same-sex relationships, but as a Catholic who adheres to the dogmas and doctrines set forth by the Vatican, I do not believe that marriage is something that can be extended to homosexual couples. According to my faith, marriage itself means the union of a man and a woman."

Professor Mike Ventimiglia, the club's advisor, said that, "as a Catholic institution, SHU has an obligation to assist groups that have traditionally been subject to violence or persecution. As an education institution, SHU has an obligation to inform students about perspectives that may be in conflict with Catholic teaching."

The Sacred Heart University Safe Zone Manual reads, "In any given day, you can usually hear at least one student use the phrase 'that's gay' to express their discontent with something. We feel there is an atmosphere at SHU which forces GLBT people to keep this aspect of their lives in the 'closet.' We think a place of higher education should be a place where everyone feels comfortable being himself or herself (regardless of sexual orientation), and are willing to share this openly."

While the members of the GSA have encountered both disagreement and enthusiastic support, it has caused many students to consider their fundamental values and perspective of same-sex marriage.

Meghan Strecker, a freshman from Danbury, admits that before she attended meetings, she was afraid of feeling awkward when she only wanted to provide moral support for some of her friends who are members.

"The meetings were so much fun," said Strecker, who feels that "Homophobia is like another type of racism. I think that university students should be allowed to be themselves, and if they are true to themselves, then it could encourage others to open up."

For more information, contact GSA Co-Presidents Susan Pawlishen or Chris Williams via SHU e-mail.

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*I want to extend a welcome to everyone on campus...whatever you may be*

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Christopher Williams

as pursuing the eradication of homophobia at SHU. It is also a way for students of various sexual preferences to identify with others.

"I want to extend a welcome to everyone on campus: straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or whatever you may be. We have come together for the common cause of making Sacred Heart a more understanding place," said Co-President Christopher Williams.

Each Thursday night, Williams and Co-President Susan Pawlishen lead the group while they plan events.

The club is in the process of renovating their website so that interested students may be aware of the club's existence on campus. The GSA also intends to become involved in an outreach group called "Outspoken," which mentors 16-22 year old people who are struggling with coming to terms with their sexuality.

While the group does not currently receive a budget from the university, the GSA members are attempting to establish themselves as a legitimate student club. This semester, there have been several events at Sacred Heart which have encouraged an awareness of the existence of homosexual culture on college campuses. For example, the GSA's cross-dressing dance party, representing the club at Pioneer Day and Open House, and SHU Player's most recent production,

## Mr. SHU 2004

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after so much preparation and getting the chance to work with 11 awesome guys. They all put on a really great show and the competition was really tough this year."

The show's entertainment started out with an opening dance number to, "Shake that Body."

"My favorite part of the show was the introduction, because all our guys were dancing femininely," said Greg Maurice, a junior from Norcross, GA.

The pageant then followed with the swimwear competition. Michael Burns entertained the audience by sporting a scuba outfit and pleasing the crowd with a strip tease.

"Honestly, Mr. SHU was one of my more memorable experiences at Sacred Heart. Being out there and having the crowd get so into your performance was such an adrenaline rush, and it was also very humbling at the same time."

"Even though I finished third, I had so much fun with all the guys and I think everyone did an amazing job," said Michael Burns, a senior from East Providence, RI.

Next, the participants performed the talent competition.

"My favorite part is when Paul Herman danced for his talent. I know he is such an awesome dancer and when he was reciting his poem, I was thinking that this just couldn't be it. He's got to dance," said Jeanna Costello, a senior from Bridgeport.

Each participant had the chance to win over the crowd by impressing them with their very own unique talent. "I wanted to display my ribbon dancing



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The Mr. SHU contestants pose shirtless for the audience.

talent that I've been working on for many years," said, Kristopher Baffi, a senior from Glen Head, NY.

The contestants kept the audience entertained with non-stop performances.

"The talent section was my favorite part. I've played with a band so many times before, but

Allen Machielson, the Director of Residential Life. These top five contestants included Kristopher Baffi, Mike Champey, Paul Herman, Alex Kantarelis, and Mike Burns.

The top five were faced with the "Question and Answer" section of the pageant. In order to do this, each participant had to pop a balloon to find out what question they would have to answer.

"My favorite and worst part of the show was when I couldn't pop the balloon with a pin. I felt kind of funny about the whole experience, like when I used to climb the rope in gym class," said Mike Champey, a senior from Smithtown, NY.

As the Mr. SHU Pageant was coming to an end with three participants left, the judges made their final decision.

"It was one of the best feelings I have had at SHU. The reason for this is because I wasn't just up there for myself, but for my family member that came from work, drove an hour and a half to come see me, and even had time to come on stage and still support," said Paul Herman, a senior from the Bronx, NY.

At the end of the night, with the crowd going wild, Sacred Heart University crowned Paul Herman, Mr. SHU 2004.

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Crowd Favorite Mike Champey

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Lambda Sigma Phi

#### Date Rape and Sexual Abuse Awareness Week Activities

\* **Saturday Night - Benefit for A.L.I.V.E. at 7 p.m. in the Mahogany Room**

\* **Sunday Night- Vigil and Bonfire at 9 p.m. at the North Lot featuring statistics and stories.**

- Information provided by Robert Kirsch -



# Newly Elected Student Government Officers

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President. The four Class of 2005 Senators are John James Russo, Teresa Jose Jacob, Danae Amelia Kline and Michael F. Hougasian. Hougasian is excited to be a part of the Student Senate for a second year.

"Senate is one of the few organizations where you can really try to make a difference, you get to hear and see the administrators viewpoint but still make your claim for the students. Senate is one big family, we fight and have tiffs but in the end nothing but love for one another, good times and lots of fun," said Hougasian, a junior from Thompson.

Students from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes had the opportunity to vote for Student Government President and Vice President of Senate. David Macala was chosen as Student Government President and Todd Dixon was voted as Vice President of Senate.

"I have been wanting to be involved with student government, and I felt that I had the necessary leadership skills to takeover the position of Student Government President in my last year," Macala said. Macala is a

member of the Class of 2005 and a Political Science major from Plainville. He has been a Resident Assistant for the past two years at Sacred Heart and will continue to do so in his senior year.

"Student Government President will be my highest priority behind my school work and getting into law school for the following year," Macala added.

Students voted Todd Dixon as the VP of Senate. Dixon replaced Jen Hradek as VP of senate this past semester, and is anxious to continue his work leading the Student Senate.

"I want to get the students to know what we do for them and that we are always open to them and I want to get more student feedback on issues the Senate can work on," said Dixon. Dixon is a member of the Class of 2005 from Levittown, NY and is majoring in Accounting.

All of the new Student Government members will officially take their positions when they are sworn in at the Student Government Installation Dinner that will take place on Sunday, April 25.

# Delta Phi Kappa Holds Sit-Out

**Danielle Bachini**  
*Staff Reporter*

On the evening of March 28 the sisters of Delta Phi Kappa held a vigil and sit-out in observance of Women's Month. It began at 10:10 p.m. and went through the night until 6 a.m. The purpose of the event was to raise money for women that live in shelters.

"We wanted the sit-out to symbolize all of the homeless women in the world and show people that we are not all as lucky and blessed to have homes, clothing, food, etc.," said Beth Casson, a senior from Newtown and a sister of Delta Phi Kappa.

This was the first year that the event was held. The sit-out included readings from the sisters of Delta Phi Kappa as well as a guest speaker from the Bethel Recovery Center.

The event had a very pow-

erful impact on the sisters of Delta Phi Kappa and others that decided to take part.

"We raised a good amount of money for the shelter and we also learned from our experience. The best thing about the event was actually being outside all night

Lambda, Omega, and Zeta," said Casson.

"The vigil/sit out was a great way to bring awareness to their cause. I give them credit for sitting outside on the Flik patio pulling an all-nighter. That shows true dedication to their cause," said Shannon Kinney, a junior from Port Jefferson Station, NY.

"It was a good event that made people realize the value of a dollar," said Paul Herman, a senior from the Bronx, NY.

Because of the success of the event and the amount of money that Delta Phi Kappa was able to raise, they are planning on making it an annual event.

"Next year I would like to see more people come out. I know it's a

lot to ask for someone to stay out all night in the cold but I think it's a great cause and if we could get more people sponsored and more money to the shelters it would be great!" said Casson.

*It was a good event that made people realize the value of a dollar*

*Paul Herman*

and feeling how it is to sleep on the cold ground and not have shelter over your head. Through the night we also had a great opportunity to bond with each other and other organizations like

# Congratulations

The following students have been nominated by their faculty and will be recipients of the "PASSION FOR LEARNING" Award.

Patience Allen  
Heidi Aqel  
Sabine Auguste  
Stephen Brine  
Jennifer Broadbin  
Alton Bryan  
Yvonne Campbell  
Beth Casson  
Celin Chacko  
Meghan Conley  
Christopher Crutchfield  
Jennifer Cycon  
Sara Delaporta  
Thomas Denninger  
Ryan Farnsworth  
Jessica Field  
Susan Finley  
Jillian Frey  
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Brandon Godbout  
Erika Harrysson  
Jennifer Hedberg  
Melissa Hernandez  
Nicole Juba  
Nicole Knott

Konstantina Korovesi  
Jeannette Koziel  
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Heather Schroder  
Natalia Sepulveda  
Amanda Sternemann  
Lynn Stramaglia  
Emily Swain  
Christopher Telesca  
Matthew Uzenski

**Ceremony will be held on April 28th at 2PM in the Mahogany Room**

# PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

On Wednesday, April 14, at 10:25 a.m. a smell of natural gas was reported at Oakview. Buildings and Grounds was notified.

At 2:42 p.m. of the same day a hit and run was reported in the parking lot of the Jewish Community Center.

At 10:02 p.m. of the same day a staff member's license plate was reported stolen from the parking lot at Curtis Hall. Fairfield Police was called.

On Thursday, April 15, at 2:37 p.m. a larceny was reported in the north parking lot. A student's license plate was stolen and the Fairfield Police Department was called.

On Friday, April 16, at 12:59 p.m. a larceny occurred in the main academic building. A student allegedly stole items from Flik.

On Saturday, April 17, at 12:50 a.m. a student resident and visitor were involved in a physical altercation at South Hall. The visitor, who was intoxicated, was issued a trespass notice.

At 6:18 a.m. on the same day a washing machine hose disconnected, flooding the area. Buildings and Grounds was called.

On Sunday, April 18, at 6:55 a.m. a section of grass in the golf course was reported burnt.

At 7:40 a.m. on the same day an assault, alcohol violation, and trespassing were reported at South Hall. A student resident and a visitor fought over a drinking game. The resident was sent to the hospital and visitor was issued a trespass notice.

On Monday, April 19, at 7:40 a.m. a fire alarm was activated because of steam that leaked from the bathroom. Bridgeport Fire Department was called.



# Break-In at Park Ridge

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MA, who had returned to find her \$400 Christmas gift, a Sony Video Camera, missing.

"When I left, I wrapped it up in a bag and hid it underneath stuff in one of my drawers, so they definitely went through my stuff and that's kind of scary," said Casey.

"There was a videotape in there with roommates, friends and the dance-team ...so now they know what we look like," said Casey.

The Bridgeport police told the students that this situation would be categorized under larceny, not burglary, because there were no signs of a forced entry. The residents claimed that both the police and SHU Public Safety were very helpful, however they were unable to better the situation.

Christine Pini, another junior resident from Northborough, MA had over 250 CD's stolen including her Discman.

"It's really creepy because most of the townhouses have windows that don't lock and I live on the ground level so some-

one can climb into my room at any time," said Pini.

"I think they need better security at Park Ridge because my car got broken into twice first semester right outside my townhouse and now this. The university needs to put dead bolts on the doors and windows because anybody with basic lock-picking skills can get in here," said Casey.

"I feel unsafe because we still don't even know how they got in. It's not like this is the first time a robbery has happened over break at SHU, so they clearly need more security. We took all the necessary precautions when leaving for break so we really don't understand how it could happen," said Shannon Kinney, a junior from Port Jeff Station, LI.

These SHU students are disturbed by this break-in because they claim to be on good terms with everybody and have no suspicions of who may have jeopardized their safety.

With no forced entry or any sign of damage, it leaves the girls stumped as to who would have the access and/or ability to get into their townhouse.

# Informative Computer Courses Often Overlooked

**Danielle Bachini**  
Staff Reporter

Each month the Information Technology Department provides informational training sessions geared towards faculty, staff, and students that will give them better knowledge about how to use their computers.

Besides teaching sessions on programs such as MS Producer, One Note, and Excel, during the month of March sessions about legal music downloads, creating your own website, and how to create and personalize Easter cards have been offered. Each session lasts approximately an hour.

The sessions are taught by Technical Training Specialist, Cindy Wheatley. She finds it unfortunate that many students don't take advantage of everything these courses have to offer.

"I have never taken any of the free computer training classes before because I don't ever recall hearing about them. I don't think I would take a computer course though, because the computer software that SHU students need to know how to navigate is relatively easy," said Caitlin Moreira, a junior from

Bayshore, NY.

"The most I've ever had is three people in one class. This could possibly be because many students have taken CS100 and feel that they already know the software, but these sessions offer many other things," said Wheatley.

Another reason that many students might not be taking

I've always wanted to try one but I could just never find the time," said Kristen Fritsch, a junior from Englishtown, NJ.

What Wheatley would also like to stress is that these courses are helpful in any area for students with both Dell and Macintosh computers. Students don't even need to take their laptop with them to the courses because training takes place in the training room located downstairs in the Information Technology Department.

Even though there is a specific skill that will be taught during a particular session, Wheatley often changes the agenda depending on who attends the session.

"What is taught depends on who's in the room. I always try to accomplish what the students want to learn," said Wheatley.

Any student interested in these courses should visit the information technology website ([it.sacredheart.edu/computerliteracy/](http://it.sacredheart.edu/computerliteracy/)). It includes dates and times that each session is offered along with descriptions of each course and registration forms.

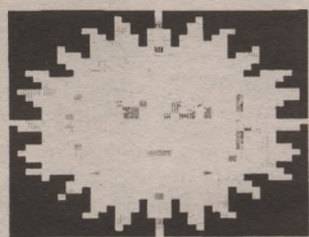
"I encourage everyone to come. You may learn something new," said Wheatley.

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*I always try to accomplish what the students want to learn*  
**"**  
**Cindy Wheatley**

advantage of these free courses is because of the times that they are offered.

"It's hard to find a time that students will be willing to come to a course like this. I know that many students are busy. That's why we usually try to schedule them for midday and on," said Wheatley.

"The computer courses have always looked interesting and



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# SCRABBLE

## AT SHU

Bill Silvestri  
Staff Reporter

They have their own dictionaries, abide by their own rules, and form their own clubs. They unscramble random, nonsensical strings of letters to form words, score points, and win tournaments. They are Scrabble players and they are coming out at SHU.

The first of the four Scrabble information and strategy sessions took place in room HC 202 last Sunday at 6 p.m. The sessions were organized by Dr. Annette Bailey of the department of social work to provide the Sacred Heart community with the resources that are necessary to form a Scrabble club on campus.

"This Sunday we are fortunate to have Rita Norr and Ed Neugroschl as our guest speakers on Scrabble strategy. Rita Norr is the only female to win the United States Scrabble Championship," said Bailey.

The session consisted of a presentation on the strategy and theory of playing Scrabble on an expert level. Neugroschl

explained that Scrabble is a game in which strategy is more important than word knowledge.

"A novice player looks at his tiles first, an expert player will look at the board first and then make his play," said Neugroschl.

After the presentation the students, faculty, and staff in attendance played in paired Scrabble games.

"If enough students take an interest in the Scrabble sessions then a Scrabble club will be started here at SHU," said Dr. Bailey.

"We would be the third school in the country to have a Scrabble club," said Dr. Bailey. The National Scrabble Association recognizes both Harvard and Princeton as having Scrabble clubs.

A Scrabble club would be a venue for students and teachers to learn vocabulary and Scrabble skills while interacting in a friendly environment.

"Scrabble can be incorporated into the classroom, especially for students majoring in music, computer science, and mathematics," said Dr. Bailey. "Students with math and computer skills make excellent Scrabble players."

"One might think students who read

a lot, have high vocabularies, or major in English will be good Scrabble players. While this is true, students majoring in music, math, and computer science tend to become great Scrabble players. In fact, according to Rita Norr and Ed Neugroschl, the numbers people tend to become experts with relative ease and are strongly encouraged to try their hand at Scrabble," said Dr. Bailey.

A Scrabble club would be more than just another club or organization. Scrabble is a game that people of all ages and all walks of life can play and enjoy. The information and strategy sessions focus on expert strategy, however the Scrabble club will be open to players of all skill levels.

Dr. Lois Libby of the education department was also present at last Sunday's Scrabble session.

"A Scrabble club is a lot like a chess club, it will benefit students of all majors," said Dr. Libby.

Currently there are three more information and strategy sessions scheduled for the spring semester. There will be one on April 25, one on May 2, and also May 9. Students are encouraged to attend the sessions if they have an inter-

est in the Scrabble club.

"Sunday was the first of four Scrabble sessions meant to generate student interest," said Dr. Bailey.

"It would be great to see this activity here at SHU, what we need are people who know and love the game," said Dr. Libby.

Besides being a form of entertainment and a learning tool, Scrabble is also played professionally in tournaments. Both Rita Norr and Ed Neugroschl are expert players who have past tournament experience.

"The 3rd Annual Spring Classic Scrabble Championship is being held at the Holiday Inn Select in Stamford on April 30 through May 2, 2004. Participants will play 14 games and earn \$5,000 in prizes," said Dr. Bailey.

"It seems like an interesting club and Scrabble is the best game ever," said Caitlin Goma, a junior from Kingston MA.

"Hey, whatever man. People have got to have a hobby, you know," said Jay Bowzsa, a senior from East Windsor.

"I think of Scrabble as mental gymnastics. It is my idea of fun," said Dr. Bailey.

## Campus News

### \* Business Awards

Two SHU students were finalists in a statewide collegiate business plan contest held April 16 in New Haven at the Omni Hotel. The students are MBA Kathleen Saciuk and senior Peter Kuczynski. They helped SHU get a \$2500 grant.

### \* Art Awards

Two SHU students will have their artwork on display in New York after their works won national recognition from The Society of Illustrators of New York. The students are Aron Caruso, with his piece, "Endangered Crocodile" and Christian Farrington with "Red-Eared Slider." The art can be viewed on SHU's website from a link on the homepage.

### \* 4 Heart Harmony

A special evening of jazz and cabaret

will take place at United Congregational Church in Bridgeport. The concert will feature 4 Heart Harmony, Sacred Heart's auditioned chamber choir. The concert will also present vocalist Sarah Gilbert, and the quartet Crushed Mahogany on Friday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the church's Pilgrim Hall, 877 Park Avenue in Bridgeport. For more information, call the church at 203-335-3107. Four Heart Harmony is a 15-student chamber choir that performs under the direction of Dr. John Michniewicz of Bridgeport, a professor in the music department at Sacred Heart as well as

United Congregational Church's musical director.

### \* Stamp Ceremony

At 2:30 p.m., today in the Mahogany Room, the U.S. Postal Service is issuing a new commemorative stamp for Henry Mancini. Mancini wrote the theme for the TV Show "The Pink Panther" among others and won 20 grammys and 4 oscars. Attendees will include folks from UCONN, UMASS, Yale and Harvard.

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"I understand the no smoking law to a certain extent. I just think that it is a given when going out to a bar that people will be smoking," added senior Diane Marques of Glastonbury.

According to the Connecticut Department of Public Health, studies have shown that states with smoke-free bars and restaurants have a positive impact on business.

The California Smoke-Free Workplace Act has been in effect since 1998 and taxable annual

sales for bars and restaurants have shown a steady increase.

"I like no smoking in bars anymore. I don't smoke and now I don't have to worry about inhaling smoke or smelling like smoke when I leave," added senior Jamie Schilkowski of Shelton.

"Initially I was against the ban on smoking in bars because I smoke and it's such a social part of being out at a bar," said senior Denise Bertolotti of Massapequa Park, NY.

"I definitely smoke less when I am out now that you have to go outside.

"Overall though, I think the ban has changed the atmosphere of going out to bars or clubs," Bertolotti said.

"I don't like how everyone has to go outside and smoke now. Walking through the smoke to get to my car is frustrating," added senior Kristy Ruggiero of Staten Island, NY.

"As a former smoker I am relieved that there is no smoking in bars.

"I feel it improves my chances of remaining smoke-free and less opportunities to light up," said senior Julie Paridis of Milford.

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## Spectrum Reader Criticizes Editor's Writing

I have been at Sacred Heart for three years. I have many great memories and have enjoyed many great spectrum articles, a lot of which I have been quoted or directly involved in. But there is one thing I have been constantly bothered by, and that is the inferior and second-rate writing of Kerry Freel.

offensive to the "people who DIED trying to find these 'alleged weapons of mass destruction.'"

First off, Bush's joke was a shot at his opponents who protest this war, which has liberated tens of millions of people. She then proceeds to throw parentheses around WMD, suggesting that they don't exist. I

wonder is Ms. Freel is aware that Saddam has used WMD to kill the Turks, Kurds and his own people, just to name a few.

Also Ms. Freel, when you write an article, please don't write it as if you're talking to your friend in a bar. (Throwing in that {not} was just foolish) Then, she uses the NY Daily News as her source as to whether or not Americans were offended. Now, last time I checked the NY Daily News was, oh,

I don't know, um, the most liberal newspaper in the country!?

Check both sides of the story first Ms. Freel. That is just poor and irresponsible reporting. Then she says "Don't sign up for the job if you can't produce the product." MR. BUSH HAS LIBERATED TENS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE PRACTICALLY SLAVES! It seems to me that he has done the job quite well.

And, Ms. Freel, I shudder to think of where this country would be if Al Gore was president. This article makes it clear to everyone what I have known for three years: Ms. Freel's writing is sub-par. I have no disrespect for you as a person Ms. Freel, and as I understand it you are quite a cheerful and friendly person. I do, however, offer one piece of advice: find a new hobby, or take about nine years of writing classes, then try again.

-[Contributed by] Brian Gardner

## Editor Responds to Reader's Criticism

### Is This For Real?

#### Kerry Freel

Okay, so Brian Gardner has decided to write in and criticize my writing. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. But just because Gardner claims that my writing is "sub-par" does not make it so. That is HIS opinion, not a fact.

So I usually play nice, as loyal Spectrum readers can tell from the articles I write in the Perspectives section, talking about issues that affect college students, but now it's time to be a big girl and defend myself.

While I might not write about situations involving life and death each week, I do try to keep my audience in mind when I write. The stain-resistant clothing article, the blind date gone awry story, who doesn't like to read about all of the Editor's favorite Easter candy?...

Gardner has been at SHU for three years he claims. Okay great. He generally likes the Spectrum I gather, but is "constantly bothered" by my writing. So let's see... He's been bothered by my writing for the newspaper for three entire years, and it's taken him that much time to find the time to write in and say so?

Just to recap, I was News Editor my sophomore year, two years ago, and Features editor last year as a junior. I'm sure Megan Flood or Samantha DeVita (the past two editor-in-chiefs) would have read, reacted and probably run Gardner's opinions had he submitted them earlier.

If Gardner was so upset about my writing, why wait until April of my senior year to bring it up? Gardner explains it is "painful" to read about the "mundane topics" that I write about. I do try to write stories that I hope appeal to the SHU community, but I know I can't please everyone. I've written countless stories on everything from Nobel Prize winning authors, to interviewing bands, to covering sensitive issues on campus. Maybe Gardner should have submitted articles all year long so he wouldn't have to read all of my "mundane" stories which I wouldn't have had to write as many of if I had more things submitted to me!

Don't read what I write if you find it painful. Don't listen to my fashion tips if you don't find them useful. Everyone is entitled to an opinion, and if I don't get anyone's then I run my own. I realize people don't share my interests all of the time. We're all different people, which is what makes life interesting. Let me assure everyone, I am not turning away piles of stories to run my thoughts instead.

I really don't recall ever writing about "mayonaise," which Gardner did not even spell correctly. I don't even like mayonnaise. I incorporate a lot of details into my stories

and articles to give readers a better picture of whatever the situation is.

I'm glad Gardner has political views. I'm glad he has opinions on my choice of sources. Yes, I used the NY Daily News as a source; at least I quoted a source. I didn't just rattle off mine and only my thoughts. So what if the Daily News is liberal? I can't quote a liberal newspaper? Who is Gardner to tell me who to quote!?

You want another source? Barry Schweid, a writer for the Associated Press (AP), wrote an article about Powell that ran on April 3, which ends, "In six months of searches, no biological, chemical or nuclear weapons were found to [bolster the] administration's central case for going to war: to disarm Saddam of suspected weapons of mass destruction." I called them "alleged," Schweid calls them the synonym "suspected." I think Gardner will be hard-pressed to argue with the AP, one of THE most respected news sources.

Checking both sides of a story is a good idea in all cases, but the Perspectives section is an open forum for OPINIONS. My story would have been very inappropriately placed in the News section. News has to be fair and objective, but the Perspectives section is not limited to those parameters.

In his short response, which took him three years to write apparently since he's disliked my writing for his whole SHU stay, Gardner shows that he obviously doesn't know me as well as he thinks he does. He talks about mayonnaise and bars, neither of which I frequent or EVER mention in stories! He doesn't proofread well, mentioning the newspaper's name in lower case, unless that's intended to be some kind of grammatical jab at our publication. In total, if you proofread Gardner's article, you'll find six mistakes; two where he didn't capitalize "Spectrum," he misspelled "explaining," and "mayonnaise," improperly showed possession when he wrote "Bushes" instead of "Bush's," and the sentence that starts "I wonder is Ms. Freel is aware..." IS not quite correct.

So based on my article about President Bush, and my writing for three years, Gardner declares that my writing is "sub-par," but I'm "quite a cheerful and friendly person." Don't try to make me sound like some airhead who smiles a lot but whose opinion doesn't count Gardner. My opinion counts just as much as yours does, maybe more since I actually proofread my thoughts. I think, I reason, I rationalize, and I'd be shocked if you had a higher GPA than me. So just because you don't enjoy what I write doesn't make you a superior being. You are entitled to be a Republican just as I am entitled to be a Democrat. However, joking about weapons of mass destruction is tasteless for either party.

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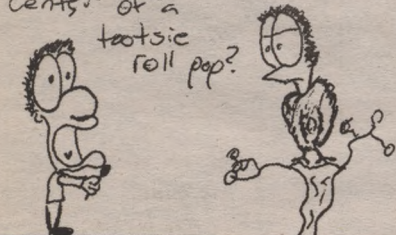
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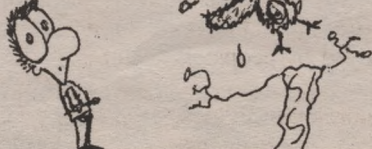
For some reason, Ms. Freel finds it necessary to take up a full page of the spectrum to tell us about what she bought in aisle seven of the grocery store; but before she does that, she spends half the article telling us every single arid detail of what she did between aisle's one and six. Amazingly, she manages to take up three paragraphs explaining what the label on the mayonnaise says.

Most weeks, I'm content to proceed with my ritual burning of the article, but this time is different. After reading Ms. Freel's article on Bush's joke at his dinner in Washington, I knew it was my time to interject. Ms. Freel proceeds to say that Bushes joke in which he "looked" for weapons of mass destruction around the room was

Mr. Owl,  
how many licks does  
it take to get to the  
center of a  
toxic  
roll pop?



Bitch! you've been askin me that  
for 15 years! ya know im just  
gonna bite  
it after the  
third lick!



The Spectrum/ Cartoonist Patrick Reinhart



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Dr. Debbie Danowski



## Seniors Looking Forward to Ball

Nicole Governale  
Staff Reporter

May 16 is rapidly approaching and that means seniors are almost finished with their undergraduate education at Sacred Heart. Before graduation there is one last event for seniors to formally spend time together: the Commencement Ball. This year the Ball will be held at the Oakdale in Wallingford on May 14.

Sacred Heart seniors have many reactions to their Commencement Ball, which is a formal event where seniors get dressed up, have dinner, dance, and spent the last remaining hours with their classmates. There are many mixed emotions about the upcoming event and what it means.

Many seniors are looking forward to having one last hurrah with their friends.

"I can't wait for commencement," said Chris Kelly, a senior from Huntington Station, NY. "It will be a great way to end an amazing career at SHU and make many more memories with my friends that I will never forget."

"I'm looking forward to the Commencement Ball. I just want to enjoy the last time we

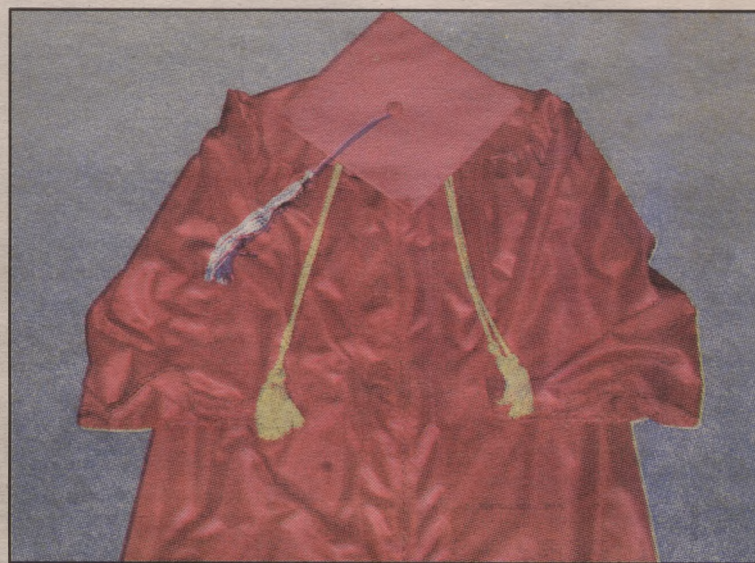


have together as a class," said Diane Marques, a senior from Glastonbury.

Other seniors are looking forward to the event, but are nostalgic for what it represents to them: having to say good-bye to

the life they've had for four years and moving onto a new life.

"I'm happy to have accomplished four years here, but at the same time I'm sad to leave SHU and my underclassmen friends," said Jen Shea, a senior from



The Spectrum/KATIE CARROLL

From Commencement Ball formal-wear to graduation attire, the last few weeks of college for most seniors is a special time. Commencement Ball allows seniors to have one last opportunity to celebrate with their fellow seniors before graduation day.

Hamden.

"I feel very anxious for it to happen, but I don't want it to come so soon," said Lauren Manley, a senior from Massapequa Park, NY.

"It's bittersweet because I know it will be an awesome time but I also know it means it's the end," said Colleen McCormick, a senior from Hicksville, NY.

On the other hand, there is a small population of seniors who seem unfazed by the whole event and don't put too much meaning

into the night.

"I can't afford to rent a tux so I'm going to be sporting my Canadian Tuxedo - jeans and a jean jacket. This night really isn't a big deal to me. All I care about is putting the vibe out at the bar," said Keith Morrissey, a senior from San Diego, CA.

"I don't even want to go to this event. My girlfriend is dragging me," said Jason Quagliata, a

**See "Senior Ball"**  
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## Public Safety Offers Self-Defense Class

Jean Jastremski  
Staff Reporter

Lambda Sigma Phi is sponsoring a Date Rape and Sexual Abuse Awareness Week from April 18 through the 25. As part of the activities offered to this week, Sacred Heart's Public Safety is providing self-defense classes to all women who are interested.

"Our aim in each one of these self defense classes, is to make all women more assertive—I mean really assertive—and have the know how to use defensive methods that could save their lives," said Lisa Brown, Public Safety.

The entire course is a total

of 9 hours, consisting of three consecutive classes. Each class is 3 hours long. The first hour is a lecture and the other two hours

it. It's a good precaution and you can never be too safe," said Marissa Ulsamer, a junior from Staten Island, NY.

The classes teach the "Flight or Fight" syndrome, which is the decision to choose to react in the face of danger with a passive or active response. The decision is a personal choice with the intent to survive and protect oneself.

R.A.D. or the Rape Aggression Defense System is the system whereby self-defense tactics and techniques

are physical technique training.

"I think that it's always good to know even if you never use

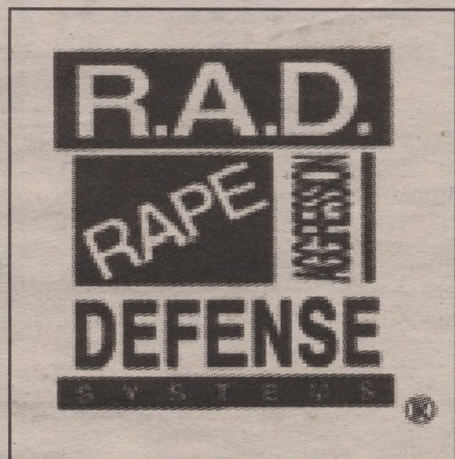
are learned. First the women learn awareness, followed by prevention, risk reduction and

avoidance, and then they learn the physical techniques to defend themselves. Sign-ups are at Public Safety, which is open Mon. thru

from 6 to 9 p.m.

According to the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, rape is a significant problem on college campuses. They also note that studies have shown that one in eight college women are victims of rape and one in four is a victim of attempted rape. The Journal said that 84 percent of women knew their attackers, but 95 percent of women never report the rape to officials.

The Department of Public Safety hopes that the class will decrease these numbers and help college students better protect themselves.



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**Lisa Brown**

Fri. 8am to 4pm, but space is limited. The classes take place in the old gym, April 27, 30, and May 3



# SHU Announces Graduation Information

**Diana Smith**  
Staff Reporter

As the end of the school year comes to a close, seniors are planning for graduation. Between begin nervous about graduating from college and waiting to hear about graduate school or job applications, the last thing students want to have to worry about is the logistics of graduation ceremonies.

**"Sacred Heart University's 38th Commencement Weekend will be held from Saturday, May 15 to Sunday, May 16"**

Sacred Heart University's 38th Commencement Weekend will be held from Saturday, May 15 to Sunday, May 16.

On Saturday, the Graduate Student Commencement ceremony will be held on the Campus Field behind the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center at 1 pm. All participants in this commencement ceremony must arrive at 11:45 am. There will be a reception on the lawn following the ceremony.

Also on Saturday at 4 pm, the Commencement Mass will be held on the Campus Field. This mass is being held for both undergraduate and graduate students, and their guests.

On Sunday at 11 am, the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony will be held on the Campus Field. Participants are to arrive at the Pitt Center by 9:45 am and are to be dressed in cap, gown and hood.

In case of rain, an indoor ceremony will be held and will be announced by 7 am on both days. The Sacred Heart hotline can be reached at 203-365-7669 to see if the ceremony will be held indoors. In the event of rain, the commencement ceremony and mass will be held in the Pitt Center and only those with tickets will be admitted with a maximum of

1,000 people allowed to attend the ceremony.

For the graduate ceremony, three tickets will be given to the guests. However, the tickets will only be needed if the ceremony is inside. If the ceremony is held outside, tickets are not necessary.

For the undergraduate ceremony, six tickets are given to each graduate. These tickets are required for the ceremony held on the Campus Field, but in case of rain, only three tickets are allowed for the indoor ceremony. Tickets can be picked up at the registrar's office during the week of May 3.

A cap, gown and hood are required for each graduate in both ceremonies. The attire can be picked up at the University Commons on May 13 between 12 noon and 7 pm. Undergraduate students are required to hand in their College Student Survey for

Undergraduate Students in order to receive their graduation attire. This survey should take less than 20 minutes and will be mailed to graduating seniors two weeks prior to graduation.

Another important consideration for Commencement Weekend is parking. There will be shuttle buses from all of the parking areas to the Campus Field. If handicapped parking is needed, students may contact public safety to make arrangements during the week prior to graduation.

Students planning on graduating in August or December are also invited to participate in the May commencement ceremonies and will have their names printed in the graduation program.

Official diplomas will not be handed out during either ceremony, but will be mailed to graduating students, who should expect to receive their official diplomas within eight weeks of commencement.

The commencement ceremony is an important event for both students and their guests. It is the culmination of years of hard work by students and years of support by family and friends. For additional information regarding this event, students may contact the registrar's office at 203-371-7890.

# 'Pop' Leads SHU Maintenance Staff

**Danya Jimenez**  
Staff Reporter

As students walk on campus, they see many known and familiar faces. They might see Tom Wuestkamp from student life walking back and forth from Hawley Lounge; they might see Mike Moylan in the Student Union office; or they might even Vinny preparing chicken caesar wraps in FLIK. Many students see them walking in the halls and recognize them; some may even stop wave at them, wish them a good day, or simply smile at them.

But what about some of the other faces that play an important role on campus? What about the people who make this campus always look clean?

Maintenance staff has their name printed on their shirts and that is pretty much all students know about them. But like any other person in this campus, they too have interesting stories that not all students are aware of.

John S. Downer, also known as "Pop," is one of them. He is the self-proclaimed "lead man of the cleaning crew."

Pop was born in 1930 in "Sweet city Georgia," which is what he calls his hometown Elberton, Georgia. When he was 22 years old he came north. He said he was "a young man traveling the world," looking for work and a better life.

At the time segregation was still legal in the United States and Pop recalls facing discrimination, even in the North. Pop remembers that there were no black bus drivers or black policeman in his community and finding any kind of job as a black man wasn't an



The Spectrum/DANYA JIMENEZ

**John S. Downer, "Pop," was born in Georgia, but came north to find more opportunities. He now works with SHU's maintenance staff.**

easy task.

But one company in Bridgeport located near the Harbor Yard, hired Pop. He ended up working there for 36 years and only received a wage of 95 cents an hour.

Later this same company moved overseas and he wasn't able to work there anymore.

After struggling to find another job, Pop dedicated his nights to doing mechanic work at a gas station.

Finally in 1988 he came to Sacred Heart University to

become part of the Maintenance Staff. He has been here for 16 years.

Pop's struggles as a young man paid off and allowed his family to prosper. He has three daughters: one is in the real estate field, one works at a bank, and the third one lives in upstate New York.

Sister Mary Bernard Wiecezak, a Sociology Professor at Sacred Heart knows Pop as a "cheerful spirit and dedication to the university."

## Senior Ball

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senior from Stony Brook, NY.

Still, most seniors feel the Commencement Ball denotes an important event for a graduating student. Michael Luke Berube, a senior from Westwood, MA, summed up how he and his friends are feeling about the night.

He said, "The Commencement Ball is the culmination of our four years at

**"I'm looking forward to the Commencement Ball. I just want to enjoy the last time we have together as a class"**  
**Diane Marques**

SHU. It completes our four-year cycle of studying, making new friendships, and partying until the sun rises the next dawn. For some of us, it is the last time to be with

the group of people we have grown together with over these years. It should be all four years wrapped into one night of fun."

Tickets for the Commencement Ball are \$90 a person. This includes transportation and open bar for graduating seniors over 21.

Seniors may bring a date that is not in the graduating class of 2004. Tickets are being sold at Student Life office.



## 'Kill Bill Vol. 2' Slices its Way Into Theaters

**Heather Fogarty**  
Staff Reporter

The past week was pretty big for Quentin Tarantino as the DVD release of "Kill Bill Volume 1" came out on Tuesday and the sequel "Kill Bill Volume 2" entered theaters on Friday. The big question that Tarantino fans were asking, however, is if this film is as good as the first.

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"Kill Bill Vol. 1" left viewers hanging as The Bride (Uma Thurman) plotted her revenge on the killers who ruined her wedding day, not to mention her future.

Audiences found out that four killers, led by boss Bill, broke in The Bride's wedding chapel and brutally murdered everyone there—or so they thought. The Bride, who was pregnant at the time with Bill's child, fell into a coma for four years and, when she woke up, was ready to get

even.

"Vol. 1" brought violence, martial arts, and lots of gore to the screen as fans watched heroine Thurman start to get her revenge. At the end of this movie, The Bride had not caught Bill along with two of his other "employees," and viewers were left with a shocking cliffhanger.

The first half of "Kill Bill" left fans wanting more and "Vol. 2" brought just that. With the same extreme fighting and a lot less gore, the sequel runs laps around the first film and gives fans all the information they've been lacking. In "Vol. 2" viewers find out Thurman's character's name, the reason behind all of the bloodshed, the face behind villain Bill, and a couple of extra twists. Thurman's tactics, too, seem to get smarter and filled with more determination as she goes on fighting for her revenge.

Compared to the first episode, "Kill Bill Vol. 2" leaves viewers much more satisfied because the pieces of Bill's puzzle fall into place. The blood and gore in the second film has been toned down a lot from the first. The fighting scenes, thought, are also more intense.

The softer side to the "Kill Bill" movies is showcased in "Vol. 2" when The Bride discovers a shocking secret. Audiences automatically see a drastic change in The Bride's attitude when she learns that she now has some-



Photo courtesy of Miramax Films

The Bride (Uma Thurman) learns a thing or two—including a few new moves—in Tarantino's latest, "Kill Bill: Volume 2."

thing else to fight for besides revenge.

In "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," audiences got an overview of the story, with almost no explanation

of anything. Tarantino explained his use of different techniques in the sequel to bring viewers a little closer to the characters as they found out more information.

Viewers who saw "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" must see "Vol. 2." Both of these films are thrilling and spine tingling, and by the end of "Vol. 2" audiences will leave satisfied.

## Show Choir is Smooth as Satin in 'Sam's Velvet Lounge'

**Janna Hebert**  
Staff Reporter

Each semester, Sacred Heart University's Show Choir, directed by Regina Zona, puts on a performance. On the weekend before break, students were treated to the group's spring performance. The show, entitled, "Sam's Velvet Lounge," was a musical adventure that takes the audience in search of love.

When Joe Serenade (senior Brett Wallace) falls in love with a mystery girl (senior April Sideleau), it begins a series of events that sends Joe on a journey; each scene became a different place that Joe went to in search of this love.

The cast and crew did a wonderful job with this production. One of the most impressive scenes of the entire night

was when freshman Aisha Lubin sang "Joyful Joyful." This piece was scripted off the same performance used in the film "Sister Act 2." Lubin demonstrated a good deal of talent and this really showed in her performance.

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Wallace has been in many show choir productions throughout his four years at Sacred Heart, but his lead role in "Sam's Velvet Lounge" was truly amazing. Wallace had many solo parts

throughout the production as well as a lot of dancing.

Senior Ryan Farnsworth also had an incredible final performance of his career at Sacred Heart. Farnsworth was a singer and dancer in the performance and one of his standout scenes was Latin dances. Through his performance, Farnsworth was able to recreate a typical Havana night for the audience.

For students that missed this incredible performance, senior Robert Trenske has devoted a good deal of time and effort to make a DVD of the production. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to purchase a copy of what was one of the most memorable Show Choir performances in years.

For information on purchasing a copy of the "Sam's Velvet Lounge" DVD, please send an email to Robert.Trenske@sacredheart.edu.

## Entertainment Briefs

### On-Campus Events

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

• The Sacred Heart University chamber choir, 4 Heart Harmony, will be performing at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport. Also in attendance will be vocalist Sarah Gilbert and the quartet Crushed Mahogany. Admission to the event is free, but good-will donations will be accepted. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please call (203)335 - 3107.

#### National News

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 8

• The second season of the hit HBO drama, "Six Feet Under" will be released on tape and DVD for rental and sale. The highly anticipated second season continues to follow the Fisher family and the drama that ensues at the funeral home that they own. An MSRB has not yet been determined but the set is expected to cost between \$60-\$90 on DVD.

• Fox TV is unsure how to deal with the actor's strike that is currently plaguing "The Simpsons." Voice actors for the popular show have been demanding higher wages and now Fox must decide to settle the issue or replace the cast. With fall line-ups steadily approaching, production on "The Simpsons" may have to stall entirely.

#### ETC.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

• The band Third Eye Blind will be appearing at Fairfield University this Saturday. Students can catch the show for \$15. Tickets can be purchased at FU's Student Life Office and the show begins at 8:00 p.m.

- Compiled by Patrick Scalisi



# Local Band Impresses at Fairfield's Green Room

Stacey Jackson  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday April 14, a small band made a big sound at the Green Room Café in Fairfield. A fairly new band called Note to Self performed at approximately 9:15 p.m. and their set continued until about 10:30 p.m.

The metal/hardcore band is based out of Naugatuck and performs all over Connecticut and in places such as Toad's Place in South Norwalk.

Not only is this local band becoming popular in our area, but guitarist Drew Sullivan is also a student here at Sacred Heart. Sullivan, a junior from Hyde Park, NY, is an English major with a minor in Music.

Other members of the band include vocalist Bryan Byrnes, bassist Lou Ciarmella, guitarist/back vocalist Tim Fallon, and

drummer Jeff Skewes.

The ensemble stylings of each band member makes up the distinct and entertaining sound that Note to Self has to offer. And if metal and hardcore isn't exactly your scene, the band also has creative covers such as U2's "Sunday Bloody Sunday."

Note to Self can be compared to everything from Tool, to the Deftones, to Kill Switch or Gage, or to Meshoggash. But what inspires these musicians is what brings their music together.

Rather than specifically focusing their style of music on these specific bands, the members of Note to Self feel that their music is more of "a collaboration of five guys with different musical background who play as we feel."

"We promote education of mind with anti-ignorance and encourage our listeners to analyze all they see," said Fallon.

"The music expresses our

internal struggles," explained Byrnes.

Overall the band feels that their true inspiration for their music is "hardship, anger, and a life experience whose energy is focused into the music."

All together, Note to Self has a distinct sound which manages to pull people in. Local music fans would do well to take advantage of any opportunity to see Note to Self in the near future.

**For more information on Note to Self or for information about booking, please visit the band's official website at [www.notetoselfband.com](http://www.notetoselfband.com). The site is updated frequently with pictures from the band's gigs as well as where to catch the next great show.**



Contributed Photo

The guys of Note to Self—(clockwise from top left) Sullivan, Fallon, Ciarmella, Byrne, Skewes—recently played a powerful show at the Green Room and will begin work on their first album this summer.

## DVD Sales Afford 'Farscape' A Second Chance on TV

Patrick Scalisi  
A & E Editor

The DVD format has been extremely profitable for television, forming a symbiotic relationship that has become immensely lucrative for both studios and fans. Distributors have found that boxed sets of a given show's seasons (i.e. a show's yearly run that ranges from eight to 24 episodes) are hot items for collectors and fans have discovered that rallying their favorite programs through sales can help to keep alive or even resuscitate a show's popularity.

Such is the case with hits such as "Family Guy," which will see a return to television later this year after ending in cancellation in 2002; DVD sales alone were enough to convince Cartoon Network to resurrect the show for fans that have made "Family Guy" the best selling television-based DVD set of all time.

Television fans scored yet another victory on April 6 when Jim Henson Television, in association with the Sci-Fi Channel, announced that it would be bringing back the hit series "Farscape" for fall 2004.

"This...event would not be a reality were it not for the tireless, unwavering efforts of the Farscape fans to bring the series back," said Brian Henson, president of the Jim Henson Co. as well as one of the show's executive producers.

"Farscape" tells the story of John Crichton (Ben Browder), an American astronaut who is pro-

pelled to the other of the galaxy when an experiment goes haywire. Crichton is forced to join a band of escaped alien convicts as he evades capture at the hands of a maniacal military commander and tries to find his way home.

Though "Farscape" received critical acclaim in its time and developed a dedicated fan following not seen since the likes of "Star Trek," the show consistent-

**"Farscape" and "Family Guy" mark the only two instances in television history where a show has been brought back for new episodes after ending in cancellation.**

ly failed to meet ratings expectations and ended in cancellation last year. Despite demonstrations by fan groups and appeals to the Sci-Fi network, "Farscape" seemed doomed to languish in television syndication without having completed its story arch.

However, fans of the series will now be able to finally see how the epic story of Crichton and his companions will come to a close. Instead of starting a new season of "Farscape" and incurring the substantial cost that it would take to produce another 22 episodes, Sci-Fi will be broadcasting a four-hour miniseries that will finally lend a sense of closure to what most fans consider a grave injustice.

"Like all of us at The Jim

Henson Company, [the fans] believed that the epic story we were telling was something special and deserved a proper ending," explained Henson on April 6. "We are thrilled to respond to their dedication by creating this miniseries, thus resolving many of the unanswered questions from the final episode."

Not much is yet known about the miniseries, since filming is currently in progress and all other details from the Jim Henson Co. have been airtight. However, the special is due to be titled "Farscape: Peacekeeper War" and is set to have a runtime of approximately four hours. The entire original cast will be involved in the production as well as the show's creator and screenwriter.

"Farscape" and "Family Guy" mark the only two instances in television history where a show has been brought back for new episodes after ending in cancellation. Despite the fact that networks occasionally meet success by producing spin-offs, these two shows remain the only two original productions to be resurrected by fan support.

Though "Farscape" is not for everyone, TV fans should rejoice at the victory that this series, along with "Family Guy," has won. Rumors are now flying that other shows will soon be given similar opportunities to regain the spotlight; the most notable of these is a proposed comeback for the animated series "Futurama." DVD has truly afforded television a second chance and these are sure to be only the first shows of many that will find another home after cancellation.

### A Beginner's Guide to 'Farscape'

Interested in seeing what all the "Farscape" buzz is about? Well, the best place to start is at the beginning. Despite the fact that the DVD boxed sets can be a bit pricey—the average retail price is about \$150 per season—the show is still aired in syndication on Sci-Fi and is also available for rental at several video stores and on Netflix. Nonetheless, here are a few pointers to get you started:

- John Crichton stumbles to the other end of the universe via a wormhole. Thus, most of what he (and subsequently the viewer) sees is all very new. Always expect a new surprise around each turn as Crichton comes to know and learn his new environment.

- All of the alien prisoners on Crichton's ship, Moya, have some dark secret from the past that is just waiting to be revealed. Watching most of the first season, though, is necessary to get the complete back stories of D'Argo (Anthony Simcoe), Zhaan (Virginia Hey), Rygel, and Aeryn (Claudia Black).

- Aeryn belongs to a race known as the Sabaceans. Despite the fact that she, and others like her, look and act remarkably human, there are notable differences that viewers should watch for.

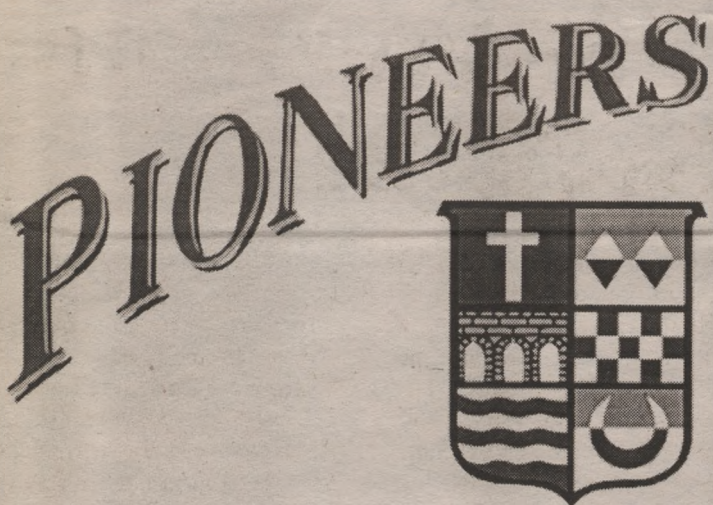
- Must see season one episodes: "Premiere," "PK Tech Girl," "The Flax," "A Human Reaction," "The Nerve," and "Hidden Memory." These alone should be enough to pique your interest and have you scrambling for more.



Photo courtesy of the Jim Henson Co.

**"Farscape" was able to showcase the raw potential that the Jim Henson Co., as a special effects group, had to offer. Despite ending in cancellation, fans can now expect a new "Farscape" miniseries sometime this fall.**





## Sports Shorts

Compiled by Katie Atkins  
Sports Editor

### Women's Tennis

The Sacred Heart University women's tennis team dropped a 6-1 decision to the Providence College Friars Saturday afternoon in Fairfield. The loss ends the Pioneers regular season at 8-9 in match play.

Sacred Heart's lone win came at #1 singles where sophomore Lauren Galatie (Monroe, CT) came away with a 7-5, 7-6 (10-8) win over Jen Daigle. The Friars took all three doubles matches and won every singles match at #2 through #6 to come away with the win (Contributed by Sacred Heart athletics website).

### Men's Tennis

The Sacred Heart University men's tennis team dropped a 5-2 decision of the University of Rhode Island Friday afternoon in Fairfield. The Pioneers swept all three doubles matches but came up short in singles play losing five of six. SHU falls to 7-8 in match play this year.

Seniors Steven George (Lynnfield, MA) and Ryan Darragh (Bayport, NY) earned an 8-5 win over Rob Sutphen and Nick Barbera at #1 doubles. Seniors Jeff Bowers (Naugatuck, CT) and Pat Darragh (Bayport, NY) defeated Dustin Parente and Pat McGuire at #2 doubles, 8-4, and Sophomore Peter George (Lynnfield, MA) and junior Alex Kantarelis (Worcester, MA) won 9-7 over Jeff Peterson and Matt Jones at #3 doubles.

Kantarelis picked up Sacred Heart's lone singles win, dropping Peterson 6-2 and 6-4 at #4 singles.

The Pioneers will close out the regular season hosting Fordham on Wednesday, April 21st at 3:30 pm with the NEC Championships set for next weekend, April 23rd-25th (Contributed by Sacred Heart athletics website).

### Men's Golf

The men's golf team finished tenth out of 14 team at the NEIGA Championship held at Triggs Memorial Golf Club in Providence, RI. The Pioneers improved seven strokes on the second day, shooting a 323 as a team for a two-day total of 653. Senior Dustin Ledda (Torrington, CT) led the team as he tied for a 36th place finish, shooting a 159 (79, 80) for the weekend. Sophomore John Molchan (Wallingford, CT) improved four shots on the second day of the Championship and finished just one shot back of Ledda with a 180 (82, 78), which tied him for 39th overall.

Junior Kevin Gordon (Floral Park, NY) showed the most improvement on the second day as he shaved ten strokes off his opening day round and shot a 78 on the day. He shot a 166 overall. Freshman Rob Thurston (Newtown, MA) and junior Mike Giaquinto (Fairfield, CT) also competed at the Championship for the Pioneers.

Sacred Heart will next compete at the Rhode Island Spring Invitational this coming weekend on April 23-24 in Portsmouth, RI (Contributed by Sacred Heart athletics website).

## Is This April or October?

By Hank Gargiulo  
Sports Columnist

Now, the question of what month it is may seem redundant, but with all of the spectacle and buildup to the annual early-April series between the good and pure Boston Red Sox against the purely evil New York Yankees one might never know the difference.

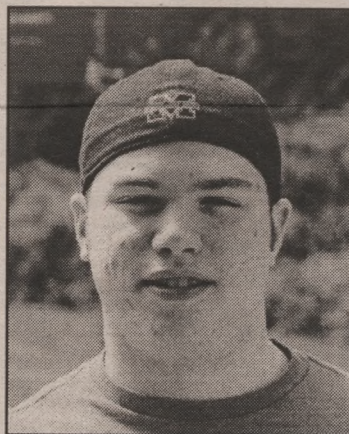
The Red Sox Nation clearly had these dates circled on their calendars ever since the schedule came out, and with good reason. There is only one thing on the minds of everyone surrounding the Old Town Team. Revenge.

And it's not that evil sort of revenge, but the type of retribution that one can only feel after victory over your arch-rival was within their grasp, only to have some scrawny third basemen that would end up screwing you over twice in a three month span take away your dream season (I'm not bitter or anything, I swear).

All kidding aside, even I thought that this series was about as over-hyped as an early April clash could be. Let's think about this. The Red Sox and Yankees play at least 19 times a season, and the chances that no one is going to point back at the Patriots day game where the Sox came from behind against that "improved" Yankee bullpen and say, "That's when the pennant was decided!" It just doesn't happen that way.

The real importance of the series is plain and simple, bragging rights, at least for a week. Now the Yankee fans, as is typical of their breed, will stew in the past and throw out things like "1918" or "1986" or that oh so clever slogan "Babe, Bucky, Buckner, Boone". To them, I pay no mind, for chances are that they aren't really Yankee fans at all, but more of a front-runner. Give them a quick pop quiz and you can easily determine their true fandom status.

And this is by no means an attempt to slight the "real" Yankee fans who can rattle off names like Danny Tartabull, Kevin Maas and Jesse Barfield at the bat of an eye. But this is directed at those Yankee fans who know who Derek Jeter is, and well, that's about all they know. Some good questions to determine the true Yankee fan status would be, "Who is platooning at second base?" or "Name me the Yankees starting rotation," and you can quickly weed out the "Yankee" fans



from the real Yankees fans.

If you happen to run into one of these "Yankee" fans just disregard them, and ask them where they were during the 80's when, lets face it, the Yankees were barely a step above last year's Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

And for you incensed Yankee fans please realize I am only trying to make a point. And that liking the Yankees is fashionable. From the Yankee hats available in all colors of the rainbow (my favorite is the pink

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one) to the fashionable liking of Derek Jeter.

Though Yankee fans do have their redeeming qualities. Those who are knowledgeable are amongst some of the smartest baseball fan's I've met, and if pressed, can actually be talked to in a objective manner without spouting off on how great Don Mattingly was and how he should be in the Hall of Fame (it's a losing fight Yankee fans, just give it up now).

Ok, that was an interesting angle for this column to spin off on, but let's get back on target here and back to the Sox taking three out of four from the Yankees, which was a bit of a surprise to me. I went through the pitching matchups in my head before the series started on Friday, and thought a split weekend would be the most likely outcome. Now I'm not wrong often, but I can deal with being wrong on this occasion.

I figured Javier Vazquez would be a little shaken in his first start against Boston in the Yankee pinstripes, and I was half right. While he didn't look dom-

inant, it was Jason Giambi and Derek Jeter who showed some early nerves, which certainly didn't help Vazquez's cause in that four-run first inning, an inning in which the Yankees never really recovered. Tim Wakefield, on the other hand, showed no ill-effects of giving up the long-ball that crushed a dream cruising his way to the win.

Game two went pretty much as I thought it would. New ace Curt Schilling was in control as Mike Mussina continued to struggle. But on an interesting Schilling side-note, has anyone seen the AP photo of Schilling and Keith Foulke at the Bruins/Canadians game seven? Look at the hat Schilling is wearing. At first glance it looks like one of those red Yankees hats, except for one small thing. The "Y" is not going through the middle of an "N". Instead it bisects an "H". Now one can theorize all day to what the "H" stands for, but that is a completely different column.

Game three of the series. Well if this one wasn't set up for a Sox loss I don't know what was. Derek Lowe, who hasn't pitched in a week and a half (thanks to some lovely Atlantic coast weather) was matched up against the ever-inconsistent Jose Contreras.

I pegged Lowe for a bad start, but much to my surprise, and content,

Jose Contreras was doing none the better. Neither starter made it out of the third inning, but Lowe's day was much worse than that of Contreras. 7-3 win for the bad guys.

This brings us to the annual 11 a.m. Patriots day start on Monday. A game that I love, well because I know it will be on our, umm, wide cable lineup here on-campus. There was a problem this year however, and it was a 12:30 class. So I just had to improvise. Thank you MLB.com and your game tracker.

So the game turned out to be the best of the bunch. Kevin Brown was good but not great and the Sox got all Bronson Arroyo had to hold the Yankees to only four runs. This one came down to the bullpens. The Sox pen held, and Yankee's didn't. Though it was nice to see Alex Rodriguez to get a meaningless two-out base hit in the top of the ninth against Keith Foulke. Way to play big A-Rod, way to play big.

Well, I think I've done enough Yankee bashing for one week.



# Six Games, Three Wins in Weekend Outing for SHU Softball

By Kelly Dietz  
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart softball had a busy weekend, playing double-headers Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

"The wins gave us a three-game winning streak, and after those wins the team gained some self-reliance to roll with going into some critical win conference games," said senior outfielder, Deanna Emery. "Unfortunately we were unable to string together the hits in order to pull out the win in those close games that followed," she added.

To start off the weekend, SHU had two against St. Francis (NY) Thursday afternoon. The Pioneers swept the Terriers 2-1 in ten innings the first game, and 11-3 in six innings the second game.

In the first game, SHU got things started right away taking a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when freshman Caitlin Carroll (Los Alamitos, CA) doubled, driving in senior Leslie Konsig (Millburn, NJ) with the game's first run.

In the top of the seventh, St. Francis's Beth Bolognese got her first hit of the game and scored on a triple by Michelle Tusa to tie the game, and send it into extra innings.

Sacred Heart squeaked out the win in the bottom of the tenth as senior Grace Teruel (Montague, MA) was placed on second base to start the inning and was driven home on a pinch hit by freshman Jen Jones (Nolensville, TN).

SHU freshman pitcher Danielle Mellin (La Canada, CA) completed the 10 innings in recording her second win of the season. She had ten strikeouts on the day. St. Francis' pitcher Sarah Purtle took the loss in her third complete game of the season.

The Terriers got right back to work in the first inning of the second game, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. SHU came back in the fourth inning to take the lead, as they exploded for five runs in the inning and rocked St. Francis' starting pitcher Serena Varvas with no outs in the inning.

The Pioneers added on three more runs in each of the next two innings as the mercy rule came into play in the bottom of the sixth as freshman Erin Silk (Manalapan, NJ) plated junior Tiffanie Cross-Monzo with the game ending run.

SHU freshman Bethany Lemenager (New Bedford, MA) went five innings and surrendered just one earned run in recording her fourth win of the season. Sophomore Chrissy DeMott (Levittown, NY) picked up her second save of the sea-

son after pitching a hitless sixth inning.

On Saturday, the ladies split their doubleheader with visiting Wagner. SHU took game one, 1-0, while Wagner came back to take game two 4-1.

Carroll hit a solo homerun to lead off the second inning of the first game, giving SHU the only run they needed to win. The Carroll bomb came on a 2-1 pitch from Morgan Miller and was blasted over the tennis court's fence.

"We have been waiting for one of our hitters to step up and get the job done at the plate and Caitlin has come up big for us with clutch hits in key situations as of late," said Emery.

Mellin got her second straight complete game win striking out six and allowing just two hits.

In the second game, Wagner got an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning as Kim Bruckner came up and delivered an RBI single, driving in Jessica Van Manen, who singled and later stole second.

SHU tied things up in the bottom of the second when Freshman Jazzeline Perez (Medford, NY) scored on an error. The Pioneers nearly took the lead on the same play, but sophomore Heather Gutkes (Newport, RI) was thrown out on a close call at the plate.

The Seahawks took con-

trol of the game in the top of the fourth inning as they plated three runs on four hits and a costly SHU error that kept the inning alive with two outs. The Pioneers tried to rally in the bottom of the sixth inning, with the bases loaded and one out, but Wagner's Morgan Miller came into the game and recorded two quick outs to end the inning.

Wagner's Christina Hopkins recorder her fifth win of the season, completing 5.1 innings of work with nine hits. Miller picked up a save after closing out the last 1.2 innings. Lemenager took the loss for Sacred Heart.

On Sunday, the Pioneers traveled to Hackensack, NJ to take on Fairleigh Dickinson University. SHU fell 2-1 in the first game of the doubleheader, and 5-2 in the second game.

Sacred Heart fell behind 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning, but came back and tied the game in the sixth inning, when Konsig scored on a passed ball. FDU answered in the bottom of the seventh when one of the Knights hit a two-out-walk off homerun as a pinch hitter.

For the Knights, Nicole Webb pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and one earned run, while striking out six in recording her seventh win of the season.

Mellin allowed four hits and one earned run, as well. In the 6.2 innings she pitched she had

six strikeouts but was charged with the loss.

In the second game, Fairleigh Dickinson had a four-run third inning. The inning was capped off when Jessi Potter of FDU hit a two-run single to right field. The Pioneers got on the board in the fourth with a solo shot, just inside the left field foul pole, from Carroll, her second homer of the weekend.

The Knights answered back with a run in the fifth inning when Kimberly Farhat scored on an error by the Pioneers. SHU picked up one more in the sixth, but the Knights were able to hold them scoreless in the seventh for a final score of 5-2.

Lemenager took another loss for SHU, while Jennifer Buehler pitched a complete game, allowing two earned runs on four hits for Fairleigh Dickinson.

"As for post-season play, we still have four conference games left and it is very crucial that those are wins," said Emery. "We also have to count on the outcome of other games."

The Pioneers dropped to 9-24 on the season and 6-10 in the Northeast Conference. SHU hosted Siena in more doubleheader action on Tuesday, although the results were not available at time of press release.

Catch up with the girls as they take on Hartford, today at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Pioneer Park.

## THE PIONEER SCHEDULE

### Friday, April 23

Women's Lacrosse	at Wagner	Staten Island, NY	4 PM
M & W Track	at Penn Relays	Philadelphia, PA	
Men's Golf	at Rhode Island Inv	Portsmouth, RI	
Women's Equestrian	at Eques Champs	Conyers, GA	

### Saturday, April 24

Baseball	at LIU	Brooklyn, NY	12 PM
Softball	vs Robert Morris	Fairfield, Conn.	1 PM
Men's Lacrosse	vs Delaware	Fairfield, CT	1 PM
Women's Rowing	at Metro Champs	New Rochelle, NY	
Women's Equestrian	at Eques Champ	Conyers, GA	
Men's Volleyball	at EIVA Playoffs		
Men's Golf	at Rhode Island Inv	Portsmouth, RI	
M & W Track	at Penn Relays	Philadelphia, PA	
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### Sunday, April 25

Baseball	at LIU	Brooklyn, NY	12 PM
M & W Track	at Yale Invit	New Haven, CT	10 AM
Women's Lacrosse	at Monmouth	West Long Branch, NJ	

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# SHU Fails to Sweep

By Jason Chudoba  
Staff Reporter

Freshman catcher Stephan Fay's (Arlington, VA) two-run homer in the eight eliminated any hopes of a Sacred Heart rally. Mount St. Mary's defeated the Pioneers 9-1 to wrap up a three-game weekend series.

Despite taking two games from the Mountaineers, Sacred Heart couldn't complete the sweep on Sunday. "We were looking for a sweep and unfortunately I didn't have my good stuff today and we weren't able to get hits in the right spots," said junior starting pitcher, Robert Duell (Scotia, NY).

Mount St. Mary's broke the game open in the third with an RBI single by senior outfielder, Jim Jefferson (Lindenwold, NJ). The Mountaineers added two more runs when Fay doubled to left field to take a 4-1 lead. Sacred Heart couldn't capitalize when they had runners in scoring position. "We had a number of opportunities to score today, but we didn't take advantage of them," said junior infielder, Curtis Lewsey (Greenwich, NY).

In the bottom of the fifth, two quick singles put runners on first and second for Sacred Heart. A wild pitch by sophomore Brian Perkins (Baltimore, MD) advanced the runners to second and third with one out. Sophomore outfielder, Anthony Diaz (Middletown, NY) struck out for the second out of the inning. Sacred Heart failed to score when sophomore catcher, Sean Kammerer (Long Beach, NY) grounded into a fielder's choice with the bases loaded to end the inning.

The Mountaineers added to their lead in the eighth. Fay homered to left field to score two runs. Senior outfielder, Jason Wieszka (Mount Airy, MD) hit a sacrifice fly to score the third run of the inning and give Mount Saint Mary's an 8-1 lead.

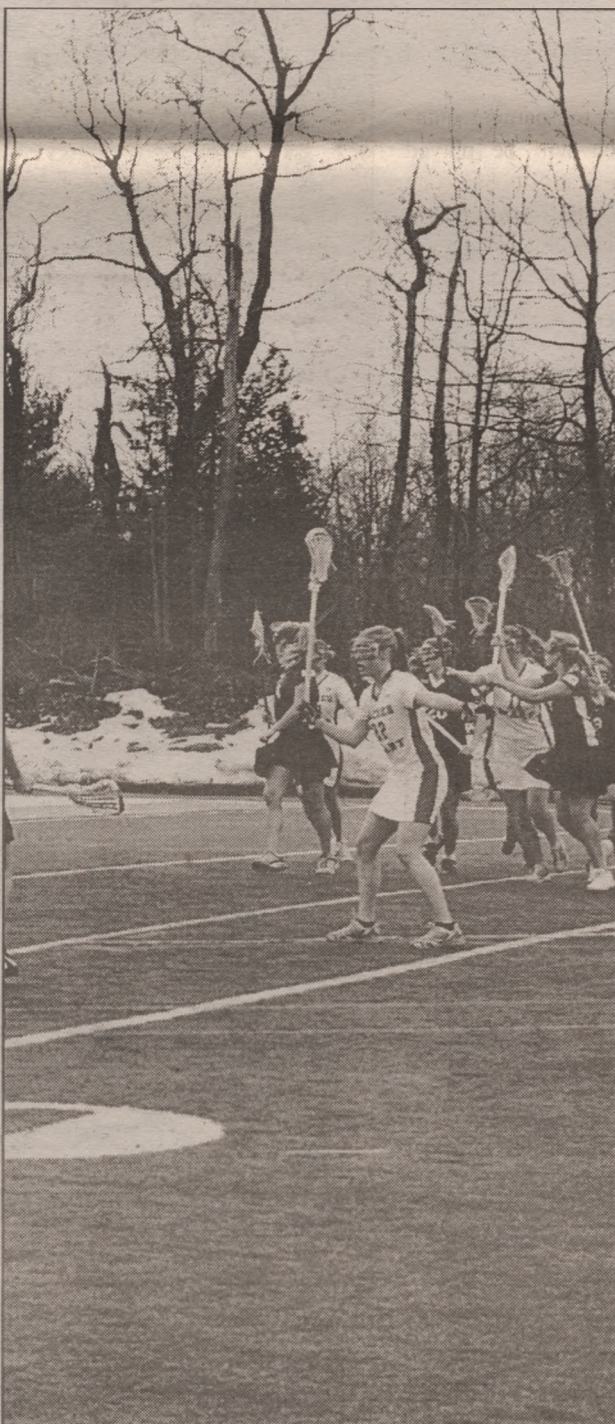
Mount Saint Mary's tacked on another run in the ninth and defeated the Pioneers 9-1. The victory enabled the Mountaineers to salvage one game out of the three-game series. Fay led the way by going three for four with four RBI's.

"Overall we can take some positives out of this weekend and hopefully get ourselves back in the playoff race," said Duell.



The Spectrum/NICK KELLY

At the beginning of the April, the women's lacrosse team lost a close conference game to Mount St. Mary's 6-4.



The Spectrum/NICK KELLY

The Pioneers will travel to Staten Island, NY this Friday to take on Wagner.

# Women's Lax Falls to Mount

By Dana White  
Staff Reporter

On April 4, the women's lacrosse team hosted powerhouse Mount St. Mary's at Campus Field. This was a big conference game for the lady Pioneers but in the end they fell short losing 6-4.

During the first half of the game, the Pioneers were in control of the ball on the offensive side of the field. They were getting plenty of opportunities to score but couldn't get the shots to fall. At the end of the first half, the Pioneers out-shot Mount 16-4, but the score was 3-3.

"This was a very frustrating game, we lost to a team I feel we were better than. We had more than enough chances to score. Amy (Lavoie) played awesome and kept the game close, but offense just couldn't finish," said junior Natalie Smith (Wantagh, NY).

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In the second half of the game Mount gained control of the game scoring almost every time they had the opportunity, but the Pioneers kept on fighting back. Senior Jackie Reichert (Nesconset, NY) scored her eleventh goal of the season.

"Our defense had a solid game and I think by the time we face them in the playoffs our attack will be ready," said senior Megan Tucker (Carle Place, NY).

"We suffered a tough loss today but we have a lot of tough games coming up that we have to focus on. We have to use what we learned from this game to our advantage," said junior Jamie Pettit (Baldwin, NY).

"We can't dwell on this loss, we still have the rest of our conference season left. Hopefully we'll learn from our mistakes and improve each game, and hope this loss doesn't affect us in the long run," said Smith.

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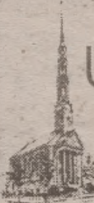
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# Men's Volleyball

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"It was a spot on the schedule that we marked off. We knew it was going to be a tough one and we knew that was the match we really needed to win and I think that pretty much the fans were 30% of what helped us out. They gave us the energy to go out there and do what we needed to do to win the match," said Burns.

According to sacredheart-pioneers.com, there was a season high 213 fans in attendance at the Pitt Center and by the third game the effects they had on the opponent were certainly showing. After a New Haven player dove into the stands one fan remained persistent in his taunting. Their setter Kris Czaplinksi came over to defend his teammate and was penalized a yellow card to give Sacred Heart a 26-22 lead.

The fan was ejected, but Sacred Heart held on to win the game 33-31. This pushed the match to a fifth and final game, but with momentum and fan support the Pioneers were not going to let this slip away.

"We've been doing this, this is what we do. You think we're out, and then we just shock you and we get the fans into it and then we're celebrating together as a team at the end of the game," said Pinkney. After starting the fifth game on a 6-1 run it was easy to see the Pioneers could not be stopped, but it was the celebration that nobody could have foreseen. Following the kill by Alex Katani to give Sacred Heart the 15-11 win, fans from the bleachers ran out onto the court to embrace the players and each senior had a different way of explaining the feeling:

"It was like any huge, division one college team that you see win the national champion-

ship and you see them all rush the floor and it was just a great feeling," said Soviero.

"That was probably the best feeling I've ever had in this gym and wearing this uniform or any uniform," said Pinkney.

"That was the coolest thing ever, especially because I jumped up and turned in the air and got caught by three fans that I had no idea who they were. That was actually really cool, that made it really surreal," said Skelton.

"It was just a great feeling to have that love and that support from the fans and I had a permanent smile on for three days after that. It was just a great adrenaline rush and really made you feel like you were supported throughout the entire season," said Burns.

"That was one of the best feelings of my life, it felt absolutely great," said Maziarz.

The Pioneers finished the season with a 16-7 record, 10-3 against opponents in their conference. This was the best record in the Sweeney Division and secured them a spot in the EIVA tournament. This is the second time in the last four years that Sacred Heart has accomplished this feat and they will be playing Penn State in the tournament.

"It is absolutely great, it's the best way to finish off senior year, with a bunch of guys you've been playing four years with," said Maziarz.

This will be the second time on the season that Sacred Heart will be playing Penn State. One of the elite teams, Penn State was ranked 7th in the nation as of April 13 by the USA Today/AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll.

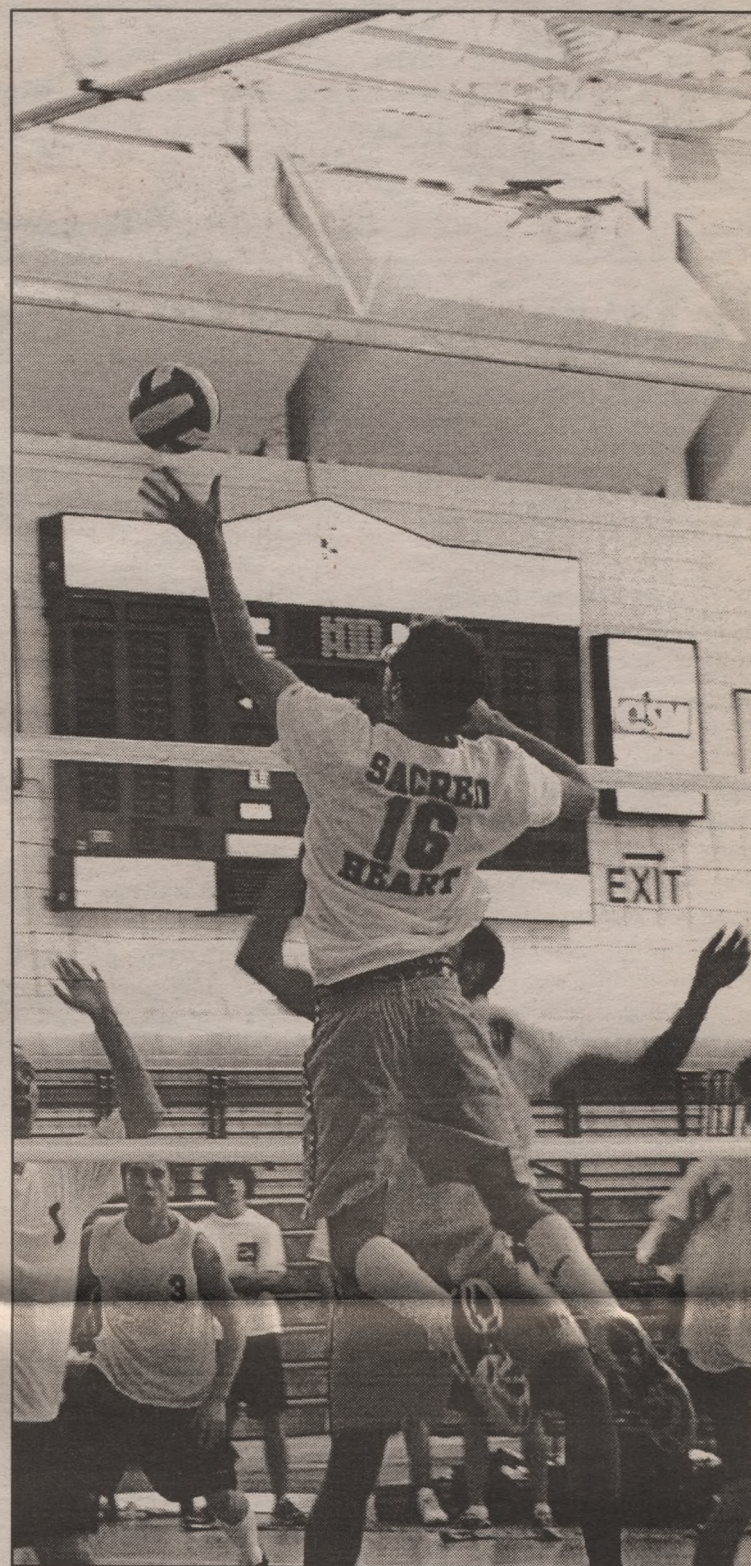
"The Sacred Heart program always wanted to come in and push the program, get it better and play Penn State and it just kind of has been incorporated in

one of my dreams because it's something everybody has been wanting for so long and senior year we come out and we get a chance to play them once in the season and now in the post season, so it's just great," said Pinkney.

In the regular season match against Penn State on March 19, SHU played well and lost three closely contested games by an average score of only six points.

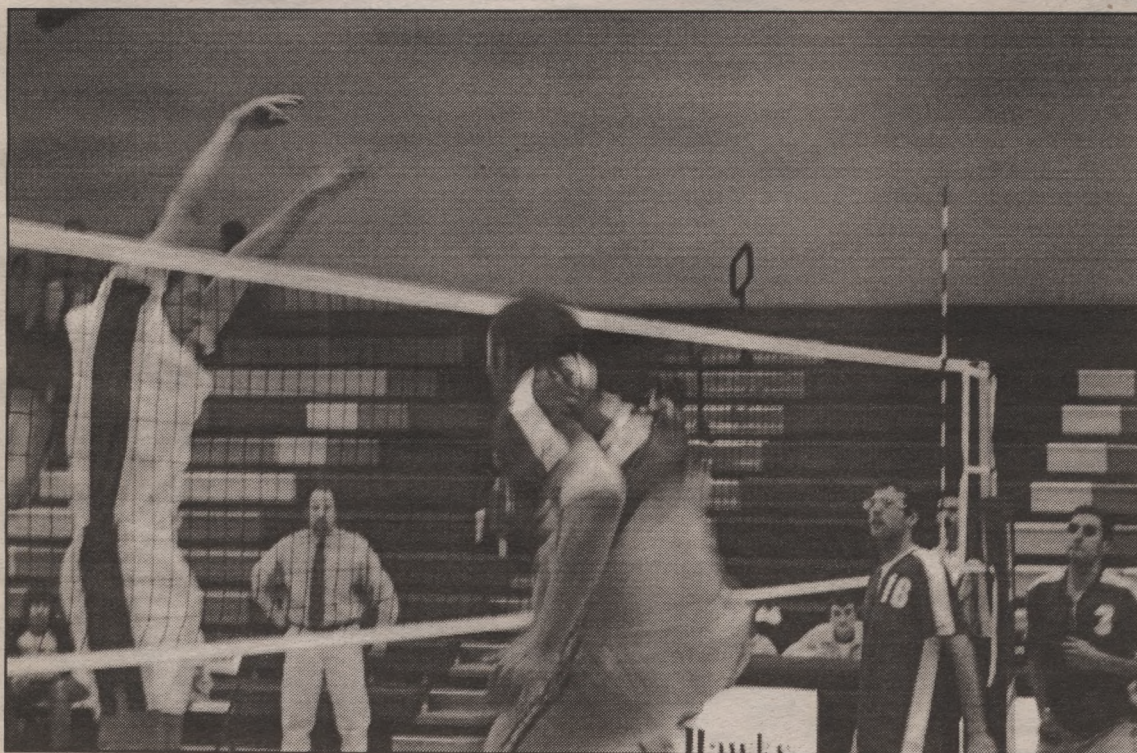
"It was kind of a shell shock going into the match because we've never played a team that caliber. They're a fully funded program, they have all the tolls and resources to go out and win the national championship and we're going into that kind of atmosphere where there's a couple thousand people in the stands and it's kind of a shock. But now that we're going up there again, the guys are going to kind of know what to expect, what kind of environment they're going to be in and I think we'll be a bit more prepared this time going in and I wouldn't be surprised at all if we took a game off Penn State, if not make it go to five games and if it goes five games, who knows what can happen," said Boston.

The EIVA tournament quarterfinals match will be played away at Penn State on Saturday April 24 at 7 p.m. After seeing several matches, Sacred Heart fans realize that when the men's volleyball team chants "Heart" in their huddle it has less to do with referencing their school than it does the reason for their success. As they enter the EIVA tournament little is sure of what the outcome may be, but none will doubt that they will continue to play with the heart and resilience that has brought them this far and in the process made fans at Sacred Heart proud.



The Spectrum/NICK KELLY

In a recent home game, the men's volleyball team drew a record number 213 fans to their home matchup.



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The Pioneers will once again face Penn State this weekend, a team they lost three close games to earlier in the season.

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# Men's Volleyball Wins Division Title

By Nick Kelly  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart men's volleyball team finished the season with two pivotal wins including one over the Vassar College Brewers on senior night, to finish first place in the Sweeney Division.

"I felt we put together a really good effort. I think we got a lot of contribution from everyone on the team, especially the seniors. They wanted to step up. It was our last match to ever play in the Pitt Center so it is a great feeling to come out on top and also be the division champs," said senior Mike Burns (East Providence, RI), who led Sacred Heart with 17 kills. The match started with the Pioneers coming out strong, leading the whole way after reaching ten points and winning the first game, 30-25.

"Everyone was going to play up. You know our senior night game everybody was pumped for it, they've been pumped for it, we all have for weeks now

and everything just came together. We were just having fun out there, and we were all playing really well," said senior Doug Soviero (Huntington, NY).

The second game proved to be a back and forth battle as Sacred Heart middle blocker Mike Gardener brought the game to tie at 23 each, after one of his ten kills. The momentum from this play put Sacred Heart on a bit of a run with kills from three different players to give them a 28-25 lead. They were unable to finish however as the Brewers came back to win the next four points. A Doug Soviero kill tied the game again, before the Brewers won in extra points, 31-29.

"I was kind of worried coming into the match because we had a long break before this match and I wanted everyone to play well for senior night. The first game we were on fire, the second game we kind of hit a wall, but in the third and fourth games we just played extremely great volleyball," said senior CJ Pinkney (Ringwood, NJ), who led all players with 47 assists.

In the next games, Sacred Heart hardly seemed challenged as they lead from early on in each and posted wins with scores of 30-18 and 30-21 to end the match

in only four games.

"I think we almost felt like we had it in the bag from the get-go. But it's tough, you don't want to take the game that lightly. Vassar is a good team, but they just didn't put together that good of an effort, but you just have to come out with the same intensity night after night and hopefully you'll be on the winning side," said Burns.

Senior night proved to be very emotional and meaningful to all of the players, as many of their families traveled from several hours away to attend. Before the match began each of the five seniors were presented a photograph of themselves along with their jersey framed.

"Senior night is basically a culmination of four years of hard work, sweat, blood, just a lot of effort, a lot of time that's been put into our volleyball program and it's a very emotional night for me. I came in the same year as the senior class this year so I've been here four years now as well and I've seen these guys grow up and mature and become not only good volleyball players, but good student athletes and great young men as well," said Sacred Heart coach Boston.

"It could not have been scripted any better that we won games



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that we should have lost and lost games we should have won and we just ultimately caught a break from Roger Williams losing and we finished off what we had to," said senior Chris "Superman" Skelton (Westerly, RI), who provided seven kills and assists.

This loss for Roger Williams had occurred against New Haven, the strong rival that Sacred Heart played before Vassar. The senior night win to clinch the division might have been seen as anticlimatic considering the previous match against New Haven that could have knocked the Pioneers off. This would have given the division lead back to Roger Williams as they had won more games in head to head competition with Sacred Heart.

The match against New Haven was played on April 2 and senior night had originally been set for that date before an earlier match had to be pushed back. It proved to be one of the most exciting and highly contested matches of the season. An element that added to the competition was that players from both teams have become friends despite the rivalry between their programs.

"We've been friends off the court and on the court for four years. The program started when I was a freshman here and we

went over to New Haven and we just played great games every single time we saw them and when you have good competition like that there is a bond that's formed and that's what we had," said Pinkney.

"It's all competition, it's friendly competition. We talk a little trash here and there, back and forth, but they want to win just as much as we want to win and I think that is a known fact right as soon as the first whistle is blown. We just go out there and do the best we can and usually we come out on top. We've beaten them every time we've played over our four year tenure," said Burns.

In the first game, New Haven trailed only after the first point and then went right to work, winning the first game by a score of 30-24. Sacred Heart was able to edge them out 31-29 in the second game, but New Haven came back dominant once again and won 30-21. With their backs to the wall and down two games to one, Sacred Heart would need to come back and win the remaining games or their chances of winning the division and making it to the EIVA tournament would be ruined.

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