

Was Superman Scheduled to Speak at Sacred Heart University?

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The death of actor Christopher Reeve on Monday, Oct. 10 has left a lingering void for fans, but may have also resulted in a disruption of Sacred Heart University's planning schedule for the latter part of this month.

As October is Disability Awareness Month, the Jandrisevits Learning Center (JLC) at Sacred Heart's Ryan-Matura Library had attempted to book Reeve for a lecture at the University. Though SHU has been host to many inspirational and motivating speakers over the years, what could have been one of the most encouraging lectures to date is not going to be taking place this fall.

"We had hoped to have Christopher Reeve speak for Disability Awareness Month," said Jill Angotta, Director of Special Services for the JLC. "Unfortunately, we found out over the summer that for various reasons, we just couldn't set it up."

Reeve, star of the "Superman" movies and chairman of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, died of heart failure earlier this month. He was 52 years old.

Following the actor's death, word began to spread around the Sacred Heart campus that Reeve might have been planning to present a lecture at the school.

"There were some preliminary discussions regarding the possibility



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Christopher Reeve was a significant advocate for persons with disabilities and is seen above accepting the 1996 National Courage Award. Though reports remain mixed, there is some indication that Reeve may have been scheduled to speak at Sacred Heart University sometime this year.

of Christopher Reeve speaking at the University last year," said Dr. Thomas Forget, Vice-President of Academic Affairs. "Those discussions did not result in any plan for him to speak here."

Though the plan for Reeve's lecture seemed to have fallen through, Lissa VonBrecht, a junior from Cumberland, ME, said, "no one told the media department about it." According to VonBrecht,

the lecture was scheduled to take place on October 20 at 7 p.m. She had been prepared, up until notice of Reeve's death, to film the lecture for one of her media studies classes.

Greg Golda, professor of the Media Practicum course, told "The Spectrum"

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SHU Ranks in Top Tier of U.S. News and World Reports List

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Staff Reporter

Back in high school, choosing a college seemed a never ending episode. Most students can remember pondering which University was the best. Well according to the U.S. News and World Report's list of top Universities, Sacred Heart University is listed in the top tier of the "Best Universities-Master's in the North."

In the 2005 edition of best colleges SHU has climbed the charts among the finest universities in the North. Although SHU has been ascending steadily up the top tier list of schools in this category, this is the first year we have joined in this field.

Lynnae Nizzardo, a junnior from CT stated, "I'm very excited that Sacred Heart has made such tremendous strides and I am proud to say that I am a part of such an accomplishment, and I think we deserve to be on top."

Achieving this recognition says a lot about Sacred Heart as an individual university, as well as, a whole. The U.S. News & World Report has been a source of guidance to uprising high school students for the past 20 years. It is a place that students

can find accurate information to help them make an informed decision concerning their further education.

The report ranks schools in four categories which are included in over 1,400

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schools nationwide. This means that the information they present reaches a wide range of students.

US News and World Reports receive s their material from numerous areas such as educational associations, the U.S. Government, and a lot of universities on their own, and each University is judged on fifteen indicators. These factors include academic excellence, alumni giving rate, graduation rate, financial resources, faculty resources and student selectivity.

This thorough evaluation is proof of our University's ability to compete along side schools like Providence College, Fairfield University, and Manhattan College.

According to Sacred Heart's president Anthony J. Cembra, Ph.D, "It's an honor to be included among the fine institutions that rank as the best in our category, according to the U.S. News publication; I am pleased that our commitment to academic excellence in an active and engaged learning environment is being recognized by our peers and others."

Sacred heart is also one of the youngest Catholic universities in the United States and by mounting the charts of the U.S. News & World Report it shows the caliber SHU has strived to attain.

With 3,100 enrolled students, SHU may not be the biggest University but we have proved ourselves according to a viable report. As said by senior Joey Martini (New Rochelle, NY), "four great years at Sacred Heart University has given me an experience I will never forget."

For more information, visit: http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php

SHU "Connecticut Administrator" Test Scores Rank Below Average

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On October 6th, the state Board of Education released information showing that Sacred Heart University had the lowest initial pass rates preparing school administrator candidates for the Connecticut Administrator Test. The average pass rate in the state of Connecticut, since the tests inception in 2001, is 80%. Sacred Hearts average initial pass rate is 72%. The testing also gives some other interesting results. Women score far better than men and white candidates had higher pass rates than those of non-white candidates.

SHU students are allowed to take the test as many times as they wish, basically relying on the initial test to be simply practice. Edward W. Mailin, the Chair of the Education Department, said, "We would like to emphasize that our scores were reflective of our frequent and early use of the test and not of the quality of our graduates and the academic experience they had at SHU."

Officials felt this was the best possible way for the test to be taken, however efforts are being made so that students' first tries on the test will be their best. Overall, the Cumulative average for Sacred Heart University students taking the test is about 95%.

Malin said, "At Sacred Heart University, we are proud of the contributions that our graduates make to regional education. Over 300 beginning teachers were successfully recommended for initial teaching certification through our programs in the past year and more than 50 were recommended for the Intermediate Administrator Certificate. These exceptionally qualified professionals are valuable assets in communities across the state."

Other schools, such as Southern Connecticut State University, allow their students to take this test only once. On this Malin said "In the past, we actively encouraged students to take the test on several occasions so that they could better understand it and could familiarize themselves with the format and expectations of the test. As a consequence, our students were advised that practice testing was a good strategy for becoming acquainted with the testing situation."

The Connecticut Administrator Test is a seven and a half hour test that is broken up into four different parts. The first segment of the test concentrates on the issue of school improvement while the second segment puts the test taker in the role of a teacher and they are required to review student work and make recommendations to "another" teacher. Students who are taking this test are advised not to take it in one sitting; it is in their best interest to take each part of the test separately.

This testing method is being questioned by other states and many are moving to standardized testing.

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Lecture Focuses on Love and the Search for God in the Work of I.B. Singer

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Just this past Sunday, the second lecture on the work of Isaac Bashevis Singer was held in the Faculty Lounge. The Lecture featured Dr. Michelle Loris, professor of English at Sacred Heart University, speaking avidly about her views on Singer's writing. The topic of conversation for the evening was, "The Struggle for Love and the Search for God in the Short Fiction of I.B. Singer."

"Singer is a friend of Sacred Heart, he had visited right after he won the Nobel Prize, and a member of our faculty at the time had written a book on Singer and had brought him here. He had a choice actually, after he received the Nobel Prize, of going to Yale, Harvard, or Sacred Heart to give his first talk and he chose to come here," said Loris.

The University has offered seminars on Singer's works, and program speaker Dr. Loris has taught several of his novels in her courses on contemporary American fiction.

"I had the pleasure to meet Singer when he came here, and I'm so happy to be talking today about the struggle for

love and the search for God in his short stories," said Loris.

"There are three things that one must talk about before beginning to talk about

controversy surrounding Singer's work here in America," said Loris.

"The three stories that I talked about were *The Gentleman from Krakow*, *A Crown of Feathers*, and what I think is everybody's favorite, *Gimpel the Fool*," said Loris.

While these books by I.B. Singer are works of fiction, the issues that are presented in his writing are serious, compelling issues that all people can relate to.

"Singer rarely gives us answers in his short fiction, instead he poses questions for us to think about," said Loris.

"Singer was a Polish-born Yiddish Jew, the son and grandson of Hasidic Rabbis, and his young life, his upbringing was deeply grounded in the Torah and what is called Yidishkayt," said Loris.

"Yidishkayt means the life of...Jewish life, and what that means is how a Jew should live, and that means according to the demands of faith in God, compassion for one's community, and obedience to God's law," said Loris.

According to a press release from



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Dr. Michelle Loris discussed about Isaac Bashevis Singer's works with students.

the stories. First, just a little bit about the religious and secular influences that you see emerging in his stories, second I'd like to suggest a way of actually thinking about the stories and a way of approaching them, and third to talk about the critical

SHU Brings Manners to the Table

Sarah Decker
Staff Reporter

With the help and support from many organizations and the college of business, Career Development hosted the Etiquette Dinner last Thursday. Ann-Marie Sabath, founder of At Ease Inc., Business Protocol and Etiquette, led the evening's events.

The evening began at 5 p.m. in the Edgerton Center with a presentation, "Key Ways for Landing That Job."

"The presentation was a great way to start the night," said Jim Schmidt, a junior from Middlefield. "It covered every aspect of the interviewing process, and I learned how important the littlest things can be."

The presentation included how to make a powerful first impression, what to wear to an interview, the importance of follow-up, the art of business correspondence, and life after the interview tips. It concluded with discussing how to stay motivated until finding the job or internship of your choice, and how to mix and mingle in style.

"Within the first five minutes of an interview, a tentative decision is made based on their first impression," said Mary Jane Miller, executive director of

Career Development. "An employer, or anyone for that matter, makes assumptions from your overall presentation, the way you carry yourself, and your professional image."



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The Career Development Department hosted the Etiquette Dinner on Thursday night.

The "Hands-on" Professional Etiquette Dinner was held in the Mahogany room from 6:10 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Students were taught the real intent of business meals, the nine key rules of business dining, seating etiquette, and the six commandments of using napkins.

"I was always worried about going

to eat with professionals and ending up having a meal that I wouldn't know how to properly eat," said Sarah Morris, a junior from Pittsfield, MA.

During the dinner, Sabath explained how to handle difficult to eat foods, gave super soup-eating tips, and discussed the most commonly asked questions about eating bread and rolls.

"The Etiquette Dinner is a great advantage for all students at Sacred Heart to take part in," said Veronica Genao, a senior from Corona, New York. "It prepares you for future career interviews, as well as the correct way to dine, even if you are not a job interview."

"We live in such a competitive society, and first impressions can make or break a relationship, whether they are business related or personal," said Stephanie Neubauer, a junior from Farmingville, NY.

"Many schools are recognizing the importance of etiquette and I hope everyone can attend this opportunity we offer at least once within their four years at the university," said Miller. "It is a life skill that can take you further in your career path."

Career Development is hoping to hold another Etiquette Dinner this spring.

Sacred Heart University, Dr. Loris holds a doctorate in American Literature from Fordham University. She is the author of a book on Joan Didion and co-editor of a book on Gloria Naylor. Dr. Loris also holds a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Antioch New England and she has published articles on trauma and abuse in psychology.

The third and final lecture to be given as a part of this series will happen on Sunday Nov. 7. Dr. James Castonguay and Dr. Loris will host a film screening and discussion that will be held in the Schine Auditorium and will begin at 4:00pm.

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Reeve's Death Hits Close to Home

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that he was told to keep the date open but that plans were not definite. Explains Golda: "The email we got said 'Christopher Reeve has accepted an invitation to come to SHU for a presentation and to meet with the community on the 20th of October in connection with Disabilities Awareness Month.' They had not solidified that. They said to save the date."

Dr. Anthony Cernera, President of the University, offered no comment as to whether or not Reeves was scheduled to speak, but did express his condolences concerning the actor's death. "We are all obviously saddened by the news of Mr. Reeve's death," he said. "He was an important example of extraordinary human courage. Our prayer is that he may now have the fullness of life with God and his family might be consoled."

It is still doubtful that Reeve might have made it to Sacred Heart to speak, but his death is no less disappointing to fans at the University. It is certain that Reeve would have found an overwhelming amount of support from the SHU community.

For more on Christopher Reeve, see the Arts & Entertainment feature on page 8.

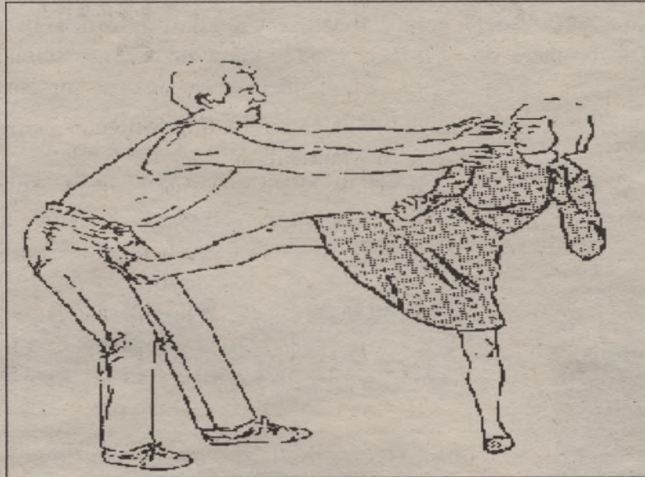
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R.A.D. Empowers SHU Women

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Staff Reporter

One out of every five college students have reported at least one incident of abuse, according to Domestic Violence Prevention and Services, and Sacred Heart's Department of Public Safety is aiming to lower those statistics. For the second successful year in a row, a group of about 15 women signed up to participate in a life-changing self-defense course instructed by Public Safety Officer Lisa Brown on Oct 13, 20, and 27. The course is completely free for Sacred Heart students and faculty. Participants attend the three day long course, where each day consists of a one-hour lecture and two hours of physical technique training.

The focus of the course is on simple and practical techniques and no experience in martial arts is necessary. Founded by a Portland, Maine detective, the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) course is compiled of simple techniques that the everyday woman can master, drawing from his police expertise and experience in black belt. Everything in the course is easy to remember and is an extension of one's



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Public Safety will be offering the next Self Defence class on February 2005.

natural instincts, ways in which one would want to use to defend themselves. The official objective of the program is "to enhance and develop the options of self defense so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked."

"As an undergrad, I wish I knew these good skills that emphasize self and surroundings awareness," said course instructor, Public Safety officer Lisa Brown.

"Many people just walk around and don't notice people around them. Spending a little more time to just notice more might come in handy." Brown went through a rigorous training program in 2002 in order to provide valuable information to the students of Sacred Heart for their well-being and safety.

"The R.A.D course was great. Lisa is a great motivator who cares about you and wants us to feel like the empowered women we really are," said junior Linda Russo from Watertown,

MA.

"We cater to any female that is a member of the Sacred Heart community. Regardless of physical capabilities, I will work with you to make it happen. There is something everyone can get from this and I am here only to give and to serve," said Brown.

Some of the physical techniques

being taught are aimed for scenarios such as being choked from behind, how to escape when someone has been grabbed by one hand, being grabbed from around the waist, and other unwanted approaches. R.A.D. focuses on the use of the body and body language, advocating what the victims mean and how they feel. Different stances are taught as well, such as "relaxed but cautious"; body language along with a voice can potentially avoid many unwanted circumstances.

"I've even tried some of the moves (the less dangerous ones) on some of my friends to demonstrate. I totally kicked their butts," said Russo.

"Although we teach physical techniques, we emphasize verbal self defense as well. Just talking can sometimes de-escalate situations and get you away from aggressive situations. Be vocal, use body language and you'll be amazed at what it does," said Brown. Overall the course stresses that physical moves are the last resort, however, if they are needed, the woman is ready to perform them.

Every student that attends the course in the University Commons receives a

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R.A.D. Classes Teach SHU Women the Value of Self Defense

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manual which is a great resource filled with not only class material but also step by step instructions on the techniques that are taught in the course. At the end of the course, Brown signs the manual, then certifying the participants, allowing them to attend any refresher courses throughout

the US and Canada free of charge in the future.

This program would not have been so effective without the positive feedback and support around campus. The brothers of Lambda Sigma Phi who attend the physical technique portion assist with holding the punching and kicking pads.

"We are like the girls life size punch-

ing bags for the course. Lisa does most of the instructing and then the girls get to beat us up," said Lambda Sigma Phi brother, junior Jonathan Cretella of North Haven. "It feels good to know that we are helping girls defend themselves against someone that might try to hurt them."

According to Brown, there are alarming statistics over recent years in the wider

community showing that domestic violence and sexual assault have increased. "This is something to combat it - to be safe on campus and safe in your life, taking you beyond campus years," she said.

For those who may have missed this semester's R.A.D. course, Public Safety will be offering it again in February of 2005.

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SHU Marketplace

The SHU Marketplace offers a large selection of snacks, beverages, candy, microwaveable foods, ice cream, grocery items. As well as to-go sandwiches, salads, home-made soups, and Starbucks coffee.

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SHU Poll: Most Americans Believe Bush Will Be Reelected

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Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University conducted a national poll regarding the presidential election which reports that two thirds of Americans believe that President Bush will be re-elected, regardless on who they plan to support.

The University's Polling Institute completed a total of 1003 phone interviews using a sample of people proportional to the population of all fifty states. The margin for error is of +/- 3% at a 95% confidence level. The poll, although mainly focused on the battle for the White House, represented a wide spectrum of issues including questions varying from the "Quality of Life" to the possibility of a "National Sales Tax."

Referring to the poll, Amanda Gorecki (junior, Smithtown, NY) said, "I was happily surprised to learn that our school had conducted a national poll, and even more so when I read about it on Yahoo news!"

As in other nationwide polls conducted by such illustrious institutions as Zogby International or Gallup, the race seems to

be more or less in a deadlock with neither candidate distancing the other by double digit numbers. In an "election held today" in fact, SHU's poll found that 48.4% of

"...A majority of politicians are out there for the people and want to make a difference in their constituents' daily lives..."

*- Jennifer Paquette,
President of the
College Democrats*

people would vote for President Bush, while 43.4% would vote for Senator Kerry. However, when asked who they believed would actually win come November 2, an overwhelming 69.9% said President Bush would against 21.6% for his challenger, while another 8% were unsure.

This also seemed to be the general consensus among students interviewed at

SHU. For example, Danielle Tabankin (freshman, New Rochelle, NY) said "Right now the race seems to be in a tie, but I feel that Bush will end up winning the election."

Megan Dutcher a freshman from Hopewell Jct., NJ, also reflected the same opinion. "I think we need to have Bush in office for the next four years. He knows exactly what's going on overseas. At this time, I believe it would be a hard transition for Kerry to enter into, and I feel Bush will win regardless."

An additional question asked which relates directly to this year's election pertained to the believability of the Bush and Kerry campaign messages. Almost one quarter of those interviewed, 22.6%, believe that the Bush campaign plans to "suppress the black vote" and a whopping 45.2% flat out believe the President is a liar. Another curiosity lays in the fact that exactly one out of five think that Osama Bin Laden is actually already in custody and that this will be announced close to Election Day.

Among college students interviewed regarding the elections there was a wide-

spread sense of disinterest on the subject. Jennifer Paquette, the President of the College Democrats said that, "Politics is something that I think young voters (18-24) view as corrupt or immoral. Yes there might be a handful of politicians who use politics for their own personal means but a majority of politicians are out there for the people and want to make a difference in their constituents' daily lives. Remember this election is not just about the presidency, it's about Federal, State and Local political races as well."

With just about two weeks left until this decisive election, both candidates find themselves in the final stretch of what has been and continues to be one of the most ruthless campaign battles in American history with viscous attacks coming almost daily from both sides. New polls are released daily which seem to support Sacred Heart's findings, and show how tight of a race this will be. What remains to be seen is if SHU's poll accurately reflects the outcome of the election- although who knows what new rebounds or surprises might pop up that could dramatically affect the voter's opinion.



National and Global News

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) The U.S. Army Reserve soldiers who refused orders to drive a dangerous route were members of one of a few supply units whose trucks are still unarmored, their commanding general said. The soldiers, now under investigation, had previously focused on local missions in safer parts of southern Iraq and had never driven a convoy north along the attack-prone roads passing through Baghdad.

WASHINGTON (AP) Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush of planning a surprise second-term attempt to privatize Social Security, and forecast a "disaster for America's middle class." Republican party chairman Ed Gillespie called the charge "just flat inaccurate." The clash erupted as Kerry and his running mate both appealed to Florida voters to cast their ballots as early as Monday under the state's early voting program. "There's no reason to wait until November the 2nd," vice presidential candidate John Edwards said in the state that settled the last race for the White House.

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush is telling voters in New Jersey - a state that hasn't backed a Republican presidential candidate since 1988 - that his battle plan for fighting terrorists is better than Democrat John Kerry's. With a little more than two weeks before Election Day,

the president was campaigning on Monday in New Jersey.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) Democrat John Kerry said today President Bush was guilty of "arrogant boasting" about Iraq amid reports that the top U.S. commander complained to the Pentagon last winter that troops didn't have the supplies they needed. "Despite the president's arrogant boasting that he's done everything right in Iraq and that he's made no mistakes, the truth is beginning to catch up with him," Kerry said.

WASHINGTON (AP) The Supreme Court on Monday ordered a lower court to reconsider a Texas congressional map that could give Republicans six more seats in Congress in upcoming elections and help the GOP protect its majority.

LONDON (AP) An Anglican church commission sharply criticized the U.S. Episcopal Church on Monday for consecrating a gay bishop and called on the church to apologize and refrain from promoting any other clergy living in a same-sex union. The report of the commission headed by Irish primate Robin Eames also proposed that the 38 national churches that constitute the Anglican Communion sign a covenant expressing their support for what it called current Anglican teachings.

Connecticut News

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Connecticut prepared for its first execution in 44 years, while serial killer Michael Ross continued to insist he's ready to die Jan. 26.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell said she is prepared to uphold the law, and she said she has no power to commute the sentence or pardon Ross.

"I do support the death penalty in those areas where the crime is the most heinous, and this certainly fits that," Rell said.

Ross, 45, is on death row for killing four young women in eastern Connecticut in the 1980s. Altogether, he killed eight women - two others in Windham County and two in New York - and is serving more than two life sentences in prison.

A state judge set the Jan. 26 execution date after Ross said in court that he does not want to pursue any more appeals. The state Supreme Court has upheld six death sentences against him, but Ross could still pursue a U.S. Supreme Court review, a pardon or a petition of habeas corpus.

His lawyer, T.R. Paulding, insisted that Ross is sincere. Paulding said Ross has not manipulated the system but has been forced by the courts to pursue appeals he did not want.

"He has not changed his mind," said Paulding, who spoke with Ross Thursday.

Because Connecticut's last execution was in 1960, the Department of Correction will have to set up a system to administer the execution.

Under department policy, the war-

den of Osborn Correctional Institution in Somers will appoint a team of at least six correction staff members and six alternates to oversee the execution at the prison. An executioner, who would administer a fatal dose of three chemicals, also must be appointed.

The warden also has to ensure that dedicated telephone lines are working and other equipment is in place for the execution.

Ross will have to decide if he wants a clergyman and up to three supporters to witness the execution, and a committee of news media representatives will have to select up to nine media witnesses.

Ross does not plan to make an issue out of any of these technicalities, Paulding said. Ross has stated that no one but Paulding may represent him or file appeals on his behalf, which would prevent anti-death penalty advocates from trying to intercede.

The state legislature has some outspoken opponents of the death penalty, although lawmakers have not tried to repeal it recently. In the late 1990s, a bill to give the governor the power to stay an execution failed to pass.

Rep. Mike Lawlor, D-East Haven, co-chairman of the Judiciary Committee, doubts Ross will be executed on Jan. 26.

"This is more evidence that this whole death penalty as a public policy is self-defeating. It has cost an awful lot of money to go through this charade. It's certainly cruel and usual punishment for the victims' families," Lawlor said. "What's the point?"

Perspectives

The Spectrum Teams Up With College Publisher to Launch Online Edition

Bill Silvestri
Web Editor

It is only natural that the Spectrum newspaper is now offered as an online edition. At Sacred Heart University we have a state-of-the-art wireless network and a professional IT staff working hard to keep it running smoothly. Students here are computer literate and already used to being inundated with information from the World Wide Web. For many, the web is a primary source of news, sports, and entertainment media in today's society. Last year I was given the responsibility of creating an online edition of the Spectrum. I wanted to incorporate the benefits of wireless technology into this project, and after some research and contacting other universities, I selected the College Publisher Network.

According to the College Publisher Home Page, College Publisher hosts the largest network of online college newspapers in the world. It has grown from a small collection of publications to a massive network that spans the nation.

College Publisher is a part of a larger organization entitled, Y2M: Youth Media and Marketing Networks. Y2M is a media and marketing company that focuses on college students and recent graduates.

The CP team was extremely responsive and friendly right from the start. Over this past summer I contacted the people at CP and signed up the Spectrum for a one-year agreement with the network. They recommended a one-year period of usage for schools trying out the

service for the first time. So after getting proper authorization from the rest of the Spectrum staff, we began creating a new home page for the newspaper.

The Design team at CP was most helpful and they contacted me daily while I was building the new site. Phil Robinson and Chris Gillis, both web designers at CP did an excellent job in creating the site. From their headquarters in Boston, MA, they did all of the HTML and programming behind the new site. When this was finished, I provided the team with speci-

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fications on the exact format and layout options that the web site would require in order to publish our newspaper. The next step was to register the site on the .com domain and to pick a suitable address.

Matt Smith, senior designer and producer at CP and myself, fine-tuned the site and officially launched the new

Spectrum web site on Monday, Sept. 20 2004. Due to the amount of time needed to organize and execute this project, the site was not ready in time to publish the first issue of the Spectrum. However, the new site is currently updated with all of this semester's issues and they are available 24 hours a day by clicking on the "back issues" link at the new site.

The CP network is designed to work with a wireless campus and our new site can be viewed on PDA's, and on cell phones equipped with wireless technology. The new site is easy to use and I was able to complete the training session in only 45 minutes. Special thanks to Amanda Noonan Heyman, Partnership Services Associate at CP for her assistance. The site gives us the ability to control all aspects of the website including layout, content, and advertising.

According to the College Publisher Home Page, College Publisher is the only online publishing technology and content management solution designed specifically for college newspapers and the needs of the campus newsroom. Our technology is Web-based and allows multiple users to control all facets of digital publishing, including content management, multimedia administration and online newspaper advertising.

The Spectrum already had a website registered at SHU, but this site did not have the capability to publish the newspaper electronically. Nancy Boudreau, who coordinates web content at our university, and Robert Trenske from the Call Center were both extremely helpful in the whole process. Thank you both very much for your help in

updating the old Spectrum online page.

All those who visit the new page will have the ability to enjoy the many services

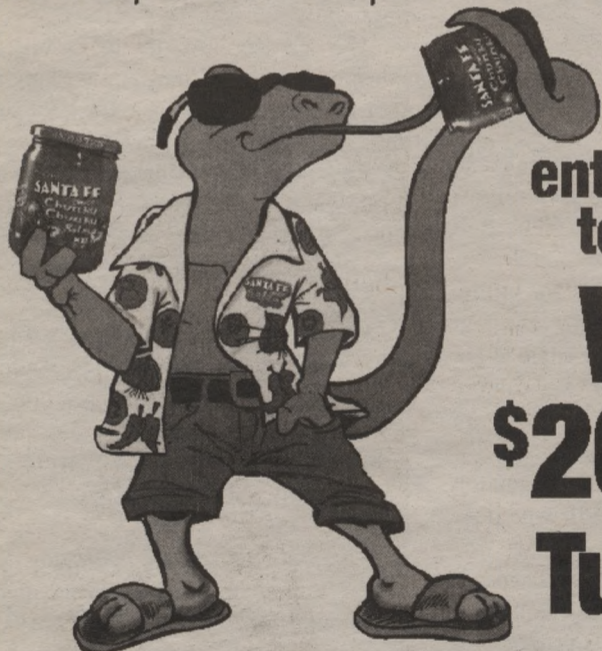
For many the web is a primary source of news, sports, and entertainment media in today's society.

that I have been able to add to the site thanks to the team at CP. The site features story forums, discussion boards, horoscopes, and an online poll. The results of the polls will be in the online edition of the newspaper, as well as Movielink, a great service that allows users to view and download movies for a reasonable price. Our new site boasts a syndicated 24-hour national news, sports, finance, travel, and entertainment network that gives students access to stories and media from around the country. As a member of the CP network, the Spectrum can also be syndicated throughout a network of over 300 colleges and universities.

The Spectrum will be available on the site every Thursday and an HTML newsletter will be sent out to all users who register their e-mail address with the site. This feature will be available in the coming weeks.

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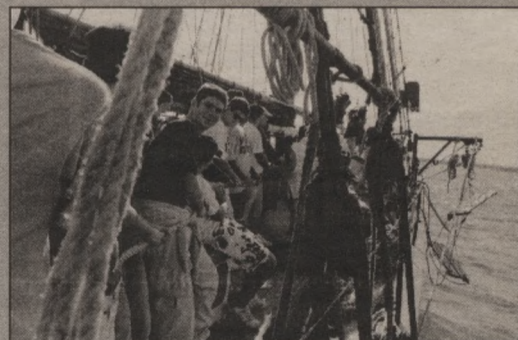
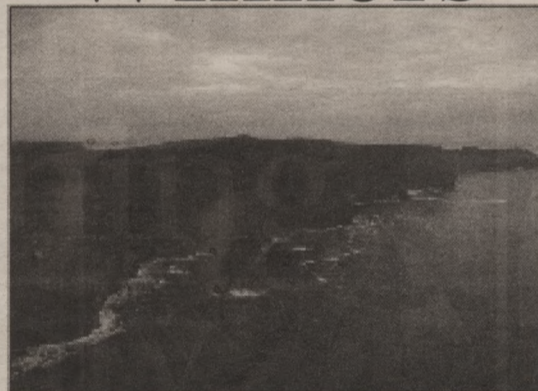
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He Said... She Said...

10 Signs That Show A Guy/Girl Likes You?

Robert Roy
"He Said" Columnist

When it comes to showing a girl that a guy likes her, he will almost always keep it simple. The top three are obvious signs he likes her. Signs four through six show that he is very interested and is possibly thinking about a relationship. The last four are explicit signs that he wants more than just dating.

1. If he approaches her in and asks for her number or buys her a drink at a club. This is a simple and unquestioned sign a guy likes a girl.

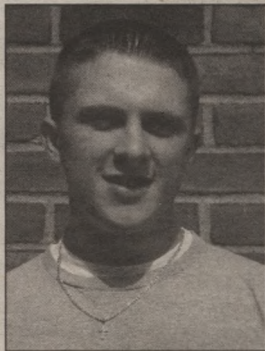
2. If he cannot wait for her to call him. If he takes the initiative and makes call this is a very obvious sign he likes her.

3. When he asks for a second date. This shows that he liked the first date and is interested in more.

4. An expensive dinner or plans where he went out of his way will show her that he is trying to impress her.

5. When he spends quality time with her watching "chick-flicks." This is an instant sign that he is willing to put time in to the new relationship.

6. If he skips an event that is important to him such as a



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football game. This shows that he is putting her before other important affairs in his life.

7. If he is willing to spend time with her and her friends this is a definite sign he likes her.

8. When a guy tells his friends about her. This shows that he wants the world to know he likes her.

9. When he skips hanging out with his guy friends. This is a definite sign he likes a girl as he is willing to put her before his friends. Guys I don't recommend that you put a girl before you best friends.

10. If he is willing to talk on the phone for more than half hour. It is a given that most guys do not like talking on the phone and if he is willing to that he must be falling for her.

Athena Soriero
"She Said" Columnist

We aren't on the playground by the jungle gym anymore where name-calling, being "pants'd," and brutal beatings were the sure signs a girl liked you. By this point in our lives every girl has developed her own "flawless" method of letting a guy know she's interested.

1. A girl may secretly memorize a guy's schedule to strategically plan her day out in order to coincidentally pass him in the hall, bump into him at Flik, or catch a glimpse of him at the gym.

2. She will secretly track down his screen name and use it to not only talk but stalk...this involves continually checking his away messages and using his idle time as a tracking device.

3. She will hold out on wearing her cutest outfit and or sexiest underwear until a night where she will definitely see him and there is a chance of having a sleepover.

4. She might devise sick and twisted plans to get him and his girlfriend to break up, or to push any other form of competition out of the picture.

5. A girl may suddenly become the number one fan and walking stats guide of his favorite sports team.

6. She will also become



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"buddy" with his friends (no matter how much she hates them) in order to have a legitimate excuse to hang out, randomly stop by, and to know where he's going and what he's doing at all times.

7. She will convince friends that their plans are beat and to go to a particular party/bar instead, just because she knows he'll be there.

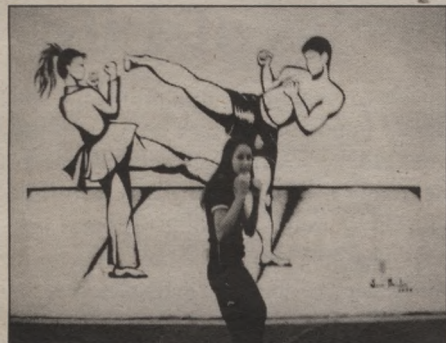
8. She may sign up for an absolutely ludicrous class that doesn't even pertain to her major or even changer her major all together, just to be with him.

9. She'll desperately try to hide or run away when she unexpectedly spots him and realizes that she looks like something scraped off the side of the road.

10. A girl will "accidentally" leave things behind at his place to guarantee a phone call and/or return visit.

Would you like to make comments on what the "He Said.../She Said..." columnists have to say? Would you like to ask them any questions? Feel free to send them an email at spectrum@sacredheart.edu

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"Ladies Defend Yourselves,"
a message from Public
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Faculty And Staff Express Thoughts On Spectrum's Website

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Dear Nadia:

The web site looks awesome! I am definitely going to register to get "The Spectrum" online every Thursday morning! I can't wait to read tomorrow's issue.

Best Regards,

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What do you
think about the
Presidential
debate?



"I didn't watch it. The Yankees/
Red Sox game was on!"

John Lannon
Boston, MA ~ Junior



"I think they were good. I
believe Bush did well, but Kerry
did better."

Amanda Griffiths
Westwood, NJ ~ Senior



"I think the debate did a good
job of publicizing
the lectures."

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—Arts & Entertainment—

The Man of Steel

CHRISTOPHER REEVE (1952 - 2004)

Patrick Scalisi
Arts & Entertainment Editor

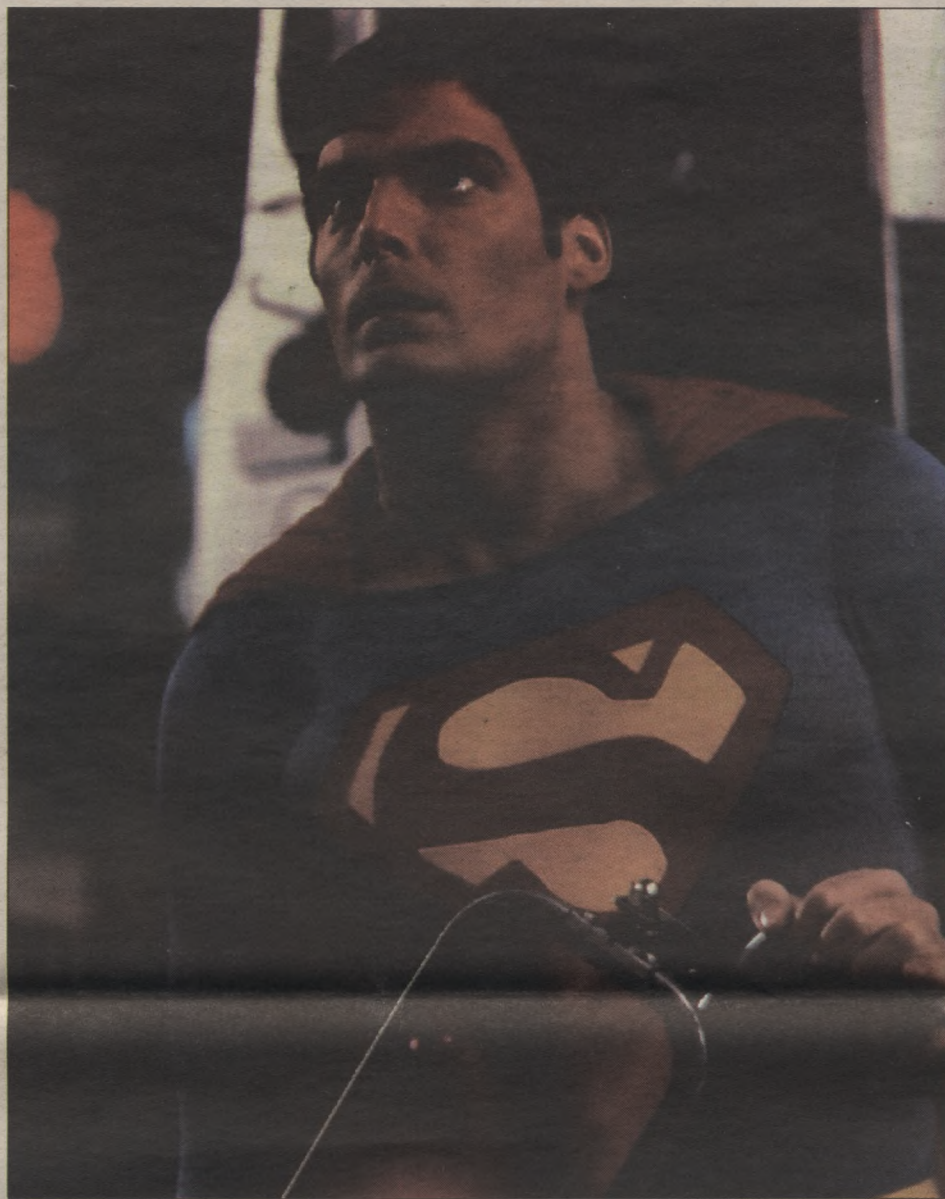
Christopher Reeve's level of stardom never extended much past the "Superman" films, but to his millions of fans around the world, Reeve was very much a hero in his own right. The actor, who was crippled in an equestrian accident nine years ago and championed to the cause of spinal injury victims, died Monday, Oct. 11 of a heart attack. He was 52.

Reeve was born New York City and later moved to New Jersey following his parents' divorce. After attending Cornell University, Reeve continued his education at the prestigious Julliard School of Performing Arts where he befriended fellow student Robin Williams. In 1978, Reeve was cast from among over 200 hopefuls to fill the cape of extraterrestrial superhero Superman.

To a generation of both film and comic fans, Reeve became a cultural icon. He would reprise the role of Superman three more times, starring alongside such names as Gene Hackman and Richard Pryor, before retiring in 1987. In between the four "Superman" films, Reeve also took roles in the time-travel love story "Somewhere in Time" and the suspense thriller "Deathtrap."

Though he enjoyed lukewarm television acclaim in the early 1990's, Reeve suffered a tragic accident in 1995 that many thought would bring the actor's career to a screeching halt. Thrown from his horse during a riding event, Reeve sustained a broken back that resulted in paralysis from the neck down. He also required a respirator in order to breathe.

Reeve, however, vowed to bounce back and, after enduring months of physi-



AP Photo/DC Comics Inc., File

Christopher Reeve became an international star to millions of fans throughout the 1980's when he starred in four "Superman" films. Reeve was crippled during a riding accident in 1995 but continued to use his star power to support humanitarian causes up to the time of his death on Oct. 11.

cal therapy, was able to enjoy longer lengths of time without his respirator. Doctors considered Reeve's progress to be miraculous but the actor was determined to go further.

Christopher Reeve's recovery has since become the stuff of legend. With the aid of cutting-edge medical research, Reeve was eventually able to move his index finger and regained some feeling in his toes—important steps in his dream to one day reclaim the use of his legs.

Following his accident, Reeve became an advocate for funding research on spinal cord injuries and even lobbied congress for improved medical coverage for victims of catastrophic accidents. He also embarked on lecturing tours and became a worldwide sensation that rivaled the success of his acting career.

"I refuse to allow a disability to determine how I live my life," said Reeve during a 2000 interview. "I don't mean to be reckless, but setting a goal that seems a bit daunting actually is very helpful toward recovery."

In addition to his philanthropic work, Reeve was also able to focus his energies behind the camera by successfully directing two feature films, including "The Brooke Ellison Story" which will air on television later this year.

To the millions who grew up weaned on the "Superman" films, Reeve's death is especially upsetting. Though his dream to walk again was cut tragically short, Reeve will always be remembered as a real-world superhero. He may not have been able to travel faster than a speeding bullet or leap the tallest building in a single bound, but this man of steel was able to inspire three generations of Americans both on and off the screen.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

On-Campus Events

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

- Renowned physician Bernie Siegel will present a lecture entitled "Prescriptions for Healing and the Art of Living" at 10 a.m. in The Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Omega Phi Kappa will be hosting a pool tournament at Hawley Lounge. The event will take place from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

National News

- Mel Gibson has reportedly donated \$5 million of his "Passion of the Christ" gross to two California hospitals. The sum was split between the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital.

- It was announced on Monday that comedian Chris Rock will host this year's Academy Awards ceremony. The decision, which is sure to court a good deal of controversy, was made in order to draw younger viewers to the Oscar telecast.

- Compiled by Patrick Scalisi

SHU Student Shares His 'Prophecies of Life'

Bridget Madden
Staff Reporter

Daniel Thomas, a current student at Sacred Heart University, has released his first book of poetry, "Prophecies of Life." On Saturday, Oct. 9, Thomas greeted the community at a book signing held at the Ramada Inn in Stratford.

- "Prophecies of Life" explores the meanings and connections of life and love. Thomas, an 18-year-old writer, started composing poetry at the age of 6. "Prophecies of Life" is a collection of poems that Thomas wrote, starting at age 6, and continued through the duration of his high school years.

The significance of the title "Prophecies of Life" derives from the ideals of life and love: that life relies upon love and that a direct relationship exists between the two. Thomas explores many issues while attempting to make people aware of the importance of history in present life. As such, there are many messages surveyed in the book that young people may not understand. Characterizing himself as an "old soul," Thomas modestly suggests that

he may not be the creator of these messages but is instead the messenger.

"The words are ink but the meanings are freedom," said Thomas. These words depict the conscious awareness that Thomas possesses for the ideals that many

*"The words are ink
but the meanings
are freedom."*

-DANIEL THOMAS, AUTHOR OF
"PROPHECIES OF LIFE"

people take for granted due to fear or irrelevancy; his extraordinary mature outlook on life is somewhat shocking.

Many people turn away from love because it may cause pain. "Prophecies of Life" reveals the necessity of love in all of human life. The words of wisdom displayed in the book encourage people to stop and smell the roses. Thomas urges

readers to recall the reality of life and what is truly important.

"Prophecies of Life" brilliantly merges the author's present and future principles with mysterious antiquity. Thomas suggests that the world is bigger than the individual and that one should accept and appreciate the significant insignificance of being. Though some may not understand the meaning of their existence, Thomas challenges readers to search their souls for the inner purpose of life.

One of Thomas' favorite poems from the collection is "Overpowering Society," and a quote that sticks out in his head as being an important message is "first of few, last of many."

Though Thomas sees poetry as a stepping-stone in his life, his key passion lies in that of philosophy. Thomas has a joint major in philosophy and business and is currently working on a book about Philosophy that he believes will take approximately four years to complete. His next book will delve into the purpose of life through factual information and lessons. In the meantime, though, "Prophecies of Life" is on sale in stores now.

Tom Weber: A SHU Success Story

Deja Kreutzberg
Staff Reporter

His days are spent singing about "Yucky Mucky Sandwiches" and "Monsters in His Backyard," to children around Connecticut. His past has its roots in Sacred Heart University. This SHU Alumni, Tom Weber, has broken into the children's entertainment market in full force. With over ten years of experience, Weber has already released three CDs, won various awards and has written a book waiting for publication.

What makes Weber's music exceptional is his ability to connect with children and parents alike. His songs convey a great message without coming off as too sugary for parents to handle.

"I do try to make my music fun for parents who have to listen to the songs over and over and over again," said Weber. "I have a lot of parents tell me that they enjoy my music as much as their kids do."

Each song is inspired by some part of Weber's life. "My song ideas come from my childhood memories, my daily life, and from the kids that I play music with on a daily basis," said Weber. The song, "Clean Up Your Room" has even inspired Weber to write a children's book, "I wrote and illustrated the book myself. I plan to include a CD with the book so that the kids

can sing along as they read."

Thirty-five year-old Weber was born and raised in Westport, CT. He began his journey as a children's entertainer early in life. While still attending Staples High School, Weber worked as a teacher's aid at the local preschool. After Staples, Weber wanted to further his knowledge of children and enrolled at Sacred Heart. He graduated in 1996, with a major in sociology and a minor in education.

"My fondest memory from SHU was meeting my wife, Sue, in Math 99, taught by Dave Bike."

The two were married in December 1995 and have been working together ever since. Sue, currently an eighth-grade math teacher, uses her experiences with children to assist Weber with his song writing.

One of the main obstacles that Weber has encountered as a children's artist is getting his music on the radio.

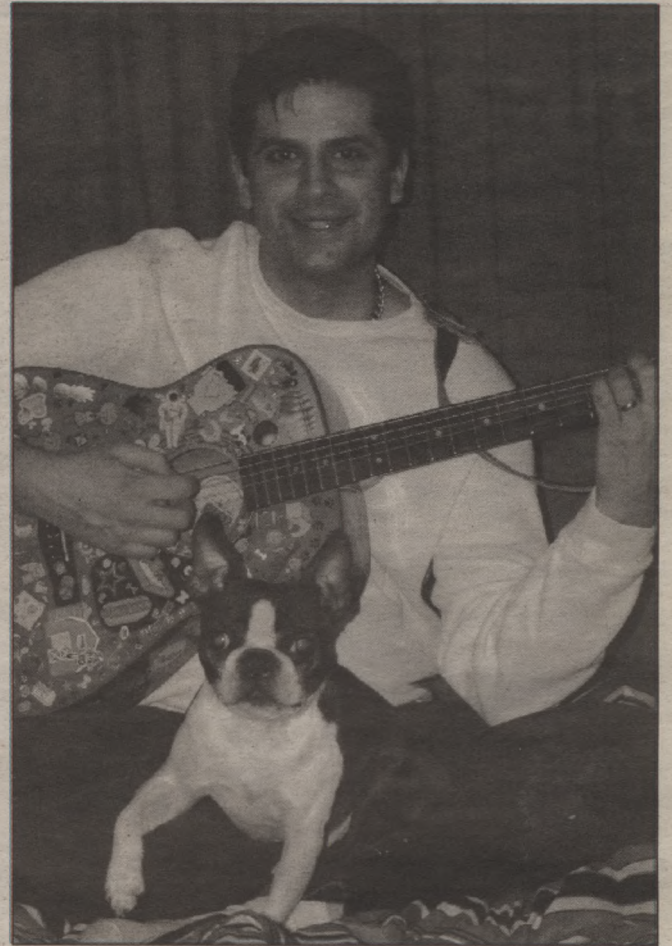
"Hopefully, with satellite radio catching on, it will open more doors for artists who otherwise would not be played on commercial radio," said Weber.

He is also considering taking his music to the small screen. "I have definitely considered creating a television show because my performances are so much more than just music and singing. Parents are always telling me that I belong on children's television. Hopefully it will happen!" With the popularity of shows such as the Wiggles,

Weber feels that with his performances—which use puppets, instruments and other props—would fit well in the realm of television.

"Playing for the kids and seeing their enjoyment encouraged me to rethink my goals and move towards a career in the field of children's music," Weber said. "I think the most important thing for someone to remember is that the career one chooses should make them happy and inspire them. I can't think of anything better than waking up every day with the knowledge that I will be making so many children happy. I truly love my job and feel blessed to do what I do."

Visit Weber's website, www.tomweber.net, for more information about where to purchase his CD's and for information on how to book him for birthday parties or performances.



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Tom Weber is a SHU alumni who once worked for "The Spectrum" and has since transformed his life experiences into an award-winning musical career.

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RODNEY DANGERFIELD (1921 - 2004)



AP Photo/DAMLAN DOVARGANES, CHRIS PIZZELLO (CNN)

[Above] Fan, Michael Smallridge, holds vigil over Rodney Dangerfield's star at the Hollywood Walk of Fame following the comedian's death on Oct. 5. The bug-eyed comic, whose catchphrase "I don't get no respect" made him an immediate star in clubs, television, and film, fell into a coma after undergoing heart surgery. [Below] Dangerfield is joined by his wife Joan during a May 23, 2003 interview on "Larry King Live."



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Shades of Blue

James Micheal Ashworth
Contributing Writer

My eyelids are slipping, shutting
I can't let go
My hands are moist from the possibility
I'm anxious; I can only try to not let it show
You're dreaming I am sure, You jumped in your soundless sleep
My eyes are closed but I can't fall with you on the motionless mattress
Things eating away the serenity I barely possess
My hopes and inspirations, this destination unknown
Not knowing if I'll ever break the normal vector of success
My eyelids are slipping, shutting
Can't keep my eyes open, for I know I can't prevent
Can't fall with you, however the mere possibility serves as my means of intent
Could it be that I'm falling asleep thinking of a love anew?
Someone that can't be, she's different, but she isn't You
Somehow I'm falling through now, asleep, I'm seeing shades of blue

Rhythm of my Heart

James Micheal Ashworth
Contributing Writer

I want you to hear me, my passion, my dreams, my inner voice
I've already began to fall, it seemed a good choice
Of all the things that make me meek
It has been you that has given my confidence
Now feeling less weak
As I look into those eyes of yours I feel strong
I feel it's been a lifetime, I haven't felt the newness in so long
I wish I could stop thinking about tomorrow and simultaneously about days gone by
When our cognition and hearts beat so hastily
We can't seem to just let ourselves fall
Two wild individual souls passionate for similar devices
Would just another day being near you make others lifeless?

Knit to Help Children with HIV

Lindsay Brohpy
Staff Reporter

For all students, faculty, and staff that want to help out children in shelters and children whose families have been affected by an HIV-AIDS crisis, Knit Wits is a group for you.

Knit Wits started out in September 2003, and the group makes hats, scarves, mittens, and fleece scarves for children in shelters or children, who have been affected by HIV-AIDS.

Dr. Calabrese is a professor in the English department and is also one of the first members of Knit Wits says, "this group started with three "non-knitters. By the time I was hospitalized in December 2003 our numbers had grown to 12." Faculty and staff carried on the group while Dr. Calabrese was unable to attend the meetings. "The interest was so high that we had to create a Monday and Tuesday night group."

Knit Wits continue to meet on



The Spectrum/ MARK STANCZAK
Dr. Calabrese from the English department is teaching students to knit hats and gloves for children in shelters.



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Members of Knit Wits get together in the Campus Ministry center every Monday and Tuesday.

Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center; Dr. Calabrese runs the Monday night meetings, and AbbieMarie Joseph leads the Tuesday night group.

Knit Wits crochets and knits on a "each one teach one" philosophy which allows people in the group to learn from one another. The Knit Wits group encourages anyone to come to the meetings. Knit Skills aren't required for this group.

"Sharing stories, grapes and Funny bones round out our evening," said Dr. Calabrese. "We're expanding our 'ministry' this year by adding healing shawls for women with cancer to our repertoire."

Fall season is here and winter will be coming soon. Naturally this is a time when children and their families will begin to wear hats, scarves, mittens, and shawls. The time to join is now, so get out



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Members of Knit Wits show a sample of the gifts they make for children with HIV.

there and help people. Help children and adults keep warm this fall and winter.

For any additional information about Knit Wits, students, faculty, and staff can contact Dr. Calabrese at calabresem@sacredheart.edu.

Plan Ahead to have an Awesome Halloween!

Eugene Stacey
Staff Reporter

In the past, Sacred Heart students have celebrated Halloween by going to parties, bars, haunted houses, and watching horror films. This year will be no exception. Last minute costumes such as go-go girls, cats, ghosts, hippies and devils were sighted around campus on Halloween 2003.

However, student's who plan both their costumes and destinations in advance, will wear unique Halloween attire and visit awesome scary places on all hallows eve. For those who have not yet decided on costumes or different places to go, here are a few suggestions from those students who engendered thought on the subject.

"Me, my sister, and friend went as Monica, Phoebe and Rachel from friends. We acted out a scene for the night," said Jasmine Urbas, senior from Pickering, Ontario Canada.

"I dressed up as Maeve, the Celtic queen of war and madness," said Dr. Roberta Staples, English professor. Staples also wore this costume in graduate school.

"Last year I went to the Halloween

parade in the village in NYC. The drag queen on parade was scary as all get go," said Angelica McKessy, junior from Queens, NY. She went dressed as a dark angel and this year she wants to go on the school trip to Salem, MA.

For those who are looking for something to do, The Student Events Team (SET) is planning the Salem trip for October 31. There is a combination of both history and haunted happenings in Salem.

"These trials are part of the New England, and on all hallows eve, the excitement of the witchcraft trials comes alive," said Vincent Wynne III, sophomore from Derby. Wynne is in charge of the novelty/special events committee. For more information, contact V-Wynne@sacredheart.edu.

"You think it's manikins and it's actually real people and they hop out and scare you", said Amy Deschenes, a junior of Tiverton, RI. She had visited the haunted house at Salem and captured its historical experience.

On the eve of Halloween, students are reminded to be safe, both on and off campus.

"If you're going to go out, wear something reflective. Be aware, research,

and make sure you know who is having the party," said Jack Fernandez, assistant director of public safety.

"Be safe, be sober and don't be Spiderman, because that's my costume," said Chris Telesca, senior from Queens, NY.

Top 10 reasons to visit the Library . . .

No. 3

Book cart races in the upper stacks. Sixth Monday of the month, 6:30 am sharp. Advance registration required.

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Gay / Straight Alliance Becomes "Open Hearts"

Meghan Parisi
Staff Reporter

Some might not know but here on campus we have a great new and aspiring club that all can join. Discovered on Oct. 11, 2000 (National Coming out Day), Sacred Heart's Gay/Straight Alliance which has now been renamed to Open Hearts has determination to form a club for all students regardless of their differences. The club wants to promote acceptance of individuals while still having a good time. The Open Hearts club has been formed to encourage a safe campus for everyone. Chris Williams President of Open Hearts said "The purpose is to promote a safe campus for everyone no matter what sexual orientation or gender is."

Each week the club gets together to discuss the ways that students as well as members can make campus a safer place for everyone. Also if you are interested in joining, the club takes part in a Safe Zone which helps to teach faculty and

students to be tolerant of all people. At the end of the training students have the opportunity to become a member of Open Hearts and receive a sticker to



The Spectrum/ DANYA JIMENEZ

The Gay/Straight Alliance welcomes anyone to join their meetings on wednesdays in the faculty lounge.

place on their door, this way if students ever need to discuss certain issues or problems they might be having they can go to anyone who displays the sticker

without the fear of being judge.

Williams said "Open Hearts is planning our second annual cross dressing pageant along with revamping the safe zone program. We are also planning a trip to New York City to the Halloween parade to support Sacred Heart's band." The club plans many trips and activities to stay involved and promote the acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans gendered, questioning students. Anyone can participate in the activities without being a member of Open Hearts.

If you want to get involved you can stop by the meetings. There are weekly meetings in the faculty lounge at 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. Also if you are interested in finding out more about what the club is about you can contact

Open Heart's president Chris Williams at WilliamsC@SacredHeart.edu. You can also take part in Open Heart's next Safe Zone training which is: Thursday, November 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. If you're interested in attending, you can RSVP to Denise Tiberio.

Sacred Heart's Open Hearts is a great club to take part in. Helping to make Sacred Heart's campus a safe and secure place, will help to reunite students in a way that other clubs cannot. Open Hearts leaves the door open to so many different views and ways of seeing people's lifestyles and standards of living. The club helps to bring together everyone Gay, Straight or Bisexual. Everyone is an equal in Open Hearts and can learn and grow from all the different members that take part in it. It's great to see different students come together on campus and to set examples for others to follow. So before you judge or hate against someone or something come find out about what Open Hearts is about and take part to make Sacred Heart a more diverse and accepting university.

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Female College Enrollment Increases

Diane Szmidt
Staff Reporter

Worldwide, there has been an increase in the amount of women attending college. Accordingly, over the years Sacred Heart has seen an increase in female enrollment.

According to a national report from College Week in November of 1999, "the proportion of women enrolled in higher education has increased steadily over the past 30 years. In 1969, there were 3.3 million women in colleges representing about 41 percent of the total college enrollment. By 1999, the total number of women had increased to an estimated 8.5 million, and they made up 57% of total college enrollment."

Karen Guastelle of Undergraduate Admissions has been with SHU for 15 years and has seen a slight change in the female enrollment. "More girls are applying to college statistically overall in the United States right now. Fewer men are applying to college so I think all colleges are seeing the effects of that," she said.

"The general demographic of four year institutions and Catholic institutions have higher female enrollment over male enrollment," said Larry Wielk, Dean of Students.

Michael Bozzone, Dean of Freshmen, agrees. "Lately our incoming freshman class have been about 60%/40% women to men, and that mirrors what most private colleges report," he said.

According to Dean Wielk, SHU may not see such drastic changes in the student body based on gender, partially due to the number of male varsity sports. Not to say that every male at SHU plays a sport but it does increase the male appeal. The Football team alone has a roster of 110 male students, unlike Quinnipiac University, which has never had football as part of their athletic department.

"Maybe I am color blind, sex blind, and everything else blind but on a day to

day basis I don't necessarily see a change in the atmosphere based on gender. When everyone shows up to school, I see students," said Wielk.

According to Douglas Bohn, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and University Registrar, the statistical ratio of full time students has not drastically changed. Bohn has been at SHU for 41 years. In 1998 the ratio was 62%/38% women to men, while in the year 2001 the ratio was 64%/36% women to men. The current ratio of full time students is 58.9%/41% women to men. "The numbers have been pretty stable over time," said Bohn. However, some students may see a change in the composition of the classroom atmosphere due to their selected major. In the year 2003 selected majors such as Art had a 57%/42% ratio while Psychology was 86% females. Selected majors can impact the number of female students.

The composition of the student body based on gender has caught the attention of several students. "I feel like the school has a lot more female activities or seminars, like self-defense classes, and a female speaker that was geared toward women. The atmosphere has been affected I guess, it seems to be more friendly," said Patrick Kitson (sophomore, Manhattan, NY).

Melissa Giovannello, a junior, from Smithtown, NY agrees. "Yes I definitely have noticed a change and I think it's unfair. This school has an overwhelming amount of girls. Even being a math major I have noticed the change especially my classes are overwhelmed by girls, in one of my classes there's only one guy."

Worldwide this has become a change over the years, more and more women are seeing the benefits in a college degree. "There is a quantum change if you look at today's world, in gender participation in various jobs. Women are now presidents of colleges and universities, Cabinet members, Supreme Court Justices, and just about anything else you can think of," said Bozzone.

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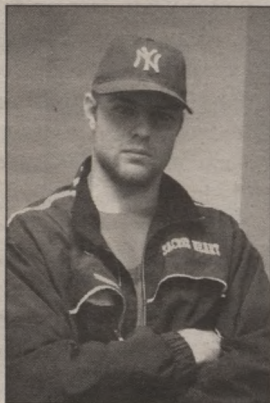
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BEYOND SHU

No Broom Necessary for ALCS and NLCS: Wild Card Teams Pushing for Upsets



Bryan Fogle
Sports Columnist

For this week's scholarly sports column I planned on writing about the rest of the professional sports teams in the Boston area, just to prove I am not completely anti-New England sports. But then I opened my eyes and realized that both the American League Championship Series and the National League Championship Series have turned into two of the best playoff rounds in the past few years.

I am not a completely naïve New York Yankee fan. I am not the kind of person who will sit here and talk about how horrible the Red Sox are... because they really aren't horrible in the slightest. I give the Red Sox an enormous amount of respect just simply due to the fact that they never give up. When the Yankees went up 3-0 in the series after the game three 19-8 destruction, I have to admit I thought that it was over and I was about to break out the broom. Then game four happened... then game five. Needless to say I have yet again put that broom way into the back of the closet and I don't foresee breaking it out until the regular season next year.

I will get all of my ranting out of the way so I can go back happily into my pro-Yankee talk. David Ortiz scares me. Not only does he scare me in the sense that he is a good 6'-4", 230 pounds, and is a generally large and intimidating figure, but he also scares me in the simple fact that whenever he comes to bat in extra innings he always has the chance to win the game with just one swing of the lumber. Now that he has prolonged the series for two games in a row now, I really don't like him. Don't get me wrong, I again respect him as a baseball player which should happen, but as a Yankee fan, seeing him come to bat with the game on the line gives me the shakes. I would rather have Manny Ramirez at bat then him.

The last two games have proven me wrong. I made mention in my "Bry Said" column two weeks ago that the Yankees bullpen was better then that of the Red Sox. After the last two games where the Sox bullpen has been utterly lights out, I am about to eat my words. Keith Foulke has been going into games in the seventh or eighth inning and just

shutting down the Yankee offense. Thus far, after appearing in four games in this series Foulke has pitched five innings, striking out four and walking the same. But he has not allowed a single run to score, whether he has put them on or he inherited them. Mariano Rivera on the other hand, who I still think is the greatest closer in major league history, has blown two consecutive save opportunities. These two blown saves have opened the door for the Red Sox to walk right in and steal away games four and five, cutting their deficit from three games to one. Since Joe Torre has taken over the helm for the Yankees, this is the first time in the post season that they have blown two consecutive save opportunities.

With the two bullpens being so overworked, the starters in game six, and well, hopefully not game seven, will have to basically pitch until their respective arms fall off. Since this column is written on a Tuesday, tonight is game six. Pitching tonight for the Yankees is John Lieber, who is 1-0 with a 1.29 ERA in this ALCS; and pitching for the Red Sox, Curt Schilling. Schilling will be pitching with an ankle injury that limited his movement in game three, which is probably why he only threw three innings allowing six earned runs for a

nice robust ERA of 18.00.

Personally, I am glad Lieber is pitching. Kevin Brown has been nothing more then a waste for the Yankees as of late. In the game three Yankees blowout, Brown allowed four runs, three of which were earned, on five hits in only two innings of work. On the positive side of that, he did only pitch two innings so his arm could be fresh if a game seven comes about and he is called on to take the ball for the Yankees.

Okay so that is enough negativity toward my Yankees for one column; back to some positives. In game three, Alex Rodriguez went 3-for-5, with three RBIs and scored FIVE times. For the series, A-Rod is hitting .304. That number is a little misrepresentative though seeing as before the game four loss he was 1-for-9. Before game four, he was batting .429 with an on-base percentage of close to .700.

Assuming the Yankees go on to win this series, my Most Valuable Player is by far Hideki Matsui. With the exception of a 1-for-7 in game four, Matsui is batting .444 in the series and has set or tied two LCS record getting five hits in game three, and five RBIs in game one. If the Red Sox should come back to win this series somehow, the obvious choice

for MVP is David Ortiz. Again, Ortiz has single handedly won in exciting fashion games four and five. Add that on to his walk-off homerun to win the division series against the Angels, and you have an equation that, in a win for the Sox, equals an MVP.

In my self-centered Yankee mind the last two games have been nothing more the Yankees giving the Red Sox a sense of false hope. It is like saying, "Let's let the Red Sox win two games up at Fenway, so we can bring it back here to the stadium and win on home turf."

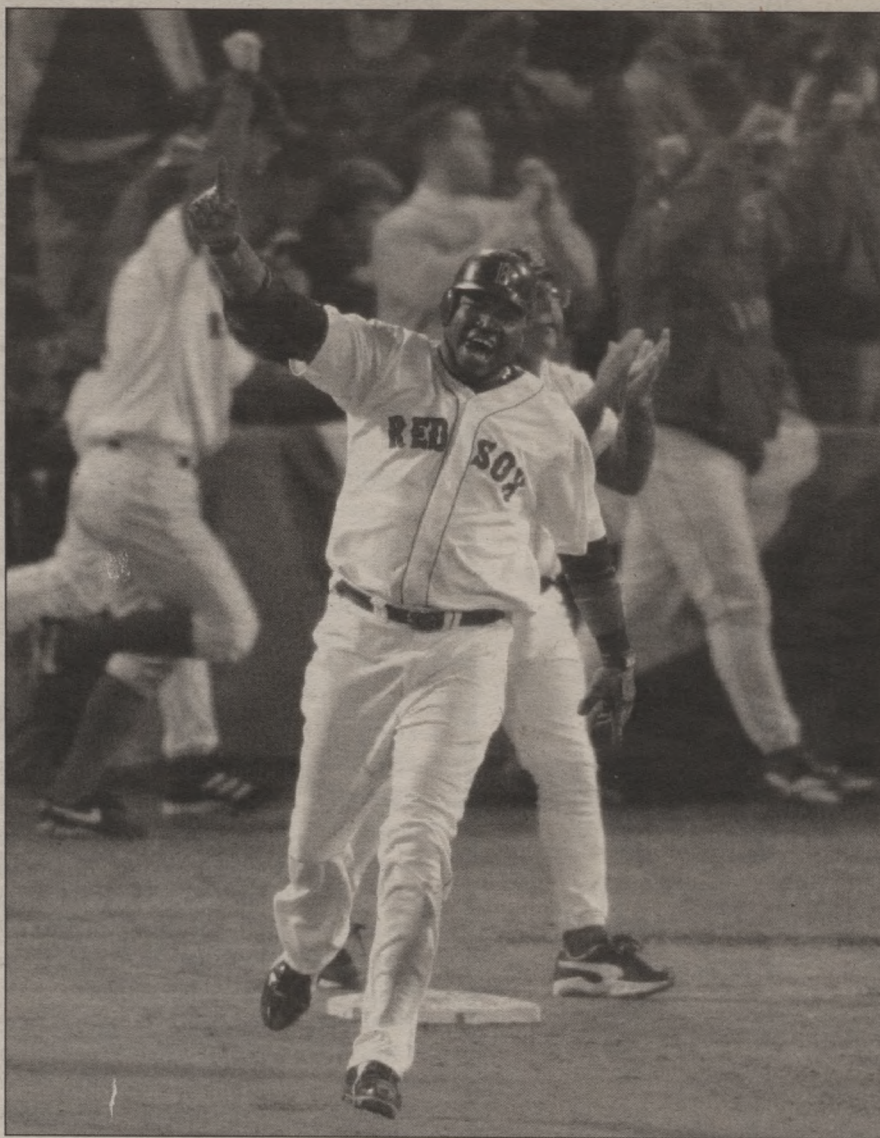
That, my readers, is how I see things. I fully see the Yankees winning this series and if this paper comes on Thursday morning and I am proven wrong, I will simply shut my mouth and no longer talk about the Yankees.

I have one thing to ask Red Sox fans... well one thing, but it has a few parts to it. Maybe Johnny Damon did end up scoring the game winning run last night on the Ortiz single, but where has he been this postseason? It really seems as if he has been letting you down as the lead-off hitter he was all season hitting over .300 and always on base causing trouble. Also, correct me if I am wrong, but wasn't your third baseman Bill Mueller the American League batting champion last season? These two players have seemed to be a let down for you Sox faithful, what has happened?

Oh yeah, by the way, the Houston Astros are leading the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 in their National League Championship Series. No matter who ends up winning that series, both teams have a great story line against the Yankees. The Cardinals and the Yankees boasted their respective league's best records this season so a World Series pitting the two of them would be a fitting end to a great season. On the flip side, should the 'Stros win, well, there you will have it; Roger Clemens pitching against the Yankees in a World Series at Yankee Stadium. I have a great feeling the Yankees boo-birds will be out in full force that night.

No matter which way you bend it, shake it, flip it around or anything, these LCS rounds have totally lived up to their billing and I hope that the World Series will be the same. I have no Stanley Cup to look forward to so I would be plenty happy seeing another Yankees championship, number 27 in their illustrious history.

Would you like to make comments on what the sports columnist said? Would you like to suggest a topic or ask a question? Feel free to send an email to N-Kelly@sacredheart.edu



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Big Papi David Ortiz has been even bigger than his name suggests in the playoffs with a .500 batting average, 13 RBIs and three game winning hits.

BEYOND SHU

NFL's Greatest Receiver Headed to Seattle

Janie McCauley
AP Sports Writer

Jerry Rice is leaving the Bay Area, where he quickly developed into the greatest receiver in NFL history with a relentless work ethic that still defines him today.

Disgruntled for weeks at a lack of playing time for the struggling Oakland Raiders, Rice got his wish Monday when they traded him to a contender: the Seattle Seahawks. The move reunites him with Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, Rice's former offensive coordinator in San Francisco.

The trade will be finalized after Rice undergoes a physical and the league gives its approval. An NFL source, speaking to The AP on the condition of anonymity, said the Raiders expected to receive a conditional seventh-round draft pick in return for Rice but the final details were still being worked out between the teams.

The Seahawks, who had not made any announcement Monday night, will owe Rice the remainder of his \$1.35 million base salary this season.

The 42-year-old Rice, in his 20th NFL season, said goodbye to his team-

mates Monday, even signing autographs for some before leaving. A trophy and his belongings remained in his locker.

"Yeah, we knew," fullback Zack Crockett, one of Rice's longtime friends, told The AP in a phone interview. "Right now, everything is so fresh. This is a real sad day. You lose a lot of close friends as well. We'll definitely miss him."

In one dramatic day, the last of the Oakland's old guard was swept away. Earlier, injured quarterback Rich Gannon announced he won't return to the field for the Raiders this season because of a broken vertebra in his neck.

Gannon acknowledged that with longtime receiver Tim Brown already gone and Rice virtually out the door — and his own football future uncertain — this could mark the end of a special era for the Silver and Black.

"You could look at it that way," Gannon said. "Obviously, when you hire a new coach there are some changes. I want to think of it as a beginning of an era."

Rice asked last week to be traded before Tuesday's deadline because he knew his role the rest of the season would continue to be minimal in new coach

Norv Turner's offense. Earlier Monday, Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said the team was looking into a possible deal.

"I would think it would give any team a boost, but really it's up to the Raiders," Holmgren said. "It's really their call."

Holmgren was Rice's offensive coordinator from 1989-91 with the 49ers, and Holmgren was San Francisco's quarterbacks coach starting in Rice's second season with the team in 1986. Seattle was a logical destination for Rice because he knows Holmgren's offense and Seahawks could use some help at receiver.

Rice wanted to play for a team that will give him a greater role, and Holmgren has agreed to provide him with a fresh start. Rice has gone without a catch in three of five games this season, including Sunday's 31-3 loss to Denver when he didn't even get a pass thrown his way. His record receptions streak ended at 274 in Week 2 against Buffalo.

Rice seemed incredibly conflicted after Sunday's game, alternately talking in the past, present and future tenses about his three-plus seasons with the Raiders. He spoke about what he could do to help turn around Oakland's 2-4 start, but also expressed his appreciation for 20 years of support from Bay Area fans.

Rice realizes the Raiders are focused on developing their young receivers: Jerry Porter, Ronald Curry, Doug Gabriel and Alvis Whitted.

But Rice still believes he can be productive.

"They know each other, and Mike was interested in Jerry before he signed with the Raiders," Rice's agent, Jim Steiner, said Monday afternoon. "He will know the offense if that's where he ends up, and he'll fit right in."

Rice is the NFL's career leader in catches and touchdowns and the only receiver ever to play after age 40. He has only five receptions for 67 yards and no touchdowns this year. Last season, he led the Raiders in catches (63) and yards receiving (869).

He claimed the Raiders never told him to expect a diminished role, and he would embrace the chance to play elsewhere because he "can't go out this way." He said earlier this year that this would be his last season, but backtracked later.

Rice left the Raiders' facility early Monday afternoon to handle family responsibilities.

"Nothing," Rice said of any developments. "My day is done. I'm going home to take care of some kids."

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Pioneer Schedule

Friday, October 22

Field Hockey	vs Quinnipiac	Fairfield, CT	4:00 PM
Women's Tennis	at ITA Champ	Philadelphia, PA	TBA

Saturday, October 23

Football	vs St. Peters	Fairfield, CT	1:00 PM
Men's Soccer	at FDU	Teaneck, NJ	1:00 PM
Men's X-Country	at CTC Champ	Center Valley, PA	11:00 AM
Women's X-Country	at CTC Champ	Center Valley, PA	11:00 AM
Women's Swimming	vs Wagner	Bridgeport, CT	1:00 PM
Women's Hockey	at Union	Schenectady, N	2:00 PM
Men's Hockey	vs AIC	Milford, CT	5:00 PM
Women's Volleyball	vs Wagner	Fairfield, CT	6:00 PM
Men's Golf	at Toski Invit	Amherst, MA	TBA
Women's Tennis	at ITA Champ	Philadelphia, PA	TBA

Sunday, October 24

Women's Soccer	at Connecticut	Storrs, CT	1:00 PM
Field Hockey	vs St Francis	Fairfield, CT	12:00 PM
Women's Hockey	at Union	Schenectady, NY	2:00 PM
Women's Volleyball	vs Fairleigh Dickinson	Fairfield, CT	3:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	at Bentley	Waltham, MA	4:00 PM
Men's Golf	at Toski Invit	Amherst, MA	TBA

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Athletes: Don't Sack the SAAC

Lissa Von Brecht
Staff Reporter

If a student-athlete at Sacred Heart has a problem then the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) is here to help.

For those unfamiliar with the SAAC, it is a campus organization consisting of two or three representative athletes from all 32-varsity teams. The committee meets to discuss issues impacting the student athletes, as well as other community service projects that the teams are involved in.

"At SAAC we talk about issues such as pre-registration for athletes, we discuss community service projects that we will do throughout Bridgeport, and we talk about how we can get the attendance up for our home games," said sophomore Pat Healy (Townson, MD), a SAAC member and a men's lacrosse team representative.

One of the big issues the committee has been dealing with for a few years has been allowing Sacred Heart athletes to register for classes first.

"We are at a major disadvantage among the NEC conference, because out of the 11 schools there are only 2 who

do not have priority in registering, us and Quinnipiac. This leads to athletes having to either miss practice because of class, not being able to take a class because they have practice, which could lead to not graduating on time or having to take a summer class, or the most important is that athletes schedule classes and miss them

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**SAAC President,
Lauren Wheeler**

because of games," said senior member of the women's swim team and also the president of the committee, Lauren Wheeler (Southboro, MA).

However, this is not the only issue

that the committee is dealing with at this juncture. The committee's most common problem in this fall season is getting the athletes to actually attend the meetings. In order for the athletes to have their problems heard and resolved, they must attend the meetings or have their representatives attend the meetings.

"The importance of attending meetings is for your team to be heard, and the issues that each team might have are brought forth to SAAC. There is also important information we talk about each meeting that without attending, your team is suffering from," said Wheeler.

In order to be a part of the committee there is really only one thing that you need in order to qualify, and that is a minimum GPA of 2.5, which is just above what you need to accomplish as a student-athlete at Sacred Heart. All student athletes are welcome to attend the meetings, however the coaches usually appoint two or three members to represent their team and then the team reps inform their team and coach about what was discussed at the meetings. It is very important that each team has to have a representative at every meeting every week or else this committee will not be able to do what they want to

accomplish.

Those who have been appointed by their coaches to be members of this committee or any athlete who wants to volunteer to be on the committee is expected to

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attend the meetings. The council meets every Wednesday night at 5:45 p.m. in the Pitt Center, either in the boardroom or the classroom downstairs, across the way from the athletic training room. The meetings only last about an hour, but it is vital that member of this council attend in order to represent their teams.

Queens of Heart Fall 29-19

Caitlin Dour
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart women's rugby team known as the Queens of Heart lost to Columbia University on Sunday by the score of 29-19 in a hard-fought match.

"The way we played today was a little iffy, we were up and down. I have some really good quality players like Chrissy Sheridan and it's people like that stepping up and scoring tries and it really helps us out, but we have a lot more work ahead of us. I've got a great bunch of girls and they try hard, but it's another step that we have to take to get to be a better side is to train harder and play harder," said coach Ian Goodnow on his team's performance against Columbia.

Although not many people know a lot about rugby it has generated a lot of interest as many colleges now having rugby teams. In simple terms, it is about 90% football and 10% soccer. If you know a lot about football, rugby will be easy to catch on to.

There are three different ways to score in rugby. Five points are given when someone scores a "try"; two points are given after someone scores a kick after getting a "try." The last way to score is when someone kicks the ball, which is a field goal. There are 15 players on each team who are either forwards or backs. When watching a rugby match, the intensity and fierce competition that the players have never seems to quit.

Even with the weather being chilly and cloudy that did not stop the women's

rugby team from doing their best.

"I think we played with heart. We played good; it just wasn't our game to win. We played together, we were going strong in the beginning and it was just luck of the draw that we lost," said sophomore Kate Schultz (Parlin, New Jersey).

The women's rugby team was good offensively as Schultz scored one try, while senior and captain Chrissy Sheridan had two of her own.

"The team always plays really hard, we're a hard working team. We have a lot of new players so it's hard for some of the girls to catch on to it at first, we play our hearts out, and we try our hardest. We played a really good game today; offensively we were on top of it, defensively sometimes we have some difficulty rucking. But all together we played a really good game," said Sheridan.

"We really have to practice, we have to get the girl's together, we really have to work as a team. The next game I think should be another really good game. It'll be competitive, Fordham is a really good team," said Sheridan looking ahead to their next game against Fordham University.

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Senior Day Shutout for Women's Soccer: Unbeaten Streak Reaches 7 Straight Games

Joe Finis
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Pioneers women's soccer team did not disappoint the fans who came to see them on "Senior Day" as they defeated the Robert Morris Colonials by the score of 4-0. The Pioneers had five seniors account for six of their seven points on Sunday afternoon.

"We came together and it was good for the seniors to come out with the win," said senior Christel Kalweit (West Barnstable, MA).

The first half saw Sacred Heart outshoot Robert Morris 10-2, with the Pioneers' defense playing as daunting and impressive as ever. The lone goal in the half belonged to Kalweit as she beat the goalie off a pass from Alyssa Long (freshman, Smithfield, RI) to put the Pioneers up 1-0.

Sacred Heart didn't let up for an instant going into the second half. It took just two minutes in the second half for them to put in another goal with the help of unmatched teamwork between Kalweit and senior Nathalie Urbas (Pickering, Ontario). Kalweit placed a beautiful pass

between the RMU defenders and right to Urbas, who gunned it into the net.

The playmaking did not end there for Kalweit. Ten minutes after her assist she scored her second goal of the game. She took the ball up and across the field,

past a swarm of defenders before using a deke to fake the goalie out of her cleats.

Still the Pioneers didn't let up for an instant, pressuring the Robert Morris defenders and out-shooting their opponents 15-2 in the second half. The

Pioneers continued to control the tempo late into the game, keeping the ball almost exclusively in their offensive zone.

Just when it seemed like the game was over senior Stephanie Shewciw (Washington Township, NJ) passed the ball to senior Ingrid Olsson (Stockholm, Sweden). Beginning with the ball from her defensive spot, Olsson was able to move all the way up the field and put it in the net for the Pioneers' fourth goal on the day.

"They've been playing well for the last couple of games," said head coach Joe Barroso. "If we play all 90 minutes consistently, we're as good as anyone else."

This win extended Sacred Heart's winning streak to five games, with an unbeaten streak of seven games.

"We have two tough games coming up and I think it's a great pick-me-up for the whole team to be going in on five [straight] wins," said senior Ashleigh Bepko (Guilford).

The Pioneers will be on the road for their last two games of the regular season. They will face the University of Connecticut, and Farleigh Dickinson before their run in the playoffs. Their next game will be played in Storrs on Sunday Oct. 24 at 1 p.m.



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Christel Kalweit was named NEC Women's Soccer Player of the Week, but the whole team has contributed to the Pioneers' success as they have won 5 straight.

Men's Ice Hockey Team Hungry: Ready to Improve On Last Year's Success

Al Ruggiero
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Pioneers men's hockey team is looking forward to a productive 2004-2005 season and will aim to improve upon their 14-17-5 record from last year.

"We've got a good group of guys this year, who are hungry and motivated to win," said head coach Shaun Hannah, who is looking forward to his ninth season behind the bench as the Pioneers' head coach.

Last year the Pioneers had a relatively young team that looked toward the younger players for most of their success and this year will be no different. The team has added five freshmen to their roster, consisting of three forwards and two defensemen. The five freshmen may not play a huge role right away for

the Pioneers, but with time and experience they will be big contributors.

Still it will be the seven seniors that lead the way for the Pioneers, especially from captains Noel Henck (Long Beach, NY), Garrett Larson (Rycroft, AB), and Kevin LaPointe (Quebec City, QC).

"I am very excited and confident in our abilities for this upcoming season. Each year, the shot at winning the conference title has become more realistic with last season brining us within a few goals," said Henck, who is coming off a strong season where he had 11 points (one goal and ten assists) as a defenseman.

Larson had 29 points at forward in the 2003-04 season, with 19 goals and ten assists.

The goalie situation for the Pioneers is very strong. Returning as the Pioneers go to guy in net is senior captain Kevin LaPointe. LaPointe was brilliant in goal

last year for the Pioneers with a 2.92 goals against average and 870 saves.

"Kevin is going to have to stand on his head for us this year. He is the backbone of our defense," said Henck.

Although LaPointe will get most of the starts he will have share some time with sophomore Jason Smith (St. Lambert, QC). Smith is an excellent back up to LaPointe, and was recently drafted by the New Jersey Devils in round six of the NHL draft.

"LaPointe is our go to guy this year, but Jason Smith is strong in net, and once he develops and gets some experience he will get more time in net," said Hannah.

Last year the Pioneers made to the final game of the Atlantic conference tournament and almost advanced to the national tournament, but were beaten by Holy Cross. The Pioneers started out very slowly, and eventually picked

up the pace. They lost their first seven games, but eventually got things together to make the tournament. This year the Pioneers are looking to start off strong and keep it that way throughout the whole season.

"Our main focus right now is playing consistent hockey. Last year we had a very slow start, and the team didn't really come together until half way through the season. I think in order for us to be successful we need to come together as a team quicker. If we do that we will have a much better chance at achieving our goals," said Hannah.

The Pioneers have already completed two games in this young 2004-2005 season, losing to the University of Vermont 6-0, and defeating Army 4-1. The Pioneers next game is on Saturday, Oct. 24 in Milford against American International at 5 p.m.