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## Remembering Dr. Babu George

**Cortney Barbato**  
Staff Reporter

On March 10 at 3:55 p.m. the Sacred Heart University community was informed of the passing of Dr. Babu George, as a result of a rare genetic liver disease called cryptogenic cirrhosis.

Dr. George, head of the Chemistry Department, originally came from Kerala, India. He received his BSc and MSc from the University of Kerala from 1965-1967. He then worked his way over to the United States where he received his MS from Niagara University in 1972, and his Ph.D. from University of New Mexico in 1976.

"He was a great colleague of the Chemistry Department, and a great chair of the Science

and Math Area," said Professor Dhia Habboush, Chemistry Department.

Dr. George came to SHU in 1979 and was going to be honored with the 25 Year Service Award for his dedication to the University. His wife Sosama, who is an MD at St. Rafael Hospital in New Haven, and his daughter Vimela planned to accept the reward at the Founder's Day Service Appreciation Awards. His daughter graduated from SHU in 2001 with a Biology degree, and also held the position of President of Student Senate. She is now in law school at the University of Connecticut.

"Dr. George has had an amazing impact on this school; his influence will live on forever. He loved his students, did absolutely anything he could for us, and was incredibly proud of us.

We will all miss him but we were very lucky to have known him for the time that we did," said Katie Haskell, a senior from Dighton MA.

Dr. George was Chair of the Chemistry Department from 1980-1988, Chair of the Science and Math Area from 1988-1997, then back to the Chair of the Chemistry Department from 1998-2003.

Over the many years he spent at SHU, he has received more than 25 awards for his work in chemistry. He has shared his knowledge at not only the University, but at a county, state, and national level as well. George was a big contributor to the National Chemical Society.

He also worked with high school teachers with a program called Project Seek in 2000. This involved children from grades second through ninth to come to Sacred Heart and be educated in chemistry. Some other programs he was involved in were Smart Net, a Math and Science Outreach Program, the American Chemical Society Club, and the ACS Outreach.

Not only did Dr. George specialize in organic chemistry and spend time educating his students about different forms of chemistry, he also spent five years as President of the University Faculty Senate from 1998-2003.

"Dr. George was a dedicat-



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**Dr. George doing what he loved to do, teaching students.**

ed member of the department of chemistry and worked hard to build up that program during his 25 years at Sacred Heart University," commented Dr. Anthony Cerna, Sacred Heart University President.

"He was an untiring worker and committed to the well being of his students. He was active with the American Chemical Society and many local educational organizations. He was an active member of his church and was devoted to his family."

The wake for Dr. George

was held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, at Abriola's on White Plains Road in Trumbull. The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, at St. Theresa's Church in Trumbull. There is a scholarship fund set up in Dr. George's name. Donations can be made out to:

The Babu George Chemistry Scholarship Fund  
c/o The Chemistry Department  
Sacred Heart University  
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**Dr. George with his fellow faculty members of the Chemistry department.**

### SHU REACTS

## Same-Sex Marriage Debate

**Michelle Bassi**  
Staff Reporter

Controversy over same-sex marriages has sky-rocketed since the Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts proposed that a civil unions bill for gay couples would create "an unconstitutional, inferior, and discriminatory status for same-sex couples."

The new right for homosexuals to be legally married could possibly be banned if the constitution of the state is amended. According to Common Dreams Newscenter, President Bush called on Congress to do just that: "to promptly pass

and to send to the states for ratification" an amendment to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

"I will work with congressional leaders and others to do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage. If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America," the president said, quoted from The Boston Globe News.

Father Andrew J. Garavel, S.J., of Campus Ministry, thought that the best way to present the Church's teachings on homosexuality and on marriage would be from the relevant passages from The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

A few of the passages state, "Basing

itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered. Sexuality is ordered to the conjugal love of man and woman. In marriage the physical intimacy of the spouses becomes a sign and pledge of spiritual communion. Marriage bonds between baptized persons are sanctified by the sacrament."

Sacred Heart University, as a Catholic institution, has a certain viewpoint; however some groups on campus think differently.

"As a student attending a Catholic university, one must take in to account the religious aspect behind the idea of marriage. This has been something many states have considered in creating 'civil

unions' for allowing gays and lesbians to let others know of the commitment they have for one another. It is my opinion that the US Government should not take this amendment any further in the legal process," said Co-president of the Gay straight alliance, Jessica Fortin, a junior from Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

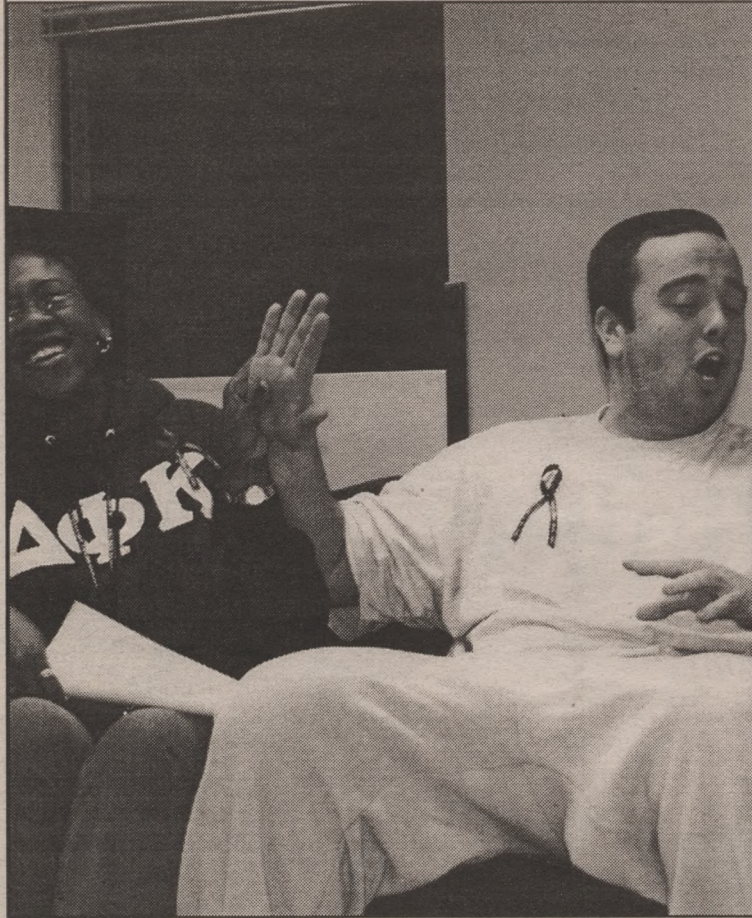
President of College Democrats, Carrin David, from Teaneck, NJ said, "I think making a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriages is not only ridiculous it is against the basic principle we stand for as Americans, freedom."

On the other hand, President of SHU's College Republicans, Heather Schroder

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## Let's Talk About Sex



The Spectrum/ MEL KNIGHT

The Sisters of Delta Phi Kappa sponsored event called "The Missing Link," on Monday, March 15 at 10 p.m. in the West Hall Great Room. With over thirty students in attendance, the Sisters encouraged an in-depth discussion about the "missing links" in a relationship. Topics of concern ranged from miscommunication, trust, sexual stereotypes, and domestic violence.

## Idea of Same-Sex Marriage Sparks Discussion at SHU

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President Bush's amendment and I don't think our school should advocate gay marriage being that it is a Catholic institution and we should abide by Catholic principals."

"The government was put in place to guard and protect its citizen's rights. The question of sexual orientation does not deter someone from being an American citizen. Therefore, the United States government should be protecting the rights of its citizens not trying to deal out its opinions on a jaded society," said Fortin.

Sacred Heart University's Republicans and Democrats share the same viewpoints of those throughout America. The diverse viewpoints of students

and others in the University echo the different opinions that can be found throughout the United States. A few more Sacred Heart students share their reactions to the debate.

"I think that if you love someone and want to marry them, then it doesn't matter if they are the same sex. They deserve the same rights as every other person and the same benefits of marriage as anyone else," said Amie Leboeuf, a junior from Tewksbury MA.

"I can really care less whether gay people can get married or not. If they can't oh well that is the law, live with it. If they can, oh well it is the law live with it. [Previously] a marriage has been and should be between a man and a woman, but if that were to change it wouldn't change that

much in this constantly changing world we live in already," said Greg Cappello, a junior from Oyster Bay, NY.

"I don't agree with the amendment. People should do what makes them happy. If they want to marry the same sex, then go ahead, they are not hurting anyone," said Anthony Barghout, a SHU Alumni from Bedford, NY.

"I think that marriage is sacred and should only be reserved for a man and a woman," said Heather Fogarty, a sophomore from West Islip, NY.

The controversy is strongly being debated with a wide variety of universal opinions and Sacred Heart University, along with the rest of America, will have to wait to see what happens.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### News From Campus Ministry:

*Stations of the Cross every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the University Chapel Prayer Opportunities*

*Centering Prayer- Tuesday, March 30 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the University Chapel*

*Lent 101 (rediscover Lent)-Monday, March 22-*

*8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Campus Ministry Lounge*

*"Got Sin"- Tuesday, March 30 - 8:00 p.m. -*

*South Hall - Rm 625*

*Communal Penance Service- Wednesday, March 31 -*

*2:00 3:00 p.m. - in the University Commons or by*

*appointment X7840*

*April Holocaust Remembrance Service, Thursday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Commons.*

### Movie Discussion:

*Discussion of the movie "The Passion Of The Christ" by Mel Gibson will be held on Monday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.*

### Student Government Announcement:

*Election packets are now available in the Student Government office located in Hawley Lounge. Anyone interested in running for office should return a completed packet by Mar. 22.*

*S0 235, Criminology, will be offered at the Valley Campus during the May 24 - July 15 summer session. The class will be taught by Mr. John Andrulatis. This information was mistakenly absent from the course catalog.*

*The Final Four Awards - take a moment to nominate an outstanding SHU staff member, faculty member, administrator, or graduate assistant that has made an impact on your life. Nominations forms are available in the Student Government Office. The winners in each category will be honored at this year's Campus Life Leadership Awards on 4/29.*

*Linda McMahon, CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment, will speak on March 24 at 6 p.m. in the Mahogany Room. The event is part of the "Women Leaders in Business Series" presented by the College of Business, Institutional Advancement, and Fleet Bank.*

*Take some time to nominate your peers for Outstanding Student Leadership Awards! Winners will be announced at the Campus Life Leadership Awards. Nomination forms are available online at <http://studentlife.sacredheart.edu/leadershipawards/> or in the Student Life Office in Hawley Lounge.*

*If you would like to have your event or meeting listed in the Spectrum, please contact News Editor Mark Stanczak via email ([m-stanczak@sacredheart.edu](mailto:m-stanczak@sacredheart.edu)).*

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Thurs., March 11, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Lowenstein Building, South Lounge, 113 West 60th Street  
Sat., March 27, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Tarrytown Campus

North Hall Basement, Neperan Road  
Mon., March 22, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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# Relate to Your Goddess

## SHU Celebrates Women's History Month

**Lori Coupe**  
Staff Reporter

"What would a 21st Century young woman want to know?" These were the opening words of Dr. Shirley Pavone, professor of psychology, as she stood comfortably at the podium for the opening ceremonies of Women's History Month on March 3. Sponsored by Delta Phi Kappa, Women's History Month has been observed at Sacred Heart since 1995.

Dr. Pavone said that a 21st Century young woman is pondering her choice in major, what awaits her upon graduation and the inequality she will face in the job market, based on women still being paid a smaller percentage than their male counterparts in the same position.

"Women have to appreciate coming together, celebrating who we are, and who we are becoming," said Dr. Pavone.

The sisters of Delta Phi

Kappa have been spreading this message since 1995. The cause they embrace is women's empowerment and celebrating women's history month is one way they bring their cause to campus.

The sorority has been planning events for the month of March for over a month. In addition to Dr. Pavone's address, the opening ceremonies included readings by Jeanne Sampson and Kivette Parkes, sisters of Delta Phi Kappa, and Brandon Graham who read "Experiencing Womanhood" from his book, "A Love Supreme." Noelle D'Agostino, from Campus Ministry delivered the opening prayer.

The mid-afternoon audience attentively listened to Dr. Pavone and the other speakers. The mostly female listeners were each told to identify with a goddess and draw strengths from within and from fellow sisters as the goddesses of Mount Olympus did. Stemming her speech from

the ideas Jean Shinoda Bolen presents in her book, "Goddesses in Every Woman and Gods in Every Man," Dr. Pavone discussed the importance of being

Kingston, Jamaica, received a mixed reaction of mainly disgust and some approval from a few male attendees, when she read from a 1950's home economics

scheduled throughout the month and a floor pounding step dance performance by the hosting sorority's sisters.

After its great success last year, they will be bringing back "Pamper Yourself" at 8:00 tonight. Students can receive facials and massages in the faculty lounge.

On March 22 students are invited to bring excerpts from their favorite books promoting womanhood for a book discussion at 4:30 pm in the West Hall Great Room. Delta Phi Kappa will be holding an overnight vigil from 12-6 am on March 21. Sponsored by local businesses, the money will be donated to Bethel's Recovery Center, a homeless women's shelter in Bridgeport.

Additional events will be announced via e-mail and are posted in Flik. The sorority will also be registering students to vote by their banner in Flik and at each of the month's events.

*"Women have to appreciate coming together, celebrating who we are, and who we are becoming"*  
**Dr. Shirley Pavone**  
**Psychology Department**

strong and vulnerable while having someone to lean on in either state.

"It is time we appreciate our sisters' strengths and compliment them," said Dr. Pavone. "It is time we appreciate these characteristics within ourselves."

Parkes, a senior from

his arrival.

"Now we laugh at it but women are still treated as second-hand citizens," said Parkes. "The gap is still there with a 9% difference in salaries in some jobs."

The opening ceremonies concluded with a listing of events

## Outside the SHUbox

Compiled by Danya Jimenez

*This week celebrate St. Patrick's day at the different events around our town. Here you will find a listing with a series of events from local bands to karaoke nights in different venues in the Fairfield/Bridgeport Area. This week support Joe Belezny from our registrar who will be playing tomorrow night.*

### Venues:

**Acoustic Café**  
2926 Fairfield Ave.  
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**Bear and Grill Café**  
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Bridgeport, CT  
336-3990

**Las Vegas Lounge**  
1462 Post Rd.  
Fairfield, CT  
258-1958

**Seagrape**  
1144 Reef Rd.  
Fairfield, CT  
254-2669

**Friday, Mar. 19:**  
**Joe Belazny**  
@ Las Vegas Lounge  
8:30 p.m.  
\$10

**Saturday, Mar. 20:**  
**Galacticose**  
@ Acoustic Cafe 4 p.m.  
\$8  
**Anne Marie Menta**  
@ Acoustic Cafe  
8 p.m.  
\$10

**Shamroques Annual Dance Party**  
@ Black Rock Art Center  
7:30 p.m. \$9

**Sunday, Mar. 21**  
**Fredy Johnston**  
@ Acoustic Cafe  
5 p.m.  
\$15

**Tuesday, Mar. 22:**  
**Open Mic night**  
@ Acoustic Cafe  
8p.m.  
\$3 or Free w/college ID

**Wednesday, Mar. 23:**  
**Open Jam session**  
@ Acoustic Cafe  
9:30p.m.  
\$3 or Free w/college ID

**Karaoke with Bill Richards**  
@ Seagrape 9p.m.



The Spectrum/ ROBERT TRENSKE

The SHU Pioneer Band performing on campus field.



# Celtic Club Emerges on Campus

**Cristina Baptista**  
Staff Reporter

Dedicated to celebrating Irish history, culture and language, the Celtic Club is one of Sacred Heart's newest organizations. Although beginning mid-semester, activities are already in planning so that club members will get the most out of their experience the remainder of the school year.

According to its proposal, the Celtic Club promises to be an exploration of Irish literature, religion, theater and cinema, and both traditional and contemporary music. Possible future activities include a visit to the Irish Repertoire Theatre in New York City, step dance demonstrations and performances by local Irish musicians.

Sophomores, Kristen Kiernan of Pearl River, NY, and Aisling Clancy of Queens, NY, are co-founders of the Celtic Club.

"My freshman advisor mentioned that there had once been an Irish club at the university, but that it had fallen apart. I wanted to become more involved in the university so I decided to start a Celtic Club because I had been involved in one in high school

and I enjoyed it," says Clancy.

"We hope to broaden the views of those who are interested in the Gaelic culture and expand on the ideas of those who have an Irish background," adds Kiernan.

The Celtic Club "is a good way to get in touch with Irish heritage," says club member Beth McFadden, a sophomore from Auogue, NY.

"So much of SHU's population has some sort of Irish heritage," says sophomore Lisa Beaucar of Bristol. She adds that the club will help give students "a better understanding of Irish history and traditions."

Kiernan says she was involved in a "Celtic Creativity class" in high school, and "I had a lot of fun." She says this past experience influenced her in making a decision to continue this celebration of Irish culture by creating a similar club at Sacred Heart.

"[The Celtic Club] will be a good way to meet new people of similar heritage," says Kelly Walsh, a freshman from Holland, PA who is also of Irish descent.

"I think that sharing [the] Irish heritage is so important," adds sophomore Kathleen O'Neill of Milford.

In the club's proposal, Clancy and Kiernan state their hopes that

the club will "help enrich the lives of members of the student body who not only claim Irish heritage, but also those who are interested in [the] history and the life of Irish Americans."

"A lot of people have a stereotype of Irish people," Kiernan says, adding that Irish culture is not "all [about] bagpipe music...I come from a really Irish town...I know that [Irish heritage] is more than just parties."

*"I hope to learn about Irish step dancing, traditional Irish music, and other customs that make the Gaelic culture unique"*

*Michael Correia*

"I'm looking forward to having active meetings, such as bagpipers and Irish dancers that will keep the group enthusias-

tic...Discussions may become tedious, so a constant change of pace with the various activities we have planned is exciting," she says.

"I hope to learn about Irish step dancing, traditional Irish music, and other customs that make the Gaelic culture unique," says sophomore Michael Correia of Fair Lawn, NJ.

Dr. Walter Brooks of the Religious Studies department is the Celtic Club's faculty advisor. Brooks also heads Sacred Heart's study abroad program in Dingle, Ireland.

Brooks "knows speakers" and contacts in Connecticut," says Clancy, adding that Kiernan and herself, as New Yorkers, do not know

many local Irish groups or people who could have potential involvement with the Celtic Club.

"Dr. Brooks wants to use this

club to really promote the study abroad program [in Dingle]," Kiernan says. Brooks would also like it if each of the club members studied in Dingle for a semester before he or she graduates from the university, she adds.

Freshman Rachel Brophy of Dalton, MA was partially driven to join the Celtic Club because of "a desire to go to Ireland," she says.

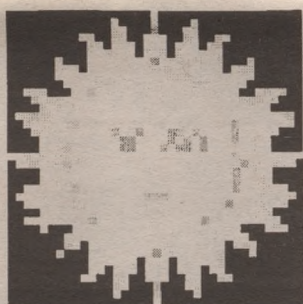
Brophy, who is of Irish heritage, also looks forward to "learning the [Gaelic] language" through participation in the club.

Elizabeth Coyne, a junior from Stony Point, NY, hopes to gain a "better knowledge and the ability to share my heritage with others" from her involvement.

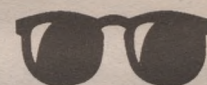
"Hopefully [the Celtic Club] will encourage more confidence in people with Irish background and allow those without Irish background to have a newfound respect for the Irish community," says Clancy.

Both students of Irish heritage and those who are simply interested in Celtic culture are "failte" (Gaelic for "welcome") to join the club.

Celtic Club meetings are held each Monday at 10:10 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. The next meeting will be on March 22.



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## A Mole Day Celebration With Dr. George



Courtesy of Dr. Linda Farber

Dr. George with SHU students celebrating a previous year's Mole Day.

## Students and Faculty Hit The Ice

**Danielle Bachini**  
Staff Reporter

Tuesday, March 2, 2004 marked the second annual Student/Faculty Hockey game at Milford Ice Pavilion. The game followed the Men's Varsity ice hockey game against Quinnipiac.

Last year the faculty defeated the students 6-5, so the student team was seeking revenge. In this year's match up, the students were victorious, beating the faculty 7-6.

The idea for the game began last year and came from Justin Gage, a sophomore from South Burlington, VT. At the time he was president of the freshman class, which sponsored last year's event.

"My original goal last year was to bring an event where students had the chance to interact with faculty and staff members in an atmosphere outside of the classroom/university setting," said Gage.

As this year's VP for SET, Gage decided to continue the tradition.

The game gives students and faculty that enjoy hockey a chance to play in a fun atmosphere.

"I love to play hockey and don't get the chance to play that often anymore. It's fun to play with other faculty and staff against the students," said Mark Adzigian, Director of Athletic Marketing and Development.

"I decided to play this year because I've played hockey in the past and it looked like fun. We lost last year, so we needed revenge," said Jay Prevelige, a senior from Royal Palm Beach, FL.

The student team was

coached by Ray Mencio and Todd Dixon, both juniors.

"I wanted to be a part the game but I didn't sign up in time and didn't have my hockey stuff here, so I decided to coach since I have good knowledge of the game. Ray and I felt that with our leadership and coaching it could be a little more organized," said Todd Dixon of Levittown, NY.

"I was very pleased with the turnout of the teams. The faculty team could have used a few more but everyone that played had a great time. There was a pretty good turnout as far as the audience goes as well," said Gage.

The only complaint about the game was the lack of ice time that is allowed for the event. According to Tom Wuestkamp, Director of Student Activities, nothing can be done about this.

"We can't make it a structured event because we only have anywhere from an hour and an hour and a half to just get together, have fun, and play some pick up hockey," said Wuestkamp.

Because of the success of the game both last year and this year it is something that both students and faculty would like to see continued in the future.

"I hope it becomes an annual tradition, now that we have two consecutive years under our belt. I look forward to the game and hope that it will continue to grow and get more students out to watch not only our varsity hockey team, but also this post-game exhibition game," said Adzigian.

"I definitely plan on doing this again next year and hopefully we can continue to have this game so that someday, it's an event that becomes a tradition and everyone looks forward to every year!" said Gage.

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## Clothing Designed With The Messy In Mind

Is This For Real?  
Kerry Freel

Are you sick of buying white shirts frequently because they are constantly picking up stains of some sort? Do you dread dates at Italian restaurants because tomato sauce is so tricky to wash out of clothing when it splatters? Do you hate drying your hands with those dryers in the restroom because some of the water drips onto your pants in the process? Are you a professor or student who always manages to spill a little coffee on yourself at some point during the hustle and bustle of the morning commute?

Well I have good news: clothing designers have created pants and other stain-resistant attire!

Of course raincoats and ponchos have been around for a long time, and they do resist (some) water, but they often leave the unsuspecting wearer looking like a fashion catastrophe. What these new clothes manage to do is combine comfort and practicality through the magic of "micro-blending."

For example, I was shopping at Kohl's over spring break (hey, I didn't get to hop on a plane to Florida, a girl's got to have SOME fun!) and a pair of petite pants by Dockers caught my eye.

Upon trying on the pants, buying them, and clipping off the tags at home, I read the little tags hanging off the pants, thinking I'd figure out the washing instructions. But what I discovered was even more informative, I'd stumbled upon a slob's dream come true- stain-proof pants!

One of the little tags read as follows, "This soft, comfortable fabric is treated with DuPont Teflon fabric protector. This innovative treatment minimizes staining by repelling many spills. Semi-liquid and liquid spills will bead up on the surface of the fabric and should be blotted off

and machine washed to remove residual spots."

"Teflon? Why would they put something used in cooking pots in pants?" you may be wondering. Well, Teflon IS an ingredient that gives pots the ability to have a non-stick surface. So now your eggs won't stick to your Teflon pan and stains won't stick to your pants!

I was really in the market for capris because I was hoping the warmer weather was headed my way, but these pants were so soft and on sale, so it was really a serendipitous situation!

After gushing over my new purchases, I decided to do a little online research about this new blend of fabric and see what other brands made stain-resistant clothing and what stores sold these items. This was actually a really interesting investigation on something I never really found that interesting before (pants).

Teflon-blended clothing is not the only new wave of clothing technology. I stumbled upon a website of the company Unique Design which designs clothing for those who love the outdoors and are conscious of the dangerous effects too much sun can have.

Their clothing uses a fabric called "Solar\*Veil" which reflects 80 % of UVA and UVB radiation, giving it a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 35, according to the company's website. This company's clothing is not only UVA/UVB resistant but stain-resistant as well and claims to leave the wearer "cool"

and "comfortable."

Another outdoor conscious company that designs clothing, Skin Savers, pitches its clothing to be multipurpose, and it certainly includes many purposes for its clothing besides making a fashion statement. Although the prices may be steep (\$55 for a man's long-sleeved polo shirt!), Skin Saves claims their machine washable clothing provides "sun protection, [is] wind-resistant, stain and water resistant" and also mosquito repellent (mosquitoes cannot penetrate through the material!).

The Land's End website has many stain-resistant pant and shirt options, as well as wrinkle-resistant pants and shirts. Clothing from Land's End can be ordered from their website or found in Sear's clothing stores.

I researched many stores online and found four brands of clothes in mall-accessible

stores, Dockers (clothing brand is available in Kohl's, Macy's, JC Penny's and Filene's department stores and on-line at these company's websites), St. John's Bay (clothing brand is available at Kohl's and JC Penny's department stores and at jcpenny.com), Land's End (available in Sear's clothing stores and at landsend.com) and The Gap (available in stores and at gap.com).

At Kohl's when I went over spring break, because of the sale days and then an additional coupon, I only paid about \$18 for my stain-resistant Teflon blended pants, so just keep in mind that prices will vary due to sales and seasons.

I just thought other students, teachers, and staff might be interested in this new trend in fashion so I looked into it and sent my findings to our wonderful graphics Spectrum intern, Amanda Bettis, who created this

nice graph (see below) to make everything clear.

The graph only applies to Dockers, Land's End, and The Gap because no pricing information pertaining to St. John's Bay stain-resistant clothing could be found during my research. St. John's Bay stain-resistant clothing is not available to purchase through the websites researched. The websites mentioned above about sun protective clothing did not have as wide of an array of styles (pants and shorts and capris) as the department store's websites did.

How great does the future look for college students? We can party and date without ever looking wrinkled or stained, even on days we don't feel like a million bucks.

So now customers can shop until they drop, and not worry if anything drops on the new purchases.



The Spectrum/ Amanda Bettis

## Greek Olympics Update

We wanted to make an addition to "Greeks Lead the CT Special Olympics" article in the March 4th edition. We appreciated everyone who came to volunteer for the Olympics and were glad you all took away something valuable from the weekend. In addition to Greeks, there were also several girls who dedicated their entire weekend to volunteering with us that were not Greek. These girls were Liza Gennari, Inara Coleman, Sara Cwirka, Ashley Seiger, Tania Rios, and Lauren Kwolek. We just wanted to recognize these individuals because they were also a huge part of both our and the athlete's weekend.

-Contributed by The Sisters of Zeta Iota Lambda

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# Executive Voices

## Pre-Law Club *Eric Silvia*

The Pre-Law Club was founded last Spring by Eric Silvia in conjunction with the History and Political Science Department. Its mission is to serve the academic, professional and social needs of students interested in making a career of the law.

With no organized Pre-Law Concentration at the University, the Club provides students with several benefits and enhances their preparation for law school and beyond. Topics that are discussed include how to prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), choosing the best law school, the application process, and financing law school.

Many students feel that one can only become a lawyer with a law degree, and the Club hopes to show that there are many options available to a law school graduate.

Also, each week a current and controversial legal issue is posted on the Club's Blackboard site and allows members to debate the issue thus strengthening their critical thinking and debating skills.

Last semester, Karen Demeola, Dean of Admissions at UCONN Law School visited with the Pre-Law Club and discussed how best to prepare for law school and the admission process. Also, the Club traveled to the Law School Admissions Council's Law School Forum in Boston.

Over 124 law schools from

across the country were present and allowed for interested students to speak directly with law school admission counselors and take part in several seminars dealing with how best to prepare for law school.

This semester, the Club anticipates visiting UCONN Law School; touring the campus and sitting in on a law class. In April, the Club hopes to hold a legal forum in which several Sacred Heart alumni who have careers in the legal field (lawyer, judge, etc.) will speak to the University about the options one has with a law degree and the various laws one can study.

Also, the Club is currently making plans to bring two first-year law school students to the University to speak of their experiences thus far, and offer their wisdom of how best to prepare for the transition to law school and what can be expected.

The Pre-Law Club is open to any student who is interested in the field of law or may one day attend law school.

One needs not be a specific major or minor, as the Club represents several major areas. The Pre-Law Club meets every Monday at 9 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. If you would like more information about the Pre-Law Club, please e-mail Club President, Eric Silvia,

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-Contributed by Eric Silvia,

Pre-Law Club President

## UMOJA

## *Kivette Parkes*

UMOJA is a club that was established at Sacred Heart in 1998. The founding members saw a need for a diverse group that could openly address issues pertaining specifically to African American culture in order to increase diversity on campus both racially and intellectually.

The founders of UMOJA established the club with a background rooted in the faith of Christianity; therefore, prayer is important in beginning all meetings. The goal of UMOJA is to educate the campus about African American culture and embrace the surrounding communities through volunteer activities in the hope of increasing awareness in both the SHU community and the surrounding areas.

UMOJA, the name of the organization is always written in caps to distinguish it from the Swahili word, "umoja," which means unity and is the origin of the name of the club. UMOJA has a plethora of accomplishments of which it is very proud, both measurable and immeasurable. UMOJA prides itself in creating a warm family atmosphere so students can feel a sense of belonging and family.

There are numerous benefits of being a member of UMOJA. Some of these include the freedom to express your opinion on a wide variety of matters discussed during our open forums, which are a regular sub-section of the general meetings.

Topics range from the SHU curriculum, to relationships and sexuality. The members of UMOJA are diverse and represent many different countries and states; therefore it is always beneficial to have these discussion forums because students are exposed to different cultures and points of views, which invariably expand their understanding, and view of the world.

UMOJA recently won a community service award and was recognized by the Bridgeport community, for organizing the Meal Swap program with the help of FLIK and Phyllis Machledt for Thanksgiving that raised over \$3000.00 and provided meals for over 140 families and food for three pantries around Bridgeport.

More recently, UMOJA launched a tutoring program at the Pentecostal Church of Prayer and Deliverance, in Bridgeport. The program will run on Saturdays from 3-5p.m and UMOJA members will help children with reading, mathematics as well as any other problematic areas on an individual basis. This is the new-

est community service venture and everyone is welcome to participate (you do not have to be a part of UMOJA).

As many may have noticed, UMOJA plays a vital role during Black History Month and is primarily responsible for the programming during the month. This past Black History Month, UMOJA organized programs like, the opening ceremonies, soul food in FLIK, BHM Discussion, BHM Jeopardy, Stomp for Christ Gospel Fest and Guest Speaker Shoshanna Johnson.

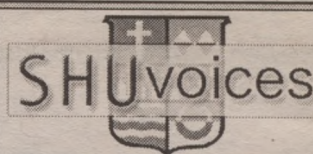
Students can also look forward to great programming for the rest of the semester, which include a Caribbean Style reggae party in April, and a trip to the world famous Apollo Theater! One of the major obstacles the UMOJA faces on this campus is the belief that the club is only meant for students of African American descent so many students never take the opportunity to get involved.

The truth is, UMOJA does attract more students of African American descent and more commuters than any other organization because of its mission; however, the membership is as diverse as the colors of the rainbow. A very large percentage of the UMOJA members, past and present are actually not of African American descent, however, they embrace the opportunity to learn about another culture and teach others so they can grow as individuals.

UMOJA is currently one of the fastest growing and most vital organizations on campus. The members believe in balancing work and pleasure, therefore, while they do work on important projects and try to send a powerful message, they always take time to have fun by going out together, visiting neighboring campuses like Fairfield University and the University of Bridgeport, having pot luck dinners or just watching movies and telling jokes.

UMOJA represents a rare, precious oasis on a campus such as ours, and the invitation is open for anyone who wants to get involved in campus life, just as long as they are willing to meet new people, and make a valuable contribution to the community while having tons of fun! UMOJA meetings are Wednesdays [at] 7:45 [p.m.] in the Faculty Lounge...Feel free to stop in, new members and guests are always welcomed!

- Contributed by Kivette Parkes, UMOJA President



Compiled by  
Suzanne McHale & Robert Trenske

### *What did you do on Spring Break?*



*"I relaxed at home, had an awesome party, and reminded my parents why it was a smart decision that I went away to school."*

Jessica Hommel  
Senior  
Nyack, NY



*"I went to Argentina and had a great time with my girlfriend and my mom."*

Federico Arias  
Junior  
Buenos Aires, Argentina



*"I went to South Carolina with the crew team for training."*

Christina DiMaria  
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## Sisters of Zeta Take the Penguin Plunge

Diana Smith  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday March 6, most students had already begun their spring break, but not the sisters of Zeta Iota Lambda, who took on an interesting adventure. The sisters participated in the Penguin Plunge 2004 at Compo Beach in Westport.

For the past few weeks the sisters of Zeta raised money for the Connecticut Special Olympics in return for a promise that the sister who raised the most money would run into the wintry Long Island Sound. Representatives of Zeta sat outside FLIK with a cup for each sister. Regina Dempsey, senior from Pearl River, NY, was the sister who raised the most money.

"I got the most money. Everyone wants me to do it and I cannot let them down," said Dempsey.

She planned on going as far in the water as she possibly could. "I am really excited about taking the plunge," she continued.

The Penguin Plunge is a statewide event that raises money for the Connecticut Special Olympics. Over 200 people from all over the state showed up at eight different locations, each with its own designated date, and fulfilled their vow to take the plunge. Each participant was responsible for raising their own donations and



pledging themselves to jump into a body of frigid water. The event raised \$50,000 for the Special Olympics.

On the day of the event, even though Dempsey was the only one obligated to the task, 11 of the sisters made the plunge into the near freezing water together.

The weather on March 6 was

not the most pleasant weather. From the time of registration until much after the plunge, which was scheduled for noon, the rain poured down. The air temperature that day was a seasonable 50 degrees, but the water was only 40 degrees.

Despite these conditions, the sisters of Zeta were determined to



The Spectrum/DIANA SMITH

Above, the sisters of Zeta Iota Lambda pose with the penguin mascot before taking the plunge into the water at Campo Beach in Westport. At left, despite the dreary rain and the near freezing water temperature of Long Island Sound, the Zeta sisters nervously splash onward. Regina Dempsey, who raised the most money for the Connecticut Special Olympics, was the only Zeta sister obligated to take the plunge, but ten of her sisters joined her anyway.

go through with it, rain or shine.

Upon arriving at the plunge, the sisters were quite excited, but a little nervous about the cold water. Yet, they registered, received a penguin bowtie for plunging, grabbed some hot chocolate, and prepared for noon to arrive.

As the sisters took a spot on the sand their energy was high and this kept them a little bit warmer. Each of them tried danc-

ing around a little bit and then huddled up to keep their mind off of the dreary weather and cold water. Most of the sisters were quite speechless because they did not know what to expect while going into the water, but the excitement and the commitment drove through them.

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## Students Can Feel A.L.I.V.E. Again

Nicole Governale  
Staff Reporter

Rape and abuse are prevalent in the lives of college students. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, in 2001 about three percent of college women experienced an attempted or completed rape during a typical school year and 13 percent of college women had been stalked. The Sacred Heart community offers support for victims of these violent crimes.

A.L.I.V.E. stands for A Lesson in Violence Education. It

is a therapy/support group open to men and women attending Sacred Heart University that have dealt with any abusive issue, including verbal or domestic abuse, and rape.

"I joined the group because of another friend that was part of the group, who thought I could use the support because I had been raped and was in need of some support and guidance through the tough times in my life," said an anonymous member of the group.

Sister Anna Louise Nadeau,

the former director of counseling at SHU, started this group

***"This is a group about healing, so to move to that point, it is important we discuss how this particular experience has impacted various areas of their lives"***

**Mary Mason  
Counseling Center**

approximately seven years ago. Two years ago Mary Mason

began to work at SHU and the group became her responsibility immediately. Mason is the Director of Counseling/Assistant Dean of Wellness.

Abuse is an issue that Mason has had a fair amount of experience with in the counseling setting. She has been a counselor for over 20 years. She worked for Big Brother-Big Sisters and she currently works in private practice in New York. The families she worked with at Big Brother-Big Sisters had many

stories about abusive situations and through her training she has gained much experience working with abused individuals.

According to Mason, it is important for students to understand that the counseling is done in a group setting. At some point during the session, it is desirable that each individual shares his/her personal experience. However, it is not a requirement that a person speak up during the group session.

Most often, early into the session, the majority of the women feel comfortable enough to talk

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# Graduate Student Praises MBA Program in Luxembourg

**Steve Scarpati**  
Contributing Writer

For the past six months I have been studying for my MBA in Luxembourg, right in the heart of Europe. So far this program and country has far exceeded my expectations. While the job market is getting tougher and more competitive, globalization is on the rise. I'm confident that an international MBA is a great way to gain a competitive advantage in the job market, particularly since a global perspective is an integral aspect of this program.

Classroom diversity distinguishes the SHU-Luxembourg program. For example, even though class sizes are rarely larger than 20 students (allowing for great student-teacher interaction), students come from: Luxembourg, France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, United Kingdom, Ireland, Serbia, Romania, Denmark, Philippines, Poland, Turkey, Egypt, India, Norway, Hungary, China, Brazil, and the United States.

Additionally, students bring an array of business backgrounds to the program, including banking, IT, engineering, entrepreneurship, consulting, education, translation, health care, steel, telecommunications, and even the United Nations. Add in an age range of 23 to over 50 years

old and that is the key formula for the program's ability to generate lively debates and discussions.

Another key element to SHU-Luxembourg is flexibility. I have chosen to stay for the whole MBA program, but students can choose to come to Luxembourg for as little as two weeks. Also, course loads may be taken at an intensive full-time

*"A few weeks ago I was in a bar... the Grand Duke of Luxembourg came over with his wife and two friends and took our table"*  
**Steve Scarpati**

pace or at much slower pace, both of which allow students to incorporate work, language classes, and travel. All classes are taught in English and are 100 percent compatible with the SHU-Fairfield curriculum.

Luxembourg is a quaint little country, not much bigger than Fairfield County. With France, Germany, and Belgium at the borders, Luxembourg truly is in the heart of Europe making for a multicultural, multi-linguistic, country with outstanding opportunities for travel. In spite of a full-time schedule I have been

fortunate enough to find a little time to hike the Swiss Alps, visit Paris, and enjoy various towns and cities throughout the region.

During my time in Europe I have found that Europeans have a deep sense of tradition, which can be seen in the many festivals throughout the year. Just last week I was in Trier, Germany for Carnival, a German festival, which include costumes, parades, food, and a whole lot of beer that takes place just before Lent. I am told this day is an opportunity to use up your last sins before Lent arrives.

My experiences here have also taught me about the fringe benefits of running a country. A few weeks ago I was in bar, sitting at a table with a couple friends. Suddenly the bar staff and bouncers came over and said that we had to leave our table immediately. As I was asking why, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg came over with his wife and two friends and

took our table. While it was cool to meet him and he did thank us, the guy is a billionaire; he could have at least bought us a round.

If any students would like to hear more about Luxembourg from a student perspective, please feel free to contact Steve at [scarpati@sacredheart.edu](mailto:scarpati@sacredheart.edu). Students can also find information on the program through the Luxembourg Director of Admissions, Victoria Gehring, at [gehringv@sacredheart.edu](mailto:gehringv@sacredheart.edu) or by visiting their website at [www.shu.lu](http://www.shu.lu).

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As noon approached all the rest of the participants came out on to the sand and took their place next to the Zeta sisters.

The bell went off and the sisters grabbed each other's hands and ran into the water. Not too long after they ran in, did they run out because of the cold.

"That was so cold," "Absolutely freezing," and "I can't feel my feet" were among the sounds shouted by the sisters as they came running from the water.

Just as quickly, the sisters ran to get their towels and their sweatpants as they all agreed how incredibly cold the water was.

Most of them explained that the part of their bodies that was really cold was their feet.

*"I got the most money. Everyone wants me to do it and I cannot let them down"*  
**Regina Dempsey**

"I am completely insane for doing that, but it was for a good cause so I am glad that I did it," said Kelly Stritmater, sophomore

from Monroe, NY.

The sisters were all excited for having done what they did, but they were freezing and could not wait to turn the heat on in their cars. In addition, the Westport Fire Department stood nearby with hoses of warm water to spray on each participant. This helped warm the girls' feet quickly.

Their day had been complete. The sisters of Zeta Iota Lambda had raised money to help support the Special Olympics and supported it by running into Long Island Sound. The sisters all felt that not only was the event a successful fundraiser, but a great bonding experience for the group.

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about what happened to them.

"This is a group about healing, so to move to that point, it is important we discuss how this particular experience has impacted various areas of their lives," said Mason.

"The group is a great support system. We are all friends and feel confident outside of the group to go to each other if we have problems with what happened to us," said one member.

This year A.L.I.V.E. is hosting its talent contest to benefit local area organizations that help women who are or have been in abusive situations. It is run in conjunction with the fraternity Lambda Sigma Phi's Date Rape Awareness Week. On Sunday of that week, the women of A.L.I.V.E. conduct The Date Rape & Sexual Abuse Awareness Vigil with the Brothers of Lambda, which is held every year.

"In my opinion, the vigil is the most important event of the week because it is a somber look at a personal issue that is not usually taken as seriously as it should be," said an anonymous member of the group.

"For those who haven't been personally affected by this terrible type of crime or do not know anyone close to them who has either, it is a chance for the message to be heard loud and

clear- that these actions taken against people's will are not to be tolerated and there are people out there that want to put a stop to them," said another group member.

For one member in particular, the vigil last year was their key to joining the group. "I heard voices that I recognized and stories that I could relate to all too well," said the anonymous member. "This group has been absolutely essential to my healing process, not just in the psychological sense, but in the emotional sense, because I know that I'm not alone."

"From this group...I have learned how to better cope with my feelings and emotions. I listen to how other people in the group deal with their feelings," said another member.

All the members share their experiences and advice on how to deal with different situations. They learn about new ways of dealing with their own feelings or emotions of anger and pain. There is also the constant reminder that they are the victims and they do not need to blame themselves or think it is their fault. They are constantly reminded that none of them asked to be victims of abuse or rape.

Anyone interested in participating in the bonfire or joining the group can call the Counseling Center at 371-7955.

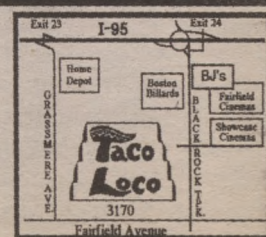


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## SHU's Ballroom Dance Club—Back on the Dance Floor

**Patrick Scalisi**  
A & E Editor

There are several clubs and organizations on campus that are often overshadowed by the more well-known groups that comprise Sacred Heart University. For every NCAA Football Team, there is at least one Independent Music Club that rarely gets the recognition that it deserves. One such group is the Ballroom Dance Club, a recently re-formed organization that has the potential to offer the SHU community a new spin on entertainment.

The Ballroom Dance Club is currently in the hands of Stephanie Shulder, a senior from Patchogue, NY. Shulder had originally been interested in joining the club when she was a freshman but missed the opportunity when the club decided to disband for a lack of space to hold its weekly meetings.

"[The club] has been around for a while but it was inactive until last year," said Shulder. "I tried to join freshman year—I wanted to dance—and the club fell through. We got it running again."

Shulder and club advisor Frances Collazo-Curtis (also the Director of Academic Advisement), have been working hard for the past two semesters to get the club back on its feet. After being denied use of the aerobics studio at the Pitt Center—sports teams get priority over clubs and the room was booked—Shulder and Collazo began to look for a different location to hold their meetings. It was then that Dr. Pat Smith of the Music Department suggested that they begin using



Photo Courtesy of Stephanie Shulder

**Members of the Ballroom Dance Club strut their stuff during one of their weekly meetings. The club, which was recently re-formed this past year, holds meetings such as these every Wednesday night.**

Music Room A one night a week for their meetings.

"If not for [Pat Smith], we would not have been able to start again," said Collazo.

The club also had to revise its constitution and file all of the appropriate paperwork with student government. Once that was done, group members needed to be reorganized and several important changes needed to be made.

"I used to take the students out to Shelton," explained Collazo. "This gave them the opportunity to mingle with older people who could dance and expose them to what it was all about."

This, however, was no longer possible due to problems with transportation and soaring instruction fees. Shulder and Collazo decided to try another route and instead looked to hire an individual with little or no affiliation to Sacred Heart.

"It was a little difficult because we had to find an outside

instructor. We wanted a professional to teach us. It was kind of a challenge," said Shulder.

In the end, the club was able to hire instructor Ian Stavola of Arthur Murray Studios in Southport and both Shulder and Collazo agree that he has given the club an extraordinary experience.

"I spoke to Stephanie when they were looking for someone," recalled Stavola. "My father owns Arthur Murray in Southport and that's where I learned to dance."

"In my eyes, it's better than going out...and taking lessons," said Shulder.

Now the group had everything that it needed in order to get started again and lessons began at the start of the fall 2003 semester. But now that the Ballroom Dance Club was running again, what did the organization actually have to offer?

"Weekly meetings are basically a lesson," explained Shulder. "We meet for an hour to an hour

and half and we learn a different dance each week."

"We go over whichever dances they want to learn," Stavola continued. "They drive the curriculum."

"It teaches students so many things," said Collazo. "Besides socialization, it teaches posture, personal skills, and social skills."

In order to support the use of an outside instructor, members of the club have to pay a fee of \$5 per semester in order to join. It is generally agreed, though, that this fee is merely nominal compared to the price of receiving outside instruction. Also, since the club starts a new lesson each week, interested parties can join up at any time and not be behind the rest of the group.

As the semester hits its halfway point, the Ballroom Dance Club has new challenges to look forward to. The group now has to begin planning a campus-wide event as per the rules governing clubs and organizations.

"We want to do something right before the spring semi-formal and we would...try to teach a dance that people could learn and take with them," said Shulder.

Altogether, the Ballroom Dance Club has big plans for the future. After graduation, Shulder will reluctantly hand over the reins of the club to vice-president Maureen Bell, a junior from Wilmington, MA, though she hopes to return for club meetings when she starts graduate school in the fall. Collazo, too, hopes to expand the club's membership by perhaps offering dance opportunities to faculty and staff members in the fall. In the meantime, though, the Ballroom Dance Club is always looking for new faces.

"We accept [new members] throughout the semester," said Shulder. "Everyone's welcome each week. It's great fun. We formed a pretty close-knit group and everyone's really nice. It's the highlight of my week."

"I think it's a unique club because they are very much into being together and into doing things together," agreed Collazo. "It's entertaining, it's sociable, and it teaches them so much. And they have fun doing it."

Collazo, however, does concede that there is still one problem that the group has not been able to overcome.

"We need more men!" she said with a laugh. "It would be wonderful to increase the number of men. The few men there have a ball because they get to dance with all the girls!"

Students—especially men—interested in joining the Ballroom Dance Club can attend the group's weekly meetings every Wednesday from 8:00–9:00 p.m. in Music Room A.

## No More Magic for Disney's Eisner

**Kristen Cooper**  
Staff Reporter

Michael Eisner's life recently underwent a drastic change. Eisner, 61, had been the chairman of the Walt Disney Company for 20 years when his position was seized two weeks ago.

Former directors Roy Disney and Stanley Gold had wanted to oust Eisner for some time. Both felt that Eisner had not shown enough improvement to revitalize the company's performance which had been serious lagging in recent years. They also felt that his power has not been looked

upon and checked by the board of directors.

After a March 3 meeting, the board decided that the decision to replace Eisner rested largely upon votes of shareholders; forty-three percent withheld their vote for Eisner's re-election.

Currently, Eisner still holds a position at the entertainment behemoth, but Disney and Gold still want him out of the company even though the board of directors dismissed this idea almost out of hand. Disney said in a statement that the board agreed unanimously in keeping Eisner within the company still and that the board felt that this decision is in the best interest of

Disney shareholders. Eisner has been replaced with former U.S. Senator George Mitchell.

Throughout his time as chairman, Eisner helped turn the Disney company from just a business to a media kingdom. He says he plans to stay on as Disney's chief executive until 2006.

For many, Disney brings smiles and joy. For Eisner, the magical kingdom has brought both success and heartache. In the past few months, Disney lost its contract with Pixar Animation Studios and was forced to close a California-based animation studio.

Eisner's magical reign has finally come to an end.

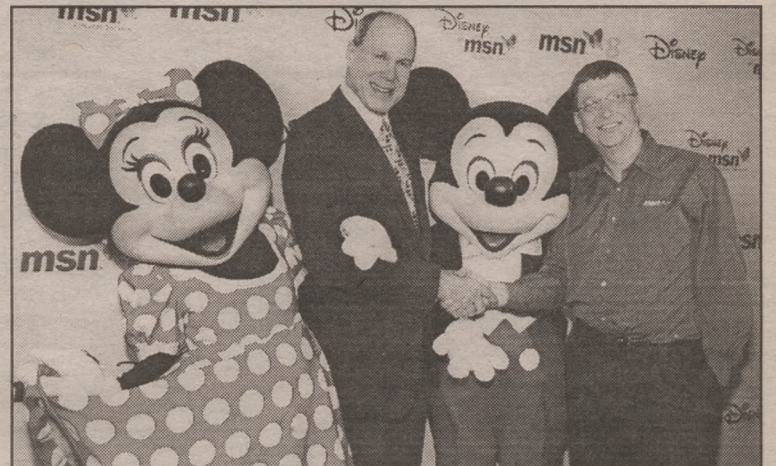


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**Pictured here with Bill Gates (right), Michael Eisner helped turn Disney into a media giant and, in the process, became one of the most powerful men in America. He was replaced as C.E.O. of the company at the beginning of the month.**



# Lawsuits Fail to Daunt File-Sharing Fans

Nadia Korovesi  
Staff Reporter

Every day more and more students at Sacred Heart University are facing the risk of getting sued without most of them even knowing it. No one could ever imagine that listening to music is illegal but when the songs are downloaded for free from the Internet, it may very well be.

Some students have already realized how dangerous it is to download music from Peer-to-Peer groups and have since ceased doing so. But most are proud of their pirated music collections and are not afraid of giving out their own explanation for why they will not stop.

"I have 239 songs of all kinds of music," said Michael Galdieri, a sophomore from Palisades Park, NJ. "I prefer to download my music from the Internet because record companies charge entirely too much for a CD, and if I can have the same song for free, I'll take it! I'm not concerned about the future of the record companies at all because they are very

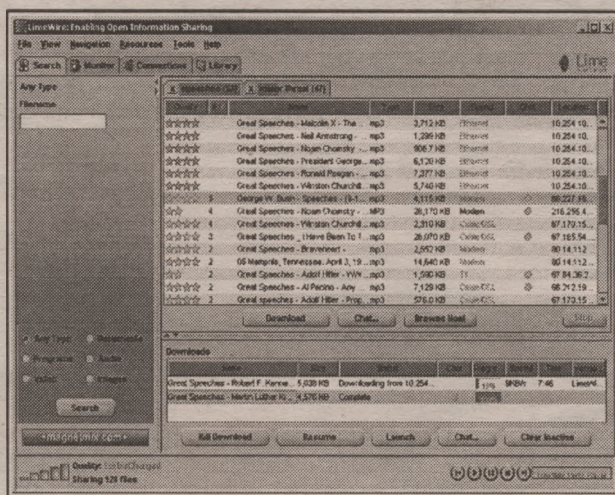
capitalistic in their ways."

When students do not want to spend money on CDs they can always find an alternative to make their own collections of songs; many can be found for free on programs such as Kazaa, Limewire, and Grokster.

"I use a bunch of different programs to download music because each one of them has a different selection of what you can find, and if I cannot find a song on one I usually find it in one of the others. I know that it's illegal but I am a poor college student, who can't afford to buy CDs," said Brad Mamalis, a sophomore from Saugus, MA.

Those who realize the danger of illegal downloads do not give up, but they do try to find programs that allow them feel safer.

"I have approximately 400 songs and I prefer downloading them from the Internet because



Courtesy of LimeWire.com

**Despite a recent rash of RIAA lawsuits—especially a number aimed at the SHU community—programs like Limewire and Kazaa are still popular with students.**

it is cheaper," said Laura Tintle, a junior from Levittown, NY. "I use Winamac and...I have also bought a CD burner so that I make my own CDs for free. On the other hand, we need the record companies to get new singers and groups and that is why I do buy a lot of CDs anyway."

The staff members of the IT Department are constantly trying to warn students against downloading, not only because of the

legal consequences but also because of the harm to the whole SHU network.

"When students download a song and it has a virus they do not affect just themselves but they could cause problem to everybody," said William Elliott, a laptop repair technician. "When students download a program, their computers get software that is not removable and this is the reason why they get a bombardment of pop-ups and viruses. Their files are infect-

ed and sometimes there is data loss. I think it's safer for students to download music only when they pay for a copy because it comes from the music company and they keep [the files] clean."

Some students prefer to give money to download the music they like and avoid running into problems with the law.

"I am not against downloading music but I don't do it any

more because I just try to support the artists that I like. I either buy CDs or use Napster, which charges \$1.00 a song. I am planning to continue that unless it gets too expensive," said Jashawn Robinson, a sophomore from West Haven.

Usually students are not concerned about the legal consequences of downloading songs from the Internet because they think that they are just one of many who do the same thing. For now, the personnel of the IT Department are not taking away the laptops from students who do so, but they are keeping an eye on the situation in order to preserve the integrity of the university computer network.

Most students do not plan to stop downloading, especially when they can satisfy their entertainment needs for free, although some of them do realize the greater dangers to the music industry as well as the fact that it is simply illegal. However, despite the record companies' crackdown on Internet websites that provide free music, for the time being it seems that there is still plenty of supply on hand.

## From Boy Band To Successful Solo?

Jenn Motisi  
Staff Reporter

They've got thousands of screaming fans, are making millions of dollars in merchandise, sell out concert arenas and produce one platinum album after another. So why would anyone want to leave a boy band?

The boy band phenomenon began in the 1960's with the Beatles. Since then, every few years a new boy band will emerge, become widely popular, and after about five years fade out of the picture.

In the late 1990s the Backstreet Boys set off the new boy band craze. N\*Sync, 98 Degrees, and a string of others soon followed. After the usual five years of success, the groups all seemed to disappear, with the promise that they would be back with new music.

As promised, there was plenty of new music to be had, but it didn't come from the groups themselves. At almost the exact same time, Backstreet Boy Nick Carter and Justin Timberlake of N\*Sync announced their plans to record solo albums. Both albums came out in the fall of 2002 within one week of each other. Timberlake's *Justified*, emerged as an instant hit. To date the album has sold over two million copies and Timberlake embarked on a nearly sold-out worldwide

tour with Christina Aguilera last year.

Nick Carter, however, was not as successful. Straying completely from the pop formula that made his group famous, the self-proclaimed rock fan emerged with a sound completely different from that of the Backstreet Boys. With songs similar to that of Bryan Adams, *Now or Never* debuted at number 17 on the Billboard charts but quickly dropped and was considered a relative "flop." Carter's album was registered gold, but its two singles, "Help Me," and "Do I Have to Cry for You" never even reached top 100. Carter did see some success, however, with last year's tour: his February 2003 performance at the Vanderbilt in Plainview, Long Island sold out to over 5,000 fans, and most of his other venues followed suit.

Next up to try for a solo career was 98 Degrees' Nick Lachey. When the group added the disclaimer that they were "taking a break" on their website, it looked as though 98 Degrees was no more. "Taking a break" is usually the euphemistic way of saying, "we've broken up and you'll never see us again," but it seems as though that is not the case with this group. Nick Lachey and wife Jessica Simpson are in the middle of the second season of their hit reality show "Newlyweds," and Lachey released his solo CD in November of 2003. Despite the success of Newlyweds and

Simpson's album *In This Skin*, Lachey's album has failed to go gold. His first single, "Shut Up," was considered a flop, but his second effort, which is coincidentally the Newlyweds theme song, "This I Swear," has been receiving a lot of radio airplay.

The last boy band member to venture out alone is N\*Syncer JC Chasez. Chasez celebrated moderate success last year with the release of his single "Blowin Me Up (With Her Love)," a song featured on the Drumline soundtrack. Since then, Chasez released "Some Girls (Dance with Women)," and his album hit stores on February 24. Though the verdict is still out as to how many albums he has sold, rumor has it that he is on par to sell close to 60,000 albums in his first week—that's 7,000 less than fellow boy-bander Nick Carter.

With four boy band members attempting the solo act and only one being considered successful, a question remains as to why group members chose to venture out alone. Wanting to try a new, individualized style proves to be the major thinking behind such moves, but some may want to take a hint from past solo attempts.

In the spring of 1999, within just two months of each other, two ex-New Kids on the Block members released their own albums. Joey McIntyre's single "Stay the Same" and Jordan Knight's "Give it to You," were popular singles

on both the radio and MTV, yet their albums failed to reach the status that New Kids had seen ten years earlier. After each releasing a second failed single, both men have seemingly disappeared from the music business.

No matter what a person's feelings on a boy band are, it's a fact that most are talented singers, performers, and often, songwriters. While Justin Timberlake

has found success as a soloist, Nick Carter and Nick Lachey have not been so lucky. But, to the disappointment of all the pop critics, boy bands aren't gone yet! The Backstreet Boys have already begun recording songs for their new album, which is due out this summer, and N\*Sync and 98 Degrees all promise to deliver records by 2005.

### Entertainment Briefs

#### On-Campus Events

##### Friday, March 19

• The Independent Music Club will be hosting a concert in the Mahogany room this Friday. Headlining the show will be the Lone Rangers, with additional performances by Salute the Dawn, Iris, and Mike Champey. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. and admission is free with a SHU ID.

##### Monday, March 22/Tuesday, March 23

• The Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding and the Center for Catholic Thoughts, Ethics, and Culture will be presenting an open forum on the film "The Passion of the Christ." The forum will address questions about the film and its meaning and refreshments will be provided. The event will take place at 4:00 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

#### National News

##### Tuesday, May 25

• After sweeping the awards season and pulling in millions of box office dollars, the final chapter of the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy will debut on video on May 25. The theatrical version of "The Return of the King" will be available in a standard two-disc set that will feature a dragon's horde worth of extras. There is no set date for the extended edition of the film, but reps for New Line Cinemas expect the director's cut to be available for the 2004 holiday season.

- Compiled by Patrick Scalisi





## Sports Shorts

Compiled by Katie Atkins  
Sports Editor

### Women's Lacrosse

On March 9, the women's team played a tough game in the snow against Siena. The girls were behind most of the game, but late in the fourth quarter, junior JoAnn Montesarchio (Cortland Manor, NY) scored on a breakaway to tie the game (4-4) with 39 seconds left in the game. To everyone's surprise, Siena won the face off, ran down and scored. The final score of the game was (5-4) Siena.

"Siena was a tough loss, because the other team's skills weren't that good. The weather conditions were horrible, we played while it was snowing heavily and had to take time outs to plow the turf in order to see the lines. We fought back to a tie at the end but they scored with ten seconds left. Just a very scrappy game and the other team came out on top," said junior Natalie Smith (Wantagh, NY).

"Losing to Siena was a wake up call for us, you can't take any team lightly. We learned from it though and came out fired up against Niagara," said Senior Jeanne Carroll (East Rockaway, NY).

Two days the girls played aggressively against Niagara. They came out on fire and scored 54 seconds into the game. They kept that fire through the game and dominated in every aspect. Smith, freshman Emily Tully (South Windsor, CT) and Montesarchio all ended the day with hat tricks. Senior Goalie Amy Lavoie (Nashua, NH) got the first shutout of her career not letting a single shot go in. Final score of the game was (15-0) Sacred Heart.

"Last year we would have dwelled on the lost against Siena, but instead we accepted that we didn't play well. We took it out on the next team we played, Niagara and beat them (15-0) it was our first shutout ever," said Smith.

### Softball

The Sacred Heart University softball team finished the Rebel Games with six losses and fell to 3-7 on the season. The team was competitive in a number of the losses and were able to take away several positive notes from the trip.

The team has gotten outstanding performances out of two freshmen so far this season. Caitlin Carroll (Los Alamitos, CA) is batting .385 with seven RBI and four doubles on the season. Bethany Lemenager (New Bedford, MA) won the first game of her collegiate career in her first collegiate start after going the full seven innings in a 10-5 win over Holy Cross. She had five strikeouts in the game and allowed just one earner run.

She picked up her second win of the season the following day as she pitched the 11th inning in a 6-5 win over Butler. She is currently 2-4 on the season with a 3.72 ERA and has 18 strikeouts. The team next travels to Virginia for the James Madison Tournament where they will take on Binghamton, Lehigh and James Madison with two additional games to be determined after the opening three games of play.

# Cancel Your Weekend Plans!

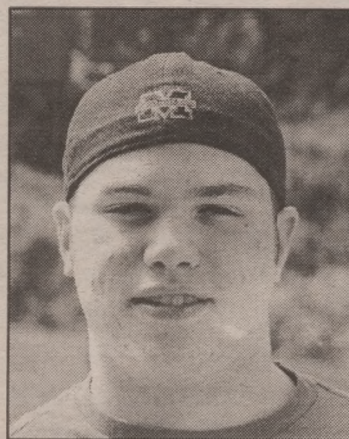
By Hank Gargiulo  
Sports Columnist

That's right guys and gals, look up your weekend plans, make some phone calls and cross them off, because your new plan is to head out to West Point, NY to catch the Sacred Heart Pioneers Men's Ice Hockey team in action as they vie for their first ever Atlantic Hockey championship. And if they win, they will not only bring home a nice shiny trophy, but they will advance to play in the "Frozen Four" tournament against some of the best teams in the nation!

Now, you might be asking yourself, "aren't we gonna get steamrolled by one of the powerhouse teams in the first round?" Oh ye of little faith. The Fightin' Pios have been playing their best hockey coming down the home stretch and are clicking on all cylinders.

They have all four forward lines playing well, and their defensive pairings have been shutting down the other teams top lines. And let's not forget the play of goaltender Kevin LaPointe, who has been of late Kevin OnPointe (pardon the crappy pun). If you didn't take the trip to West Point this past weekend you have missed a spectacular show.

And speaking of last weekend, where was everybody? There were more empty seats at



Tate Rink over the weekend that at a Mets game in September. The place holds a little over 2,700, lets make it look like a sea of red. And if you haven't checked your e-mail lately than you might not know that you can get a ticket to the game for only \$5.

FIVE freakin DOLLARS!!! And that not only gets you in...it gets you TO the arena as well! Now I ask you, what else can you do this Saturday that will get you into a championship game, with FREE TRANSPORTATION???? I'm waiting...still waiting... Oh that's right, THERE IS NOTHING ELSE!!

Now I understand everyone is coming home from spring break and their wallets might be a little lighter than usual but still, if you can't scrounge up five measly dollars then you wouldn't be going to a private catholic school with a tuition as high as ours is. And let's not forget the qualifier for getting on the FREE bus to the game.

Wear red. Seems simple enough, throw a red shirt on, maybe some red pants, and roll up to the game looking like a real cheering section.

Let everyone know you are with Sacred Heart and damn proud of it. And please, make some noise when you get to the building. Any of you ever been to a big time college hockey game? No? Then I'll break it down for you. Come up with some funny chants about the other team. Nothing derogatory or too insulting, but stuff in good fun. Like during introductions, after the opposing player's name is called yell out "who cares" or "stinks". Its little things like these that can go a loooooong way.

You can also learn the words to the school fight song. That way when the band plays it, you'll be able to sing along if you choose. Granted our song isn't as catchy as say, the "Maine Stein Song" but sometimes you have to work with what is given to you. And also, when the Pio's chip a goal in, start pointing at the other goalie and yelling "SEIVE SEIVE SEIVE" to rattle him.

If all of this is lost on you, then you absolutely MUST go to this game and experience a college hockey game. Otherwise I'll be mad, and the last thing anyone wants is a mad sports columnist. They are some of the most dangerous creatures known to man.

### Atlantic Hockey 1st Team

F- Jeff Dams- Holy Cross  
F- Guillaume Caron- AIC  
F- Tim Olson- UConn  
D- T.J. Kemp- Mercyhurst  
D- Eric Nelson- UConn  
G- Jamie Holden- Quinnipiac

### Atlantic Hockey 2nd Team

F- Garrett Larson- Sacred Heart  
F- Mike Carter- Mercyhurst  
F- David Wrigley- Mercyhurst  
D- Konn Hawkes- Sacred Heart  
D- Reid Cashman- Quinnipiac  
G- Tony Quesada- Holy Cross

### Directions to Tate Rink

**Take Route 25 North to I-84 West. I-84 to Newburgh, NY. Just over Newburgh Bridge, take exit for 9W South. Follow for approximately 15-18 miles until you see signs for West Point. You will enter through Stony Lonesome Gate. Have photo ID with you for entrance onto West Point. Follow road to Micchie (football) stadium and park behind stadium in designated lot. Tate Rink is in Hollender Center at bottom of hill from parking area and adjacent to Micchie Stadium. From Sacred Heart trip should take approximately 1:45 - 2:00 hours.**



# Sacred Heart Splits Two Divisional Matches

By Nick Kelly  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart Men's Volleyball team split two games on the road against divisional opponents with a win over Vassar and a loss to Roger Williams.

"Vassar is a team that the seniors that are on our team have never beaten and they did a good job of putting it together. It was a total team effort in our first ever victory against Vassar College," said Sacred Heart coach Craig Boston.

The seniors ended up leading the way in the match and in such categories as kills, assists and digs to help Sacred Heart secure victory over the Vassar College Brewers in four closely contested games by scores of 30-20, 28-30, 30-23, 30-27. Despite this big victory at Poughkeepsie, NY to remain in first for their division, it was not without trying circumstances.

The match against Vassar College had originally been intended for February 3, but as a result of weather conditions Vassar was unable to travel to Sacred Heart. The postponed date was set for the Pitt Center on March 2, the night before the *Pioneers* had a difficult away match at Roger Williams that would prove pivotal for their standings.

Somehow through miscommunication the Pitt Center had also been scheduled on that date with the semifinals for the FCIAC men's high school basketball tournament. This caused the need for the men's volleyball team to again adapt their sched-

ule, this time by changing the location to Poughkeepsie.

"I think that playing back-to-back games is very tough for any sport, volleyball is no different. Volleyball involves a lot of jumping, a lot of wear and tear on your knees, and you have to play two games, especially two conference matches back-to-back nights, it's going to be tough on you and then one of them was supposed to be home and then all of a sudden the day before it gets changed to an away game, so now we have to travel two days in a row.

It's just unfortunate and I guess it's an unfortunate accident that happened within our athletic department," said Boston. The night after this win the *Pioneers* traveled to Bristol, RI and faced the second ranked team in their division, the Roger Williams Hawks.

"It's definitely tough coming back. We got back from Vassar around midnight and then I know I had to wake up for a midterm at 8:30 in the morning. So I couldn't get that much sleep then, then that whole day I had midterms and stuff like that. Then it was right back on the bus for three hours to Roger Williams. It's tough, you just get tired and you almost don't feel like playing. You just kind of want to sleep," said senior Doug Soviero (Huntington, NY). Still Sacred Heart came out strong and was leading after a kill by Soviero made it 29-28 before the refs awarded the next two points to Roger Williams, who ended up winning the first game 32-30.

"It's really hard when we're doing the best we can to get the

points on our side, but when the refs see a different game there is not really much you can do," said senior setter CJ Pinkney (Ringwood, NJ) who had a match high 41 assists. In the second game Sacred Heart once again had a lead after Doug Soviero served five consecutive aces to put them up 19-15. This was not enough however as they were put down, 30-26.

"The first couple games came down to the wire and we were leading and we just gave up the lead at the end and I think those two games kind of just shell shocked us and we just kind of bit it hard in the third game," said Pinkney. The third game started back and forth and it looked like the *Pioneers* had crawled back to even at 11-11, when the referee changed his decision and put the Hawks up, 12-10. At this point a fan began heckling Sacred Heart outside hitter, Mike Burns.

"It really didn't do much to me. It kind of made me laugh actually. I didn't do anything wrong throughout the match and I actually felt I put together a good match for the most part and I think that for the fact that I was playing pretty well he figured he'd try and get in my head and pick on me and make me screw up and I don't think he did too much as far as getting in my head and I just kind of had a good laugh about it and shook it off," said senior Mike Burns (East Providence, RI) who led all *Pioneers* with 13 kills.

The fan was eventually removed from the gymnasium during the third game, with the score favoring the Hawks, 18-14.



The Spectrum/NICK KELLY

The team will next match up against Penn State, the highest ranked team in the EIVA Conference

SHU had defeated Roger Williams early in the season at home in heroic fashion by a score of 3-2 after having trailed by two games. They were unable to repeat this turn around though as they lost game three, 30-21.

"I think maybe we needed a loss to wake us up because we were thinking we could roll over everyone and I don't think that we were going into it as mentally focused and mentally prepared as we should have," said Burns.

This match did allow them to get more playing time for developing Mike Ivers, a sophomore transfer from University of Findlay in Ohio.

"Mike Ivers is just a bunch of raw talent. He's making this program look very promising for the future and he's got an extremely high vertical and he swings hard and he just needs a little more game experience and he's going to be a headliner pretty soon. He's a really talented kid," said Pinkney.

"I give my starting six the confidence that they should go out there and execute during a match, but they also have to keep in the back of their minds that if they're not getting the job done out there, whether it's offense or defense, then he [Mike] is

going to be able to step in and he can play a couple different positions," said Boston, who played Ivers in both of Sacred Heart's matches during the week.

After splitting the week's two matches and the season series against Roger Williams, the *Pioneers* currently have an overall record of 10-5 and 6-2 against opponents in their conference. In the Sweeney Division they now only trail Roger Williams, who have played three more matches than them.

"Everybody's goal is to be in the NCAA tournament again and hopefully win the conference and go up to the Tait Division. But right now we want to just relax for a little bit without losing the thought that we have five seniors on the team, and all we want to do is go to the NCAA tournament. It's kind of like a dream. We're living it now, we just have to take care of it," said Pinkney.

Sacred Heart has nine games remaining on their schedule for the regular season before the EIVA tournament. Their next opponent will be the highest ranked team in the EIVA Conference and top of the Tait Division, Penn State. This away game will be played on March 19, at 7 p.m.

## THE PIONEER SCHEDULE

### Friday, March 19

Softball	at Binghamton	Harrisonburg, VA	9 AM
Softball	at Lehigh	Harrisonburg, VA	11 AM
Volleyball	at Penn	University Park, PA	7 PM
Wrestling	at NCAA Championships	St. Louis, MO	

### Saturday, March 20

Baseball	at SFNY	Staten Island, NY	12 PM
Softball	at James Madison	Harrisonburg, VA	11 AM
Softball	at TBA	Harrisonburg, VA	
W Lacrosse	vs UNH	Fairfield, CT	11 AM
Men's Tennis	at Quinnipiac	Hamden, CT	12 PM
Women's Tennis	at Quinnipiac	Hamden, CT	12 PM
Men's Lacrosse	vs Dartmouth	Fairfield, CT	2 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	at Holy Cross	West Point, NY	7 PM
Wrestling	at NCAA Championships	St. Louis, MO	

### Sunday, March 21

Baseball	at SFNY	Brooklyn, NY	12 PM
Softball	at TBA	Harrisonburg, VA	
Women's Tennis	vs Rhode Island	Fairfield, CT	12 PM



# Atlantic Hockey League Honors Three Pioneers

By Meghan O'Connor  
Staff Reporter

The Atlantic Hockey League recognized three members of the Sacred Heart Men's Ice Hockey team last week for their play throughout the regular season. The Pioneers taking home the honors this year include forwards freshman Pierre-Luc O'Brien (Nicolet, QC), and junior Garrett Larson (Rycroft, AB), along with senior Konn Hawkes (Watrous, SK) for his defensive efforts.

O'Brien was appropriately handed the Atlantic Hockey Conference Rookie of the Year honor after an outstanding first year in a Sacred Heart uniform. O'Brien netted nine goals and 12 assists during conference play this season, and had a total of 12 goals and 13 assists for 25 total points on the season. He ranked third best on the team.

"O'Brien came in as our top recruit and battled through a lot of adversity early on this season, but his hard work and dedication have really paid off," said junior goaltender Kevin LaPointe. "We've used him in many different roles this year, from power play to penalty kill, and he's become a leader on our team with

his presence on the ice."

"I think I worked really hard this year, but my line mates Peter Ferraro and Erik Roos are big factors of this honor," said O'Brien. "Also, all my teammates helped me to accomplish this, and the coaching staff. I'm really glad because it's a great honor."

Being named to the All Conference Second Team respectively were both Larson and Hawkes. Larson lead Sacred Heart in scoring during conference play this season, with 16 goals, including seven during power play opportunities. Overall for the season, he ranked second on the team, finding the net 18 times, and handing out assists nine times for a total of 27 points. He finished with eight power play goals for the regular season.

"Larson's been our go to guy all year," said LaPointe. "And he's really put it together after Christmas with huge goals that made a difference in a lot close games."

"As a team we have come a long way since the beginning of the season. All of the younger guys have filled positions and stepped up their game the last half of the season," said Larson. "We have had great goaltending from Kevin LaPointe which gives



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Junior standout Garrett Larson was named to the Atlantic Hockey All Conference Second Team after leading SHU in conference scoring for the regular season.

us a chance to win every game. Personally, it's a nice feather in the cap to be recognized by the rest of the league."

Assistant captain Hawkes, a fifth year senior due to injury, was ranked in the top ten in defensemen scoring for Atlantic Hockey regular season play with one goal

and 11 assists for 12 points. He ended the regular season with one goal and 15 assists for a total of 16 points on the season.

"Hawkes was our top defenseman all year and really brought a lot of maturity to our young D-crew," said LaPointe. "He's been a steady player for us all year and

it's nice to see him get rewarded for his efforts."

"It's always nice to be recognized, and it was nice icing on the cake since I've been playing here for half a decade. However you don't receive these kind of awards unless you have a good team backing you up, game in and game out. I think Kevin LaPointe deserves a lot of credit; he's a heck of a tender," said Hawkes. "Sometimes all it takes is a change and in my case, I got a new defensive partner this year, Kalen Wright, who helped ignite my spark and pushed me to play better."

The men lead their team into the Atlantic Hockey League Championship game this Saturday night against Holy Cross, in the teams first ever appearance in the title game.

**Atlantic Hockey  
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Tim Olsen**

**Goalie of the Year-  
Jamie Holden**

**Rookie of the Year-  
Pierre-Luc O'Brien**

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# Heartbreaker for Women's Basketball

By Kelly Dietz  
Staff Reporter

As spring break got underway, the women's basketball team kicked off their run at the Northeast Conference Tournament. On Friday, March 5, the Pioneers squeaked by the Long Island Blackbirds, 51-48. The win advanced the Pioneers to their first semifinals appearance in two years.

Two days later SHU took on Monmouth in the semi finals round. The Pioneers fell short of the championship game with a 64-60 loss. SHU shot just 33.8% from the field, and 17.6% from three-point land, which contributed to the loss.

"Making the playoffs this year was definitely a great experience," said Ashley Kohl (Palmyra, PA). "It was a high expectation for us to begin with, but for us to earn the number two seed was a great honor."

"Our goal was to win the championship, winning the quarter final game just meant we were one step closer to our goal," said Duggan.

Both teams had problems

making their shots in the first half. The Pioneers hit just nine of their 30 shots from the field. SHU managed to jump out to a 5-0 lead with a Kohl three, and a pair of free throws by Nicolle Rubino (Port Jefferson Station, NY). After that Sacred Heart missed their next eight shots.

The Blackbirds led 11-7 ten minutes in. Once the second media timeout was over SHU came back strong with a 9-0 run, taking back the lead 16-11, with 7 minutes remaining in the half. LIU closed in as their offence heated up with a 17-11 run and took the lead, 28-27, at the break.

With 15:24 left, the game took a bizarre twist. As Sacred Heart led 33-28, a power outage in the local area cut the lights in the Spiro Center, halting play for 15 minutes, while generators were used to bring the lights back up and the game restarted.

The break didn't take anything out of SHU as they quickly got started on another run extending their lead to nine. Nearly six minutes into the second half LIU finally got on the board with a pair of lay-ups cutting the lead to five. Colleen Duggan (Newington) nailed a jumper, but

LIU answered right back with a shot in the lane and a three to slice the lead to two, 39-37.

As quick as Sacred Heart built up a lead, LIU inched right back. With an 8-1 run the blackbirds had a 48-46 lead with just 2:17 left to play.

NEC Rookie of the year Amanda Pape (Stamford) evened the scored finding Rubino wide-open under the net. LIU had three chances to take back the lead, but three different blackbirds missed their mark. LIU sent Rubino to the line with a forced foul and the sophomore sensation capitalized burring both of her attempts, securing the win for Sacred Heart.

Senior Kate Maher (Waterford, Ireland) had a good showing, pulling down 12 rebounds with six points and four assists. Junior Colleen Duggan led the team with 14 points in the win.

March 7 marked the women's basketball's last game of the season, when they fell short to Monmouth in the semifinal round 64-60.

"The losses that end your season are the ones you never forget. You go over every play that could have changed the out-

come of the game, over analyze everything," said Duggan. "We shot poorly from the field and from the foul line. It's going to be tough to win games when you don't shoot well."

The Pioneers and Hawks of Monmouth traded the lead back and forth five times in the first half. There was no more than a four-point lead at any time. Both teams failed to execute offensively, SHU shot just 27.3% over the first 20 minutes. Maher knocked in eight points with six rebounds while Pape chimed in with seven points and seven rebounds. Fifteen Monmouth turnovers helped to keep SHU in the game, down 25-24 at the half.

The Pioneers got the lead back, and a lay-up by Rubino with just 17:33 put SHU up by three. Monmouth quickly sunk a three to tie the game for the sixth time. Senior standout Ashley Kohl gave the Pioneers another lead just minutes later with her only three of the afternoon. Monmouth's Niamh Dwyer answered with a three of her own, giving the Hawks a lead they would never relinquish.

Sacred Heart closed into just one on three separate occasions but could never pull ahead. The

Hawks built their lead to 54-48 before a Pape lay-up and two free throws got the Pioneers to within two, 54-52, with 4:46 on the clock.

The Hawks put the game away when SHU was forced to foul in the final two minutes of the game, out of desperation.

Pape finished the game with 22 points and 10 rebounds to record her fifth double double of the season. Pape also set a new career-high with seven steals in the loss. Maher had a double double of her own in her final appearance in a SHU uniform, scoring 10 points with 11 rebounds. Rubino was also in double figures with 12 points.

"We're going to really miss Kate, Ash, Shannon, and Julie. There were so many things they did for our team on the court that never showed up in the box scores, and so many things they did for our team off the court that we'll never forget," said Duggan.

The women's basketball team finished the season at 21-8, their best season in program history. This year's team set new school records for wins (21), conference wins (14) and longest winning streak (10).

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# Men's Ice Hockey Advances to Championship Game For the First Time in Team History

By Meghan O'Connor  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart men's Ice Hockey team tied their last regular season game against American International College 4-4, before entering the Atlantic Hockey Tournament at West Point, NY as the number four seed.

This past Saturday, the men proceeded to defeat the number five team, University of Connecticut (UConn) in the quarterfinal round, followed by a huge win against number two Mercyhurst in the semifinal to advance to the championship game for the first time in team history.

"The guys really played with a purpose and put two solid efforts together this weekend," said junior goaltender Kevin LaPointe (Quebec, QC). "We just wanted to take it one game at a time and really play our best hockey. It was all about execution and following the game plan."

Starting with the quarterfinal round, the Pioneers blanked the

Huskies 3-0 as LaPointe stopped all 26 shots faced, and recorded his second shutout of the season. Scoring began early in the first period as sophomore Peter Giatrelis (Hamden) put Sacred Heart up on the power play, tallying his eighth goal of the season.

Assists were credited to fellow sophomore Andrew Billingham (Fort Collins, CO) and Atlantic Hockey League Rookie of the Year Pierre-Luc O'Brien (Nicolet, QC).

"Against UConn, our defense did a great job of breaking the puck out and moving it to our forwards. We didn't really give them any opportunities to score, and LaPointe made some great saves to keep them off the scoreboard as well," said sophomore Bernie Chmiel (Pittsburgh, PA).

UConn couldn't get anything past LaPointe playing brilliantly in goal, and Billingham netted a goal of his own in the second period to put the Pioneers on top 2-0, with assists going to Chmiel and sophomore transfer Chris Connerty (Raynham, MA).

Atlantic Hockey All-Conference Second team member



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**Atlantic Hockey Rookie of the Year Pierre-Luc O'Brien propelled SHU to the championship game with 2 goals against Mercyhurst in the 3-2 semi-final win.**

on a controversial breakaway which LaPointe had seemingly saved before being knocked into the net. The officials ruled it a goal to tie the score at 1-1.

Not long after the Mercyhurst goal, Larson fed fellow Second Team All-Conference team member, senior assistant captain Konn Hawkes (Watrous, SK), who found the net to give his team the lead once again in the second.

"Everyone was excited for the game and everyone was playing with emotions, but we did a good job of playing under control and not being to excited," said Chmiel.

Less than two minutes later, the Lakers answered Hawkes goal while shorthanded, and tied the game up at 2. Still in the second period, O'Brien was able to gain control of the puck behind the Mercyhurst net while shorthanded, and forced the Lakers goaltender to commit before sending the puck into the net unassisted for his second goal of the game, and the eventual game winner. LaPointe finished with 22 saves on the night for his thirteenth win of the season.

"I have to say that we wanted it more than they wanted it, and that is why we came on top. We did everything that was necessary to win," said O'Brien.

"We felt confident we could win both games and simply went out there with one goal in mind, which was to play in the championship game," said LaPointe.

*"The guys really played with a purpose and put two solid efforts together this weekend"*  
Kevin LaPointe

The Pioneers now battle Holy Cross on Saturday for the Atlantic Hockey Tournament Championship, in the Tate Rink at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY at 7 p.m., for a chance to represent the Atlantic Hockey League in the NCAA Tournament.

"Again, we are very confident we can win this game against Holy Cross and move on to the regional tournament," said LaPointe. "It's just going to be a matter of executing the game plan Saturday night."

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**Atlantic Hockey All Conference Second Team Defenseman Konn Hawkes helped send the Pioneers to take on Holy Cross with a goal in the semi-final round.**

junior Garret Larson (Rycroft, AB), added an empty net goal late in the third with the only assist handed to sophomore Rocco Molinaro (Dearborn, MI) to seal the 3-0 win and move the Pioneers to the semifinal round the next day.

After going 3-0 against rival Mercyhurst during the regular season, the men faced off Sunday night to determine who would be going to the championship game against the number one team Holy Cross this weekend.

"It was a fast game with lots of intensity, and once again LaPointe played great. Our game plan was to keep Mercyhurst off the rush and reduce the number of shots on net for them, which we did," said O'Brien. "We scored the first goal, which was big for us, and then they came back, but we all knew we could do it and we never let go."

O'Brien showed why he was named Rookie of the Year once again, opening up scoring in the first period with his thirteenth goal of the season, assisted by fellow freshman Kalen Wright (Candle Lake, SK) and Peter Ferraro (Pleasantville, NY).

Early in the second, Mercyhurst fought back to score