

## Bush, Kerry Trade Early Wins

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*Associated Press*

President Bush and challenger John Kerry traded early swing-state victories Tuesday night, then sweated out a tension-packed conclusion to the race between an embattled incumbent and a Democrat who questioned the war the Republican waged in Iraq.

The Electoral Math was excruciating: Bush won 24 states including a contested West Virginia for 210 electoral votes. Kerry won 12 states plus the District of Columbia for 188 votes, including three from swing-state Maine.

Bush lost Pennsylvania, a major blow after courting voters with steel tariffs and 44 visits in a bid to steal it from the Democrats. The loss raises the stakes in

Florida and Ohio, both won by Bush in 2000.

There was little suspense in Congress, where Republicans were reaching to expand their majorities. They seized Democratic seats in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, ensuring their grip on the Senate. The GOP was virtually assured of holding the House.

• Braced for a replay of the 2000 recount, legions of lawyers and election-rights activists watched for signs of voter fraud or disenfranchisement. New lawsuits sought clearer standards to evaluate provisional ballots in Ohio and a longer deadline to count absentee ballots in Florida.

One in 10 voters were casting ballots for the first time and fewer than 10 percent were young voters, hardly the groundswell that experts had predicted.

Kerry was favored by both groups, according to the surveys conducted for The Associated Press by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

Officials predicted a turnout of 117.5 million to 121 million people, the most ever and rivaling the 1960 election in the percentage of eligible voters going to the polls.

Voters in Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio received a wave of last-minute telephone calls as Kerry's strategists sought to nail down victories in those key Midwest battlegrounds.

Bush won Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana,



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**Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., reacts to the crowd at a rally at City Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, Monday, Nov. 1, 2004.**

Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Kerry won California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and statewide in Maine.

*Results as of midnight, Nov. 3. Votes were still being tallied as of Spectrum press time.*



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**A crowd of supporters wave and holler as President Bush arrives to vote Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004 in Crawford, Texas.**

## Lights, Camera, Action Mark the Edgerton Center

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*Staff Reporter*

Why go to New York City when you can stay within the comfort of SHU's campus to see an off Broadway play, concert, or speaker? The Edgerton Center of Performing Arts (ECPA) is a remarkable ensemble of production. It has a variety of performances that caters to a vast range of interests. The love of performing arts, and the direct benefit young people get from the performances is what drives the ECPA.

The Edgerton Theater of Performing Arts is the traditional SHU theater but was renamed two years ago after Mr. Edgerton, owner of the HVAC heating and venting company donated half a million dollars to help install a new heating and air conditioning system, which enables the theater to stay open year round. The theater also underwent new seating and revamping.

The goal of the ECPA is to broaden their audience. Executive Director Felicia Bettini hopes to create a regional appeal to the theater.

"Bringing in many, many shows that bring in a wide range of patrons and not only students but middle aged, seniors, children, and staff to create a regional theater and to bring in well know acts," Bettini said.

The ECPA has a dozen shows lined up for this season. Acts such as *Revenge of*

the Reindeer, an improvisation brought to an art form has been seen on HBO and The Today Show. *American Buffalo*, a scalding, wickedly funny play that explores the American business capitalism, and *Pirates of Penzance*, a blithely farcical, romantic



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**Felicia Bettini is the new director of the Edgerton Center of Performing Arts**

musically comedy are planned for this year. Also in addition there is *Golf*, a funny musical about the sport.

"All the shows coming here have equity actors, off Broadway plays, and Broadway touring stuff," said Bettini. The ECPA are willing to bring in popular singing groups, and bands but the students need to help support them in ticket sales.

"I would like to see *O.A.R.* We didn't have anything for the spring concert so this year it would be great to have one. *O.A.R.* would draw in a great crowd," said John

Palazzo (junior, North Providence, RI).

"I believe that more people would go to a concert than a play. I take advantage of most of the stuff on campus whether I have to pay or not. I also heard that Magic Johnson is a great speaker," said Curtis Varges (senior, Ardsley, NY).

"There is always a student, senior, and staff price outside the original fee. 'Depending on what I am being charged for each show, that is how we determine the ticket price structure,'" said Bettini.

"I don't think students would pay a lot of money to see things that don't appeal to them," said Palazzo.

Since the ECPA is trying to reach to a larger audience there is a great deal of preparation that takes place when promoting an act. Advertisements and press releases are taken out in newspapers. Graphic design artists are hired and ushers are needed. All of these aspects begin to add up and without student and regional support the show cannot go on.

The ECPA wants to create an atmosphere that is open to student opinions and interests. "I would love to develop on the website a click on or fill in survey or poll of what students would like to see here," Bettini said.

Students and staff can also go to <http://edgertoncpa.sacredheart.edu>, click on Felicia Bettini and e-mail her comments and suggestions.

## Rumors of Draft Lead to Concerned, Misinformed Young Americans

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According to an Oct. 8 press release by the University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey of 2004, a majority of 18 to 29 year old Americans believe President George W. Bush favors reinstating the military draft despite the fact that Bush and challenger, Senator John F. Kerry, have both insisted they oppose the idea.

"I'm somewhat aware of rumors surrounding the reinstitution of the military draft," said senior Kyle Folmsbee from Burnt Hills, NY. Folmsbee added he has not heard any new developments about this rumor "in a couple of months."

The NAES is the largest academic election poll, consisting of results from about 100,000 interviews. The Annenberg Public Policy Center has been tracking the presidential campaign since Oct. 7 of last year and interviewing will continue until after Election Day. Examining various political attitudes pertaining to candidates, issues, and traits Americans want in a President, the NAES has a particular emphasis on the effects of media exposure, and it also measures the effects of all kinds of political communication, from conversations at home to the workplace and beyond.

"I disagree with the reinstitution of the draft," said Jessica Schnell, a freshman from Niskayuna, NY.

Schnell said she was aware of rumors surrounding the draft but was unaware that neither Kerry nor Bush claim to support it, nor was she aware that the bill to reinstate the draft was defeated this past month.

As far as the survey is concerned, older respondents were more likely than younger respondents to be aware that neither Bush nor Kerry supports the draft.

"Young voters are much more misinformed about the presidential candidates' positions on the draft than the population in general," Kate Kenski, a senior analyst at the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, said in the press release.

"Only about a quarter of 18-29 year olds knew that neither President Bush nor Senator Kerry favors the draft compared to 42 percent of citizens overall," she said. "Given that young people are the ones to be affected most by a draft, they should no [know] that there is no difference between the candidates on this issue," Kenski added.

Confusion about the draft may stem from the proposition of the Universal National Service Act of 2003. According to the 108 Congress, on Jan. 7 of last year, a bill, introduced by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., as a protest to U.S. involvement in Iraq, was submitted to the House of Representatives "to provide for the com-



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## Young Americans Misinformed About Draft

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mon defense by requiring that all young persons in the United States, including women, perform a period of military service or a period of civilian service in furtherance of the national defense and homeland security, and for other purposes."

If passed, the Act would require all United States residents between the ages of 18 and 26, regardless of gender, to serve a minimum of two years in National Service. Although there are exceptions to this latest ruling, all come under the jurisdiction of the President, who "shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out this Act," the act states. As defined in Section 12, the term "military service" refers to "service performed as a member of an active or reserve component of the uniformed services."

"I think that every person should be treated equally," said Lauren D'Errico, a freshman from North Haven, adding, should the draft return, it is just that both males and females be required to do military services.

On Oct. 5, however, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 402 to 2 to defeat this bill. Rangel and all but two other Democrats voted against the bill and on Oct. 6, Bush congratulated the House on

its vote.

"I just heard from a friend who is trying to enlist that the Army...won't be taking anymore people. He said he was told [the Army] would be cutting 20,000 since they are too big as it is," said Folmsbee, adding he was unaware that the proposed bill was defeated this month.

"Hopefully that bill sits for another four years," said Folmsbee. "Otherwise, I might consider moving to Nova Scotia."

Despite the defeat of this bill, concerns about the reinstitution of the draft remain. Further confusion about the issue stems from the presidential candidates and their various campaign addresses.

Campaigning in Florida on Sept. 22, Kerry said he did not support reinstating the draft and added that, should Bush be re-elected, "given the way he has gone about this war, and given his avoidance of responsibility in North Korea and Iran and other places, it is possible, I can't tell you. I will tell you this: I will not reinstate the draft."

On Oct. 4, while campaigning in Iowa, Bush insisted he was committed to retaining an all-volunteer military.

When Kerry later stopped to campaign in Iowa, the senator said there is a "great potential of a draft" to replenish

U.S. forces in Iraq if Bush is re-elected, according to an Associated Press report.

"With George Bush, the plan for Iraq is more of the same and the great potential of a draft," Kerry told The Des Moines Register.

"We're not going to have a draft, period," Bush said in response, speaking at the second presidential debate.

"That is why we increased pay\* to make the all-volunteer army work," Bush said. "That's why we increased housing benefits. That's why we're making sure these troops are skilled. Secondly, in order to win the war on terror, we need specialized forces. This is specialty work. If you draft, you don't get the specialized force you need."

"We don't need a draft," Bush added. "We will not have a draft so long as I'm the President of the United States."

"I am not aware of the rumors surrounding the reinstitution of the military draft," said Christopher Robert Telesca a senior from Maspeth, NY who gets most of his information about the presidential candidates from the Internet. "I'm sure [Bush and Kerry] would support it," he added.

The NAES reveals that 53 percent of Republicans and 37 percent of Democrats were aware that neither presidential candi-

date claims to favor reinstating the draft. Eighteen percent of Republicans, 38 percent of Democrats, and 30 percent of Independents said that Bush favors reinstating the draft.

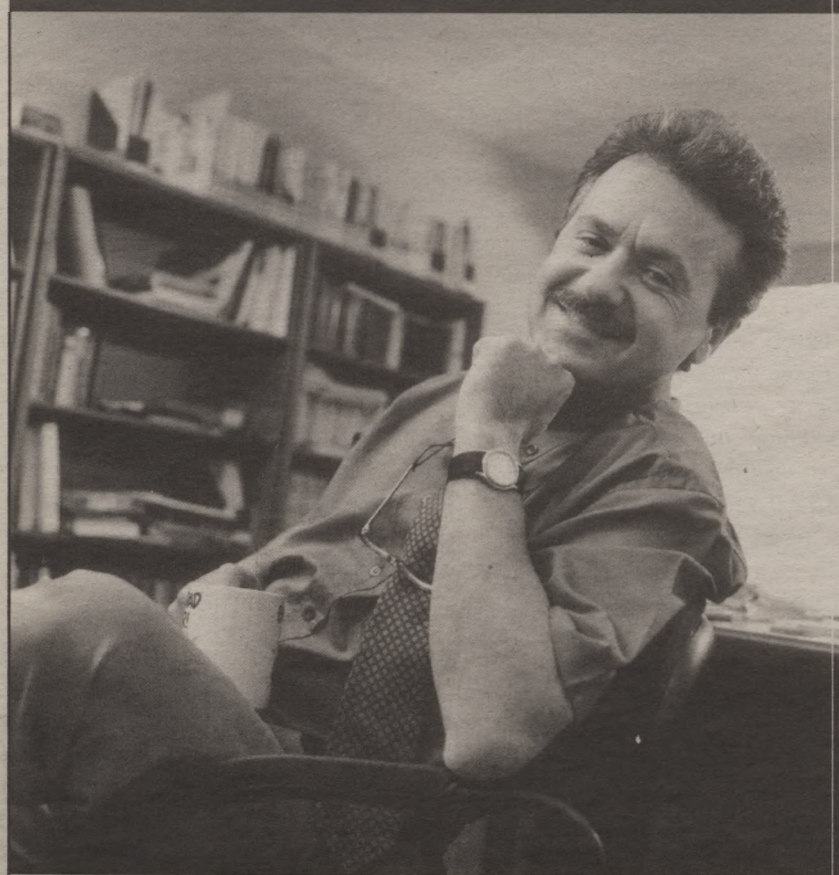
"Candidate favorability ratings are associated with correctly stating that neither candidate favors a draft," Kenski said. "49 percent of respondents who view Bush favorably know that neither candidate favors a draft, while just 37 percent of those who view him unfavorably answer the question correctly."

"In contrast, 39 percent of respondents who view Kerry favorably know that neither candidate favors a draft, while 52 percent of those who view him unfavorably correctly identify the candidates' position on this issue," added Kenski.

According to the survey, 71 percent of respondents did not think that the U.S. should reinstitute the military draft, while 22 percent said the draft should be put back into operation. Six percent of polled Americans said they did not know. The 18 to 29 year-olds were about as likely to favor the draft as were all respondents, according to the NAES's press release.

"No draft, no way, no how," said Telesca, adding that if there ever is a draft, "I'll be out of this country in two shakes of

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## SHU Is Going to the Frogs

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Nobody ever accused a frog of being cuddly. No lizard has ever chased a ball, no salamander caught a Frisbee. I'm sure no snake has ever purred. And this means most people have never had a reptile or amphibian as a pet, nor had much contact with them. This has given the stereotypes about this branch of the animal kingdom time to run rampant. It is hard to find sympathy for something frequently described in such terms as slithery, slimy, scaly, creepy or crawly. But there are some students here at SHU who believe it is time to appreciate these little creatures, and are taking steps to get them some better press.

This new group is called the Reptile and Amphibian Club. And their focus, according to Mike Mosher, a junior from East Windsor Connecticut who was the driving force behind this new club, is to "help spread the knowledge that reptiles are more than just creepy crawly things, and creatures of great mystery and beauty." He knows he has his work cut out for him, but he believes that "if people were to give them a chance they will realize there is nothing to fear, and that they actually would find a type that they really are interested in."

He isn't kidding. In spending just a few moments online, it becomes apparent that frogs especially are a fascinating species. The earliest known frog appeared about 190 million years ago, during what is known as the late Jurassic period. Most people aren't aware that some species of tropical tree frogs glide and parachute from high up in the tree canopy to get closer to temporary water pools on the forest floor, or that frogs can be poisonous. Frogs are also sources of medicine; in recent years a painkiller with 200 times the power of morphine was found in the skin of a frog. These are marvelous animals indeed.

And they are in great danger.

Dr. Anton Leenders, a visiting Assistant Professor of Biology here at SHU, has found some startling information. In a recent global census, the first of its kind, nearly a third of amphibian species' survival was found to be threatened. Of about 5,700 species of amphibians worldwide, only 28 of those were found to be growing. A startling 2,468 were found to be in decline, with the rest either stable or unknown. Due to disease, habitat loss, and commercial exploitation, many of these animals are dying off.

What is truly shocking about this

study is that amphibians are considered bio-indicators of the strength of the environment. If something is wrong with the ecology of an area, the amphibian population will reflect it.

"Like canaries in the coal mine," Leenders states, "they are one of the first things to go wrong with the environment. They live on water and on land and have porous skin that absorbs any kind of pollution." The declining numbers of reptile and amphibian could be an example that there is something wrong with the way we interact with the natural world, and

we need to start learning more. Leenders believes the RAC is a good way to educate people and to raise awareness about the state of reptile and amphibian species today.

"Education is crucial right now," Leenders says. "This is the first group of species studied all across the planet, and we know it's bad but nobody actually knows how bad. Until we do nobody will take action." Thus the

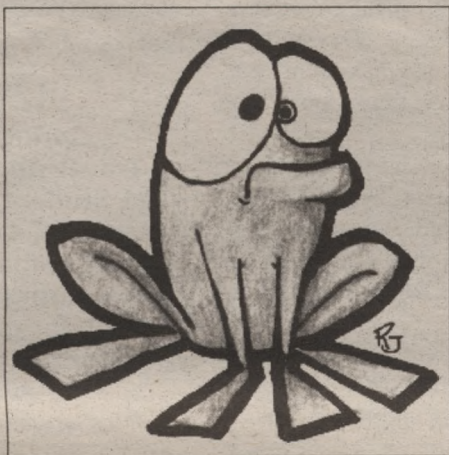
RAC here at SHU is engaged in some serious work, and has some ambitious plans.

The RAC will take field trips to identify and collect specimens, welcome guest speakers, study rare species, and visit local museums. But the real goal of the RAC is to make a difference. The club, through Dr. Leenders, has obtained some specimens of the incredibly rare and endangered Haitian Giant Tree Frog, and will engage in captive breeding programs in order to help save the species.

"We are also working to preserve Veteran's Memorial Park," says Mosher, "just past East Hall, from being destroyed and turned into playing fields." The RAC will be a force for keeping reptiles and amphibians in this area of the country alive and well, it needs your help. This is something everyone can get involved in and feel better for doing.

What would the old cartoon be like without the frog singing, "Hello, my baby, hello my honey, hello my ragtime gal?" And the Geico commercials without the gecko spokesman would hardly be the same. How many fairy tales involve a frog prince? What would life be like without the world's oldest villain, the snake? There is something attractive, something special about these animals, and our world would be drastically different without them. If you don't believe it, just ask Eve.

For more information on the RAC, contact Mike Mosher at



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The Reptile and Amphibian club is collecting specimens of rare and endangered frogs to study and breed in an attempt to help save the species.

## Rising Tuition: A Worry for the Future?

Brittany Lockhart  
Staff Reporter

Across the nation, the cost of attending a college or university is on the rise. According to an article in the Associated Press, a combination of rising costs and a population increase is starting to keep people out of four-year schools. Could this trend affect SHU?

The approximate cost of attending SHU in the 2004 - 2005 school year for a resident student is \$32,000 per year. It is broken down into costs for tuition, room, and board. The cost for commuter students is about \$22,000 per year.

Julie Savino, the Dean of University Financial Assistance said, "Each year the tuition charges for Sacred Heart University students are discussed by a committee of University faculty, administration and students. The committee convenes in the fall. Issues such as enrollment, external trends in tuition and fees, and expenses are discussed and recommendations are made to senior administration. The President and his Cabinet, then forward recommendations to the Board of Trustees, who make the final decision in May."

One thing that helps those who cannot afford the total cost is financial assistance. "Across the nation when you look at

the cost of education, whether it is public schools, private schools, or community colleges it is very difficult to meet the financial needs of it student population 100 percent. Only the top Ivy League schools like Princeton, Harvard, or Yale are in a position to defray costs for its needy students. Even the small Ivy's struggle. Yet, when you look at all the grants and scholarships awarded nationally, it is the institutions themselves that have continued to increase the amount of financial aid to their students," said Dean Savino.

"I think we do a good job of recommending ways -- through grants, scholarships, work-study and loans -- for our students to afford their education," added Dean Savino.

"While the tuition does rise, financial aid has been very good at compensating for this increase every year that I've been here," said Kristian Finneran, a senior from Dumont, NJ.

What happens, though, when financial aid will no longer be able to pick up the slack? For some people this is a major concern for the future.

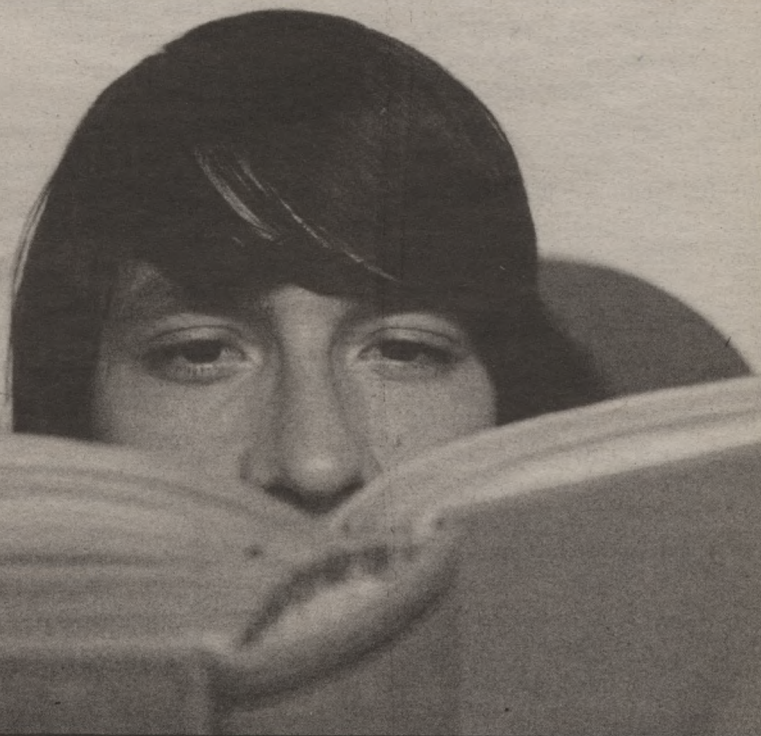
Dan Kristan (senior Mahopac, NY) said. "This could mean the denial of quality students that could make campus life better in favor of those who can just pay the tuition."

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## Career Development Introduces Present to the Future

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With resumes in hand, 215 Sacred Heart students from all majors, dressed in proper business attire, gathered in the William H. Pitt Center for a taste of the business world. The Office of Career Development held their annual Fall Career and Internship Fair last week. Over 75 employers were present representing fields including Marketing, Human & Social Services, Finance, Sales, Sports Management, Science, Non-Profit, Publishing, Accounting, Educational Services, Health Care, Politics, and more.

"I think it was a great opportunity and experience to have one on one interaction with future employers outside of an interview setting," said participant Christina DeVecchis (junior, Lindenhurst, NY).

"The main goal of the event [was] for SHU students and alumni to network with employers for internships (both paid and unpaid) and full-time positions," said Christine Davin, director of Career Development.

The Career Fair allowed students to explore many different post-college career possibilities in industries that best match their values, personality, skills, background, and interests, etc.

"At the event, we went from table

to table introducing ourselves to employers and making professional first impressions. The employers then [told] us about their company and what they specialize in. They brief[ed] us about the opportunities within the company. Then they [gave] us brochures and contact information, if we [were] interested," said participant, senior Joseph Churba (Massapequa, NY).

"Overall, the Career Center staff and employer representatives were extremely impressed with the professionalism and preparedness of the students who attended," said Davin. "Resume approval by the Career Center was required in advance to ensure that students would have the best opportunity to make positive impressions."

In order to participate, students had to have their resumes approved by the Office of Career Development. In preparation, students attended a resume building workshop and then followed up with a

brief email counseling with a staff member to ensure approval. The process was very simple and only took a few days.



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**Students met and networked with employers at last week's Career Fair.**

Much planning went into organizing the fair. Several months ago, the team effort began with managing event details, as well as reaching hundreds of employers and implementing a variety of marketing ideas to achieve, as Davin says, "maximum participation from

the SHU student body"

The spring Career and Internship fair will be held on February 23, 2005. Those who attended in the fall will still be eligible to participate, but may want to update their resumes and check back with a representative first.

"Overall, the Career Fair was a constructive event in which we were able to meet future employers and make contacts in the fields of our interests. I believe it is

important to network with employers, you never know who you are going to meet," said Churba.

"In addition to positive and enthusiastic attitudes, the key to students' success at the Spring Fair will be early preparation, which includes resume writing and research of organizations who will be attending," said Davin.

"The staff members in the Office of Career Development are very proud of how well the students who attended the Fair represented themselves and the University," said Davin. "We hope to achieve [over] 400 students at the Spring 2005 Fair, so we'd love to see as many students as possible in our office within the next couple of months."

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## Inflation Results in FLIK Price Increase

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Staff Reporter

For another consecutive year, FLIK has increased its fees which are reflected in the pricing of SHU's meal plans that allow students to purchase food from several locations across campus.

FLIK International Corporation is contracted by Sacred Heart, and provides the University's community with all of the dining programs. The price increase is mainly due to general inflation, as well as to corporate expenses, explained Paul Sabio, the director of dining services. Sabio stated, "we try to keep prices competitive to the local establishments and adjust ourselves to other universities."

This did not seem to reassure Jonny Walker (senior, Fairfield) who said, "I don't have a meal plan because of FLIK prices. One day at FLIK is almost as much as weekly groceries for me."

Oliver Kranichfield (junior, Rye, NY) said, "I have a big appetite and eat a lot of food on a daily basis. I think that the food at FLIK is overpriced already for the most part, raising the prices might force me to look elsewhere."

Many students share the same opinion regarding the pricing of the meal plans, in contrast to Dean Wielk who said that he had "not noticed a significant increase in price." Instead, Dean Wielk argued that the main problem is that some students do not know how to manage their "Pioneer Points" effectively. He advised that the best bet is to buy

"Bargain Bundles" priced at \$4.72, a much better and healthier deal than a "\$6 or \$7 value meal at McDonald's." Dean Wielk said that "FLIK provides a viable alternative to every meal, I think that's important."

In order to provide such options to the students, Paul Sabio explained that FLIK strives to innovate by rotating its menus every four to five weeks, and provides specials, such as the weekly sushi bar. Also, this year has seen the addition of the latest FLIK location, "The Holy Grounds Coffee House," as well as improvements to the "Pioneer Bistro" which now serves ice cream and sundaes.

The meal plans, which are at the center of the price increase, come in six different packages. According to Dean Wielk the most popular one seems to be the "Premium Silver Plan" which costs \$1250. The plan provides students with 1132 "Pioneer Points." the points can also be used in places such as the SHU Market in order to buy supplies.

In order to voice any concerns over the price increase, or any other issues pertaining to dining on campus in general, students are encouraged to give FLIK feedback either via email to [sabiop@sacredheart.edu](mailto:sabiop@sacredheart.edu), by filling out a comment card at any of the dining locations, or through the Food Service Committee which meets every other week in order to discuss suggestions and problems alike.

## Endless Possibilities in Granada

Sarah Decker  
Staff Reporter

Live "La Vida Loca," learn more Spanish and history, and gain many memories, all while studying abroad in Granada, Spain. The summer study abroad program gives students the opportunity to experience the Spanish culture while simultaneously furthering their education. Students will be able to take six or nine credits in Spanish and history at the Centro de Lenguas Modernas at the University of Granada in June 2005. The program is open to all students, particularly those majoring in Spanish and History, or to complete their B.A. or B1 area requirements.

"Granada is such a beautiful city, with so many places to travel around it as well," said Marylou Roof, coordinator of study abroad programs. The Centro de Lenguas Modernas is located in the center of the city, and housed in a sixteenth-century palace that was restored in 1992 for teaching purposes.

"The academic program is challenging, but you really learn fast and there is plenty of time outside of class to explore the city and its surroundings," said Charlotte M. Gradie, a professor of history at Sacred Heart, who will accompany the students to Granada.

"During the weekends, students are free to travel anywhere they would like," said Adeline Scibelli, a senior from Seaford, NY. "A bunch of us rented a car and went to Lagos, Portugal for a weekend and it was beautiful."

There are two, two-week courses

offered in Spanish language for six credits, and a four-week English-taught course in history entitled, "Spain in the Age of Reconquista and Discovery." This course is taught by professor Gradie, and can also be taken for Spanish credit.

"The education systems are quite different between here and Granada," said Scibelli. "The teachers focused on the students as an individual, instead of the class as a whole. The other difference is that professors were not conventional on their teaching methods; they taught about the culture by doing hands-on activities, instead of just sitting in a class" added Scibelli.

Students will live in a small dormitory, or a Residencia, about a ten-minute walk from the Centro. The Residencia offers three meals a day, excluding Sunday when only breakfast is served, hot water, laundry service, cable television, and internet connection.

"It's a great opportunity if it works for you," said Roof. "It gives you a little bit of an edge."

"People should study abroad because it is an incredible experience," said Scibelli. "It really opens your eyes to other cultures in the world. Getting the opportunity to travel anywhere is something I always take advantage of because I love to meet people and learn about other ways of life. You not only learn about them, but you also learn about yourself."

For applications and further information, contact the SHU Office of Study Abroad at 396-8022, located in the Academic Center, Room SC 124, or e-mail Marylou Roof at [roofm@sacredheart.edu](mailto:roofm@sacredheart.edu).



# BEYOND SHU

## This 'Morning After' Causes Controversy

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Staff Reporter

Barr Pharmaceuticals has presented their second proposal regarding emergency contraception to the FDA. This proposal would allow the company to sell its emergency conception pill, also known as Brand B, to teenagers 16 years and older.

Previously this year, the FDA denied the company's first proposal to sell the drug. According to the Feminist Majority Foundation, the FDA turned down the proposal for Plan B to be available over-the-counter, even though the vote was 23-4 in favor of the pill.

The emergency contraception pill, or "morning after pill" is a high dose of birth control hormones, namely progesterin, taken in two pills. When taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse they are 75 percent effective in preventing pregnancy. The pills work by inhibiting the implantation of a fertilized egg through delaying ovulation, inhibiting the transportation of either the egg or the sperm, or by changing the lining of the uterus.

"The morning after pill is an indication of our advancement of technology. It's used for good, to keep women who

don't want to or can't afford to have children from having them. If we have the ability to cut back on the number of children accidentally born, we're cutting back on the number of young lives ruined by sex, teen suicide, teen depression, and teen mothers who struggle to raise their children in a country where tax cuts are provided to the wealthy and minimum wage is less than the cost of an average lunch at McDonald's," said Jamie Paulsen, a freshman from Monroe.

There is much discussion as to whether this pill should be considered an emergency contraception pill or an abortion pill. This distinction depends on when the individual believes a human life begins, at fertilization or implantation.

Supporters of the pill want it to be available over-the-counter for various reasons, one being that clinics cannot be open 24 hours a day. If available over-the-counter, it would give more women the opportunity to prevent unplanned pregnancies due to circumstances beyond their control.

"According to the percentage of how much it prevents pregnancy it is possible that more people will abuse it, but I think it should be distributed to teens over the

counter. You should not deny people such as rape victims the right to take it," said freshman Tom Martilla of Huntington, NY.

"The morning after pill is a good idea for those people that have unwanted sexual intercourse and who aren't ready for and cannot support a child," said Brent Kemish, (freshman, Durham).

"It will make the number of unwanted pregnancies go down and that is good, but I do not think that it should be used all the time. People still need to be responsible," said Jessica Leppla, a sophomore from Copiague, NY.

A big fear for those who don't support it is that women will no longer go to the gynecologist regularly. They are also afraid that teens will become more likely to participate in risky sexual behavior.

"There are exceptions to the rule, like in cases of rape, but I'm against making the morning after pill available over the counter. People need to take responsibility for their actions. They know the consequences beforehand and if they aren't ready to deal with them, they should not have sex," said Jennifer Binns, a sophomore from Wethersfield.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control, there are three million unplanned pregnancies in the United States each year, 800,000 of them being teens. Having the FDA make it available over-the-counter would make it accessible for the age group that needs it most.

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## National and Global News

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** Gunmen assassinated Baghdad's deputy governor on Monday, and voter registration for vital January elections began as fresh American soldiers arrived in the capital - reinforcements that will push U.S. military strength in Iraq to its highest level since the summer of 2003. West of the capital, U.S. troops clashed with Sunni insurgents, and American artillery pounded suspected insurgent positions in Fallujah, witnesses said. U.S. forces are gearing up for a major offensive in Fallujah if Iraqi mediation fails to win agreement to hand over foreign Arab fighters and other militants.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist disclosed Monday that he's undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for thyroid cancer and said he is delaying his expected return to the Supreme Court bench on doctors' advice. Rehnquist had planned to join fellow justices when they were back on the bench after a two-week break.

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** A 16-year-old Palestinian blew himself up in a crowded outdoor market in central Tel Aviv on Monday, killing three Israelis and wounding 32 in the first such attack since Yasser Arafat left last week for medical treatment in France. Arafat's absence has raised concern about instability among the

Palestinians. Monday's blast - the first suicide bombing since September - signaled that Palestinian militants are seeking to set the pace, not Arafat's aides, who have been trying to convey normalcy.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** A car bomb exploded Tuesday near the Ministry of Education in a busy Baghdad commercial area, killing at least eight people and wounding 29 others, officials said. In the north, another car bomb killed at least four people in the city of Mosul. Meanwhile, kidnappers released two Iraqi guards who were abducted along with an American, a Nepalese, a Filipino and an Iraqi from the Baghdad compound of a Saudi company on Monday, police and a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

**UNITED STATES (AP)** Voters grappled with partisan challenges to their registrations, broken equipment and other troubles Tuesday as legions of lawyers, election-rights activists and computer scientists watched for signs of voter disenfranchisement. Election officials in Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota fielded complaints of disruptions by the liberal interest group MoveOn.org, while in Ohio, a woman sued on behalf of people who did not receive absentee ballots on time, asking that they be allowed to cast provisional ballots.

## Connecticut News

Associated Press

**Stamford** - Mayor Dannel Malloy met with state corruption investigators Monday to try to answer questions about the construction of his home and to revitalize his gubernatorial campaign.

Malloy met for about two hours with investigators from the public integrity unit of the chief state's attorney's office, which has been looking into city contracts and work done at Malloy's house, his campaign said.

"I am confident this inquiry will be resolved expeditiously," Malloy said in a statement. "When it is concluded, it will be clear to everyone that these were baseless allegations."

Malloy said he provided canceled checks totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars to show he paid for work on his house. He said he also turned over documents related to city contracts.

Malloy, a Democrat running for governor in 2006, is considered an up-and-coming national politician. He was among the Democratic Leadership Council's 100 Democrats to Watch last year and led Connecticut's wealthiest city to record decreases in crime.

Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano did not immediately return a

telephone call and has not commented on the investigation.

The state's investigation, which surfaced last week, focuses on whether contractors who worked on Malloy's house in Stamford's wealthy Shippan neighborhood received preferential treatment for city work.

Some contractors said they did free or cut-rate work for Malloy, but said they received nothing in return. Other contractors said Malloy's brother promised them city favors but did not deliver.

Malloy is trying to avoid the same kind of political fallout experienced by former Gov. John G. Rowland, who resigned July 1 amid investigations into work done at his summer cottage.

Malloy faces a crowded field of Democrats seeking the party's nomination for governor. One of his challengers, New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, has said the investigation won't become a major campaign issue.

But Gary Rose, a Sacred Heart University political science professor, predicted that Malloy's opponents will revisit the issue even if his disclosure brings the investigation to a speedy halt.

"If nothing is found, nevertheless, the issue doesn't go away," Rose said.



# Perspectives

## The Objective Reality of the Comprehensive English Exam

I disagreed with the article in last week's Spectrum, "Questioning the Importance of the Comprehensive English Exams." Sacred Heart University's insurance of quality education denotes the necessity of a comprehensive English exam.

How someone justifies the absence of an objective requirement for any major, let alone English? How are the administrators supposed to know whether or not their students understand the most basic concepts of English literature (i.e. terms such as metaphor, allegory, iambic pentameter, etc.) without testing them? Would it be better to adopt the honor system? Or should we dissolve literary theory entirely and rely on emotionally fueled fallacies for thesis? Surely any well-minded academic would find these suggestions absurd.

On the topic of absurdity: the article fails to follow reason. In the third to the last paragraph it reads, "[a college student] listens and works to hold knowledge rather

than keeping it temporarily for the 24 hour grace period." Oddly, earlier in the article it was written, "Testing any such miniscule aspect of a subject so that students may spend hours cramming and memorizing, resulting in a kind of temporary verbatim if you will. We can rightly assume these individuals are incapable of remembering these facts and figures for more than the 24 hour grace period they allow." This is a contradiction. Kant is rolling in his grave right now. The role of the student, "to hold knowledge," should pre-empt "cramming." Moreover, those "miniscule" aspects on the exam are, in my opinion, huge. Sacred Heart is a university, not a high school; as a result, it is expected for students to go through the English survey courses and recognize that Shakespeare composed his works centuries before T.S. Eliot composed "The Waste Land." Furthermore, any prepared English major student should be comfortable enough with the fundamental terms that comprise

literary criticism to the point where a final review is a non-event.

To make matters worse, the article cites incorrect information regarding the



finality of the exam. If students fail the exam, they are allowed to take it again. If they manage to fail the exam twice, they are asked to find a more appropriate major. For further clarification, the following assertion belies the truth: "if a student

fails the Comprehensive English exam, he must complete an additional literature course offered by the English Department, in order to complete an English major." The requirement for a student to take an additional literature course only comes into play if the student fails one of the survey courses.

Empirically, though, the English department bestows a favor upon the English majors by requiring a comprehensive exam. To our great benefit (or for some, chagrin), we are not required to attend a senior seminar or otherwise develop a comprehensive thesis besides one thrown together "in a two hour period." Incidentally, it might be better if negative commentary on the English department be reconsidered; that is, unless the majority of English students would rather have a requirement that facilitates the dissolution of their major in the senior year rather than an earlier one.

-Contributed by Christopher Crutchfield

## The Sacred Heart Fencing Team

Adam Constantine  
Contributing Writer

Saturday, October 30th, the Sacred Heart men's and women's fencing teams had their first meet of the year. "The Big One," which is held annually at Smith College, is an individual competition that starts off the fencing season for the Northeast conference. This means that instead of competing as a team each person competes against every other person, including teammates. Some schools present this year were: BC, UMASS, UNH, Brandeis, Brown, Dartmouth, and others.

The members of the Sacred Heart women's team present on Saturday were

Christie Zeleznik, Liz Mordecai, and Elise Valerio all of whom are on the sabre team. The rest of the women's team including Captain Leanda Ferland missed the competition for personal reasons. Christie Zeleznik tied for third in the women's sabre competition and earned her first medal for SHU. This was one of her best performances and it looks to be a very promising year for her.

In men's epee, (Men's Captain Adam Constantine, Earl Gendron, Luc Bernacki, Kris Singhaviraj, and Charlie Thompson) the team ran into an unfortunate situation where three fencers (Gendron, Constantine, and Thompson) ended up in the same bracket. This meant they would

have to fence and eliminate each other. First Constantine had to fence against Gendron in which Constantine won. After that Thompson and Constantine had to face each other. Unfortunately, after getting through one third of the match Thompson's only working weapon broke. Due to being left handed, he was forced to awkwardly use a right handed weapon in his left hand. He adjusted very well given the circumstances. However, he came up short and lost 13-15, finishing 13th. Both fencers look forward to a friendly rematch at the regional championships in March but will now work together for team competitions. Constantine went on to tie for third place, losing his last match 14-15.

The men's sabre team (Dave Berkwits, Manuel Calderon and Matt Laudicina) fenced well and was led by freshman Matt Laudicina who finished 14th. The men's foil team (Ken Matts and Mike Coppola) had a rough start but are looking forward to the next competition.

Many members won their first official matches as part of a college team. Passing this pothole early makes both teams very hopeful for the rest of this year and are well on track to becoming the strongest fencing team Sacred Heart has ever had. The next meet for both teams is November 13th at Boston College. There they will fence against BC, Tufts University and Wellesley.

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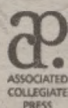
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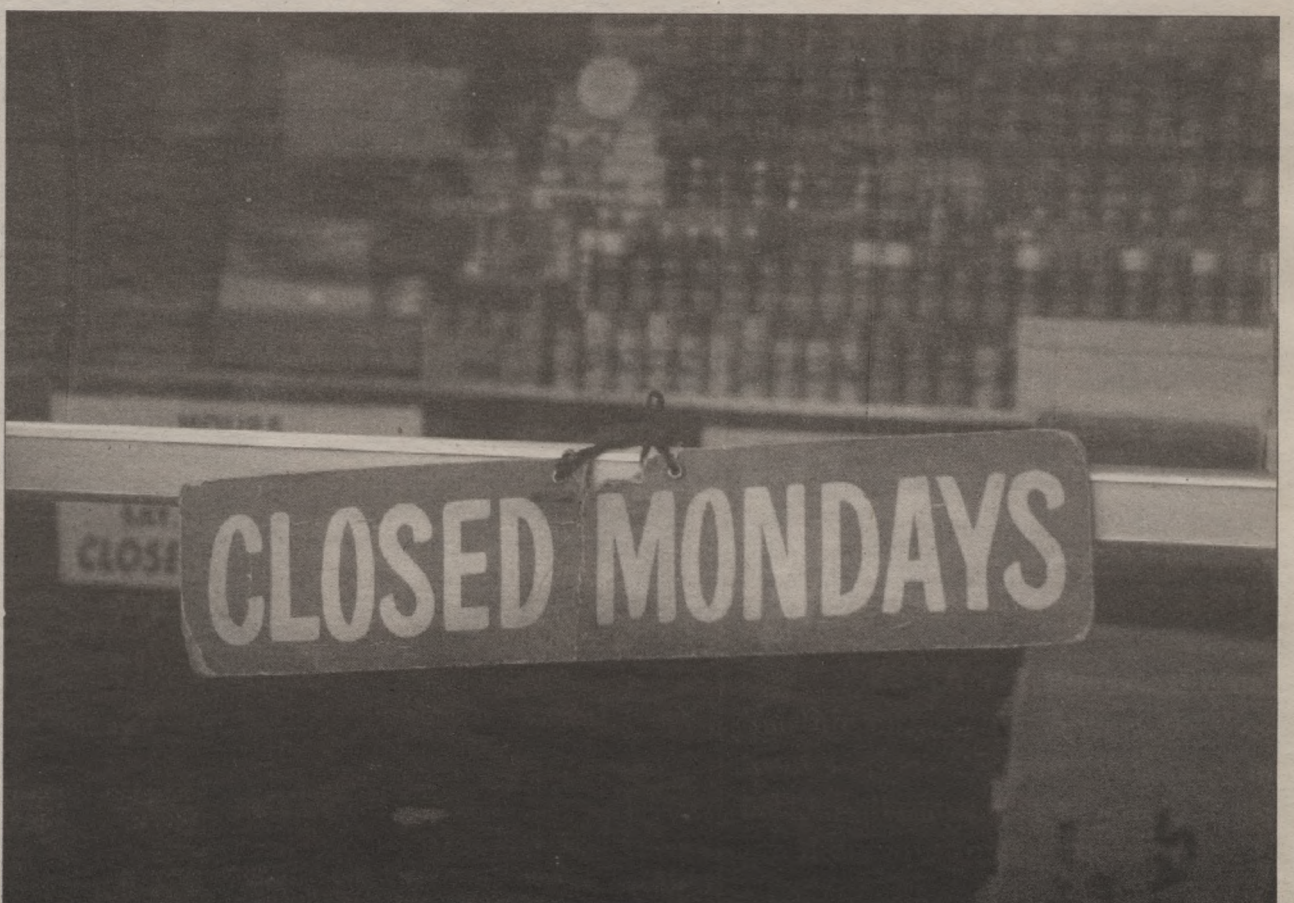
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The front door of a shoe repair shop in Danbury, CT

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# He Said... She Said...

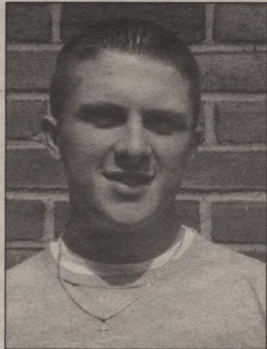
## How do you survive a breakup?

Robert Roy  
"He Said" Columnist

Surviving breakups is a lot less difficult than many people think. All that is ever talked about is how messy the breakup was and how everyone's feelings were hurt. There are a few things you can do to make it much easier to deal with the pain of splitting up.

First, the pain is preventable. If the break up is quick and smooth it will always be less painful than if it is long and drawn out. Do not wait weeks making it more painful for both of you, once you know that breaking up is inevitable get right to the point and end it. Secondly, be the one to end it. At the very least, you will feel as if you controlled what happened. It is usually better to be the one who ended it. No one likes having to admit they were dumped.

However, if you are the one who gets dumped then there is one solution, get your mind off of what has just happened. Your friends are the most important factor in making this transition easier. After the breakup find your friends and have fun. They will always do everything they can to make you feel better. It is almost guaranteed that



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they will take you out, either to a party or club where you can focus on the rest of your life rather than the depressing end of your relationship.

Lastly, move on! Do not sit around for weeks or even months hoping to salvage the relationship. If you were meant to be with that person then in the end you will be. Start dating again this will help you get your mind off the situation and being the process of moving on.

Overall, do not be afraid of breaking up, it is not the end of the world. If it does happen however, your best friends will always be there for you. They will get you out of your room show you how to have fun again. Your friends are the key in surviving a breakup.

Athena Soriero  
"She Said" Columnist

If you recently suffered a break up, don't be too distraught because you're in the right place. College. You have fatty "comfort" foods, booze, plenty of other single people, and your friends, all at your beck and call. However, having "too much of a good thing" is never a good thing. You'll never make it out alive if you over indulge in these "survival techniques".

To start, do yourself a favor and think twice before seeking "calorie counseling". Although it might feel right to throw on your sweats and run to Ben and Jerry, Sergio, or the Three Musketeers for emotional support you should really try to refrain. Getting too cozy with those comfort foods will only ensure that there will be a whole lot more of you to love by the end of your break up binge.

Boozing your blues away; also not the best of ideas. It's true; Jack Daniels, Captain Morgan, and the kid manning the keg at a house party, all great guys. However, you are in no condition for their company. Consulting them for emotional guidance will



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either result in a series of wasted phone calls to the ex, a hookup you'll regret, ranting and raving bitterly through tears, or a chance to re-enjoy that light snack you ate earlier (a.k.a Dominoes deep-dish w/ cinna-stix and a liter of coke).

Then you have your friends. They're the crisis control clean up crew, who picked up after your many emotional train wrecks. They're always there for you. But they won't be for long if you continue to carry on. They're going to get sick of the "single you" real soon and try to dump you off on any schmuck they can. Can you blame them? You haven't stopped eating their food, having drunken episodes, and crying about all the creeps you've been waking up to.



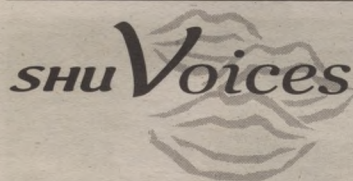
This week in Student Senate, Information Technology had an abundance of news for its committee report. J.J. Russo, a senior Senator, has been working on projects with his links in the IT Committee. Issues brought to his attention by students in the past few weeks have been the lack of communication between the students and the Senate, and the particular channel lineup for this semester. Russo found that many of the students on campus miss certain channels that they have had at home. Although he was not able to alter the selection of channels for the current semester, he is informing students they have a choice for next semester. As some students are unaware of, a survey is distributed at the end of every semester looking for suggestions in the channel selection. At this time students may make suggestions to get new programs, and not have to wait for the following academic year to start.

As for communication with the students, Russo is looking to publicize the ability to use public folders within the existing outlook program on each student's computer. Acting partly as a forum, this folder would be the link from the students to the Senate. This communication of ideas will help aid the improvement of problems at Sacred Heart University. It is nearly impossible to fix an unknown problem, so the Senate is making an effort to reach out to its peers.

Christina Piazza, a sophomore Senator of the Buildings and Grounds Committee has also made plans to mend communication between the student body and the Senate. Piazza used ideas from SOTUA, and she is in the process of planning a forum to address individual concerns with B&G around campus. This forum would allow every student the opportunity to voice concerns throughout the year in person. The "Get-it!" program implemented by the B&G Department is a growing system designed to help students, and opinions and suggestions from the students would be very helpful in making it as efficient as possible.

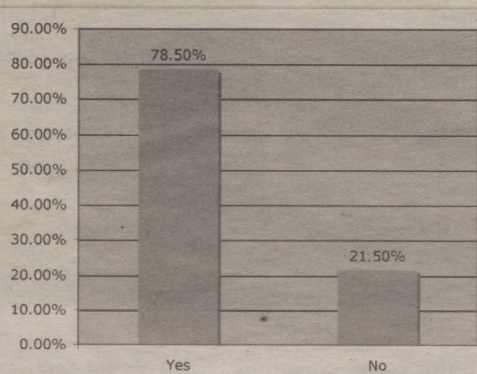
Student Senate has just begun approving its new Judicial Board members for the year. Although these students are not members of Student Government, they play a major role in the efficiency of the class boards, Senate and Executive Board. These students know the Student Government constitution inside and out, and are enforcing rules and regulations for the benefit of each group's existence. The Senate would also like to congratulate Michael "Hoogz" Hougasian for his new position as J-Board Chair.

- Contributed by Erin Maurer.

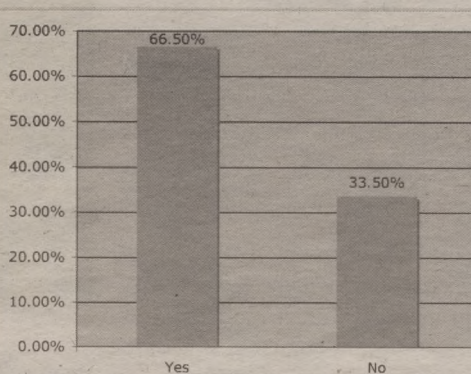


## How many students are registered to vote, and how many did vote in this election?

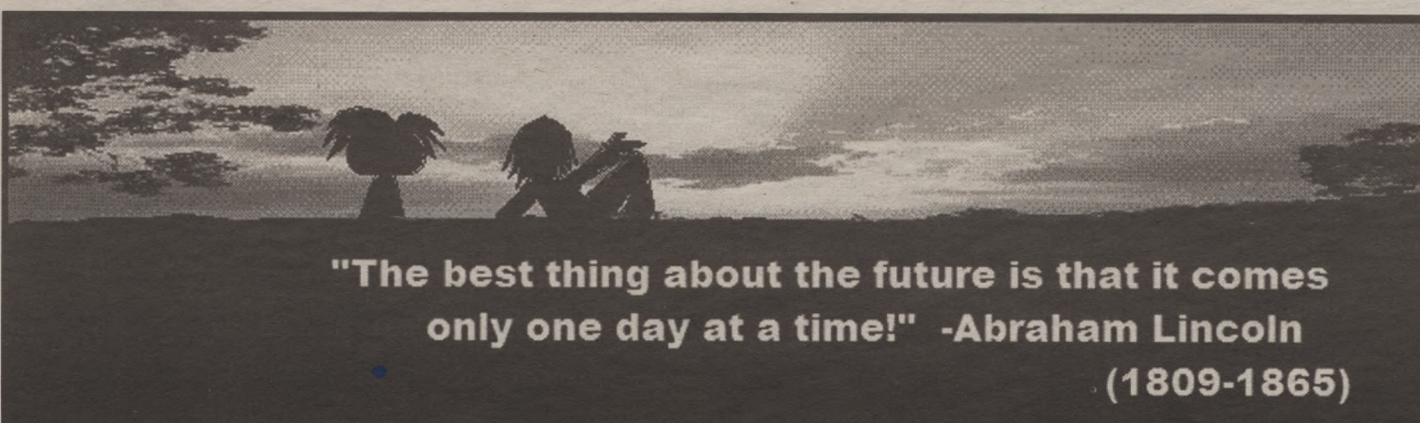
Percentage of students that registered to vote.



Percentage of students that voted in the 2004 election.



♦ For this poll 200 Sacred Heart students were asked.



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# —Arts & Entertainment—

## Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' Brought to Life at SHU

Bridget Madden  
Staff Reporter

"Twelfth Night," directed by E. Kyle Minor and based on the play by William Shakespeare, is a humorous look at the games of love. This blend of romance and comedy gave a delightful twist to the play, which is currently showing at Sacred Heart University.

"Twelfth Night" is the Roman term for the feast of fools. This meaning captures the essence of the play as mistaken identities, trickery, madness, and true love all working together to create a surprise ending. Starring senior Brittany Hoole as Olivia, and Lesley Billingslea as Orsino the Duke of Illyria, fate reveals true love to two couples in the end.

The plot of the "Twelfth Night" is slightly difficult to follow, especially when the relations of all the characters become tangled and misconstrued. Duke Orsino is in love with Lady Olivia. When the Duke sends his servant Cesario (Vanessa David) to proclaim the Duke's love, Olivia falls in love with Cesario.

As the story unfolds, humor breaks up the romance when Olivia's uncle, Sir Toby Belch (E. Kyle Minor), along with Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Bill Dempster) and Olivia's servant woman Maria (Jude Callirgos), play a joke on Olivia's steward, Malvolio (Phillip Cook). This practical



The Spectrum/DANYA JIMENEZ

**This past weekend, the Sacred Heart University Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts hosted the first series of showings of the play "Twelfth Night." Additional performances will take place this weekend for anyone who still wishes to see the show.**

joke leads Malvolio into believing that his mistress has fallen in love with him. This, in turn, creates a collection of silly antics that Malvolio follows in order to win Olivia's heart. Olivia thinks that Malvolio

has gone mad and has him jailed. In the end, though, the truth of this matter, along with many other truths, is revealed.

The entire cast of Twelfth Night gave an astounding performance. They did a

wonderful job of establishing and maintaining character, and displayed a true talent for the performing arts.

The drama of "Twelfth Night" represents the chaos of reality and many of the elements that accompany life. The soap-opera storyline holds the audience's attention as one conflict emerges after another. "Twelfth Night" depicts the themes of a small world, mistaken identities, and unintended mishaps.

Few tangible props are used during the performance other than a bench, bottle, and table. The characters rely solely on their performance, using their body language in the place of props. This, however, did not undermine the overall performance of the play whatsoever.

There are important issues and elements illustrated in "Twelfth Night." The women in the play demonstrate a certain cruelty. It appeared as if the men were the love-struck fools and the women were seen in the men's eyes as physically and emotionally frail. However, there are also plenty of nonsensical antics that add to the silly humor of the play.

"Twelfth Night" is more enjoyable for its presentation, rather than its content. The performers did an excellent job, but their talents could be put to more creative use in alternative plays. "Twelfth Night" will be showing through Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts.

### ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

#### On-Campus Events

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- SHU Idol Round 2 will take place at the University Commons at 10:10. Come cheer for your favorite contestant as the singers attempt to move on to round three.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Student Life will be hosting a late night comedy show at the Holy Grounds Coffee House in Donovan Hall. The show will feature a musical comedian and is free to all full-time Undergrad SHU students. The event will run from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

#### National News

- Production has ended on Baz Luhrmann's proposed *Alexander the Great* film, which was set to be released in 2006. The film, a rival project to Oliver Stone's "Alexander" was set to star Nicole Kidman.

- The hit comedy *Elf* will hit video stores on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The holiday laugh-fest, which stars Will Ferrell as a real human who grew up with the elves of the North Pole, is expected to be a huge hit for the holidays.

- President George W. Bush won a dubious honor in Britain when he was named the Top Film Villain of the year by "Total Film Magazine." Bush beat out Doc Ock, Gollum, and Elle Driver in a poll that involved almost 10,000 voters.

- Compiled by Patrick Scalisi

## Army of Me Equipped With Emotion

Laura Day  
Staff Reporter

Vince Scheuerman, singer of the Washington, D.C. based band Army of Me, is sure of one thing: his music is "not for people that make other people feel bad about themselves."

A rock band with strong influences from bands like Radiohead, U2, Jeff Buckley, and the Beatles, Army of Me plays songs that are catchy, smart, and sung with conviction. As well as vocals, Scheuerman also plays guitar. Second guitarist Brad Tursi, bassist John Hutchins, and drummer Dennis Manuel form the rest of the Army.

Scheuerman is happy if anyone listens to the band's music. However, he feels that people may identify with it more "if you have had frustration in your life, if people treat you like crap, if you're different or something." Tursi agrees: "[Our music] is for everyone except for all the people that think they're too cool."

*Fake Ugly* is the name of Army's current release, out now on Pop Up Records. The opening song "Breathe" begins with the lyrics, "we sing songs to stay alive/ Music lifts the soul about to die." Army is passionate about music's influence on people and tries to consistently relate that in their songs.

There is a common theme that runs throughout *Fake Ugly*. The title track, an upbeat tune with insightful lyrics, sends the message that "society in general puts too much emphasis on the way you look,



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**Army of Me is an independent band from Washington, D.C. that focuses on stepping away from the norm. Their latest release, *Fake Ugly*, is available now on their website ([www.armyofmeonline.com](http://www.armyofmeonline.com)).**

the way you dress and how much money you have," Scheuerman says. "Stuff like that is not really the most important thing." Softer and more harmonious, songs like "Frozen" and "Rain Stained Melody" are equally as perceptive and communicating to listeners.

"Some of the songs are about being who you are and not worrying about what everybody else thinks," said Tursi. "The lyrics connect with all different people all different ways."

The feel of *Fake Ugly* is relaxed, with catchy guitar lines and smooth vocals. The sound and lyrics fit very well with the band's outlook on life in general. Though they try to be original and different from all of the ordinary bands out there right now, Scheuerman says, "you don't have to be perfect, you just have to be yourself."

More information and music from Army of Me can be found at [www.armyofmeonline.com](http://www.armyofmeonline.com).



## See 'Saw'

Deja Kreutzberg  
Staff Reporter

Released on Friday, Oct. 29, just two days before Halloween, the new horror film "Saw" cut through the box office this past weekend and was deemed by many critics to be the scariest film of the year. Director James Wan and screenwriter Leigh Whannell have created a breathtaking psychological thriller that will keep the audience guessing every move and jumping out of their seats.

Adam (Whannell) is one of two men who wake up one morning only to find that he has been chained up in a mysterious chamber with a dead man. Joining him is another man named Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Cary Elwes), who also has no idea how he

Whannell has created a twisted script that is so unpredictable and gripping that audiences are glued to the screen. Just when one feels that the motives behind the murders will be revealed, the story once again takes a shocking twist.

Whannell also contributed a good deal to "Saw" with his outstanding acting skills. This handsome young actor is sure to be the "next big thing," with his gripping portrayal of a man who ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time. With his amazing acting ability, Whannell creates a rich character that is not only full of terror but that also has a quirkiness about him that lightens the story line and is entertaining for the audience.

Unfortunately, Carl Elwes' performance left much to be desired. His performance was not only bland, but also down



AP Photo/GREG GAYNE

Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Cary Elwes) reaches for his cell phone after finding himself chained to a rusty pipe inside a decrepit subterranean chamber. "Saw," a psychological thriller from screenwriter/star Leigh Whannell is already getting comparisons to suspense classics like "Se7en."

got there or who is behind his abduction. With the help of pre-recorded tapes and notes left by the "Jigsaw" killer, the two begin to piece together how they got into the cell and realize that the only way to escape is for one of them to die.

Wan really stepped up to plate in his directorial debut. Employing camera techniques such as close-ups and handheld shots, Wan succeeds in letting the audience in on the excitement, horror and suspense that the characters feel. Whenever the film gets intense or fast paced a handheld camera is used to give the audience a heightened sense of anxiety.

Other interesting techniques used include flashbacks and quick cuts. The flashbacks tell the story of the "Jigsaw" killer's past murders while the quick cuts create a visual effect that appears to put the film in fast forward.

right laughable at the end of the film. If not for Whannell's amazing performance, "Saw" could have easily flopped.

"Saw" is also comprised of several outstanding supporting roles that are filled by the likes of Danny Glover and Monica Potter.

With plenty of other lackluster horror films being released in the wake of Halloween, make it a point to see one that has plenty of originality, plot twists and edge of your seat scenes. "Saw" is showing now in theaters.

### MOVIE REVIEW



"Saw" (R, 100 minutes)  
Starring: Leigh Whannell, Cary Elwes

## New Reality Shows Sure to Turn Heads

Alex Kantarelis  
Staff Reporter

With television's November sweeps beginning this very week, what better way for TV audiences to kill their time than with some quality reality shows.

The Fox Network has been working hard to keep everyone entertained this year with two new shows debuting this week. The first of the two, "Nanny 911," premiered Wednesday at 9 p.m. The show follows a team of "super-nannies" who, like Marry Poppins, set out to aid the gray-ing parents of turmoil-causing children.

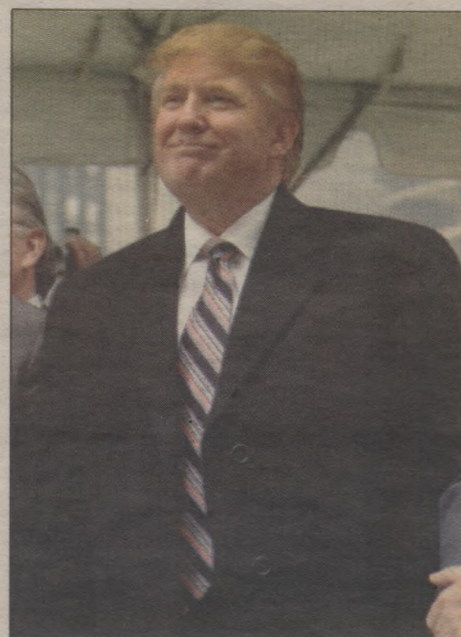
Some SHU students, though, feel that the show promotes the wrong kind of family values. "It really shows the decline of families, since the only way they can solve their problems are with nannies," said senior Greg Haney from Ludlow, MA.

Whether it is moral or not, "Nanny 911" is sure to turn a few heads. Based on the hit British series, "Supernanny," Fox lost the rights for the American version to ABC and instead decided to produce their own modified version of the show.

Bruce Toms and Paul Jackson serve as the show's executive producers. The two are best known for the sleazy "Paradise Hotel" series, but don't expect any drunken jacuzzi scenes in this show, as Fox has billed it as "family oriented."

If that's not enough for you, the group that produced "My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé," is back with another hoax entitled "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss" which debuts on Sunday at 9 p.m. The show is a total spoof on the popular NBC series, "The Apprentice." "Boss" follows twelve young business professionals as they try to win \$250,000 and a job for a fake multi-billion dollar investment agency.

Just like "Fiancé," a professional actor who uses his improvisational skills to shock the contestants plays the "boss" in this new show. Contestants will be put through all kinds of crazy tasks, unrealistic conversations, and bizarre business chal-



AP Photo/JEFF ROBERSON

Fox TV has several new reality shows planned for November. One show, a parody of "The Apprentice" [Above], is entitled "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss" and is set to premiere on Sunday.

lenges that lead to humiliating results.

"I like the commercial where they have to fight for the paper jam, but it doesn't make me want to watch the show," said senior Francesca Mollano from Nanuet, NY.

"Shows like this make reality TV so unrealistic. I think they all suck," said Jimmy Ashworth, a senior from Warwick, RI.

On the other hand, some students think the show will be successful.

"I can't wait to watch this show. It looks so funny when they shoot the [contestants] with paintballs," said senior Matthew Caesar Burlenski III.

Either way, Fox will continue to keep things interesting with their reality shows. "Nanny 911" and "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss" will bring many laughs and entertain anyone who is a fan of reality TV.



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### I Sit By the Window

Colleen Mitrano  
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I am sitting by the window.

*If anyone is interested in submitting a poem please send your work to my email:*

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## Hanging With Joe Carter: The Performer and Educator

Bill Silvestri  
Web Editor

Professor Joe Carter of the Sacred Heart University Music Department has traveled the globe performing his music, while at the same time held down a solid teaching career at Sacred Heart. Last week I had a chance to sit down with Joe and talk about music, life, and the dynamic SHU music program.

"I have a balance in my life where I am not teaching full-time and I am not performing full time, but I'm doing both," said Carter.

While The Joe Carter Trio has played at SHU in the past, he said that he mostly performs internationally.

"I perform not so much in this area but more outside the country, last year I went to Corsica to give a concert," said Carter.

Carter has been to South America, namely Brazil, several times in his life to perform music and promote his musical career.

"Some of the places I have been are India, Brazil, Germany, I usually go and play with musicians who are there, I find out who the good musicians are and I hook up with them," said Carter.

When asked about his first trip to Brazil and why he chose to go so far away from home Carter said.

"A writer who had written a review for one of my recordings...actually a club owner there had read the review and he contacted the writer and was then able to contact me. In 1980 I did my first recording and they have always gotten good reviews and good distribution, so most of my gigs are coming from promoters who

have heard my music, so it's my recordings that get me out there," said Carter.

As many people know, Rio de Janeiro is a beautiful city and one can imagine a great place to get musical inspiration.



The Spectrum/ BILL SILVESTRI  
Prof. Carter has performed in different places around the world including Brazil, India and Germany.

According to his home page, joecartermusic.com, during his career Carter has studied privately with guitarists Sal Salvador, John Scofield, Allan Hanlon, saxophonist Lee Konitz and pianist Don Friedman. After several performances and teaching trips to Brazil his current specialty is Brazilian Jazz, combining Straight-ahead and Bebop styles of Jazz with Samba, Bossa Nova and Northeast styles of Brazilian music.

"I was a young man then and Rio was a great city to be in at that time," said Carter.

He is a native of this state, hailing from Bridgeport, and he is involved with teaching and performing throughout this area.

Joe Carter is currently an instructor at Sacred Heart University and Hartford Conservatory, both located in Connecticut, where he specializes in Guitar, World Music and Jazz courses, according to joecartermusic.com.

"Yeah, I grew up in this area, I actually was born in Bridgeport, and other than a few years, where I was out of the area, I have been here. Seventeen years ago I was asked to teach here, and just to put things into perspective, when I first started teaching, I was actually using records in my jazz class," said Carter.

"Back then Sacred Heart was just a commuter school, I mean there were no dorms at all, and I can remember a couple of semesters where music courses were canceled because less than eight students were registered. Now we have no problem, most of our music courses are filled to capacity, and the room that we use for our music courses here has now been upgraded and we have state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment," he stated.

"Today people know that there is a music department here, and that there are options, you can take music electives, you can minor in music, we have music lessons, and students can be a part of a jazz ensemble, guitar ensemble, or marching band, just to name a few," said Carter.

"Other than teaching my main thing is performing, that is what I do," said Carter.

Becoming a professional musician is no easy task, it takes dedication and hard work, and it is not all show business.

"I went to the University of Bridgeport, which at that time in the early seventies, had a great jazz department. I had my choice of going to either there or Berklee and I chose University of Bridgeport. At some point after I graduated from UB, I

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## Members are Head over Heels for Gymnastics Club

Eugene Stacy  
Staff Reporter

The SHU Elite Gymnastic Club has been in existence since the Fall of 2003. To date there are twenty-five members. Most of the group members are experienced in the sport, but it is open to anyone.

"I have done gymnastics my whole life and love it. I met many others who felt the same, so I decided to start the club," said Maria Crapanzano, a senior from Milford.

Members praise Crapanzano for organizing the club. It gives students the opportunity to practice their favorite sport.

"I am so grateful that Maria started this club because coming into Sacred Heart, I was really upset that there wasn't a team," said Jayde Levesque, senior from Framingham, MA.

Members train twice a week for recreation. They are using this year as a building block, but hope to become competitive next year.

"We have a lot of talented gymnasts and would definitely be a great competi-

tive team," said Diana Smith, junior from Elmont, NY.

Practices begin with warm-up exercises, then each member works on the apparatus of their choice, including floor, vault, beam and bars.



The Spectrum/ DANYA JIMENEZ  
SHU Elite Gymnastics Club participated last week in SHU FORCE's Annual Kick-Off.

"My specialty is the floor exercise. I love bouncing around and tumbling. It is definitely my favorite event," said Crapanzano.

These athletes practice at Stars Elite Gymnastics Academy located in West Haven. It is owned by 2004 two-time Olympic Silver Medalist Annia Hatch.

Annia helps the team, as well as giving them advice. She trains and coaches along with her husband, who acts as the team's main coach.

"Annia is a current competitor, so she understands gymnasts a little bit better than coaches, who just teach the sport," said Levesque.

The club meets every Thursday to discuss upcoming events and would like to get more involved in the SHU community.

"We are starting to do this through weekly canned food drives and various community service activities in Bridgeport," said Crapanzano. One of these activities is helping and participating in the Bridgeport Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Dinner held in November.

After graduation, Crapanzano would like to continue her involvement in the club and help in anyway she can.

"Hopefully, it just keeps building. One day we can have a very competitive team that can make a name for itself, both at Sacred Heart and with other schools as well," said Levesque.

For more information, contact M-Crapanzano@sacredheart.edu.



# Do You Know About ROTC...

Lindsay Brophy  
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart students have an amazing opportunity available to them. ROTC is a program offered here, and it can provide you with leadership training that you can't get anywhere else.

ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Course and it is a program offered by LTC Paul C. Veilleux, who is professor of military science at the University of Connecticut, and is responsible for Army ROTC throughout the state of Connecticut.

"ROTC is the best leadership training in the world, it produces high quality, well trained leaders that cannot be matched anywhere." Says LTC Paul C. Veilleux.

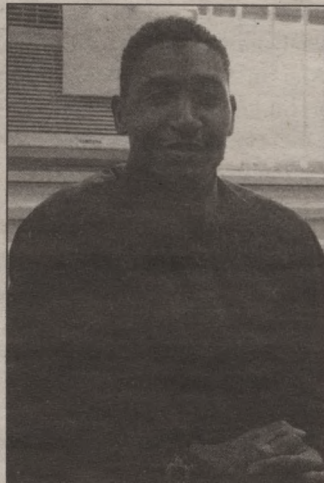
More than 200 students take this program in Connecticut every year, including students from business, engineering, nursing, and nearly all other academic fields.

During freshman and sophomore year ROTC is an elective that meets one hour per week. Students must also attend one or more weekly labs, augmented by three voluntary weekend training sessions.

Juniors and seniors must be quali-

fied through the freshman and sophomore classes by completing basic training or by attending a five week Leadership Development and Assessment Course at Ft. Lewis, WA. All advance program students are paid a stipend of up to \$400 per month.

Students that are already past their sophomore year and did not enroll in the



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SHU student Prez Palmer is enrolled in the ROTC program.

Basic Course, or cannot be given credit for the Basic Course by virtue of active military service or participation in Junior ROTC (high school), may qualify for the advanced course by attending a four-week summer training camp at FT. Knox, KY.

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## Carter Discusses Music

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went to NYU for my masters, and both my degrees are in jazz performance," said Carter.

"When I entered into college I was into rock and blues groups, rock music has always been popular, and I really liked rock groups that featured a strong soloist, such as The Allman Brothers Band and Derek and the Dominos," said Carter.

"One of the reasons why I went to UB was to study with Sal Salvador, an established jazz artist who has played internationally," he said.

According to joecartermusic.com, Carter started guitar studies at an early age, eventually focusing on Jazz. While earning B.A. and M.A. degrees in Jazz Performance and starting his Jazz Ph.D. studies at New York University.

"I felt that I didn't want to be involved in the music that perhaps everyone else liked, my generation wanted to be different than the previous generation, we wanted to dress differently, we wanted to act differently, and it is the same thing with music," said Carter.

"I had taught at different places part-time, but once I was done with school my main thing was performing, so I wound up getting in with the musicians in New York, freelancing, in other words if someone needs a guitar player they call me," said Carter.

Carter has his own record label which has his recordings on it along with other artists as well. He sells his recordings to distributors who in turn sell them to Amazon.com or Borders, or FYE, all the major chains.

While many of us are trying desperately to find our calling in life, Joe com-

mented that he knew from the start exactly what he wanted to do with his.

"Since I took my first guitar lesson, I knew I was going to be a professional musician, and what has changed over the years is the style of music that I focus on," said Carter.

"It's funny when I think about it, I mean I have been focused on one thing for about thirty years, and there are not too many people in any profession who can say that," said Carter.

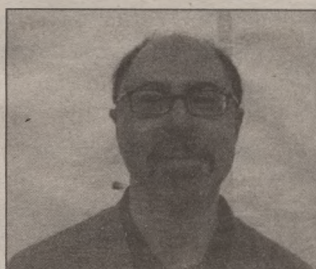
The music department at SHU has gone through some drastic changes in the past few years with numerous shifts in its administration, and Joe believes that the department is reaching more students than ever before.

"I first started out teaching music theory

and guitar courses here at SHU, after a couple years went by the head of the music department asked me to develop some new courses for the school. So I worked on developing the history of jazz, I brought that to the school, and then I also developed the music of Latin American and the Caribbean course," said Carter.

"I'll often ask my jazz history students this question, 'Think of a pop album or CD that you bought three years ago,' at that time everybody thought it was great but now it is almost forgotten, with jazz recordings it is different, most jazz records continue to sell," said Carter.

Students at SHU can register for any of Joe's courses, which include Guitar Instruction, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz History, The Music Of Latin America & The Caribbean, and Music Theory. In addition to this, and also teaching privately in New York City, Joe Carter has taught clinics and workshops in Europe, South America and the United States.



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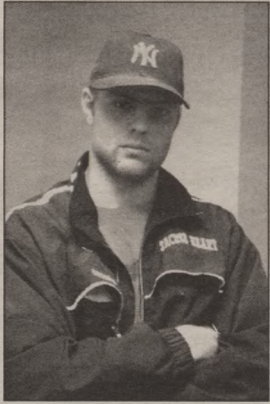
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# BEYOND SHU

## NFL Season's First Half Full of Surprises



Bryan Fogle  
Sports Columnist

Can you believe it? The National Football League's regular season is half over already. So far this season there is much to talk about, both positive and negative. Many teams have had a turnaround of immense proportions, whether it be more wins, or more losses. Also, there are many players who are living up to their billing as superstars, many players who have come out of nowhere to be standouts, and players who should be superstars who haven't done anything this season whatsoever.

First off, the positive moving teams. A lot of teams such as the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles were expected to be powerhouses, and that they have been. With the Pats suffering their first loss in over a calendar year Sunday, which by the way is an NFL record, the teams have a combined record of 13-1.

Another team that was expected to be good and has is the Minnesota Vikings at 5-2. Personally, I don't like the Vikings at all. I don't care if they would go 14-2 on the season, they will never win in the playoffs.

The New York Giants, one of my "where did this come from?" teams owns the Vikings over the past three seasons. Last season, the Giants went into Minnesota and beat the then first place Vikings for one of their four wins of the year. From that point, the Vikings went 3-6 after a strong start.

So the Giants, now 5-2, already surpassed last season's win total of four. Thank you Tom Caughlin. You came in to New York with basically an entirely new squad and whipped them into shape and from that, the proud winning history of the Giants is being reestablished.

The other team from the Meadowlands, the J-E-T-S, Jets! Jets! is another very pleasant surprise. Now at 6-1 with a win on Monday Night Football against the Miami Dolphins, they have already reached their win total from last year when they went 6-10. All in all, this season has been a huge success so far for New York area football fans.

The last two teams I have found to be pleasant surprises are the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Atlanta Falcons.

Jacksonville, at 5-3, is somehow in first place in the AFC South, a division that consists of the likes of Peyton Manning and his Indianapolis Colts. Led by iron man quarterback Byron Leftwich, the Jaguars really should be considered a force to be reckoned with.

The Falcons, while a surprise as a team, don't surprise me in the fact that Michael Vick is just going off on teams recently. This past weekend he joined the record books as only the third quarterback in NFL history to pass for 250 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game. Atlanta is now 6-2 and has a commanding lead in the NFC South over second place New Orleans (3-4).

Oh yeah, I almost forgot, how about them Detroit Lions? Yes, you heard me say it; the Lions are looking good this year. Joey Harrington is finally coming into his own as a veteran, yet still young starting quarterback in the NFL. He now has more targets to throw to in Charles Rodgers, Tai Streets, Roy Williams, and Az-Zahir Hakim and he seems to be making the best of this opportunity. Well, looks like my predictions that everyone thought were bogus in the preseason might need to eat their words here sooner or later.

And now I give you the not so good surprises among the teams. First while the Colts from Indianapolis are still 4-3, this team needs to be much better than this. A team that can consistently put up 30-plus points in any given contest should not lose three games in a season, none the less their first seven games. With the offensive weapons this team has, I feel a few things need to be changed in the second half of the season.

Just look at their roster. Peyton Manning, quite possibly the best quarter-

back in football, has up to six solid targets on the field at any given time. Whether he is handing the ball off to Edgerrin James or Dominic Rhodes, throwing it up for Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne, Brandon Stokley, or tight end Marcus Pollard, there really is no excuse for this team being only 4-3.

My next disappointment is the team right below the Colts in the AFC South standings, the Tennessee Titans. This is more a disappointment in Steve McNair seeing as when he goes, the Titans go, but still this team should not be sub-.500 such as they are at 3-5.

Another team that I am highly not happy with is the Green Bay Packers. The Packers, generally a team dominant on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field, are 1-3 on their home turf. That record right there, 1-3, is enough to make any true fan cringe. If it weren't for the cheese heads being 3-1 on the road, it would almost be worthwhile in scrapping their playoff hopes already. I hope they get back in the race because I truly believe Brett Favre is the greatest signal caller in the game today, and one of the most courageous and simply most dominant players of all time; he simply deserves better than he is receiving.

So what happened to last year's NFC champion Panthers? Already with six losses, I don't foresee a return trip for Jake Delhomme and John Fox to this year's big game.

Finally, the Kansas City Chiefs started out this season definitely on this disappointment list but with their last few weeks have shows glimmers of hope to rid themselves of that title from me.

Individually, many players have proven themselves to be superstars this season. Of those, a lot have already achieved that status in seasons past and continue to build upon it in this 2004-2005 season. Players like Daunte Culpepper, Peyton Manning, and Donovan McNabb are ripping things up under center. Priest Holmes, Shaun Alexander, Curtis Martin and Edgerrin James are living up to their expectations set by their performances so far in their careers and Terrell Owens, Randy Moss, and Marvin Harrison are doing what they have done at a high level for so many years yet again. Again it is unfortunate in the Colts' situation that even with their three main offensive weapons clicking on all cylinders, they still can't muster up wins.

How about the busts? These are the players meant to be having great seasons, or expected to be having great seasons but just aren't producing as they should. Number one, Steve McNair. He just doesn't seem to have it this season and when he is a no-go, the Titans are a no-go.

Number two, Jeremy Shockey. I hate to say it as a die-hard Giant

fan, but Jeremy Shockey just doesn't seem in it this year. It could be the new system under new coach Caughlin. It could be all of his past injuries. It could be many things. The main thing is that he isn't producing as he should and that folks gets him on my list.

Finally, congratulations to good old Ricky Williams for officially screwing over an entire NFL franchise. You decide to retire from the football to go and be a pothead and look what happens. The Dolphins have no answer and just no game. Now at 1-7, it may be soon time for you to reevaluate your decisions here buddy.

There are also many players who you might not think of as standouts who are having great seasons. My first pick is Tiki Barber of the Giants. Up until this past week, Tiki lead the league in rushing yards overall, averaging over 100 per game. This slacked back this week yard-wise, but when you put up two touchdowns on the ground, it doesn't particularly matter how many yards it took you to get them.

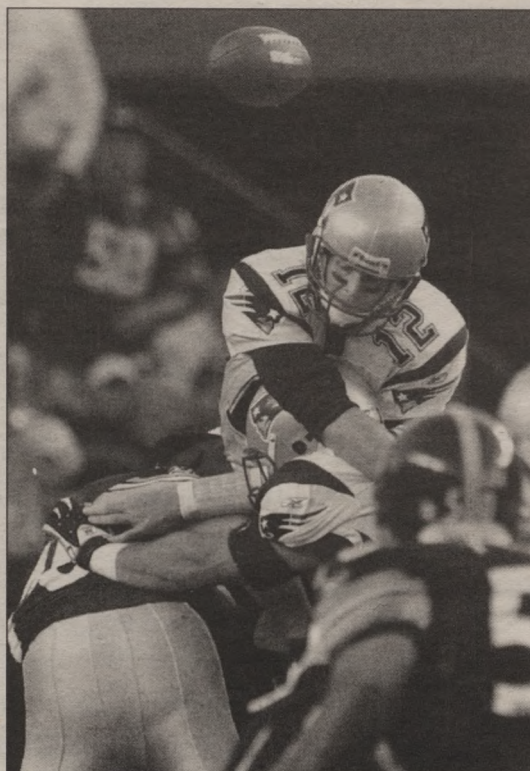
My second surprise is Packer receiver Javon Walker. So far this season, Walker has pulled in 46 receptions, seven of which were touchdowns, and his 783 total receiving yards put him first in the league in that category.

Finally, I don't know if it is fair to put a rookie on this list, but I fully believe that Ben Roethlisberger deserves to be on this list. After relieving an injured Tommy Maddux for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Roethlisberger has won his first four career starts, even leading the Steelers to victory over the Patriots.

In his games this season, Roethlisberger has compiled 1,130 yards passing, completing 111 of 212 attempts for nine touchdowns while only serving up four interceptions. Those numbers all somehow equal a passer rating of 104.1, which is fourth highest in the league behind only Peyton Manning, Daunte Culpepper, and Drew Brees. How about you tell me now whether he deserves to be here or not?

This first half of the National Football League regular season has been great. I look for an even better second half of the season so when I write my post season wrap-up I can go back and further reiterate how correct all of my predictions were and how much all of my bragging about certain players proved to be true.

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



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**The Steelers ended the Pats' winning streak and are tied for the best AFC record at 6-1.**



# BEYOND SHU

## NBA 04-05: Following Breakup of Lakers, Who's the Marquee Team?

Chris Sheridan  
AP Sports Writer

Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal agree on one thing: The NBA's new marquee team is ... drum roll, please ...

"It'd have to be Detroit, wouldn't it?" Bryant said.

"I don't know. I'd probably have to say the Pistons," offered O'Neal.

OK, so it's a less-than-convincing argument made by the two superstars, but can anyone blame them?

The NBA enters unfamiliar territory in its first season following the breakup of the Los Angeles Lakers, unquestionably the league's marquee team for the past half-decade. Play starts Tuesday night with the Lakers hosting Denver, defend-

ing champion Detroit hosting Houston, and Sacramento at Dallas.

With O'Neal now in Miami, coach Phil Jackson in semiretirement, and Bryant the only one of the threesome still remaining with the Lakers, there's a void where there used to be a vortex.

Sure, the Pistons are the reigning champs. But they're not the ones headlining the league's Dec. 25 doubleheader — the annual time when commissioner David Stern tries to hook the casual fan into declaring "I Love This Game."

No, the big attraction that day is the first meeting between the former teammates known to many simply as Shaq and Kobe, who were split up over the summer when the Lakers dealt O'Neal to Miami for three starters and a No. 1 draft pick.

Not since 1975, when Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was sent from the Milwaukee Bucks to the Lakers, has a dominating center in the prime of his career been traded.

That assumes, however, that the 32-year-old O'Neal is still at the top of his game.

"Well, any team without Shaq is not as good. I don't care who's left," offered San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, whose team is considered by many to be the favorite in the West. "If (Tim) Duncan wasn't on our team, we wouldn't be as good. If (Kevin) Garnett wasn't on Minnesota, they wouldn't be as good.

"But at the same time it doesn't mean they (Lakers) are a bad team. They're going to be a competitive team, and Kobe's going to want to put them on his shoulders and do some things. And he's such a great player,

he's going to have a good amount of success with that."

Bryant remains in the stronger of the two conferences, but there's no question the East is vastly improved — both by the addition of O'Neal, and by the success shown by Larry Brown's team last spring when the Pistons upset the Lakers and became the first team in 25 years to win a title without a true superstar on its roster.

Detroit returns almost the same exact lineup, tinkering only to strengthen its bench with the additions of Antonio McDyess, Derrick Coleman and Carlos Delfino. The last was on Argentina's Olympic championship team.

The Pistons won over many casual fans last June by picking apart the Lakers behind the efficient playmaking of Chauncey Billups, the mid-range shooting of Richard Hamilton and the beneath-the-boards energy of Ben Wallace.

The old winning formula — surrounding one or two superstars with role players — no longer sits unchallenged as the best way for NBA teams to build.

But that doesn't mean the old recipe is dead. What happened to the Pistons, in some minds, might be more indicative of a fluke than a fundamental shift.

"They were a really true team and they played with great balance, they played unselfishly, they had depth and they happened to be in the right place at the right time and maybe catch the Lakers when they were at a point where they were a little off," said Indiana coach Rick Carlisle, whose team lost to Brown's in the Eastern Conference finals. "That's no knock on Detroit, but being opportunistic is one of the things that is really important in this league."

The Heat were certainly opportunistic when they seized upon the availability of O'Neal — it first came up in a talk between Lakers owner Jerry Buss and Heat president Pat Riley about Riley's interest in rejoining the Lakers as coach — and acquired him for Lamar Odom, Caron Butler and Brian Grant.

Also opportunistic were the Houston Rockets, who sent Steve Francis, Cuttino Mobley and Kelvin Cato to Orlando for reigning scoring champ Tracy McGrady.

The Spurs found a way to plug their biggest hole, signing outside shooting specialist Brent Barry as a free agent. Dallas, meanwhile, made wholesale changes by allowing Steve Nash to leave for Phoenix, acquiring Jerry Stackhouse, Jason Terry and Erick Dampier and parting ways with Antawn Jamison and Antoine Walker.

"I would say that it's a big jumble and we don't know who is going to come out of it on top," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said.

There's been talk that the balance of power has shifted from West to East because of the Pistons' success and O'Neal's move, but the Western Conference still has more teams able

to compete for a championship.

Denver, coming off a dramatic turnaround that gave the Nuggets their first playoff appearance since 1995, added Kenyon Martin without having to trade a player. Utah revamped its frontcourt by signing free agents Carlos Boozer and Mehmet Okur, and Phoenix overhauled its backcourt by bringing in Nash and Quentin Richardson.

"I would say this year only 15 teams in the Western Conference think they're making the playoffs, which is all of them. And only 10 of those 15 think they're going to get home-court advantage," Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "Two teams that think they're going to get home-court advantage aren't even going to make the playoffs. So it's a difficult assignment."

The Van Gundy brothers now have the two most powerful centers in the league at their disposal: Jeff enters his second season with Yao Ming, and Stan takes over from Jackson as O'Neal's coach.

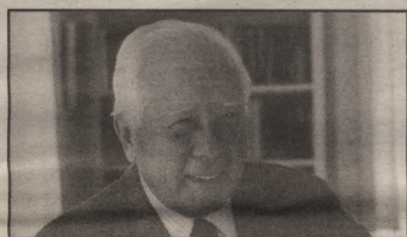
Doc Rivers has taken over in Boston, while ex-Celtics coach Jim O'Brien has moved down the road to Philadelphia.

The New Jersey Nets, winners of two of the last three Eastern Conference titles, have been decimated by the trades of Martin and Kerry Kittles and an injury to Jason Kidd that will sideline him for the early part of the season.

The expansion Charlotte Bobcats joined the league as its 30th franchise, debuting in the new Southeast Division as part of the league's realignment from four divisions to six.

The winners of each division — the East now has the Atlantic, Central and Southeast; the West has the Pacific, Southwest and Northwest — will be seeded first through third in the postseason, and the five teams in each conference with the best remaining records will fill out the playoff fields.

"I think the best team is in the East, and that's Detroit," Rivers said. "I think the West still is more talented than the East, but the East is catching up."



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Women's Soccer	at F. Dickinson	Teaneck, NJ	11:00 AM
Women's Swimming	at Manhattan	Manhattan, NY	6:00 PM
Women's Ice Hockey	vs Rhode Island	Milford, CT	7:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH	7:00 PM

### Saturday, November 6

Football	at Monmouth	West Long Branch, NJ	1:00 PM
Women's Volleyball	at St Francis	Brooklyn, NY	1:00 PM
Women's Ice Hockey	vs Rhode Island	Milford, CT	2:00 PM
Men's Ice Hockey	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH	7:00 PM
Women's Equestrian	at Molloy	Stony Brook, NY	TBA

### Sunday, November 7

Men's Soccer	vs Robert Morris	Fairfield, CT	1:00 PM
Women's Rowing	at Dowling	Oakdale, NY	8:00 AM
Women's Swimming	vs St Peters	Bridgeport, CT	12:00 PM
Women's Volleyball	at Long Island	Brooklyn, NY	5:00 PM

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# CAMPUS SPORTS

## Freshman Golfer Makes Lasting Impression

Lissa Von Brecht  
Staff Reporter

Everyone has something that they are so dedicated to that it follows them through most of their life and for freshman Pat Fillian (Tinton Falls, NJ) it is golf.

The men's golf team at Sacred Heart was lucky to find someone that has dedicated himself to the game of golf and made it apparent that it is possible to make a lasting impression in only his first semester of college.

"When we recruited him we knew he would be a 'special' player. We believe that Patrick has not yet reached his potential. With our continued support Patrick can graduate from Sacred Heart University as one of the finest student-athletes SHU has seen. We brought Pat here to be the foundation of our program and to put SHU on the map," said his coach Michael Giaquinto.

Fillian started playing golf when he was in seventh grade after meeting a friend that got him into the game. Since the seventh grade, he has continued to prove that the golf course is where he belongs.

During his first few months at Sacred Heart, Fillian already has a list of accomplishments that he should be proud of. He came in third at the Dartmouth Invitational, he won medalist honors at the New England Championships, and for the

Championship which qualified him for the U.S. Amateur, which Patrick considers to be his best accomplishment.

Still the transition from high school to college can still be rather intimidating no matter how successful a person is in a sport.

"I was interested to see how the transition would go. But I found that I fit right in with the team which made the change easier," said Fillian.

The support of teammates is something that a person can always count on.

"The team has enjoyed Patrick's performance and has realized that they need to continue to work hard to elevate their game to their highest potential," said Giaquinto.

In order to get where he is today, Fillian keeps his mind on his game even when he seems to be getting down.

"I concentrate on making good swings and taking each shot one at a time. I try not to get down on myself because that does nothing but make you play worse," said Fillian.

Fillian has definitely made a name for himself in the college golf community and

around Sacred Heart and the future is only looking brighter.

"With hard work, I believe that Pat will continue to develop. With Pat's hard work I can foresee him becoming the best player in the Northeast. Pat has a vision to assist SHU in winning the Northeast Conference Championship. Individually, I can envision All-American status," said Giaquinto.

"I hope that our team can keep growing and getting better and I hope individually I can produce for my teammates," said Fillian.

*"With Pat's hard work I can foresee him becoming the best player in the Northeast."*  
**Men's Golf Coach  
Michael Giaquinto**

week of October 27<sup>th</sup>, he was named NEC Golfer of the Week.

Even before his arrival at Sacred Heart, Fillian was able to record a personal best score of 63 to win the "Carter Cup"

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## Offense Rampant in SHU Victory

Ed Napoleoni  
Staff Reporter

The Pioneers survived a late Stony Brook rally and held on to a 38-35 victory over the Seawolves. The win is Sacred Heart's fourth in a row and improved their record to 5-3 overall, ensuring that they will finish no worse than .500 on the season.

"We've taken a step. We are going to do the same things we've done since the first week. Tomorrow we're going to go back and enjoy this game on tape and come out on Tuesday morning ready to work," said head coach Paul Gorham.

The Pioneers, who led by a commanding score of 38-19 late in third quarter, barley avoided a monumental collapse when Seawolves kicker Sean Forman's 34 yard field goal attempt sailed wide-right, sending the 1,572 fans in attendance home disappointed.

"It was a huge win. It shouldn't have been as close as it was. Overall we played as hard as we could, and we came out with a victory," said junior Andrew Grant (New Hartford, NY).

Sacred Heart struggled offensively

on their first two possessions of the game. Although they got in to the red zone twice, they could only manage to put three points up on the board.

"Not scoring in the red zone is frus-

trating, but Stonybrook had a good game plan but we weren't worried. We knew once everything started clicking, it's going to click for a while. It has been clicking for four games now," said sophomore



The Pioneer's offense was in full force as Ed Pricolo's 100 yard rushing streak continued and Dan Ammel had 241 passing yards.

quarterback Dan Ammel (White River Junction, VT)

Behind another outstanding performance from Ammel, the Pioneer offense overcame the early-game struggles and put up a robust 31 points while exploding for 319 yards of total offense in the first half. Ammel terrorized the Stonybrook defense and at times seemed unstoppable as he completed 18 passes in 29 attempts for a season-high 241 yards.

"Somewhere down the line, if we are going to win in this league, we are going to need great play like we got from him the last couple of weeks," said Gorham.

In his last two games, Ammel has eclipsed his season best for touchdown passes (4, vs. St. Peters) and passing yards (241 vs. Stonybrook).

"Dan Ammel is playing great. He is taking the pressure off of me and the line. He's just been doing a great job," said junior tailback Eddie Pricolo (Johnston, RI).

Still no win is complete without a 100-yard rushing game from the

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## Women's Volleyball Falls Flat

Caitlin Dour  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart women's volleyball team lost to Providence College Friars 3-0 in a non-conference match-up last Friday.

In each game, the team kept battling back, yet the Friars kept taking back control of each game. The first and second games saw the Friars winning with the score of 30-25.

"We were one step behind, in a majority of the plays," said coach Liz McGreevy.

In game three, the Pioneers were strong and battled back once again, but with the game tied at 12 Providence was able to take back control, winning by a score of 30-23.

"I don't think we brought our A game. I think the last couple days of practices haven't been as intense as they have been when we were prepping for Wagner and FDU, but I think we need to start from practice and bring it to the game," said freshman Samantha McMillan (Manassas,

VA), who was named Sacred Heart Athlete of the Week for Oct 18-24 and NEC Women's Volleyball Rookie of the Week for Oct. 25-Nov.1.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates. I was blessed I guess; I thank them a lot, without them I wouldn't even be here," said McMillan.

In the match, McMillan passed out 19 assists with seven digs and, with two solo blocks and a block assist.

Senior Stacey Geyer (Amityville, NY) and junior Heather Brooks (Regina, SK-Canada) both had seven kills while sophomore Brenda Bailey (Costa Mesa, CA) had five kills with 10 digs.

"The fans definitely help in games cause they pump us up and I think we pump them up too when we play well," said Michelle Clarke, a junior from Baltimore, MD, who had 9 assists with 2 digs said the fans.

"We all really get along. We feed off each other, if one person makes a good play, then the next person wants to make just as good of a play," said freshman



The Spectrum/DANYA JIMENEZ  
The Pioneers had 6 block assists on Friday.

Christine Duffy (Massapequa, NY) who had 2 kills and 5 digs said of the team's

intensity.

After the team's two wins against Wagner College and Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Pioneers are currently tied for third place in the Northeast Conference standings.

"I think it's great; I think we need to keep pushing and hopefully we end up on top," said Brooks.

"Yup, we're tied for third, and I'm excited about that. We've been working very hard in our practices and it's paid off so far in NEC matches. We have Iona before we hit the last half of our NEC season, so I think we need to go in to the next couple of matches with the focus that we're contenders in the conference. If we bring out our A game and we run our fast offense and play tough defense we can definitely be in the high mix of the conference matches," said McGreevy.

The loss to Providence puts the Pioneers' record at 4-17, with two matches this weekend in Brooklyn. On Saturday they face St. Francis at 1 p.m. and on Sunday they face Long Island at 5 p.m.