

Archbishop Demetrios honored for scholarly achievements

Nina Blair Wales
The Spectrum

On Wednesday, the University honored His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios, the leader of the Greek Orthodox Church, with an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters.

Freshman, Leonidas Kouroupos, from Great Neck, N.Y. lead the ceremony with a prayer expressing his deep appreciation for his spiritual leader's visit to the University.

"It was such an honor to be given this opportunity," said Kouroupos.

Sacred Heart students, faculty, Orthodox followers, and various clergy from the surrounding area joined together to honor the Archbishop.

Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, Dr. Thomas Forget, and Professor June A. Greeley each extended their greetings to His Eminence on behalf of the University.

In 1999, Archbishop Demetrios was elected Archbishop of America, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

As the spiritual leader of 1.5 million Greek Orthodox Christians in America, His Eminence announced three ministerial goals upon his investiture.

First, he wants the community to cultivate, nurture and sustain dynamic faith.

Second, to teach and practice unlimited love.

Finally, he wants all to emphasize, pursue, and enhance the unbreakable unity within the Church and the human community.

Greeley stated that the Archbishop's doctrine and ministerial goals are what the Sacred Heart community is attempting to exemplify.

His concepts of universal peace and his commitment to education, academic writings, and conviction of faith, the uni-



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Dr. Cernera presents the Archbishop with his honorary degree.

versity holds him in considerable regard and esteem.

Archbishop Demetrios studied at Harvard and holds a doctorate in New Testament and Christian Origins. He served as a professor at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Brookline, Mass. and taught several of the nation's Greek ortho-

dox clergy.

Cernera conferred His Eminence with a degree in Human Letters, Honoris Causa, based on the fact that he has given tremendous scholarly insight in the Sacred Sciences.

Honorary doctorates are awarded for a substantial contribution to a field that is

not necessarily academically based.

After a standing ovation from the assembly, Archbishop Demetrios delivered a convocation addressing his gratitude for the honor.

His Eminence stated that his visit to

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Heart given clean slate, no STDs reported

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With rumors flying around campus about scabies and crabs, Health Services steps in to dispel the gossip and put some truth on the table for the student body.

It has been a week since The Spectrum printed a story about the sexually transmitted disease scare that was said to have spread in the freshman dorms, and this time, Health Services has something to say.

"There was never an 'outbreak' of scabies or crabs on campus," said Sheila Wheeler, director of Health Services. "That entire incident was found to be

totally unsubstantiated after being investigated by Residential Life."

Allen Machielson, the director of Residential Life, and his Residential Life staff, who all felt that this might give a bad name to Sacred Heart University, headed the investigation.

"The stories [at time of scare] had been passed onto three of our halls. I have talked to our Health Services and they have not confirmed reported cases of scabies for anyone in the halls during that time period," said Machielson.

He also points out that scabies are not actually considered a sexually transmitted

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Standing in line: the registration process

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The first few weeks of November mark the beginning of the registration process. Students say the process is a hassle, but the Registrar has been trying to make improvements.

Amidst the reading, the papers, the presentations, and the parties, students know November as a time to begin considering classes for the spring semester.

This year the Registrar has had about 2,000 full time students register for the spring semester, with no more than a couple hundred showing up at the registrar in person.

This means that nearly half of the school's students are now using the online registration system that was set up by the registrar two years ago.

The system is meant to provide a less hectic registration period for students and faculty.

"From what I gather, students like it," said Doug Bohn, university registrar. "They don't have to go stand in a line to register like they did a few years ago."

While students may no longer have to physically stand in line outside University Commons to await registration, Bohn did liken the idea of waiting in line to online

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Who do you google?

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Whether you use Yahoo, AOL, Google or one of the many search engines on the Internet, it is apparent that there is an abundance of information on the web for all to find and view.

According to the New York Times, Google is the reigning giant of Web search and the front runner for search engines. Google is so popular that it has even been socially made into a verb.

The term, "googling," is used to describe the act of using Google to search for something or even someone.

In a recent survey sent around campus 100 percent of the responses said they have googled themselves and/or some one else before.

Some people, like Jody Bortone, chair of occupational therapy, are surprised that they actually found anything on themselves while googling.

While others are surprised to find there is information out there attached to their name but wasn't them, rather another person with the same name.

"I was surprised to find that there was a rap sheet about a Shaun Mitchell," said Shaun Mitchell, Spectrum reporter, sophomore, Cresskill, N.J.

"[Googling is] for fun or if you're trying to find information fast; you have to be careful of what sites you go on because the information may not always be true. If you want valid facts you should look for sites that end in .org, .edu, or .gov," said Sue Ventura, freshman, South Windsor.

Technology empire, Microsoft, is working on ways to stop Google's rise and put themselves in top reign.

A Professor at Harvard Business School said, "Google is the realization of everything that we thought the Internet was going to be about but really wasn't until Google."

Google can be used by anyone with an Internet connection to find anything from phone numbers to pictures. Simply type in the person's name of whom you wish to find or the name of the item you wish

to locate and Google will find pages upon pages of options for you to look over.

"I think googling is just another sign of how technology is being integrated into someone's everyday life. Before a person would meet a person and learn about them over coffee, but now all they need is an internet connection," said Tiffany Willshaw, junior, Green Village, N.J.

"Googling is great, how else am I supposed to find out who my sister's dating," said Josh Sedlock, senior, Naugatuck.

Some business owners Google prospective employees. There was a mixed response from survey respondents as to whether or not this was a positive or a negative action.

"I have been googled as a job candidate and have done the same on the other end of the process. People on the job market should expect that they've been googled, and should have ready-responses for questions that might come about as a result," said Steven Michels, department of government and politics.

"[Googling] is intrusive and sneaky," said June-Ann Greeley, department of philosophy and religious studies.

"It would be hard to tell anyone that they can't Google someone else because how could that be enforced? I just think that employers should ask the employee directly about what they find on Google and let the employee give them more information," said Jocelyn Novella, assistant director of counseling.

Jenn Corridon, sophomore, South Amboy, N.J. said, "Googling is a great thing. It's an easy and fast way to find information, privacy isn't an issue because it's the internet, everything's available on there."

Whether Googling is part of your everyday life or you prefer a different search engine, Google is the clear leader in Web search devices. There is a lot of information available on the Internet, googling is a simple way to locate that information, and it is up to you to decide what is done with it.



The Spectrum/ Elyse Harrell

Health Services provides testing and counseling for sexually transmitted diseases.

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disease.

"Scabies is a very itchy skin condition caused by tiny mites that burrow into the outer layers of the skin," said Machielson.

Crabs and scabies may have only been rumors to the student body, but the threat of other sexually transmitted diseases is still very alive amongst the college community across the country.

"College students are faced with peer pressure in many areas; being sexually active is only one. Alcohol and drugs are big factors in losing control and making bad decisions to engage in risky behaviors," said Wheeler.

"Students must take responsibility for their behaviors and be informed regarding the consequences."

Health Services urges students to see a nurse practitioner at the Park Avenue House, where Health Services is located. There, students can be tested and counseled about sexually transmitted diseases.

The possibility of getting a sexually transmitted disease is high. The national statistic says that one in three students will get one by the age of 25.

The treatment process is two-fold when diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease,

First, the student will be medically treated with antibiotics. After the medical treatment, they are urged to undergo one-on-one counseling to determine safer lifestyle practices.

If a student does not want to speak to Health Services, there is an alternative.

"We have a group of students who are Peer Educators on campus; they are available to students who feel more comfortable talking to a peer than to a staff member," said Wheeler.

This group proposes another way of approaching difficult situations for students, but not every student would like to use the Peer Educators for a subject such as sexually transmitted diseases.

"I would rather speak to Health Services because they can give me information about the disease and tell me how to treat it," said Matt Ritchie, freshman, Clinton.

On the other hand, some students do feel comfortable talking with peers, more so than faculty.

"I would feel fine with the Peer Educators because they are my age and can relate to my situation much better," said Amy Lavorgna, freshman, Killingworth.

Both Ritchie and Lavorgna were quoted last week for being concerned about the supposed outbreak of crabs and scabies in the dorms. This week, they have much different reactions.

"I'm so relieved. You still need to worry about sexually transmitted diseases, but knowing they aren't where I live is a good feeling," said Ritchie. "It just goes to show you how much rumors go around and how quickly."

"It's good to hear the rumors are false, but to tell you the truth, sexually transmitted diseases are still out there," said Lavorgna.

With a small campus like Sacred Heart, rumors can grow at an enormous rate as witness by the snowballing effect of the sexually transmitted disease scare. It may have been false, but students are still wary.

Archbishop Demetrios gives advice to live by

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the University is an ecumenical encounter. Basically it helped promote the unity of Christian Churches around the world.

"[Sacred Heart University] is a place of wisdom and love," said Archbishop Demetrios.

The Archbishop's convocation speech emphasized that there needs to be constant dialogue between various faiths, particularly Muslims, Jews, and Christians.

His Eminence stressed the importance of fostering dialogue not only between various faiths but also with other Christian denominations.

Archbishop Demetrios stated that this

communication between other Christian denominations is crucial to put an end to the schisms or separation between each religious group. Continued efforts to eliminate the alienation between religions will lead to growth and development within and between various faiths.

Archbishop Demetrios concluded by stating that "[we] need to bring together love and unity between religions and erase religious animosity."

He taught students, faculty and attendees that it is important to understand your faith, and share it with others, while accepting the beliefs of other cultures. Together we can all help each other.

Cernera talks future plans for campus by 2015



The Spectrum/Elyse Harrell

What will the Ryan-Matura Library look like in the years to come?

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The Spectrum

For the past couple of years, rumors of a bigger and better campus have been flying around and finally some truth has been revealed.

In the past decade the campus has already grown. With the addition of Roncalli Hall in 1999 and Christian Witness Commons just last year, the school has greatly increased the amount of students that can be housed on campus,

but it is the plans for the next ten years that Dr. Anthony Cernera recently discussed with the Student Government.

According to Cernera, "The University has been engaged in a process of developing a new master plan for the campus. Such a master plan will guide the physical development of the campus over the next decade."

Though much of the plan is still under review some of the possibilities for the new and improved campus have

been revealed to both the student government and the public.

"My take on the ten year plan that Dr. Cernera discussed with us last week," said Vice President of Student Senate, Kurt McLoud, senior, Plymouth, N.H. "is that Sacred Heart wants to take the next step forward like other Division 1 Catholic Universities."

The "ten year plan" has been split up into different phases. The first phase involves doubling the size of the current library, adding a new chapel, and a new classroom building. The specifics of these three additions are currently under review.

"The main issues with the planning of such an upgrade to the facilities here on campus are parking, and space," said McLoud. "The first phase, as outlined by Dr. Cernera, includes nearly doubling the size of our current library, by extending it into North Lot. Obviously that will take away most of the available parking we have here at SHU. So the issue is where will people be parking?"

Cernera addressed the issue of parking, which is nothing new to the University, at the meeting with the Student Government, mentioning the possibility of building a five to six story parking garage where South Lot is now located.

Regarding the issue of space, the

University is currently trying to acquire a piece of property located across Jefferson Avenue next to Notre Dame High School. Despite rumors, the university has no agreements with either the Wheeler Golf Club or the Jewish Home for the Elderly to purchase any more land.

"As of now the University does not currently have the virtue of planning any of the 10 year plan on any land other than the existing perimeters of Sacred Heart University," said McLoud.

At an open house last year a model of possible renovations was on display depicting, along with the chapel and library, the possible addition of an Ice Pavilion between Scholar Commons and the Pitt Center, and another dormitory between Merton Hall and the Pitt Center. Though these two renovations could be a part of the University's future they are far from definite.

"Dr. Cernera was very laid back at the Student Government wide meeting," said McLoud. "It was nice to discuss these issues with him in such a lax, and informal setting. He really wanted to know how we felt about the future of our school, and you could tell how excited and passionate he is about it."

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News

Jeff Davis reveals true criminal minds: *A lesson in succeeding in Hollywood from Conn. native*

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Jeff Davis, the creator of the new hit TV show "Criminal Minds", came to Sacred Heart on last Thursday to speak to students and the public about his exciting journey in Hollywood.

Davis, son of Dr. Elaine Davis, associate professor and director of the social work program, is only 30 years old. He wrote the script for the TV show "Criminal Minds" on CBS. The show falls into the genres of thriller, crime and drama.

Davis graduated from Vassar College with a degree in film and he then went on to receive a master's degree in screenwriting from the University of California.

After graduating he eventually sold a script to CBS which became "Criminal Minds".

"I'm going to start by reading you my favorite review of the show," said Davis, "It's titled 'Something is Criminal About Criminal Minds'."

Davis finds the negative press about the show comical.

"You can choose for yourself what is most revolting about 'Criminal Minds'," Davis recited from piece of notebook paper, "Once you plummet below a certain level, trash is trash."

The audience chuckled at the rather harsh review.

"I love that review," said Davis, "I read it every now and then to give myself a dose of humility."

"Criminal Minds" pulls in about 20 million viewers a week. Despite some negative reviews, the show has decent ratings.

Davis, originally from Connecticut, moved to Los Angeles after finishing his schooling.

"It's where you have to be if you want to make it in Hollywood," said Davis.

He spent most of his time working on his screenplays and trying to sell them.

He also had a day job as a script reader for a nearby studio where he discovered how bad some scripts in Hollywood truly were.

"I thought to myself, 'Wow, if these scripts are this bad then I really have a shot because I can write a script just as bad as this,'" said Davis with a chuckle.

After entering a screenwriting competition Davis received a call from a manager who tried to sell one of his screenplays. Even after Davis rewrote the script many times the manager was unable to sell the



Contributed Photo/ Greg Golda

Jeff Davis, son of Dr. Elaine Davis, associate professor and director of the social work program, spoke to SHU students about the life of a Hollywood screenplay writer. "I thought to myself, 'Wow, if these scripts are this bad then I really have a shot because I can write a script just as bad as this,'" said Davis with a chuckle.

script.

"[So] I did what any writer in Hollywood would do when nothing is happening with their career; I fired my representation," said Davis.

Eventually Dimension, owned by Disney, bought the script. However, Davis had yet to have any of his scripts actually go to production.

Davis then came up with the idea for "Criminal Minds". He went off to try and sell it.

"[While driving to the meeting] I had this image in my head of this faceless executive saying, 'I love it,'" said Davis.

When Davis finished the meeting he explained to the executive that he had other ideas for episodes and asked if she wanted to hear them.

"She said, 'No, I love it,'" said Davis.

It was decided that the TV show had a chance to be produced. However, before that, a pilot episode must be cast and then when it is produced it must go through rigorous testing.

"The [test screening] actually turned out pretty positive," said Davis.

The pilot of "Criminal Minds" was viewed by people from all different places around the country who then rated it. The production company was satisfied with the ratings so the show went into full production for TV.

Davis explained that the reason he made it in the TV business was because he never gave up. Davis did not have a backup plan for himself so he was forced to write a script that was worth being produced.

"I found his presentation to be educational, entertaining, and inspirational at the same time. It is clear that Mr. Davis's

success is a result not only of his amazing talent, but also due to his determination to succeed and an incredibly strong work ethic," said Dr. Castonguay in an email interview, "I can't wait to see what he does next."

Dr. Andrew Miller hosted the event sponsored by the Media Studies and Digital Culture department.

"Dr. Miller has done an excellent job bringing in talented and successful people from the media industry to talk to Media Studies and Digital Culture students about their professions," said Dr. Jim Castonguay of the Media Studies and Digital Culture department. "Jeff Davis was no exception."

"Criminal Minds" plays on CBS on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. The show is rated TV14 for strong language and violence.

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Standing in line: registration process is easier

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registration as well, saying that students have to wait in a sort of virtual line when registering through WebAdvisor.

"We still have some technical problems," said Bohn, "we had a few times when the system knocked itself offline."

Bohn attributed the problems to the fact that so many students attempt to access WebAdvisor at the same time. It may have been nice not to have to stand in a line, but frustration runs high when the system does not work properly.

The IT department is notified immediately when WebAdvisor is kicked offline, so the time it takes to reset the system is minimal.

"Registration last semester was such a hassle," said Nina Pilazzo, junior, Newton, "so I had my advisor clear me to register for the year so that I wouldn't have to do it again this fall."

For the students that register one semester at a time, problems with WebAdvisor cannot be avoided.

The Registrar has made a few changes to the registration process and system this year, in hopes of lowering any issues for students.

"We have a new format on WebAdvisor this year; we made choosing and adding courses easier," said Bohn, "hopefully it was more user friendly."

Aside from the program itself, the registrar changed the way they create registration groups. Last year registration was

equipped with numerous starting times throughout the day in which groups of 100-150 students were allowed to register at a time.

This year they decided to make the groups larger, with 300-350 students, and have less starting times through out the course of the day.

The change was created because the registrar was noticing a trend in the way students register; only about half the group would register immediately at the starting time, while the other half registered sporadically during the given period.

Last year, once a student's time slot had terminated, the student was not able to add or change any classes until the following week, after all other students had registered. This year the registrar allows students to make changes at any given time.

Bohn said that some of the technical problems students have been experiencing with WebAdvisor could possibly be attributed to the changes that have been made, because it allows more students to log on to the system, which will inevitably slow it down, causing the virtual "lines" to be longer. However he said that he does not believe it is a big part of it.

Other improvements to the registration system include notification emails about holds and waitlists.

"There used to be no easy way to tell a student they had been accepted into a class



The Spectrum/ Elyse Harrell

A student registering the old fashioned way.

when they were on a waitlist," said Bohn.

"The student would go and register for another class and then get accepted and then they were overloaded with classes."

This is also the first year that the registrar has allowed freshmen to use online registration during the fall semester.

Bohn said he believed that students were becoming more sophisticated with

their laptops, as things like WebAdvisor and Blackboard become more popular.

The Registrar is aware of any problems that students encounter. They have already alleviated some issues by allowing students to register online rather than making them stand in a line. However, getting rid of the virtual line on the system is something that is still being improved.

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Perspectives

LEED Certification at SHU

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Have you ever sat at a desk in a classroom and wondered, "Who put this here?" More specifically, have you ever tried to balance your notebook and laptop on one of those junky folding chair-desk hybrids and wondered, "Where has my tuition gone?" I occasionally wonder why certain parts of the university deserve more money than others. I mean, I am sure that certain adjunct faculty felt disheartened when viewing the numerous flat-screen televisions adorning the hallways instead of a competitive wage.

This university is growing. To be sure, it serves over twenty times of its original enrollment. We see this all over. A monolithic dormitory now deemed Roncalli Hall asserts its phallic dominance over the adjoining homes of Park Avenue. Three very recent dormitories, the "Christian Witness Commons," are the new hotspot for the Bridgeport Fire Department after the bars close. Whether we like it or not, we are making an impact on the landscape around us.

This leads me to recent news: last week Dr. Cerna denied Faculty Senate Motion 042. For those of you who do not know, Motion 042 was a recommendation formulated by the Campus Ecology Team to attain LEED certification for the upcoming (huge) construction planned to boost SHU into the 21st century. If this is news to you, find the designs under the "works-in-progress" section at the Sasaki Associates, Inc. website (www.sasaki.com).

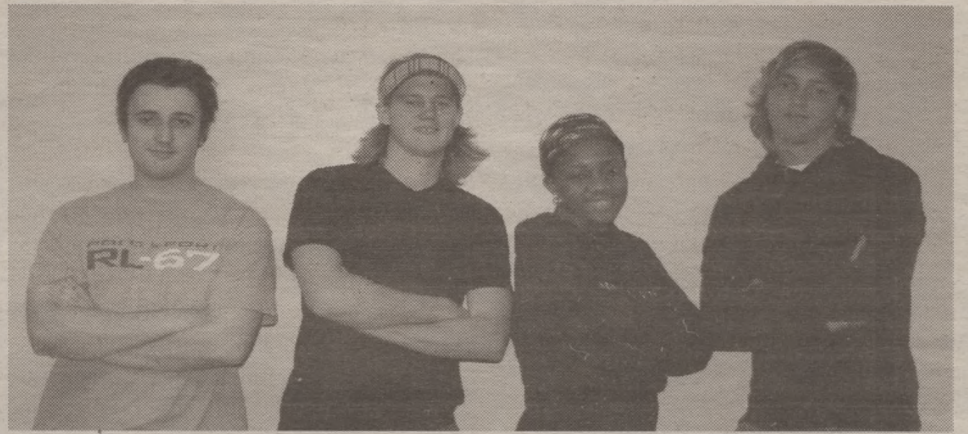
If you have had the chance, you will notice that the renderings transform SHU from a humble Catholic University into one set in a gritty post-modern milieu. They even plan to connect the academic building with the library via a huge glass bridge. It could not more resemble a "rhizome" unless the plans included replacing the metal with plant matter. This LEED certi-

cation would not encompass such as drastic change, but "emphasizes state of the art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality." The U.S. Green Building Council, an institution dedicated to promoting buildings that are "environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work", gives this certification.

Environmental responsibility for our generation is a double-edged sword. Most of us are, to put lightly, are apathetic about the environment. For a good lot of us, "environmental responsibility" is getting the deposit back on a thirty rack consumed over the weekend.

On the other hand, parts of the nation suffer from acid rain and it seems like the greenhouse effect is becoming more and more a reality. We as a student body should stand by our faculty. Everyone here must have at least one favorite professor. They are the ones that will be here when you leave. They are going to be the one using that glass bridge. In the thought of the university's expansion, it is questionable to whether it is being constructed for an actual academic purpose or an advertising publicity stunt.

Apathy in this case is a poor business decision. While it may be relatively "fun" for the university to focus on its image, this has a relatively meager impact on the value of my diploma. What "real" effect does rebuilding the library have when students are stuck without the resources to perform true academic research? At any rate, surely there must be a more cost-efficient method to enhance the university without the need for a glass bridge. Maybe we could have better paid faculty. Maybe we could replace those crappy one-armed desks that no one likes. Or maybe we could be assured by a simple certification that the university will use our funds to build something long-lasting.



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Students from the International Club. From left to right, Victor Barros (from Portugal); Daphny Dolces (from Haiti); Jonatan Allback (from Sweden); David Backman (from Sweden)

International students make SHU their home

Ariane Rasmussen
The Spectrum

When living in a multicultural nation with many international students, it is nearly impossible for students not to wonder about the differences and challenges that international students face.

While some international students come to SHU through scholarships, others come with their families or being an au pair, the main reason for coming to the United States is the better opportunities. Every student gets a different first impression and misses different things about their homeland.

"The U.S. was a lot different than I had in mind. Everything seems bigger, it snows in the winter, people in general are friendlier than back at home. I didn't like my first impression of SHU. People were not nice, the buildings reminded me of a high school. Staff members could be very impolite. Many of the teachers treated their class as if they were teaching high school kids," said Queenie Cheng, senior from Hong Kong.

Jonatan Allback, freshman from Gothenburg, Sweden had a more positive impression and said that he thought it was a "nice campus [with] nice people" and that he feels the staff is "really trying to help as much as they can."

Some students felt that SHU is not as diverse as they had expected it to be being in such a multicultural nation. Danya Jimenez's, senior from Mexico, first impression was that the U.S. was "diverse" and SHU was "non-diverse."

On the other hand, sophomore Merlin Perez from Havana, Cuba, said, "This is a country of opportunities and SHU is the right place to be. It is a very diverse community."

When it comes to the factors that make them homesick the most, some of the students' main obstacles were missing their family, friends, and homeland's food.

"I miss the food [and] my relatives, social life was much simpler [in Mexico]. From going to a cafe and [taking] walks around in the plaza to having

dinner with my friends' families at their house," said Jimenez.

Cheng discussed the differences between the United States and her home country, "The U.S. and my home country are just two very different places with different people, different faces, fashion style, and so on. But I miss the traditions such as the big cultural holidays. I miss the food and the shopping, and most of all I miss my parents," said Cheng.

While some students feel that adapting to living away from their family and friends is difficult, others like Allback have gotten used to it. To some students, like Perez, the biggest challenge faced in a new country is "learning the new language and getting used to a new culture." Many students may come from a foreign country with a decent amount of English like Jimenez and Allback who learned it at home.

Being a part of organizations such as clubs and teams can also help students become adapted to their new lives faster by introducing them to people with similar interests to theirs. Regardless of which country a student came from or which club he/she is a member of, all international students have to become adapted to their new environment and learn to overcome the differences and obstacles from there to here.

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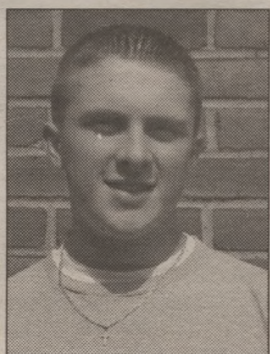
He Said... She Said...

What are the rules of calling your new love interest?

Robert Roy
"He Said" Columnist

This idea is directly out of a movie. A guy and his friends go to a bar to meet girls and get their phone numbers. They meet a group of three single women living in a big city. Usually within a few days they call to set up another date. There is always a big deal made about how long someone should wait before he calls her. One of his friends always states that you can't call too soon as you don't want to seem desperate. Then another friend talks about how if you wait too long you will come across as uninterested and she will move on to another guy.

Then there is a huge build up by the girls as they wait for the call. She will sit around with her friends wondering just when he will call. When a few days pass, she toys with the idea of calling first just in case he lost the number or forgot. Once



this occurs, her friends go through the same scenarios as the guy's friends did. No one wants to seem desperate or uninterested and this is what leads to this question.

I think we should just skip this unnecessary guessing and just go past the first date the first time we meet. We are not in Hollywood and no one's life is ever going to play off like the perfect script. Generally, get her number and call her within the next 3 days if you do not get past all that unnecessary first date stuff the first night. Don't waste your time wondering about when you should or shouldn't call.

Rachelle Murphy
"She Said" Columnist

You finally exchange numbers with someone you like. What are the rules of calling? There are many different sets of rules, some that men follow, and some that women follow. Should there even be any rules? Most men say it depends how you get the number. If it is slipped to you on a napkin, call right away. If you get a number any other way guys seem play the three day rule, which is used so you don't seem too desperate.

Women may tend to over think the entire idea of calling. If you are interested in a guy why not call? Waiting can make things complicated. You are better off taking the chance of calling rather than sitting around on a Friday night thinking you could have been on a date with this guy if you would have just picked up the phone.



What is the point of having rules to call someone? If you exchanged numbers and you like them, go for it. Don't hold back when you can make yourself happy. Why wait, when there is a possibility that someone else could make a move on the person you like.

It's always better to regret doing something you did then to sit around and think what if? You don't want to take that chance. So throw out all the rules and pick up that phone. This seems to be the only way to your own happiness.



What was your most embarrassing moment at school?



"One time I saw a girl get hit by the door from FLIK but I've only fallen off the stairs."

Emily Rohman

Topsham, M.E.~Sophomore



"I broke some lights when I was drunk and Public Safety took me away. I'll never do that again."

Adam Pellecchia

Pelham, N.Y.~ Sophomore



"On the first day of school, I sat in the wrong class for a good 10 minutes before realizing it."

Laura Falk

Fairfax Station, V.A.~Sophomore



"When I was pledging for Zeta, lipsync to Calculus dressed up as geeks in front of everyone."

Nicole Fiorentino

Kings Park, N.Y.~Sophomore



"I got caught naked in the hallway while drunk. I've learned to keep my clothes on."

Brian Oliver

Cresskill, N.J.~Freshman



I was in class and my friends put a creepy picture inside my book. When I opened it I screamed."

Matt Reisert

Greenlawn, N.Y.~Sophomore



Student Senate would like to congratulate Senator, Aisha Lubin and the Judicial Board for being completely staffed. On November 8th, 2005, the Senate approved the last two representatives. These members include Vanessa Bush and Peter Swit of the Class of 2009.

Public Relations and Advertising Committee is working on a peer recognition program, as well as a Club Kudos. Through this program the Senate is going to acknowledge the good things that other clubs and organizations are doing on campus. In addition to this Senate is also working on recognition to sports teams who have done well during their game season.

The Julia Davis Fundraiser is also still in progress. Letters have been sent out from the University to local schools, both public and private, and local businesses. The Class of 2009 is also helping the Senate raise money for this fundraiser by executing "You Got SHU'd." The goal of this event is to find students and staff who are willing to pay \$3 to "SHU" someone's dorm/office door. E-mails are currently being sent out with more details on this fundraiser. All are welcome to participate.

The Public Safety Committee is also moving along nicely. Because of the large damage bill last year in the residence halls, especially Roncalli (East), Public Safety has installed security cameras within open space on every floor in front of the elevators. These cameras digitally record the information in hopes that if and when damage happens, it will be easier to determine the individual responsible for charges.

In addition to having these cameras in Roncalli, Senate hopes to work toward cameras scattered around campus as well. The Information Technology department has a couple web cameras broadcasting live through the Sacred Heart University web site. The only problem with these cameras is they do not record the information in archives; they are merely a live stream.

Jim Daly, Student Government President wrote an amendment to revise the approval process of new freshmen elected board members. This amendment was revised by Denise Tiberio and presented by Amy Nardone and Jenna Molloy. It has been passed twice in Senate, and with one more approval, it will go back to Executive Board for final approval. The newly revised amendment reads: "First year Class Officers and Senators will take the below listed Oath of Office to be administered by the Sacred Heart University President or designee at a Student Government installation ceremony/event sponsored within 7 days of Fall Elections. All vacant positions must take the Oath of Office given by the Sacred Heart University designee at the first SG Senate meeting following their confirmed appointment."

- Contributed by Erin Maurer.

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The Spectrum/ Kayla O'Brien

Retail stores lower prices to increase charity

Gina Saccaro
The Spectrum

Lucky Shops held a benefit sample sale from Friday to Saturday in Gotham Hall in Manhattan.

Lucky Shops is sponsored by Lucky magazine, which according to their website had a very successful second year of fundraising.

By participating and purchasing marked down high end fashions, shoppers help support Free Arts NYC. Free Arts NYC is a charity which helps underprivileged children and families get through the hard times through art.

"I think it's really great what these top designers are doing to benefit the children. It's a great cause and I'm sure the event

made a lot of money for the charity," said Jen Giordano, junior, Holtsville N.Y.

Some of the bargains include Marc Jacobs bags marked down to only \$100, as well as other expensive designer bags slashed down from \$500 to as low as \$160. There are also experts on hand ready to help you find jeans with the perfect fit at the Lycra Denim bar.

Sample Sale shoppers could have also ordered items online at Ebay.com, and other online sites that promoted the sale.

In order to bargain shop in Gotham Hall, customers must first bought \$35 tickets in advance. A portion of the \$35 went to Free Arts NYC, and in return the shoppers got a goodie bag filled with designer

items valued at \$100.

"I think it's a great idea for them to donate the money to a good cause. And the big designer sales attract people so they will raise a lot of money," said Colleen Deegan, sophomore, Massapequa, N.Y.

SHU also helped benefit charities by selling tickets for a charitable event that the Westfield Mall in Trumble on Sunday.

The benefit supports Habitat for Humanity, which reaches out to surrounding communities through volunteer work.

Students purchased Westfield Works Wonders tickets for \$10 and shopped from 6:30-10:00 p.m. at the mall.

"I think Habitat's fundraiser is a good

idea especially with the holidays coming up. It would be nice to shop at the mall without all the crazy crowds and even get good discounts," said Jenna Gray, junior, Sayville, N.Y.

The ticket allowed students to shop in the mall after it closed along with huge discounts in participating stores.

Shoppers had the opportunity to enter raffles, meet Yankees pitcher Scott Proctor, as well as take pictures with Santa.

The holiday season is a great opportunity to give back to the community. With events such as Westfield Works Wonders, and the Lucky Shops sample sale, students can shop, while supporting a good cause.

Desperate Housewives actor fired for improper conduct

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Page Kennedy, who plays a fugitive from the law on "Desperate Housewives," was fired from the hit ABC drama for improper conduct, a series spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Kennedy, who joined the show this season, was let go Friday after a "thorough investigation by the studio" of the allegations against him, publicist Janet Daily said. "Desperate Housewives" is produced by Touchstone Television, part of The Walt Disney Co.

The alleged misconduct didn't involve another cast member, a source close to the production said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Kennedy played Caleb, a character shrouded in mystery and seen only briefly as he was held captive in the basement of Wisteria Lane newcomer Betty Applewhite (Alfre Woodard). In the Oct. 23 episode, it

was revealed that Caleb may be responsible for a teenager's murder in Chicago.

The role of Caleb is being recast, Daily said. Kennedy's final appearance on the ABC series is Sunday.

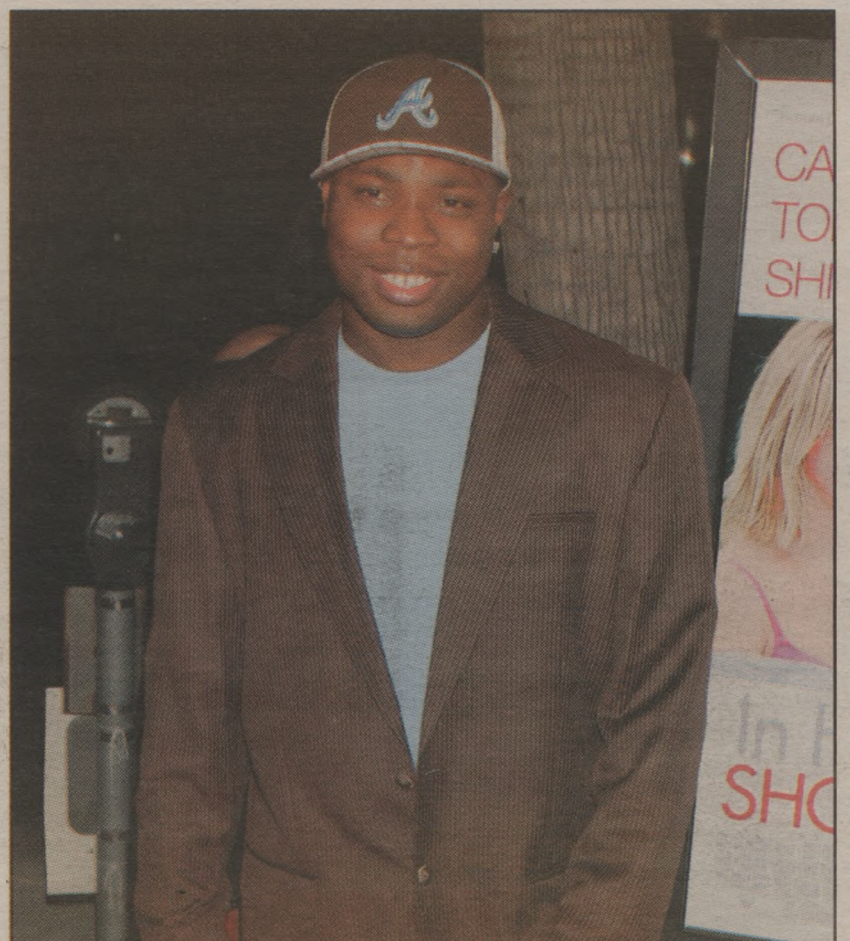
In an Associated Press interview last month, Kennedy, 28, said the "Desperate Housewives" role represented the chance of "making a name for myself."

He was so intent on joining the show, he said, that he passed on other jobs, including a recurring role on Showtime's "Barber Shop" and parts on WB's upcoming Rebecca Romijn series, "Pepper Dennis," and on UPN's "Love, Inc."

"I needed this opportunity to play this kind of character," Kennedy said. "It isn't the kind that comes around often and it's usually played by a name (actor). This is an opportunity for me to showcase all the years of training I've had."

The Detroit native had appeared in the HBO series "Six Feet Under" as a football player who died of heat stroke and made his film debut as a bad guy in 2003's "S.W.A.T." He's in the movie "In the Mix," which is set to open on his birthday, Nov. 23.

"Desperate Housewives," among the top-rated series with about 25 million viewers weekly, represents "the biggest exposure I'll have gotten," Kennedy told the AP. He lauded Woodard as his favorite actress, and said the rest of the cast "has been so sweet and nice to me."



AP Photo/Luis Martinez

Actor Page Kennedy arrives for a film premiere on Sept. 28, 2005 in Beverly Hills, Calif. Kennedy, who plays a fugitive from the law on "Desperate Housewives," was fired from the hit ABC television drama for improper conduct, a series spokeswoman said Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005.

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SHU Force kicks their way into another season

Jaclyn Hull
The Spectrum

SHU Force caused the audience to do a double take last Thursday night as they kicked off another successful season with their debut dance to Missy Elliott's popular hit "Lose Control."

President Katrina Torres, introduced her 2005 executive board including her Vice President Kaitlin Brownridge, Secretary, Jenna D'Agostino, and Treasurer, Ashley Lussier. Jenna Cean Coccia from Force's advertising and Ashley Bonora from fundrasing were also recognized.

"We usually bring a big turnout to our shows," said Amy Ricci, SHU Force advisor, "we are always looking to bring a bigger crowd, but it was a great turn out for our first show."

Ricci is one of SHU Force's advisors along with Dawn Duccette, who has been part of Force for three years, and is also a faculty member working in graduate admissions.

The show started with a special performance by Omega Phi Kappa, the SHU Elite Gymnastics Team, and Dance Team.

Before getting into their featured

dance, SHU Force kicked to raise money for their organization. Everyone started on stage kicking, and as the song came to an end the group got smaller. There were about five girls left on stage when the 3 1/2 minute song ended and advisors Duccette and Ricci were two of the remaining contestants.

"We had our members ask their family and friends for a dollar amount

per kick, but most people just give flat donations," said Katrina Torres, junior, East Hartford.

They also fundraised at a home football game selling baked goods and gave all of the leftovers to the Prospect House, a food shelter in Bridgeport.

"We are trying to get more active in the community, so you'll definitely be seeing us around," said Torres.



The Spectrum/Jaclyn Hull

The ladies of SHU force danced for the crowd for the first time this semester.

We can expect to see SHU Force at SHU Idol and in their recital that they put on in the Spring, which will feature more core dances, such as hip-hop, tap, latin, and point.

The 36 members practice twice a week and pulled a few extra practices to prepare everything for the kickoff performance.

"Our main hip-hop dance has different styles this year, it has a wider variety than the usual, there is some break-dancing and flips," said Laura Glazier, junior, Huntington, N.Y.

The show ran for about an hour and the audience clapped along with the loud music and entertainment.

"I love to come watch SHU Force, every time they have a concert I make sure to go. I love how they all look like they seem to be having fun with each other and the audience up on stage," said Lisa Meyer, junior, North Haven.

The audience filled up almost the entire theater, and we can expect to see the same type of reaction to their performance in the Spring.

"The show went just as planned, I thought it was very clean," said Ricci.

Movie Review: *Jarhead*

Matt Libassi
The Spectrum

Jake Gyllenhaal, Donnie Darko himself, reappears on the big screen in the long awaited war-not-so-war movie. "Jarhead," wowed audiences with the talent of the star studded cast and overall quality.

"Jarhead," directed by Sam Mendes, released Nov. 5 in theaters boasts such acting talent as Jake Gyllenhaal ("Donnie Darko," "Day After Tomorrow"), Jamie Foxx ("Ray," "Collateral"), and Peter Sarsgaard ("Garden State," "Flightplan").

The movie is like one you may not expect from a war movie with a lack of actual fighting focusing on the relationships

between the men, the internal struggle of the soldiers, and the torture of being away from home.

Of course, any battle-film-fan can pick out some stereotypical characteristics such as the nerdy yet sentimental soldier, the hard drill sergeant who just wants the best for his men, the typical tough guy always not following directions, and of course the hero.

The movie hits home, with the soldiers fighting in the Gulf War, making their situation comparable to what is going on over seas today. Despite the situation, the movie has its light-hearted moments, making you laugh along with the men, sucking you right into their training,

through the desert and battle field.

"It really made you think what happens in the war and more realistic then just hearing it," said Krista Palermo, Boston, Mass.

Jake Gyllenhaal is nothing short of phenomenal. Physically, he worked himself to perfection, looking a lot more like Arnold Schwarzenegger then Donnie Darko. Already on the Hollywood scene there is buzz of Oscars, and for a good reason.

"The movie was simply amazing," said Bridget Steckis, sophomore, Wading River, N.Y. "I mean I have never seen a bad movie with Gyllenhaal yet, and I really don't expect to."

Gyllenhaal is expected to come out in December with another hit, "Brokeback Mountain," the love story of two homosexual cowboys. As we can see through his filmography, each acting experience surpasses the next gaining more and more talent.

Not everyone accepted "Jarhead" with open arms, and because it was a war movie, we were expecting, well war.

Evan Gillette, sophomore, Rochester, NY, said, "The ending was good, the story was boring, and the film was long. I mean, it's a war movie, I was expecting more."

"Jarhead" is more than a war movie, more then just any film in the box office. It is something that everyone should take the time out to see, if not for the appreciation of the art within the film, then for a greater understanding of today's world events, and how these events came to be. "Jarhead" is not only a timely history of one man, but our entire nation.



AP Photo/Universal Studio

Staff Sergeant Sykes (Jamie Foxx) and Anthony "Swoff" Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal) sustain themselves with sardonic humanity and wicked comedy on blazing desert fields in a country they don't understand against an enemy they can't see in "Jarhead."

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Features

Eugene Stacey defines inspirational

Theresa Vosilla
The Spectrum

For those of you that don't know him, Eugene "Gene" Stacey is an extraordinary person. Anyone who meets him will agree that he isn't an ordinary student. Gene has cerebral palsy and is legally blind. Even with the challenges he faces, nothing has stopped him from being a trailblazer since kindergarten.

Gene was the first multi-handicapped student to enter a regular kindergarten class and continue through to high school. He set a precedent for other disabled students. His disabilities do cause more day-to-day challenges for Gene than most students.

"I think the greatest obstacle he has had to overcome is compensating for his disabilities, which he never complains about," said his mother, Maureen Stacey.

Everyday there are tasks that require extra help from others. Gene relies on others, including his mother, James Williams, his personal aide, and CLA's to help get the work done. Gene is fed so much information throughout the day that sometimes just processing it all together can be difficult.

"I'd have to say my Mom is my greatest inspiration because she left her career to help me get an education. She devotes hours and hours to help me and she shouldn't have to, but she does it anyway," said Gene.

If Gene comes across anyone that may discourage him, he likes to ignore them and prove them all wrong.

"Gene has a tremendous amount of family support. Gene's father and I work together to handle each challenge as it arises," said Maureen Stacey.

Gene's love for life and knowledge inspires people around him everyday. Classmates see his participation and how hard he tries. And when all is said and done,



The Spectrum/ Elyse Harrell

Eugene lets nothing stop him, he is shown here with his aide James.

Gene's grades don't lie.

"It makes (classmates) think, if he can do it, so can I," said Williams.

Williams and Gene met two and a half years ago. All Williams was told was that there was a student who was blind and in a wheelchair and who wanted him to come to school and help assist him throughout the day.

The first encounter left Gene and Williams a little apprehensive about each other. Although, they have now grown to become the best of friends, and this year they shared Gene's first football and basketball game. Williams and Gene have a fun-loving relationship.

"Gene sees what Gene wants to see. Gene gets me into way too much trouble," said Williams.

Gene is an English major who plans on pursuing a career in writing possibly for a magazine or a newspaper and already has two mystery novels in progress. With just a few elective classes left to take, Gene is almost done with college.

"My wish is for him to graduate Sacred Heart University with the hope of someone giving him the opportunity for a job where he can be as independent as he can, doing something he enjoys, and being around people who accept him," said Maureen Stacy.

Gene's interests go beyond just English and writing. He handles all the booking for AL's DJ Company, started by a friend of his two years ago. He also loves food and cooking.

"I am very interested in food and cooking even though I can't do it myself. I like to help my mom in the kitchen," said Gene.

"Gene inspires me because I no longer look at his disability, it is his mind, and I listen to him and say wow, he blows me away," said Williams.

"Gene inspires me everyday with his positive attitude and his rare characteristics by being sincere, kind, always putting others before himself and pointing out the good in everyone. His accomplishments are remarkable and despite his limitations and lack of life experiences, he has done more than most. He is a well-liked young man by his family, friends, and peers. Gene has a heart of gold and inspires most people he meets," said Maureen Stacy.

Williams said if he could let people know anything about Gene it would be that he is so interesting. He wishes that people would stop being so narrow minded and look at the person, he is very fun-loving and outgoing. He likes meeting people and always keeps busy.

Gene certainly chose the right word to describe himself, "unique."

Student credit card debt is on the rise

Dallas Kalmar
The Spectrum

The poet Ogden Nash once reflected on the burden of paying back one's creditors, "Some debts are fun when you are acquiring them, none are fun when you set about retiring them."

Nash might as well be addressing the college students of present day America, who have accrued the highest amount of personal debt in national history. Thanks to increased spending habits, credit cards furnished without request and eye-popping tuition hikes, it's no wonder so many young people buy now and pay the minimum payment later.

In addition to student loans, the average undergraduate college student has four credit cards and \$2,200 in credit card debt, this mostly due to aggressive marketing by credit card companies. At interest rates between a whopping 18 and 24 percent, students may be paying off their debt well into their thirties or forties, if they aren't careful.

"As soon as I started college my freshman year, I received an MBNA MasterCard in the mail. I never applied for it, but began using it indiscriminately. My \$500 limit turned into a \$1000 debt within months," said Brittany Neive, junior, Albany, N.Y.

College-aged students today are being referred to as the "indentured generation," a much warranted title. While doing all of the things expected of them, like financing an education and a car without the immediate available funds, young people are left without much



The Spectrum/ Elyse Harrell

College students must be careful with credit card spending.

choice.

Hans Riemer serves as director of the Washington, D.C. office of Rock the Vote, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization that promotes political activity among young adults, comments on this nation-wide epidemic.

"This generation is financially stressed. As tuitions rise and grants are cut, young people are increasingly financing their education on their own, through loans. At the same time, the laws that freed up banks to mar-

ket more heavily to young consumers and students are wreaking their effect as this demographic is increasingly falling back on credit cards to make up for what they are losing in wages and student aid," said Reimer.

In addition to covering basic needs, frivolous credit usage tends to be the main culprit for excessive debt.

"I've had a credit card since freshman year, and I probably use it the most for dining out, I prefer not to be indebted to anyone, so I try not to use it," said Joe Giannetti, senior, New York City, N.Y.

The way credit card debt is handled will follow the charger for many years. Maxing out one's credit line, not paying bills on time, and collecting credit cards like they're going out of style will ensure a poor credit score after graduation. Credit is all one has, without it getting an apartment, obtaining a home or car loan, even getting a job, will be very difficult.

"My credit went from non-existent to frightening in my first two years of college. I couldn't even get a cell phone. Now that I am a senior with a budget, my credit score is to be envied," said Jessica McCann, senior, Guilford.

Credit, if used wisely can work to one's benefit. As a student that bears the burden of education loans, a budget is the foundation for financial freedom. Good credit is attainable by purchasing something that is affordable, and paying it off right away.

Operation Christmas Child gives hope

Victoria Licata
The Spectrum

Giving to children globally who are disadvantaged from war, disease, and sickness is the goal of Operation Christmas Child. This project supplies Christmas gifts to children who have nothing to open on the holidays.

Operation Christmas Child is small part of a humanitarian outreach program called Samaritan's Purse headed by Franklin Graham. SHU is contributing by donating shoeboxes to children less fortunate.

"It serves children in over 90 countries around the world, especially in Africa, South America, Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. Operation Christmas Child started in 1993, over 39 million boxes have been sent," said Mindy Miserendino, associate professor of psychology.

SHU donators are asked to fill a shoebox with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, or candy treats. The box should be for either a boy or a girl, ages ranging from 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. These and other details are in the Operation Christmas Child pamphlet that can be picked up in Campus Ministry.

Toys that can be packed in the boxes can include small toy cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos jump ropes, small Etch a Sketch, extra batteries for toys that may light up and other toys in the same family.

School supplies such as pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers,



The Spectrum/ Elyse Harrell
Victoria Walter and Jessica Hartley took part in the Christmas spirit by filling shoe boxes with presents for children.

stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, calculators etc. are some things that can help expand the children's education possibilities.

Hygiene items may include toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, hairbrushes, and anything else that a child can use.

Winter clothes such as mittens, gloves or scarves would also be useful.

Some specific items that should not be included in the boxes are war related items or toys such as toy guns, knives, military figures, etc. Chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable

items, or aerosol cans also.

A check made out to Samaritan's Purse for \$5 should be enclosed in the shoebox as well to help pay for shipping charges. The donation will help send the shoeboxes out to the children.

"Anyone who would like to participate and doesn't have time to fill a box can write a check to Operation Christmas Child to help cover shipping and buy additional stuff to fill more boxes," said Miserendino.

The filled and wrapped shoeboxes are due at Campus Ministry by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, so they can be delivered to the pick up sight in Watertown.

The program hopes to encourage people to stop and think about how unfortunate children are across the world. These children have nothing to call their own because of where they live, or locations that aren't suitable for living.

"I want to do everything I can to get boxes into the hands of as many children as needed, and that's why I try to make the SHU community aware of this cause and this opportunity to help," said Miserendino.

With support, cheer may be brought to these children for the holidays. Saying a prayer and sending something from the heart can make a child's day brighter. Stop in Campus Ministry to pick up a pamphlet, and remember the deadline for the boxes is tomorrow. So while shopping for family or friends, think about picking up a few little items for one shoebox, it may make all the difference to a child.

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O'Brien, Pioneers sting AIC home and away

Brian Fitzsimmons
The Spectrum

Pierre-Luc O'Brien blasted a shot past the Yellow Jackets goaltender, and with the way the star pumped his fist, he knew that "Pierre-Luc poster night" would be a wild one.

Fresh off escaping the opposition's comeback efforts in West Springfield Friday night, the men's hockey team cruised for an 8-1 victory over American International College Saturday night in Milford.

After O'Brien got the Pioneers' engine started only 1:41 into the game, forward Bear Trapp sent a wrist shot into the back of the net just over two minutes later.

AIC decided to switch goaltenders, and the buzz inside the Milford Ice Pavilion suggested that the game was all but over. Forward Eric Giosa broke in the Yellow Jackets new goalie as he deflected a Peter Ferraro slap shot for Sacred Heart's third goal.

AIC finally snuck the puck past Pioneers goalie Jason Smith, who, thus far, has erased any questions about his ability to lead a winning team in his first season as a full-time



The Spectrum/Travis Flynn

Drew Sanders and the Pioneers can rest easy after a weekend sweep, but not for long. They travel to #1 seed Mercyhurst this weekend.

starter.

Despite AIC getting on the board, senior Erik Roos capped off a four goal first period by scoring shorthanded.

O'Brien struck once again in the second period to change the contest into a blowout, and Andrew Billingham sparked another celebration on the ice when he scored at the 15:07 mark to bring the score 6-1.

"We haven't changed anything strategically on offense," O'Brien said. "We just played a little more intense this weekend."

The high octane offense carried through to the third period, when defenseman Kalen

Wright and Ferraro scored the seventh and eighth goals of the game.

With an 8-1 lead, goaltender Stefan Drew came on to give Smith the rest of the night off. Drew saved all five shots in his collegiate debut.

"It feels really good to know that the offense is going to back me up," said Smith, who made 16 saves on the evening. "We had a hard weekend at Bentley, and our confidence is back now."

Trapp's first period goal would prove to be the game winner, and this feat was nothing new to him. In Massachusetts the previous night, he broke a 4-4 tie with 2:51 left in regulation to keep the Pioneers within

one point of division rivals Mercyhurst and Holy Cross.

The team faces Mercyhurst on Friday and Saturday in Erie, Pa.

"We just need to keep playing intense hockey, and not allow them to take advantage of mistakes," said O'Brien, who had two goals and two assists on Saturday.

"Mercyhurst is very good on the power play and taking high percentage shots will help us out," he said. "We're definitely ready for them."

Lady Pioneers snap losing streak in grand style

Matt DeRosa
The Spectrum

The women's ice hockey team snapped a four game losing streak with a 5-3 come-from-behind win Friday night, followed by a 3-3 tie Saturday against the Neumann College Knights at the Milford Ice Pavilion to bring its record to 1-6-2.

Forward Gina Arnone scored a pair of goals and assisted on two others, while forward Michelle Panella added a goal and three assists Friday to lead Sacred Heart University to victory.

Panella got the Pioneers on the board first with a goal at 2:43 of the first period, with assists from forward Katelin McLaughlin and Arnone. But Neumann evened the score just 19 seconds before the intermission with a power play goal.

The Knights took a 2-1 lead 4:20 into the second frame on another power play goal. They added a third goal no more than a minute later to provide a two goal lead.

The Pioneers then began to show signs of life in the end of the second period, as many of the 113 fans in attendance began to erupt.

Sacred Heart collected a power play goal from Arnone with help from Panella to cut Neumann College's lead to 3-2. Forward Sarah Turbert dramatically tied the score with another power play goal at 9:12.

Arnone put the Pioneers ahead for good with her second tally, coming on a pass from Panella. Defenseman Kristina Feltz gave SHU a 5-3 lead near the end of third period, with assists from Arnone and Panella, to ensure the win.

"It was an action-filled game, one of the more exciting games of the year," Turbert, a senior from Norwalk, said. "We sat back

after a 1-0 lead and let Neuman come on a little bit, but we then stepped it up and changed the pace of the game to one that suited our speed."

The Neumann Knights looked for revenge as these two teams battled again Saturday.

McLaughlin put the Pioneers on the board while shorthanded with six seconds to go in the first period. After Lauren Voran stopped Panella's shot from the upper slot, McLaughlin crashed the net and slipped the puck through the pads of the Neumann Knights goaltender for her third goal of the season.

Arnone provided the Pioneers with a two-goal lead seven minutes into the second period. After taking a pass from Jane Auxier, out of the corner, Arnone flipped a wrist shot past the opposing goaltender for her fifth goal of the year.

With eight minutes to go in the second, Panella scored her team-leading seventh goal off a pass from Arnone.

However, the Knights answered back just 30 seconds later as they scored a goal to pull within one. They scored again to tie the game late in the third.

Neither team had a good scoring opportunity in the extra session.

"Saturday night was very disappointing. It's so frustrating to think you won the game, and with 23 seconds left you have it all taken away," Alexis Dedousis, a freshmen right wing from Scotch Plains, N.J., said.

Despite the heartbreaker on Saturday, the Pioneers are very optimistic about their current season.

"Each year we have gotten better and this year's team is a reflection of that." Nicole Farrelly, a senior defenseman from Windsor, said. "We are looking to be huge



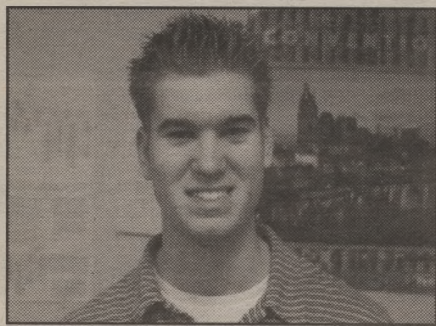
The Spectrum/Travis Flynn

Katelin McLaughlin scored the opening goal for SHU Saturday.

offensively with the freshmen we have, and for our veteran players to come up huge both offensively and defensively."

The team has made noticeable improvement from last year, and really is looking to develop its young recruits.

"This team works very hard in practice and as we continue to build this program, we are going to have some peaks and valleys," head coach Thomas O'Malley said. "As we get stronger, we are going to see less of those valleys. We just need to keep focus and much success will come to us."



THE FITZSIMMONS FILES with Brian Fitzsimmons

Like the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry wasn't good enough during the regular season. In early October, both teams made an early exit thanks to the White Sox and Angels respectively, but the ongoing war between both franchises has actually carried itself into the off season. Who rightfully deserves the American League Most valuable player award? Yankees fans are saying Alex Rodriguez and the Sox nation says David Ortiz gets the nod, right? Not so fast.

As of this past Sunday, the award has not been presented and won't be for another twenty four hours. Speculation is, whoever wins will be the victor with one of the closest margins in baseball history. Each posted spectacular statistics throughout the campaign, and fans can make a case for both. As a matter of fact, the polls will be so close that some Yankee fans, such as me, will vote for Ortiz.

Not too long ago, Ortiz was an average designated hitter for the Twins. The term "average" wasn't good enough for the Minnesota organization, so after releasing him, Boston signed this long shot talent and struck gold. In his first season in bean town, he tallied up 31 gopher balls and batted in 101. In 2004, he stepped up his game to another notch, and he ended up playing a huge part in Boston's storybook tale to win baseball's title. This season, the "Big Papi" lived up to what a power hitter should be, and by the end of the season, people started to state that Manny Ramirez and Ortiz are arguably the most feared duo in any baseball lineup in history. He ended the season with an even .300 batting average, belted 47 homeruns, knocked in 148 runners, while scoring 119 runs. These incredible statistics are a good enough argument for Ortiz to win the American League MVP, but another fact that hurts his opponent in turn strengthens Ortiz's

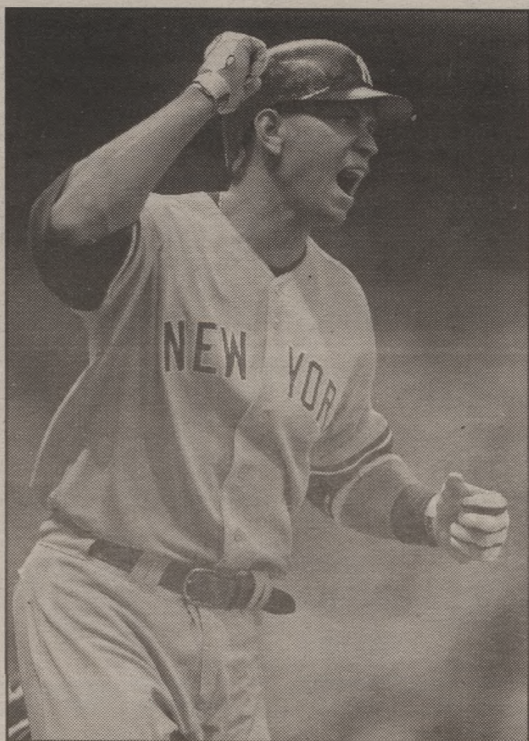
chances. Alex Rodriguez was just plain awful this postseason. People affiliated with baseball claim MVP votes have nothing to do with the playoffs, but that is a blatant lie. A-Rod may have actually contributed to his possible loss in the race when he stated he "played like a dog" in the playoffs.

Alright, that was a little too much knocking down a Yankee player for such a huge Bronx Bombers fan like me. Now that I got that out of my system, it can be argued just as well that baseball's most paid player deserves the AL most valuable player award more than Ortiz. The numbers are very similar, and you'll notice that too when you view A-Rod's versus the Papi's. Ortiz was second in the AL in homeruns to Rodriguez, and the Yankees third basemen batted .321, which was good for second in the league.

What makes this so interesting is that the statistics really tell the whole story. Some voters use the team's final record as a tiebreaker. Good luck; both ended up 95-67. Another unwritten tie breaker rule is whose team went further in the playoffs. Both the Yankees and Sox devastated their fans when they were bounced in their division series. However, there may be one people could examine. This fact might win or lose the award for one of the two, or neither. David Ortiz played 151 games as the designated hitter and only 10 games at first base. Does a player, despite his insane credentials, deserve the award even though he doesn't play an actual position? I think so. This prize is given to the athlete who was most valuable to his team, and displayed top notch numbers all season long at a consistent rate. The Red Sox without Ortiz wouldn't be nearly as good as they were, and he also hit a significant amount more than A-Rod with runners in scoring position.

These two players deserve the award just the same, but could another variable come in and steal it from Ortiz and A-Rod? The Angels Vladimir Guerrero and the Indians Travis Hafner could receive first place votes, but it's very doubtful either of them could post a dark horse win.

There was much built up anticipation before the American League Most Valuable Player honors were given out, and rightfully so. Just imagine how the loser will feel the first time the Yanks and Sox square off in the 2006 season.



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Morry Gash

Yankees fans hope A-Rod has as much to celebrate next year, when he will be the reigning AL MVP.



CONO'S CORNER with Steve Conoscenti

Well they don't call him King James for nothing...

With 58.7 seconds left in the first quarter of last Sunday's game between the Cleveland Cavs and Orlando Magic, LeBron James hit a 21-footer. To LeBron it meant a lot more than just another two points added to his stat line. With those two points he became the youngest player in the history of the NBA to score 4,000 career points. It may not sound like an amazing accomplishment; it hasn't even received that much media coverage, just a mention during highlights or a footnote on the ESPN game recap. However, becoming the first person in the NBA to achieve any scoring record before being of legal age to drink is impressive to me.

The previous record holder was Kobe Bryant. Both entered the league at the same age, but LeBron reached 4,000 points almost a year quicker than Bryant did. Kobe did it at 21 years, 216 days while LeBron did it at 20 years, 318 days. Many people thought that Kobe Bryant was going to be the next big thing, the next Michael Jordan, the new NBA icon. I'm not going to take credit Kobe Bryant, but LeBron James has even more potential to be the next, even bigger thing.

Before LeBron James was even in the league he was making noise around the NBA. He might have been the most hyped athlete ever, and he was still only a high school student. Before even playing a single game on a professional or even collegiate level he was drawing comparisons to some of the NBA's greatest. Nike started producing LeBron James high school jerseys, which people were buying for over 100 dollars a piece. Kids on the playgrounds wanted to be like LeBron instead of Mike. All of this before even getting your high school diploma. Now here's LeBron, all grown up. Well, sort of.

Then LeBron hits the NBA, drafted first overall by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 2003 NBA Draft. He finishes his first successful season, becoming one of three rookies in NBA history to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists in one season (Oscar Robertson and

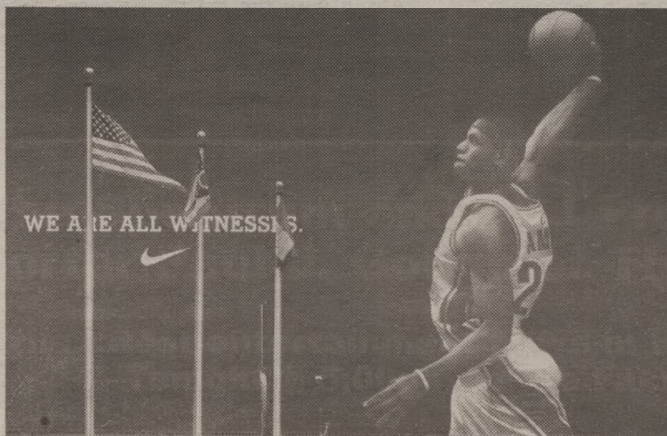
Michael Jordan being the others, which is pretty good company). He also takes Rookie of the Year honors over Carmelo Anthony, becoming the youngest player ever to receive the award.

Now its 2005. LeBron has already played in an All-Star game. Not to mention, he also played on the 2004 USA team that took home the bronze at the 2004 Olympic games in Athens. His Cleveland Cavs have a new look after adding Larry Hughes and Donyell Marshall. They've started out the season playing extremely well. Even though the season is still young, he's averaging close to 27 points per game, four rebounds and four assists. Solid numbers, again. It seems as if he's already accomplished so much, yet he's not even old enough to go out and celebrate with the guys after a big win. What's next for LeBron?

No one really knows for sure. Everyone thought Penny Hardaway would be the next Michael Jordan, now he's in a suit night in and night out, buried on the Knicks bench. One thing is for sure, unless there is some sort of freak Hardaway-esque type of injury, the future is bright, very bright. LeBron is in his third season, already averaging numbers that most players would be putting up in their prime. If this is just the beginning, imagine what LeBron's prime will look like. Couple that with the fact that LeBron is only obligated to be a Cavalier until the end of next season and you could be looking at something dangerous. Lets look at what could be for LeBron.

It's the end of they 2006-2007 season and the Cavaliers again are knocked out of the playoffs in the first round. LeBron is unhappy and chooses not to accept the qualifying offer, making him a free agent. He's now free to sign anywhere he pleases. He will definitely get the maximum contract no matter where he goes. He could sign to play under some of the games greatest coaches like Phil Jackson, Larry Brown or whoever else may emerge over the next two years. LeBron will be entering his prime, as will many of today's young talents around the NBA. Put all of that together, and LeBron could have some new jewelry in the near future.

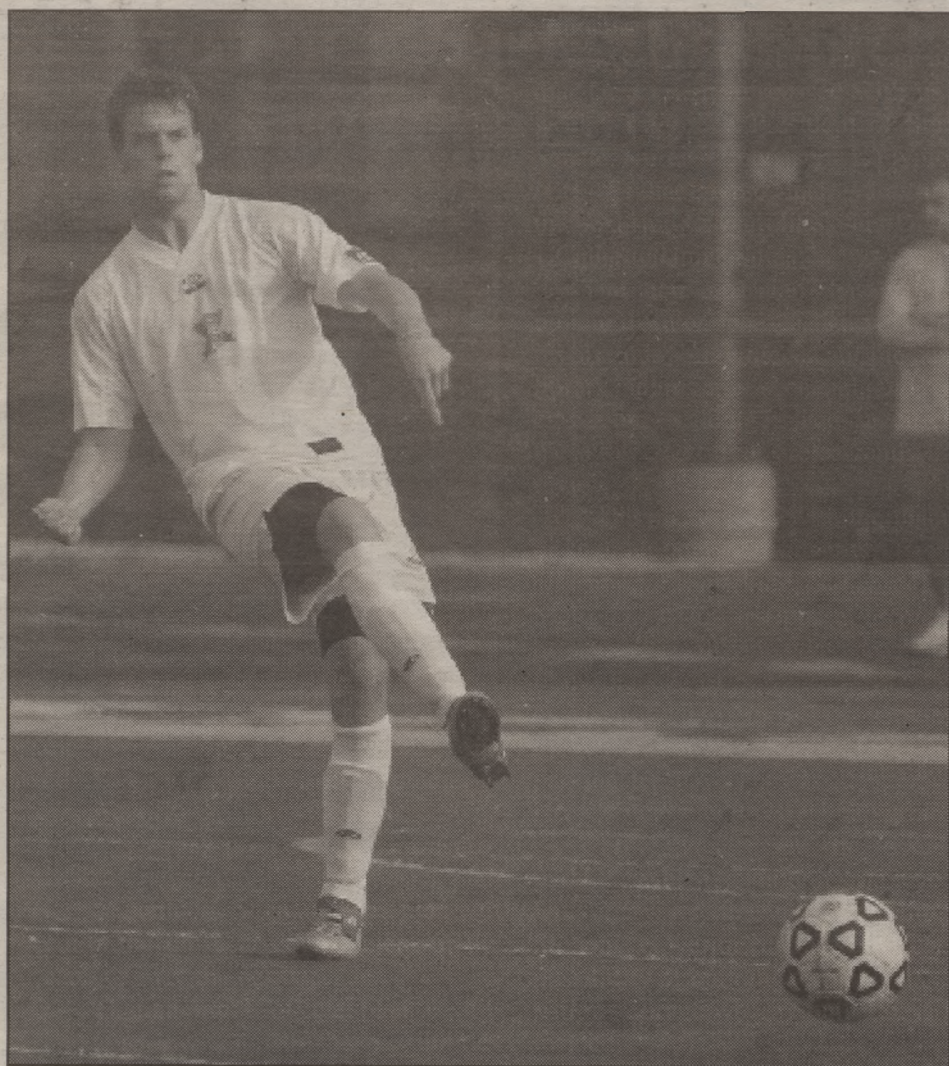
This isn't to say LeBron needs a good coach and amazing teammates to win a title, but there is no doubt that it would help. When you hear people talking about the potential of some athletes, you hear about what the athlete "could" become or accomplish in the future. There are no could's with LeBron, only will's, and King James will be one of, if not the best player to ever play the game of basketball.



AP Photo/
Mark Duncan

LeBron has played well enough in his first few seasons to earn a full building billboard in downtown Cleveland.

Sports



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Nick Loyd scored in the men's soccer NEC semifinal 2-1 overtime loss to Monmouth. He will return for his fifth year with SHU men's soccer in 2006.

Building a legacy

Erica Rico
The Spectrum

The men's soccer 2-1 loss in the semifinal match of the NEC tournament will not leave the men with their heads down. The successful season has boosted the soccer program to a new level.

"It was a great season. I think we earned a lot of respect from other teams in the conference due to the success of this year's season," head coach Joe Barroso said.

In its first appearance of the NEC tournament the team ended the season with a loss to #1 seed Monmouth with just three minutes to go in double overtime.

The first goal of the game was scored in the second half by Monmouth.

The Pioneers tied the game up when forward Nick Loyd scored with seventeen minutes to go in the game.

The game continued on into overtime to decide the winner. In the second overtime, Monmouth gained the victory to prevent the match to go to penalty kicks.

"We were equal with the team, and we played just as good as them," Dan North, a junior midfielder from Scunthorpe, England, said. "I think the team was relaxed and looked towards penalty kicks and that's why they scored the goal."

"It was an unfortunate loss, but the year was good," Jason Tessitore, a freshman forward from Ansonia, said.

The men have made a huge leap forward from last year. The team has gone

from winning only one game last season to earning eight wins and a spot in the playoffs.

"This season went beyond our expectations and I believe it went beyond most players' expectations as well," Barroso said.

Coach Barroso was, along with the new players, a major factor in the team's success. His first year at the helm showed this.

"I enjoyed playing for Joe," Tessitore said. "We worked hard but had fun."

"He changed the attitudes on this team, from not caring and low confidence to wanting to win and knowing we could do it," he said.

"This year compared to last year, we had a confidence growth and we believed we could do it," North said.

Along with the team's success, individual awards were given to a few Pioneers. Freshmen Anthony Anzevui, a defender from Newcastle, England, and Tessitore received first team All-NEC honors while freshman goalkeeper Matt Jones of Stoke-on-Trent, England was named second team All-Conference.

The team will lose only five seniors, three of which are starters.

"I think it's going to get better and better and I think the school will attract better players because of this," North said.

The team will begin the spring season after the winter break to prepare for next year.

Women's basketball picked for second, aiming for first

Erica Rico
The Spectrum

As the women's basketball team wraps up its preseason, members of the team are optimistic going into the regular season.

Last Thursday in a preseason coaches' poll, the women were picked to finish second, following Robert Morris and ahead of #3 Monmouth, and #4 St. Francis Pa.

"(The team is still a) work in progress," head coach Ed Swansen said. "The main thing is we're healthier and deeper this year compared to last year, from the first to the 13th player."

Junior guard Amanda Pape of Stamford was named at the conclusion of last year to the All-Northeast Conference Team and named in this year's preseason All-NEC Team for her second straight year.

"This year's team definitely has a lot of depth," Pape said. "In previous years at some points we were down to only six or seven girls able to play, so having a full squad is positive."

Last year the women took second placed in the NEC in regular season play; they lost in the semifinals of the NEC tournament.

This year the women will return with a great amount of talent, losing only one senior starter—Colleen Start. On the court, the team will be led by seniors Pape and captain Nicolle Rubino, a guard from Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., and junior captain, Kerri Burke, a guard from Saugus, Ma.

"We have a good team and everyone is working hard to win the NEC," Pape said.

Burke had a successful season as a sophomore. She started as a point guard and finished second on the team in scoring behind Pape.

Burke averaged 10.8 points and 4.24 assists per game last year as she played an average of 36.6 minutes per game. She is quite effective from behind the three-point arc, knocking down 34.6 percent from long range.

Rubino's final season leaves her just 36 points short of the 1,000-point plateau.

Last year she averaged 10.2 points per game while registering 102 assists, 54 steals and 125 rebounds on the season.

Junior Jasmine Walker, a forward from Amityville, N.Y., will lead the offense. Last season Walker averaged 7.7 points and 7.0 rebounds for the year. She was seventh in the NEC in rebounding while amassing 23 blocks.

Walker was out several games in the early part of last season due to an over-coming illness. She returned to the starting lineup in game 12 and contributed for the rest of the season.

Mary Rush will also be returning to the core after missing a season due to an ankle injury and having reconstruction surgery for it.

"Having her back will add to the strong nucleus," Swansen said. "We also have five new freshmen who will all see playing time and give that added depth."

The Pioneers open the season on Friday, Nov. 18 at Providence College at 7 p.m.

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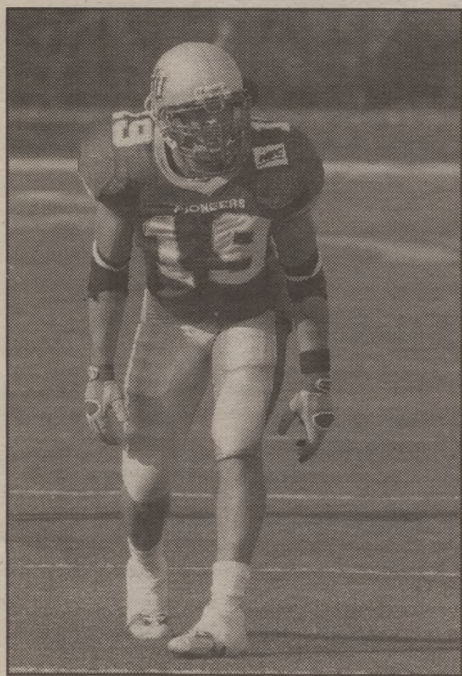
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Football takes season finale vs. RMU



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Linebacker Jon Corto took home NEC defensive player of the week honors last weekend for his 13 tackle, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble performance vs. RMU.

Denis McGuire
The Spectrum

On Saturday Nov. 12 football traveled to Moon Township, Pa. to take on Robert Morris in the last game of its 2005 season. Sacred Heart went into this game 4-6 overall and 3-4 in the NEC.

"We had a lot of confidence going into this game," lineman Steve Keefe said. "Despite the fact that we came up short last week, we planned on going into this game focused and driven."

The Pioneers made it on the board first as quarterback Tyler Arciaga nailed wide receiver Corey Bundy for a 78-yard pass on the team's first possession to make the game 7-0.

The Colonials scored their first points soon after when kicker Nate DiLorenzo hit a 29-yard field goal to put three on the board the team.

With a little over a minute left in the first quarter, Arciaga and Bundy connected again to advance the Pioneer lead to 14-3.

The second quarter remained score-

less except for a Colonial touchdown at the end of the quarter to make the score 14-10 before the half.

With eight minutes left in the third, Arciaga and Bundy connected again—this time for a 43-yard pass and a touchdown that advanced the pioneers to a 21-10 lead.

Junior kicker Nick Passalacqua went on to hit a 32-yard field goal to extend the lead to 24-10.

With about nine minutes left to go in the fourth quarter, Passalacqua converted again. This time the Pioneers would take the lead to 27-10.

Only 12 seconds later, the Colonilas connected for a 68-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 10.

With eight minutes left in the game, Ed Pricolo fumbled the ball, which led to the Colonials possession on the Pioneer 26 yard line. However they were not able to connect, so they had to settle for a 32-yard field goal which cut the lead to 24-10.

On the next possession, the Pioneers were forced to punt and Robert Morris

returned the ball to the SHU 49 yard line. A sack from Andy Grant on the first down, and nothing but a short gain on the third, forced the team to punt.

Defensive end Bill Hayden came up huge on the next play as he broke through the line in time to block the Robert Morris punt. This gave the Pioneers the ball back at the Colonial 44 with three minutes left in the game.

"I almost got to the first safe punt, but they did," Haden said. "I knew I could get to this one if I got off the ball quick enough. And if we blocked that ball, it would give the offense great position to run the clock out or even score again to secure the win," Haden said.

And secure the win it did. SHU was able to run out the clock so Robert Morris could not obtain another possession.

Pricolo finished his Sacred Heart career with just 68 yards in the game, but that total put him over the 3,000 yard mark for his career and moved him into third place on the all-time NEC rushing list with 3,052.

Bozzone: 'the system has been proven to work'

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turn just like every other student here at Sacred Heart."

Connerty believes it is unfair when a student-athlete has to change his or her major due to scheduling problems.

"The truth is that at the Division I level, student-athletes at this university should not be missing any practices because of scheduling conflicts; they should be allowed to fulfill both their athletic and academic commitments in order to be as successful as possible," he said.

Bozzone, on the other hand, believes non student-athletes' rights would be unfairly infringed upon if student-athletes were given pre-registration privileges.

"If a student-athlete encounters a problem with class scheduling," Bozzone said, "Then myself, as well as the rest of the administration, are more than happy to help them with their problem. We aren't against anyone getting a good schedule, but we feel that everyone should have an equal shot."

Another problem that some student-

athletes are faced with is the scheduling of required core courses, such as religious studies and philosophy courses. A student at Sacred Heart is required to take either two religion courses and one philosophy course or two philosophy courses and one religion course in order to graduate.

But Sacred Heart only offers 15 religious studies introduction courses a semester, with eight of the courses between 9:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. All of the classes combined only hold 450 students, which is just over half of the 850 student athletes, alone, that attend the university.

"If an athletic team schedules its daily practices from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.," Connerty said, "it would put a student-athlete in a bind in this situation, because it would cut the number of available spots in half. It is not fair to a student-athlete to be forced to miss a class or a practice because of an insufficient amount of course offerings that the university provides."

But Bozzone doesn't feel that the number of classes offered by Sacred Heart should affect student-athlete pre-registration.

"Sacred Heart is not big enough to

allow certain students to register before others," Bozzone said. "The only students that get preferred registration are seniors who need to graduate. The system has been proven to work and is fair, but most importantly, doesn't favor anyone."

"And if I am not mistaken, coaches just want to get their players out there, even if they are a little late. And it has been from my personal experience that some of my best students are student-athletes," he said.

Pre-registration is not merely a recent issue. The SAAC and many individual student-athletes have been fighting the administration for the right to have pre-registration for years.

Erin Caveney, a former softball outfielder from Spofford, N.H., experienced registration agony while searching for marketing courses to fulfill her major requirements.

"Going into the spring semester of my senior year I was stuck with having to take an online course, an independent study for a marketing class, and I had to be signed into another marketing class," Caveney said. "And three marketing electives were not even being offered that

semester, and the others I couldn't take because of my softball schedule, or they were already filled."

"And problems like this will continue to occur until the administration either allows student-athletes to pre-register for classes or the university builds more classrooms," she said.

The SAAC has proposed a few different types of pre-registration ideas in order to reach the middle ground between the administration and the student-athletes.

"We (SAAC members) have come up with two very good proposals that we think would be able to satisfy both sides," Connerty said.

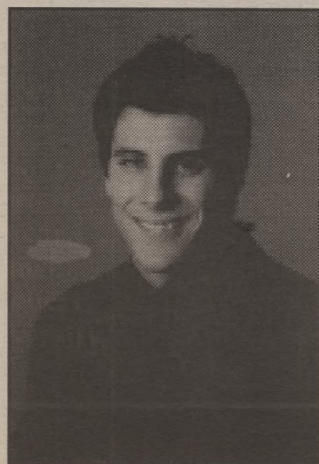
"The first would be to only allow pre-registration for the student-athletes whose teams are in season during that semester," he said.

The second proposal, if ratified, would allow student-athletes to pre-register for core courses once they declare a major.

With the new proposals and enthusiasm that SAAC and the rest of the athletic student body have put forth, it now rests solely upon the administrative body to decide whether to open negotiations.

Top Performers: three stars for Sacred Heart

Pierre-Luc O'Brien
Men's Hockey



STATS:

3 goals, 3 assists

O'Brien had 6 points as the Pioneers took two week-end wins and moved into sole possession of 2nd place.

Brenda Bailey
Women's Volleyball

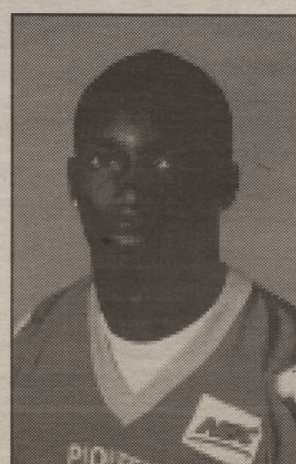


STATS:

20 kills, 6 service aces and 8 digs.

Bailey helped the volleyball team clinch its first NEC tournament berth in team history.

Corey Bundy
Football



STATS:

200 yards, 3 TD

Bundy caught 7 passes en route to his 200 yard performance against Robert Morris University.

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