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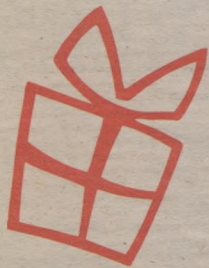
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Marine Sgt. Greg Monz poses for a photo with three Iraqi children in October 2008. With thousands of American troops currently serving tours in Iraq, Pres. Obama has recently abandoned his 16 month goal for removing troops. See **TIMELINE** on page 2...

MAJORA CARTER SPREADS GREEN COLOR CONCEPT

Laura Katherine Smith
Chief Copy Editor

Citizens across the United States are taking on powerful leadership roles in their communities including addressing the current global issues pertaining to the environment, poverty and economy.

Majora Carter is just one of those people. She is taking on the role as a leading environmental justice advocate in the South Bronx.

Carter's work began when she founded Sustainable South Bronx (SSBx) in 2001, an organization devoted to redeveloping the poorest areas in New York City.

Inspired by the unexpected success of her community involvement, Carter felt compelled to share her experience with Sacred Heart University students and members of the local community in Fairfield, Conn.

Inner city neighborhoods, like in the Bronx, are buried under a dirty energy economy that "has been subsidized by our tax dollars," Carter said during the lecture entitled, "Greening the Ghetto."

Her message about the significant impact the current climate and economic crisis has been on the "ghettos of our country" is one that has particular resonance for college students.

"Environmental issues related to what our students do on an everyday basis is critical," said Larry Wielk, dean of students. "We continue to try to raise the awareness of our students to

issues that effect them both on and off campus."

In maintaining a consistent knowledge of the global state, Carter encourages people to become involved and spread the process of environmental restoration throughout a broader expansion of the country.

Through the course of Carter's work with SSBx, she worked to develop Hunts Point Riverside Park. The park, which she discovered one afternoon while walking her dog, was once an illegal garbage dumpsite, which ended at the Bronx River.

"I saw a beautiful vision of what my neighborhood would be," said Carter.

After what Carter explained to be three years and \$3 million later, the waterfront park was developed.

"We had beauty already there," said Carter. "It just needed to be uncovered and supported."

Through this sustainable development, Carter continues to create ways for her community to prosper in diverse aspects of healthy living.

The most recent project in progress is the ecological restoration of the Greenway.

According to the New York City Economic Development Corporation, "The South Bronx Greenway provides a framework and series of recommendations for concrete actions to create sustainable connections between the waterfront and the residential and business communities in the Hunts Point peninsula."

Carter described the Greenway as a place for transportation, economic development and a park that "connects the community

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Spectrum leads way in fundraiser for local felines

Kate Poole
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Have you ever had a pet? A pet who was your best friend you knew and loved and couldn't wait to get home to play with? Now imagine someone throwing your pet out on the street, with nowhere to go, nothing to eat, and no one to love them.

Well sad but true, this is a reality. Due to the unstable economy, many people can no longer afford to take care of, or even feed their pets. Of these pets there are a great deal of cats and kittens without loving homes.

In the Bridgeport and Stratford area there are a growing number of homeless, abandoned, and feral cats. Luckily for them, there is the Stratford Cat Project (SCP). SCP is a non-profit, all volunteer organization based out of Stratford. Since 2001 the organization has rescued over 1600 cats in the area that are stray, abused, and abandoned.

The Spectrum is leading the way in helping this local organization. Each week there will be a cat corner in the news section of the paper featuring that week's cat up for adoption. There will also be donation boxes outside of The Spectrum office downstairs in HC and outside of Administration room 210.

Karin Westbrook founded the SPC when she realized that community shelters would just not be enough to handle the

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Photo courtesy of Debbie Danowski

Shown above is Barley, one of the cats available for adoption from the Stratford Cat Project. See **CAT CORNER** on Page 5 for more information.

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Suicide rates climb as economy plunges

Therese O'Shea
Staff Reporter

Stressed out? Broke? Are you stressed out because you're broke? Rest assured that you are not alone.

With the current state of the economy at such an intensive low, it's not hard to worry about where the little money you have left is going, or where it has already gone.

According to the New York Post, shortly after the news of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme surfaced, suicide hotlines in nearby Greenwich were lighting up more than usual. Several financial giants have been literally killing themselves over the fact that their million dollar investments have gone down the drain.

The Madoff case has been the demise of numerous businessmen, who have lost billions of clients along with everything they own to an exceptional case of fraud.

Overseas, businessmen in England and Germany recently threw themselves in front of speeding trains after experiencing the downfall of their own corporations, according to media sources.

While students at Sacred Heart sympathize with these tragedies, they do not necessarily hit home for students in the same fashion.

In far less intense ways than that of these corporate giants, Sacred Heart students too are feeling the weight of the current economic chaos.

"I definitely get stressed out about the current state of the economy," said sophomore Alex Atkinson. "Right now it doesn't have a huge impact on me personally, but I can see how it is affecting my parents and the things we can afford to do."

Students notice that they have become accustomed to living in a certain way, and now that the economy is facing such a severe downfall, they are noticing things are not going to be as easy for their generation.

"The rate of college tuition is way too much, especially with people in society who can barely make their own means, let alone provide for others for their future," said freshman Jamie Cutrone.

Paying off loans after graduation is huge factor that has students questioning whether or not they will be able to handle what the economy has brought on to them.

"I think all students who have student loans worry about paying them when they graduate," said sophomore Mike Ohrenberger. "Hopefully the economy will have begun to strengthen by the time I am out of school, but for now I am

more or less taking a wait and see attitude."

That "wait and see attitude" is what is giving students hope for after graduation. Not only are they wondering if they will be able to pay off their loans sufficiently, but many are questioning whether they will be able to find jobs in order to finance these loans on schedule.

"I was a media studies major, but switched my major to accounting because there is a higher demand for jobs in that field," said junior Josh Thomas.

"Even though there are internships available [in the media studies field], there are not a lot of jobs after you graduate. In the business field, not only are there more internships available, but after completing one, you are more likely to be hired right away."

Depending on students' majors, some feel more secure about their potential for getting and keeping a job after college with the current state of the economy.

"The economy is affecting all futures of current students, no matter what major we are," said sophomore Toni King.

"As a nursing major, there are many available opportunities and demands in the health care field. However, paying off the loans that I have taken, as well as the interest rate on these loans can make it hard for anyone to have confidence in their future financial status."

Some feel that the state of the economy has not yet begun to weigh them down, considering we have not yet been thrown out into the working world.

"Being a student, the economy does not stress me out too much," said Ohrenberger. "I do not have all that much going on financially, so it really has not bothered me yet."

Others feel that as students at Sacred Heart, we tend to close ourselves off to the harsher realities of the outside world.

"I feel like as students we're in a bubble," said junior Taariq Cayne. "All we have to worry about right now is tests and homework. If you have time to worry about what's going on outside of school then it's going to stress you out, but it does not really affect us directly at this point."

Sacred Heart students seem to be doing what they can to keep an optimistic approach. Even in these harsh economic times, many can see a light of hope at the end of the tunnel.

"I feel like if you prepare yourself for life after college and you have the skills to do good things then you should be alright," said Cayne.

TIMELINE EXTENDED FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Against Obama's promise, American soldiers remain in Iraq

Mari Brown
Staff Reporter

Among President Barack Obama's promises in the campaign was to withdraw American troops from Iraq within his first 16 months of office.

At Sacred Heart University, many students took this promise to heart in deciding who to vote for. "One of the reasons I voted for Obama is because he wants to end the war in Iraq," said sophomore Jen Carli.

These unspecified difficulties could extend the timeline to 19 or 23 months, said the CBS Web site, rather than the promised 16. Where did the number 16 come from? According to the Obama Web site, troops were to be removed "at a pace of 1 to 2 brigades a month that would remove them in 16 months." Despite the given timeline, the Obama Web site said Obama believes "we must be as careful getting out of Iraq as we were careless getting in," which

public," said senior Alexandra DiGiorgi, member of the College Republican Club. "Reality is starting to hit home for the new administration, which leads me to wonder if that whole 'out of Iraq 16 months' craze is starting to subside in Washington."

According to the Huffington Post Web site, "the calculation is complex," and Obama and his team are working hard to figure out a proper plan. The Huffington Post also said that Obama has plenty of ideas and problems to deal with, especially regarding the brigades that will remain in Iraq.

The Huffington Post Web site said the troops that remain in Iraq will be "multipurpose units to provide training and advising for Iraqi security forces." These brigades would be accepted by contract by the Iraqi government, and was agreed upon during the administration of former president George Bush.

Because of the work that needs to be done in Iraq, DiGiorgi said, "I think we may be in Iraq in greater numbers in 16 months than we are now." Because of the 16-month plan already being altered, "I really do not invest much in the way of confidence into Obama," said DiGiorgi.

"Abandoning his campaign pledge to get out within 16 months" is a "political risk" that Obama needs to weigh considerably before choosing a new withdrawal plan, according to the Huffington Post. Obama is considering this risk, but also understands that "a phased withdrawal will encourage Iraqis to take the lead in securing their own country and making political compromises," said the Obama Web site, "while the responsible pace of redeployment called for by the Obama-Biden plan offers more than enough time for Iraqi leaders to get their own house in order."

Obama's campaign promises may not be fulfilled exactly as planned, but action is expected to take place during his first term in office. Because of the talk over the war last November through today, many Sacred Heart students and faculty believe Obama will have to make some sort of move.

"It will be difficult for him to run for reelection with any considerable force in Iraq," said Michels, "so [withdrawing the troops from Iraq] will happen."



AP photo/ Maya Alleruzzo

Army Sgt. Deryk Simmons, 27, from Huntsville, Ala., of Lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, patrols on the outskirts of Mosul, Iraq on Sept. 28, 2008.

Originally, Obama set up a timeline with military experts who "believe we can safely redeploy combat brigades from Iraq," according to the Barack Obama Web site. But now that he is president, Obama may need to extend the timeline. "I think Obama has to do whatever he has to do, and if that means extending the time period then that's what he has to do," said Carli. "I trust him as our new President that he will make the right decision."

As soon as Obama took office, he planned to "give his Secretary of Defense and military commanders a new mission in Iraq: ending the war," said the Obama Web site. If the plan that is supposed to end by May 2010 puts the troops at risk, Obama will adjust the timeline he set last year. "We're going to have some difficult decisions that we're going to have to make surrounding Iraq," said Obama, according to CBS.

could result in an extension of American stay in Iraq. "Obama has said [all the troops would be home in] a year and a half. I give it four," said Dr. Steven Michels, associate professor and leader of the College Democrat Club.

According the CBS Web site, the Pentagon has kept Obama informed of the risks and rewards of his possible actions. Obama said "the removal of our troops will be responsible and phased," according the Obama Web site. "[Obama] always said that he would listen to the military leaders on how best to implement his policy," Michels said. "This is what good commanders in chief do."

Students who support the Republican point of view also have weighed in on the options. "The new administration will have to work to please the cautious and tactical desires of the Pentagon, while satisfying an impatient whiney American

Campaign leaders join together as ONE

Fazzino attends annual three day summit in Washington D.C.

Alyssa Scott
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 6, 2009, 100 students came together to work as ONE.

The top leaders of the ONE Campus Challenge (OCC) gathered in Washington D.C. for the three day summit. Mike Fazzino, the president and founder of the ONE Campaign at Sacred Heart University, attended the summit with 99 other ONE leaders from all over the country.

"It was a great experience. I developed great working relationships with many of the students and staff there, as well as many of the speakers and specialists," said junior Michael Fazzino.

The once-a-year gathering rewards the leaders of the colleges who have ranked top in the OCC. As a privileged group they were able to meet other students as well as renowned figures who have made many contributions worldwide.

"We were able to speak with dozens of officials, ranging from former members of congress and talk show hosts to policy specialists at ONE, Oxfam America, and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and many others," said Fazzino. "Several celebrity philanthropists also made an appearance, such as the boy-band Hanson and Anthony Edwards of Top-Gun and ER fame.

Amidst the many guest speakers, the students attended question and answer style lectures at George Washington University in Washington D.C. This format enabled them to interact with various contributors discussing political, social, and environmental issues that currently affect our



Photo courtesy of Mike Fazzino

Fazzino meets with other ONE campaign leaders in D.C.

world.

"It's really refreshing to be set amidst intelligent, passionate students that are more concerned about solving difficult, long-term global problems other than on purchasing a new iPhone," said Fazzino.

The ONE campaign has come together as a world wide effort to make a difference.

According to the campaign Web site, ONE is a grassroots campaign and advocacy organization backed by more than 2 million people from around the world and every walk of life who are committed to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa.

In their effort to attract college students, they have formed a competition including over 1,000 schools nationwide, encouraging reform.

On the campaign Web site they state

their hopes for students involved in the OCC: "Students have played crucial roles in every great movement in American history. From the abolitionists, to the suffrage and civil rights movements and apartheid, students have been able to create energy, focus the nation's attention and create real change. This generation is no different."

As a national leader last year, Sacred Heart has continued to thrive, ranking fourth in the nation. The projects lead by Fazzino help the community locally, nationally, and globally.

"We are currently planning an enormous undertaking, which will consist of eight separate projects between now and the end of March that focus on the 8 Millennium Development Goals," said Fazzino.

According to the campaign Web site, the 8 Millennium Development Goals contribute to worldwide campaign to reduce poverty and disease by 2015. The goals include eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, providing universal primary education, promoting gender equality, reducing child mortality, improving the health of mothers, combating HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, ensuring environmental sustainability, and building a partnership for development.

In addition to their recent developments, Sacred Heart has completed many other successful projects in the past.

"The Sacred Heart ONE campaign has done dozens of projects, ranging from our widely publicized 'playground project' we did last year to helping re-open local food pantries," said Fazzino.

Not only have they made a difference locally, but they have dealt with problems the world continually faces.

"Globally, we've hosted events that shed light on global issues of HIV/AIDS, hunger, health, and education. In the past, we've purchased cows for needy villages and micro financed poor entrepreneurs around the world," said Fazzino.

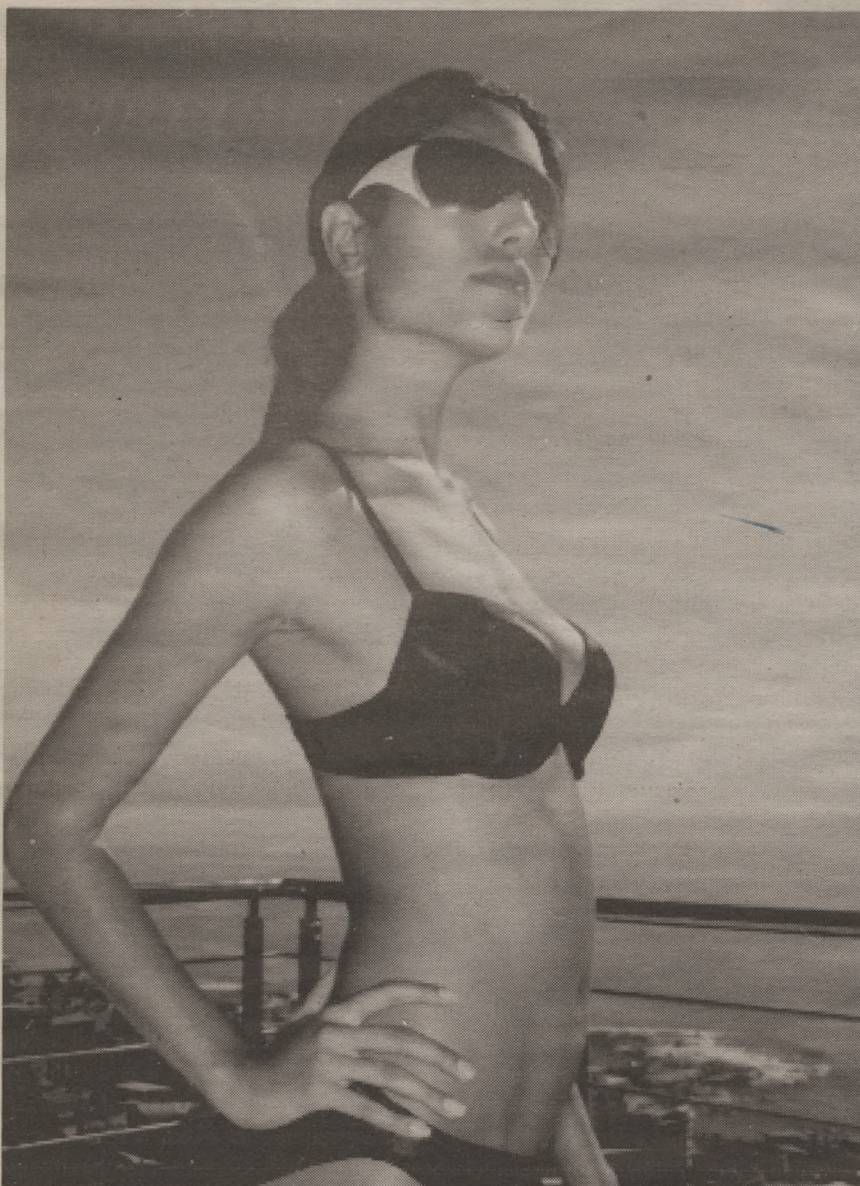
As a philanthropic effort to make a difference, Fazzino and others involved in the OCC continue to take new strides to carry out charitable efforts. However, in order for that to happen, they must connect with political leaders in order to put their plans into action.

"I spoke with Senator Lieberman's (D-CT) staff about pushing the senator for continued support of international assistance even in the midst of these hard economic times. I assured him that the 27,000 ONE supporters in Conn. are watching to make sure he realizes his constituents are concerned about these issues just as much as they are about the financial crisis," said Fazzino.

Fazzino heads Sacred Heart in helping the world encounter the many problems and conflicts that can be achieved by mass numbers wanting to promote change.

Together, the leaders of the OCC strive to accomplish the ideal stated on the ONE Web site.

"At ONE, we believe the fight against poverty is not about charity, but about justice and equality. We are honored to be part of a greater movement of people and organizations working to end poverty throughout the world."



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News

Environmental atmosphere affects crime rate in Bronx

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to open spaces."

The involvement in the revitalization has created an abundant outcome, according to Carter. The process has "let people feel they have invested into something."

The continued work Carter and company provides for the community has worked to expand outside the healthy atmosphere of the environment, into reducing the crime rate by simple projects and allowing people with opportunities, who may have not had such before.

"People are part of revitalization and we want them to become involved," said Carter.

In her talk, Carter described the story of a young man in the community who was involved in the restoration and took the step of trimming a tree, cutting down a branch that covered a light on the corner of a street. This corner, known to be a place where "shady business," occurred, was turned around into a safer spot just by having light filling the street at night.

The job opportunities for people in the community of the South Bronx have expanded to those who were formerly incarcerated, welfare stricken, and single mothers, according to Carter.

"These people are considered drains on society," said Carter. "Strengthening of work puts money in their pockets, but also creates whole feelings of powerful human beings."

Through Carter's "Broken Branch Study," a theory in which small groves of trees were planted in urban areas, it was



Photo courtesy of Paul Carrier

Majora Carter speaks to the Sacred Heart audience on Feb. 11.

proven that female self esteem was raised and the crime rate reduced.

"This fixed perennial health, social and economical problems," said Carter.

Carter's main goal behind the restoration of the South Bronx has been to create "crime prevention through environmental design." She believes that community is the ultimate distinction for creating a positive change.

The creation of bringing an environmental prospect is branching out to the "Cool and Greenroof Demonstration Project," where people plant on the entire roof of local buildings. Carter described this as something that is necessary and that "green jobs cannot be outsourced."

Carter is not discouraged by the enormity of the task in the face of economic difficulties or other forms of resistance.

"A crisis," said Carter. "Is a terrible thing to waste."

Local organization finds new homes for stray cats

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numerous issues of these homeless animals. Without founding this program, the suffering of these cats would have continued.

Each rescued cat is taken for testing, spaying or neutering, and for immunizations. They are then placed in loving, nurturing foster homes until they are adopted by able families.

"The new twist now is that people are losing their homes, they call and they cry that they're losing their home, they're losing everything, so they can't keep their pets," said Joanne Galante, organization vice president.

Feral cats, or cats that have been out of human contact for the last six months of their lives, are trapped in order to be sent to local veterinarians, spayed or neutered, and are then returned to their natural area. This way they can live as they were without overpopulating the area with more cats who cannot find homes.

"Once a cat becomes part of the family known as the Stratford Cat Project, our furry friend has a home for life! No cat is ever euthanized to make room for another," said Westbrook.

This motto of SPC stands true, as each family that adopts a cat receives a phone call a few weeks after the adoption for a follow up. If the family for whatever reason cannot keep the cat or does not like the cat, it can be brought back to the SPC for proper care until another home is found.

An important goal of the SPC is to help homeless cats, and even cat owners with the spaying and neutering process seeing as it can be costly in the

southern Connecticut area. According to the organization brochure, "the goal is the break the reproduction cycle and reduce the seemingly endless number of unwanted cats and kittens."

Westbrook has been successful in setting up foster homes for local homeless cats. Her own garage is now a cozy foster home to cats in need. With large-sized cages and numerous kitty homes, each cat can have his or her own space and comfort in order to adjust to the foster living.

"Karen is up at 4:30 in the morning because everything has to be cleaned, and everyone has to be fed," said Galante. "She works full time in Norwalk, comes home and does it all over again."

The foster home goes through 2000 cans of Friskies cat food alone each month and 1000 pounds of scoopable cat litter is another monthly necessity for these cats. Temptation's cat treats are another tasty but necessary item for the shelter, seeing as the best way to communicate and work with the cats is through treats.

SPC holds public events such as adoptions to help their cats been seen and find loving homes. Fundraisers are also held to collect items such as food, litter, treats, and anything else that can help.

Other than caring for its foster cats, SPC uses items collected at events to give out to the community. Some people are having a hard time with money so SPC sends them food and items to feed their cats so that they are able to keep them in their own homes.

SPC is not only making

a difference in the Stratford area, but overseas as well. Westbrook's nephew is stationed in Afghanistan, and his company has been taking care of a feral cat. Sadly, many of the members of his company never receive packages, so the SPC has been sending packages to the soldiers who do not get mail, along with some items to help them care for their foreign feline.

The SPC is making a huge impact on the homeless cats in the area, but they still need more help. They have about 25 volunteers who help the organization grow and keep going.

"Karen can always use volunteers, they can give 2 hours, a fundraiser, or an adoption day," said Galante.

Without public or government funding, the organization relies on donations from private sources such as animal lovers and organization events. This is a call out to the Sacred Heart University community to play its part now.

Any student over the age of 21 can volunteer with the organization, and with it only being in Stratford it is a great option that is close to school for anyone looking to do community service. Even if you are not 21, you can still donate money or items on the organizations wish list which can be found on its Web site, www.stratford-catproject.org.

"At one moment you want to cry because people can be so mean," said Galante. "But then another moment they can be so good you want to cry for a totally different reason."

New Masters degree program to begin next fall

In the fall 2009 semester Sacred Heart University will launch a new master's degree program in Exercise Science and Nutrition.

According to the Sacred Heart press release the program will require 37 academic credits over either a full time, two year program, or part-time, three year program.

"The new MS program will equip its graduates for professional careers in hospital settings, long-term rehabilitation centers, health and fitness clubs, and for work with athletic teams and recreation programs."

In order to be considered for a masters degree in Exercise Science & Nutrition,

students must have an "accredited bachelor's degree in a related major such as Physiology, Public Health, Psychology or Nutrition," said the press release. Also, perspective students must display success in the studies of anatomy, physics, statistics, and associated disciplines during their years as an undergraduate.

Wendy Bjerke, clinical assistant professor and director of the Sacred Heart Wellness Program, said the Exercise Science and Nutrition program and faculty offers many different affiliations with professionals in the fields of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, corporate fitness, sports performance training and public health.

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Tuition vs. Economy: Prices still on the rise

Mallory Berko
Staff Reporter

The S&P plunged 38.5% in 2008. Unemployment rates rose to 7.6% in 2008.

The economy is struggling and yet, college tuition is still on the rise.

The current economic situation is having a huge affect on everyone, including college students.

Families are being forced to make the decision of whether to send their kids to public colleges or the more pricier ones, or nothing at all.

As a private institution, Sacred Heart University is feeling the financial pinch.

In an article, "College Tuition Just Keeps Climbing," from BusinessWeek on Oct. 29, 2008, a report from the College Board notes the change in tuition over the past year.

"This year's report shows hikes of 6.4% for public in-state tuitions and 5.9% for private colleges. The consumer price index rose 5.6% between July 2007 and July 2008," said the College Board.

According to the Business Week article, as of now, almost one-third of the states are looking at midyear budget cuts, which could result in reduced funding for public higher education institutions. If this becomes the

case, the worst thing that could probably happen for institutions affected by that decision, is mid-year tuition increases.

"Sacred Heart has always, and will continue, to work with students and their families that are struggling to pay higher education costs," said Julie Savino, dean of university financial assistance. "The challenges students face for college financial aid have never been more apparent that within the last several months," she said.

As some schools have reported, part of the increase in tuition can be blamed on health care, workers' compensation costs, and salaries.

"Most colleges and universities spend between 60% and 70% of their budget on human resources," said the article, "which doesn't leave them much room to cut other costs in order to keep tuition from rising."

Larry Wielk, dean of students, said that the current numbers for Sacred Heart's anticipated tuition increase for the 2009-2010 academic year, will not be available until April 1 at the earliest.

And the school's budgets are well in fact being adjusted. Some departments will see a cut in their budget, whereas others will see an increase in the coming year.

According to Dean Wielk, the Financial Aid budget is one

that will definitely increase; as more students seek help.

For students who are struggling financially, it is becoming harder to find financial aid packages outside of their college.

However, if you are looking for a private loan, better luck finding it elsewhere. Many private lenders have stopped loaning money as a result of the poor economy.

According to Finaid.org, a site that provides information regarding student loans and other financial assistance, there are 36 lenders who have stopped giving students private loans since the credit crisis began.

"My dad pays the bill for the tuition and I know the economy is negatively affecting him; our situation is forcing him to expand and try to find more companies to represent through his job," said junior Kristin Comeau.

Still, as state budgets are being cut, public colleges and universities are being forced to raise their tuition. For those who thought they might get by a little easier at a public college or university, may have to reconsider other alternatives, such as a two-year institution.

"Two-year schools are reporting unprecedented enrollment increases this semester, driven by students from traditional colleges seeking more bang for their buck and by laid-off older workers," said the Associated

Press in "More students heading to two-year colleges," an article printed Feb. 8 on MSNBC.com.

A group that represents community colleges nationwide, noted that the average increase of community college enrollment from spring-to-spring, ranges from 4% to 19%. But unfortunately, the community colleges are feeling the heat as well.

To briefly compare the differences in tuition of community colleges, to that of public and private institutions, the College Board reported the following: "nationwide, the average annual cost of community college is \$2,402, compared to \$6,585 in tuition and fees at in-state public four-year schools; average tuition and fees for private four-year schools is \$25,143

As for bringing in new students for the coming year, Sacred Heart is more focused on retaining its current enrollment.

"It is cheaper for us to retain the students that we have, than attempt to bring in new students," said Wielk. "We spend more money campaigning to future students than we do retaining those that are already enrolled."

But what are Sacred Heart's plans to help keep students enrolled?

Aside from students directly asking for increased financial aid assistance, Savino and Wielk are also looking to the faculty and staff of the University to report

any students who seem to be struggling financially, said Dean Wielk.

In addition, the student financial aid office has plans to send out information to students and parents for their knowledge, in hopes of diminishing any fears that they have regarding loans and grants being cut.

"With anticipated increases in some areas, most importantly, the University is making the greatest investment in its history for financial aid grants and scholarships," said Savino. "Federal grant and loan programs are still available."

Still, many students say they are coming face to face with financial problems, and are trying to determine how they will make it through the remainder of this year, and even whether they will be able to return to Sacred Heart to finish their schooling.

As for the coming year, with the likes of the economy not improving anytime soon, students will have to make the decision of whether they leave Sacred Heart, or struggle to take out more loans to stay.

"With tuition rising, the amount that I will have to take out in loans will increase, as my dad will not be able to afford as much of it as he could this year, plus the fact that my sister will be an incoming freshman next year," said Comeau.

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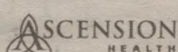
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Perspectives

Gossip Web site shuts down, new one created

Joe Mazza
Staff Reporter

Juicycampus.com is not so juicy anymore. In fact, it no longer exists.

Juicy Campus founder and CEO Matt Ivester recently announced that the site would be shutting down as a result of the economic times.

"[Even] with great traffic and strong user loyalty, a business can't survive and grow without a steady stream of revenue to support it," said Ivester.

Juicy Campus was a Web site designed for college students in which users posted anonymous, uncensored gossip about classmates.

Users could also read all of the posts on the site and vote on which were the "juiciest."

Since its launch in Oct. 2007, the site has been the center of campus controversy due to students' reputations being damaged by rumors and crude comments.

"While there are parts of Juicy Campus that none of us will miss—the mean-spirited posts and personal attacks," said Ivester, "it has also been a place for the fun, light-hearted gossip of college life. I hope that is how it is remembered."

But was this site anything other than gossip made to start harsh rumors, or was there a fair balance between harsh and optimistic quotes?

"I have not spoken with anyone who has told me they were hurt by Juicy Campus, but I have seen very hurtful comments directed at students who I know," said Dr. Steven Michels, professor of political science. "There were some positive comments on the site, including one about

me. But they were few and far between."

The majority of negative comments toward students and faculty have been destructive, and many Sacred Heart students did not appreciate it.

Sophomore Amanda Kees felt that it was an immature Web site and was surprised that people actually utilized it.

"I couldn't care less that the site shut down, because it is all just a bunch of blabber meant to hurt other people from those who are too scared to come out and say it themselves," said Kees. "I can't even believe that anybody would actually spend time on a site like that."

However, the Internet has always been a place for free speech and is hard to censor.

"The quality of discourse and ideas has taken a hit, but on the whole the Internet has been good for civil liberties

and free speech," said Michels. "I'm sure there will be more sites, so long as there is a demand for low-grade entertainment and gossip."

In fact, there is already a new Web site in place of Juicy Campus that has not yet been blocked by the Sacred Heart administration.

The site, College ACB, or College Anonymous Confession Board, claims to do the same thing as Juicy Campus, only in a more positive manner.

According to its mission statement, the site "seeks to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to college peers in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo. By contrast [of Juicy Campus], the ACB consistently hosts a higher level of discourse—while still making room for the occasional gossip post."

Students sing winter blues, anticipate warm weather

James Kearns
Staff Reporter

The results are in: Groundhog Day groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, prognosticator of all prognosticators, said we're going to have six more weeks of winter. Really? Most students at Sacred Heart University are challenging the rodent's prediction.

"Some days, it's really nice out, so that's an indication of what's to come," said senior Andrew Baumgardner. "I didn't see the groundhog prediction this year, but I did hear about it. I don't believe in superstitions."

However, there were some students who did side with the groundhog.

"Winter is going to go on for a while longer," said freshman Joey Pruitt.

Unfortunately for Punxsutawney, even though Pruitt agreed with his prediction, he doesn't have faith in the animal's predicting abilities. "I'm not superstitious. I am a very factual and scientific person," said Pruitt.

Some students remained on the fence about what they thought will become of the rest of the winter.

"It's warming up, but the temperature could drop down again, so Punxsutawney could be right," said freshman Liz Platenyk.

Regardless of the groundhog's accuracy, some students are content with the possible extension of winter.

"I like snow, Christmas, hot chocolate, sledding, and building snow men," said freshman Alex Gatten.

Platenyk also prefers win-

ter, but for different reasons.

"Winter is better than spring because it's more unpredictable. In the winter, it could snow or rain, whereas in the spring, it can only rain," said Platenyk.

Although a few are happy with the weather now, many students are excited to bring in the new season.

"I'm just more of a warm weather type of person," said sophomore Ashley Roemer. "[I'm excited for] Easter because I get to spend it down in Florida at my condo."

The approaching warm weather seems to have some positive psychological effects on Sacred Heart students.

"When it gets warmer, it makes me more optimistic, and makes me feel better," said Baumgardner.

In fact, some students are so excited to welcome in the warm weather that they have already made travel plans for the season.

"My family and I might go to Virginia," said Platenyk.

Others, like Roemer, are planning to study abroad this season in places like Ireland and Australia.

Even the hardcore winter-lovers find things in the spring that they enjoy.

"I like being able to hang outside without getting cold and have picnics," said Gatten.

So, saying goodbye to your favorite season can be hard, but even Gatten is finding ways to cope with it.

"I am ready for winter to end. Even though I like it, it will be nice to have spring again," said Gatten.

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Rant of the week: Not-so-fair Career Fair for certain majors

Rants & Raves

Liz
Warren
Columnist



Over 100 employers attended last week's Career Fair. I submitted my resume to three of them.

Some would say that it was my fault—that I didn't prepare sufficiently; that I didn't market myself correctly.

But the truth is, I spent all week preparing for the Career Fair or, as I spitefully call it, the Career Unfair.

I researched companies, got my resume approved on time and made the appropriate changes, and even ironed my business clothes.

Little did I know as I stood there ironing and repeatedly burning my fingers that all of the preparation would be a waste of my time.

According to collegeboard.com, 68 percent of students at Sacred Heart University major in something other than business or marketing.

If this is true, then why were the majority of employers only targeting these two areas of study?

Sure, there were companies who claimed to be accepting of all majors. Target, Hollister, Verizon, Barnum Financial Group, and even the FBI weren't looking for any specific areas of study.

But becoming the new store manager of Hollister isn't exactly going to help me become the magazine columnist of which I've always dreamed. Similarly, I doubt that Barnum Financial Group would really want an English major to be its new financial planner, despite its claims of non-discrimination.

I understand that the job market for writers is narrow. I realize that a job or internship in this industry is incredibly difficult to achieve.

But is it so much to ask that a college Career Fair presents a couple of opportunities for those who are brave enough to enter the competitive field?

And if Career Development knew that the fair had little to offer specifically to English majors, why would they repeatedly insist that there were opportunities for everyone?

As the numerous Career Fair e-mails have continually stated, this was the largest employer attendance in all of the fairs' history. But what's the benefit of having a huge turnout if many of the employers are looking for students in a select number of fields?

I say next year, let's focus more on which employers are coming, rather than how many employers are coming. It's time we put more effort into making students successful and satisfied than into gaining publicity for the school.

Another complaint I have is based on location. The three companies to whom I presented my resume were stationed solely in the tristate area.

But what about those of us who don't spend the summer in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut? As a Massachusetts native, I was disappointed.

Sacred Heart brochures repeatedly state that the campus's Fairfield location is ideal for internship opportunities, as it is in the middle of two major northeastern cities—Boston and New York.

If the school is going to lure in out-of-state students like myself with promises of abundant internship opportunities in numerous areas, it needs to start fulfilling that promise.

So, I guess the odds were against me this year. I would really appreciate it if the following fairs included several media or journalism-related companies with locations in more than just New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

All that I took away from this fair was a bad attitude and a couple of burnt fingers. Hopefully next year's is a little more beneficial, and a lot less painful.

Did you also not benefit from the Career Fair?

Upon leaving the Career Fair, I contacted Rick Delvecchio of Career Development and voiced my opinion. Turns out, a Career Fair usually isn't the most practical way to attain a job or internship. He was incredibly helpful and appreciative of my feedback.

He even offered to make an appointment with me in order to help me find an internship of my choice. I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of Career Development's offers. They truly are here to help their students. Thanks, Rick!



Photo courtesy of Tracy Deer-Mirek

A student presents his resume to an employer at last week's Career Fair.

He Said/ She Said... What does it mean to be a "womanizer?"

Brian
Germain
He said



Allie
Pohevitz
Guest she said



For some strange reason, when I hear the word womanizer, I think of Bobby Brown. I don't know any particulars of why he dons such a title, but I'm pretty sure Whitney Houston does.

I'd consult Britney Spears to find out her definition of a womanizer, but I would lose major masculinity points for looking up her lyrics. Plus, I think I can find at least 42,000 more credible sources than her. All I know is that the All American Rejects do a pretty sweet cover of the song "Womanizer."

So, what does this term, which has sadly become a part of an everyday conversation, actually mean?

Well, think of Prince Charming, the guy who treats his girl like a princess and showers her in genuine love and affection. He only has eyes for her because she is the love of his life. Now think of the exact opposite of that. Ladies and gentleman, that is a womanizer.

These are your cheaters, your beaters, and everything in between.

A womanizer is a man who objectifies a woman, and uses her to accomplish his own selfish motives. Most often it is a term used to describe the promiscuity of the male half of the species. Its usage arises when males jump from woman to woman with complete disregard for the females' feelings.

A womanizer is in search of anything short of commitment; flings and flavors of the week, but no desire to be locked down in an exclusive relationship. If this does happen, expect the man to be a quick cheater.

Of course, the man wants everything with a pulse to drool all over him so he can move from girl to girl faster than island hopping on a Hawaiian vacation. To check for symptoms of womanizing, there is one major test: time.

A girl should always be cautious when getting involved with a guy. If a man is trying to move too fast, or stops expressing interest if he doesn't get what he wants, he is a womanizer.

If he resorts to violence and directs it towards you instead of communicating verbally, he is a womanizer. If you feel like you are not being treated like a girl should and you have a man who gives you no respect, it's time to bail.

There's no reason to put up with a man who treats you short of a human being. Hopefully college will give you the learning experience of sorting out these womanizers.

Campuses are crawling with them. Do yourself and the world a favor and put them in their place. Someone has to tell them their womanizing behavior is unacceptable, and it shouldn't only be Britney.

Just what is a womanizer? I can assure you I won't be quoting Britney on this one.

At this point in our lives, we have all heard the phrase, "Don't hate the player, hate the game."

But doesn't being called a womanizer defeat that entire concept?

We've all come across that guy who thinks he's "God's gift" to women. A guy that dates whoever he can, talks to 10 girls at once, and makes double and triple plans behind everyone's back, doesn't set the bar very high.

A womanizer can be easily avoided if you look for the right signs. Did you meet your man while he was with another girl? Does he have code names for people in his phone? What about an "easy" section on his buddy list?

Or worse, after you are in a relationship, is he constantly missing, or getting phone calls from tons of different numbers? Or do you only stick to the same hangouts, possibly trying to avoid some other ladies?

These situations should raise huge red flags in your mind.

If they don't, maybe you should rearrange your thoughts and see if any of this pertains to your current relationship.

It is easy to overlook cute little flaws in your new beau, but when these flaws are huge and obvious to everyone else, maybe your friends aren't just nit picking.

Really try to think of situations where any of this could have taken place, if you can think of more than one right away, you may have trouble.

If you happen to find yourself in this situation despite my excellent pointers, fear not, there are still ways to test out your boy and work around his womanizing ways.

Make nice with his friends, especially the girls. If his friends are on your side, they won't be so quick to cover up for him when he is M.I.A. for an entire week.

You should also try to make sure you have more in common than the fact that you both like drinking after midnight on random weekdays.

By doing activities together that don't revolve around the proofing of IDs, you can build a stronger bond than someone he just plans to string along.

By involving yourselves in activities that are fun and out of the ordinary, he may begin to think of you differently than the rest of the girls in his little black book.

You should also try to be as nonchalant as possible.

If you make it seem like the other girls don't bother you, he may be intrigued as to what else you may be hiding and why he isn't the most important priority in your fabulous life.

Girls & Sports



—Arts & Entertainment—

He said “Forever,” she cried out “Disturbia” *Chris Brown and Rihanna find themselves in spotlight after abuse reports*

Lacey Gilleran
Staff Reporter

It was like a love story out of a teen movie, the handsome R&B star, and the exotic pop singer fall in love. When Chris Brown and Rihanna (who was born Robyn Fenty), began dating, many people thought it was too good to be true, although no one could have predicted what terrible events would tear this couple apart.

According to several news Web sites: Fox, The Wall Street Journal, and the Los Angeles Times, Chris Brown and a woman were on their way home from an industry pre-Grammy party in a rented Lamborghini early Sunday at approximately 12:30 a.m.

At this time, Brown and the woman started arguing when Brown pulled over and the two got out of the car where the argument escalated. A nearby witness overheard the commotion and called 911.

When the police arrived, they identified the victim as Fenty and realized she had noticeable injuries. She identified Brown as her attacker, however he had fled the scene before police had arrived.

Brown turned himself in around 5 p.m. on Sunday during the airing of the Grammy's. He was later released after posting a bail of \$50,000.

Both Brown and Fenty did not attend the Grammy's, where they were set to perform. This dramatic absence from the event sent shockwaves not only through the attendees of the event, but the industry and the general public.

Many Sacred Heart University stu-



AP Photo/Matt Sayles

Rihanna, left, and Chris Brown are seen at the MTV Movie Awards.

dents had mixed feelings when hearing the news of the couple.

“I wasn’t shocked,” said junior Kristen Tofflaes. “I knew from other incidents that he had jealousy issues. So no, this doesn’t surprise me at all. He seems like the type of guy who, if he doesn’t get what he wants, he flips out.”

Since Sunday, both artists have cancelled more events. Brown has canceled his appearance at the NBA celebrity basketball game as well as the all-star game being held the next day. Fenty has cancelled a concert and her 21st birthday party.

Currently, Brown has been suspended from campaigns like Wrigley’s popular “Forever” commercials.

When the company heard of the allegations they immediately suspended the commercials as well as print ads. The company released a statement saying they have considered the “serious allegations made against Chris Brown,” and added that Chris Brown “afforded the same due process as any citizen.”

“I believe that both of them were very immature and irresponsible,” said senior Shawn Cohen. “Given that they both had Grammy performances that day, as professionals they should have acted differently, but until the facts are in, I cannot really say much.”

Many Sacred Heart students thought Brown should be given punishment for his actions.

“I think the same thing should happen to him that happens to any abuser,” said junior Michele Gintoli. “There should be no special treatment because he is famous.”

In fact, many students felt that celebrities are often given the “easy way out” on many situations that any normal person would be punished.

“I feel like this often happens with celebrities, and the incident is overlooked simply because of the ‘celebrity,’” said Tofflaes. “The person is let off without any consequences, and continues to do wrong and break the law, simply because he or she assumes that they will [have] no consequences. It’s unacceptable.”

Domestic violence is a serious issue in America and cases like this bring light to these occurrences.

“Domestic violence, or battering, is a pattern of abusive behaviors that some individuals use to control their intimate partners,” said Mary Jo Mason, Ph. D., director of the counseling center. “Battering can include physical, sexual and emotion abuse as well as other controlling behaviors.”

Mason offers some steps to take to deal with an abusive relationship. “Develop a support network. If you are abused, you have the right to contact the police and ask for help. Get to a safe place. Be open and honest with others about what is happening in your relationship—don’t make excuses for the behavior,” she said.

Many media outlets are anxiously awaiting the complete story after the court date, which is set for March 5.

“He’s Just Not That Into You,” ranks high with fans

Michelle Munden
Staff Reporter

If you combine a great advice column, your best girl friend’s support and your trustworthy, platonic, best guy friend’s guidance what do you get? The hit movie “He’s Just Not That Into You.”

Directed by Ken Kwapis, “He’s Just Not That Into You” premiered in theaters Friday, Feb. 6, and is based on the best selling book of its namesake.

Packed with an all-star cast including Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck, Drew Barrymore, Scarlett Johansson, Justin Long, and many more famous faces; the film surely packs the punch.

“He’s Just Not That Into You” follows the love lives of a dozen or so characters who all seem to be connected in different ways. This seemed to really catch the attention of some viewers.

“I especially enjoyed how groups of women in the movie got together to gossip about every detail of their love lives. It’s the exact same thing the girls and I do,” said junior Liz Pena.

Ginnifer Goodwin stars as Gigi who is a young woman attempting to understand the mixed signals from the men she’s dating. She makes desperate attempt after desperate attempt to find “the one”. She ends up getting advice from a bar owner who prides himself on understanding the ins, outs, ups, and downs of the dating



AP Photo/Darren Michaels

Jennifer Aniston, left, and Ben Affleck are shown in a scene from the new film.

scene.

Gigi’s co-worker Janine, played by Jennifer Connelly, finds herself wrapped up in a home renovation project with her husband Ben, played by Bradley Cooper.

Unfortunately, unbeknownst to Janine, Ben engages in an affair with Anna (Scarlett Johansson). It does not take long, however, for Janine to gain her own suspicions.

Another co-worker and friend of Gigi is Beth, played by Jennifer Aniston. Beth

basks in a successful, healthy relationship with Neil (Ben Affleck), but the ground shakes the couple, as he expresses he has no interest in getting married even after seven years of dating one another.

Throughout the film a series of dating and relationship rules run the gambit that just end up being more confusing than helpful for the most part. However, “He’s Just Not That Into You” proves there really are no set rules that can attest for life’s unknown exceptions.

The film has multiple storylines within all the characters and it moves steady throughout. “I really enjoyed the movie. It was hilarious, pathetic, and extremely truthful all at the same time,” said Pena.

That said, it wouldn’t be fair to leave out that “He’s Just Not That Into You” certainly has its lame moments. If you’re looking for a real action-packed thrill or mind-boggling drama, this is not the film for you.

What’s more, there may be a striking majority filling the theater seats.

“It was a little weird sitting in a theater completely filled with women. Too much estrogen for one room,” said Pena.

So what is it that captures moviegoers the most?

“I found it to be very relatable. A lot of the problems the girl characters went through I feel like me or my friends have dealt with,” said junior Kelly McKeown.

Perhaps it is the cute humor and embarrassing situations the characters manage to get into that keep the smiles on our faces.

Whatever it is for the viewer, “He’s Just Not That Into You” can boast thoughts that although life has its waves of highs and lows, strength and hope will get you through the ocean of currents.

Overall rating: B+

Poster for Obama makes history

Shepard Fairey creates art behind Obama campaign

Liz Brombacker
Staff Reporter

Hope. Change. Progress. These are the words that fueled President Barack Obama's campaign. But who was responsible for the images that accompanied these words?

Shepard Fairey is the man behind what became a recognizable part of the Obama campaign. However, Fairey did not originally make these posters for the campaign; he made them merely because he was a supporter of Obama.

"It was created as a grassroots image with no direct connection to the Obama campaign or lobbying group or corporation or anybody with power. I sold 350 posters and rolled that money into making more posters," said Fairey in an interview with Dig, a Boston weekly entertainment magazine.

Not only were Fairey's posters a success, but as a result he was asked to do the official poster for the inauguration as well.

Even though this popularity was unintentional, the posters are seen by some as images that will stand out in our culture.

"I thought the poster added to the campaign and will be a huge image in pop culture," said senior David Jones. "I could see this image being put on t-shirts for a long time."

Regardless of how popular this image has become, not everyone is in support of Fairey's recent success.

Fairey is now being sued by the Associated Press for using a wire service photo, which, according to the AP, is copyright infringement.

Fairey is fighting back, saying that his use of the photo was fair and he did not violate any laws.

"The owners of intellectual property do deserve a level of protection, but we also need room in the law for intellectual growth and artistic expression," said Jon Walker, professor and chairman of the department of art and design. "I think it



AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes

Los Angeles street artist Shepard Fairey poses for a picture with his Barack Obama Hope artwork in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles.

is a fantastic poster and expresses something that is not within the original photograph."

If Fairey is being sued for copyright infringement, then what about all the parodies that are being made in response to the Obama poster; don't these people violate copyright laws as well?

"If they believe they have a case, then they have 25 other works to sue over at <http://www.villagevoice.com/slideshow/view/165211/1>," said Walker. "All of these pieces are based on existing images as well."

This Web site displays the Obama poster, as well as 25 other posters, includ-

ing others ranging from Sarah Palin and Hillary Clinton, to singer/mess Amy Winehouse. However, this lawsuit is not stopping Fairey from continuing and displaying his work.

According to the Web site www.obeygiant.com Fairey's first solo art exhibition, "Supply and Demand," opened at Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art on Feb. 6 and will run until Aug. 16.

Fairey is excited about the exhibition and said in the interview with Dig, "Hopefully it's empowering to people to see what's possible if you just spend the time and build on some very basic ideas and basic methods."

Indie-rock band to release their junior album

Genevieve Manna
Staff Reporter

Mothers know best for their children. Prime example: frontman of Manchester Orchestra, Andy Hull. He gained inspiration from his artistically educated mother who would drop him off at Death Cab for Cutie concerts at fifteen. Could a mom get any cooler than that?

Our parents may influence us differently, but Hull's mother really hit the nail on the head. The now singer-songwriter gathered together four friends and created the indie-rock based band, Manchester Orchestra.

The five boys have been providing fans with brilliant rock since 2005, and just released the first single off their upcoming album, *Mean Everything to Nothing*. With the album not scheduled to release till April 21, the single "I've Got Friends" is leaving listeners on the edge of their seats.

"I've Got Friends" is downright what a pre-released single should be. The song is soothing, yet its energy is in your face. The flow of the music is tantalizing, then followed by open-ended lyrics. It sells the sound of the band entirely.

The single starts off with a light beat, Hull's calming voice murmurs a few lines and the chorus comes in soft compared to the rest of the song. The pace picks up slowly, and with less than a minute left, they throw in gang vocals to top it off.

The lyrics are a significant part of Manchester's new album. Insightful and heavy describe the bands past album lyrics, and *Means Everything to Nothing* is said to be the same way.

"It's incredibly vulnerable, but the more vulnerable the lyrics are, it is almost my whole human side of me felt more honest, but I was trying to cover it up at the same time," Hull said in an interview on HighBeam Web site.

So what about the sound? The formula that makes up Manchester Orchestra is a mix of Bright Eyes and Death Cab. Warning, the music produced by these boys is emotionally filling, so at least you'll stray from those midnight snacks while listening.

The inspiring thing about the music is that it incorporates the not-so-typical highs and lows. Generously going deep in past albums, the bar has been set relatively high for their junior album.

Like a Virgin Losing a Child, released in 2006, was a chance for Hull to express his emotions on multiple issues. With the death of his father, he questions God throughout the entire album and incorporates his faith in hope. The album is like a play, where each song is a different scene, holding its individual importance.

"It would be really nice if the band could get some more recognition," said sophomore Andrew Orlandi. "I really feel like they deserve much more credit for what they produce. It's exciting to have this new album release approaching, but it's going to be interesting to see if they can take a step up from *Like a Virgin Losing a Child*."

Time is passing by, and this highly anticipated release of a junior album has hopes soaring high for good results. Keep an ear out.

The boys of Blink are back at it

Blink-182 announces their reunion at 2009 Grammy's

Sarah Prial
Staff Reporter

Tom, Mark and Travis are back! The musical trio best known as Blink-182 announced their reunion at the Grammy Awards on Feb. 9.

The former band mates— guitarist Tom DeLonge, lead singer/bassist Mark Hoppus and drummer Travis Barker, took the stage to hand the Best Rock Album award to Coldplay.

"We used to play music together, and we decided we're going to play music together again," said Barker to the audience.

The band split after their last performance in Dublin, Ireland on Dec. 16, 2004. The final tour was cancelled in February 2005 after tensions became too strong between the band members.

"To put it simply, we're back. We mean, really back. Picking up where we left off and then some," said the band in a message on their Web site, www.blink182.com.

According to the site, the band is writing and recording a new album, and going on a world tour this summer. Excitement is rippling through the music world as well as through the fans at Sacred Heart University.

"I am stoked the original band is back and ready for some musical antics," said sophomore Paul Carrier, who remembers listening to the album *Enema of the State* in 1999.

"I liked their catchy bass lines," said Carrier about what initially drew him to the band. "Mark Hoppus is a punk genius."

Freshman Dominick DiMaria has been a Blink-182 fan since middle school, but "doubts the new album will top any of their previous work."

"There was a hint of change in their last few singles before the split," said DiMaria. "I predict they will only grow farther away from their original sound."

Carrier also hopes for the sound of old Blink-182. "I hope their sound regress-

es into that of their *Enema of the State* and *The Mark, Tom and Travis Show* albums."

"The side projects were trying to be Blink, but you can't have Blink without the nasty drums of Barker, and the Harmonies that Hoppus and DeLonge mash up," said Carrier.

During their time apart, DeLonge went on to side projects including the band Angels & Airwaves, while Hoppus and Barker formed the band +44.

DiMaria also had some concerns, "I think that they're probably past their prime," he said. "Also, they are all very involved with other projects like their bands and clothing lines. Not to mention the fact that they have families to worry about."

According to the Ticket News Web site, there has been speculation that Blink-182 might take the opening spot on tour with Green Day.

Tour locations, dates and ticket prices have yet to be announced.

Features

Spring concert said to be 'biggest concert yet'

Amanda Kaufold
Staff Reporter

Maybe you've heard by now, maybe you haven't.

On Friday, March 27, 50 Cent will be performing at the William H. Pitt Center at this year's installment of Sacred Heart University's annual spring concert.

"I'm kind of surprised that they've chosen another rapper. It just seems a little odd to me that we keep having these very good, but also very controversial artists performing at a pretty conservative Catholic university," said junior Katherine Fico.

So why exactly was 50 Cent chosen?

Director of student activities, Amy Ricci, explains the process of choosing the performer.

"When planning our large concerts, we first contact our agent. He gives us information regarding what musical acts are available during the time frame that we are looking to have a concert on campus," said Ricci.

"From there we discuss the musical opportunities with the staff and students leaders, many of whom are involved with the student events team."

50 Cent was considered for the part based on student preferences that were collected to determine which artists students think are current and popular.

"Once we are interested in pursuing a particular musical act, we put bids out to their agents/management to see if they are playing within the college circuit and if they would be available and willing to play at Sacred Heart. Once an act accepts a bid, then we move forward with the contracts and event planning," said Ricci.

Other talent considered for the role were "T.I., Katy Perry, and Third Eye Blind, but they did not work out for various reasons," said Robert Gilmore, student activities program assistant.

Though the steps to choosing an artist are clear, many details of planning and promoting the concert continue to be hazy either because they have not been worked out yet or because they fall under the heading of "secret" and "confidential."

Information regarding bid amount and details of the contract are restricted.

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Even the question of who is in charge of putting the concert together was received with unease.

When students were asked whom they thought was in charge of organizing the spring concert, the nearly unanimous answer was "the student events team (S.E.T.)."

However several members of S.E.T. said that they could not provide details of the concert because S.E.T. is not in charge this year.

Instead it appears to be student life holding the reigns.

Regarding this question of control Gilmore said, "the spring concert is a joint venture between the student life department and the student events team and has been for sometime," said Seamus McNamee-Perez, vice-president of S.E.T.,

"The power has been transitioning from S.E.T. to the

student life department over the past couple of years as the budget has been increasing," said McNamee-Perez.

As of now, S.E.T. is still involved with various aspects of the concert, however in conjunction with Ricci, Gilmore, and Denise Tiberio, associate dean of students.

Adding to the controversy of 50 Cent as the artist, there were also rumors circulating that Sacred Heart was heavily promoting the concert in the Bridgeport area, leaving some students wondering if choosing 50 Cent as the artist was more of an effort to reach out to Bridgeport than to the students.

Tiberio denies the accusations.

"No outreach has gone out to local community at all. We have outreached to Fairfield University, Quinnipiac and other colleges to sell tickets for us to their students," said Tiberio.

Despite any controversy surrounding it, many students are excited about the upcoming concert.

"When I heard that 50 Cent accepted our bid and it was actually going to happen I was shocked immediately," said McNamee-Perez.

"I mean 50 Cent was one of those artists that when they hit the scene they seemingly ruled the world. I thought it had potential to be the biggest concert yet at SHU."

McNamee-Perez continued to explain the excitement he and many other students are experiencing for the concert.

"The reactions I have gotten from the general student body have been that they are shocked as well. 50 Cent's new CD comes out just a week before the Sacred Heart show. We may be the first few people to see him perform his new songs," said McNamee-Perez.

Gilmore also remains optimistic that the concert will be well received.

"We were very fortunate that 50 Cent came to us at almost a perfect time and we feel that this concert will be a highlight of the Spring 2009 semester at SHU."

Tickets will go on sale on Thursday, Feb. 26. Prices will be \$20 for Sacred Heart full-time undergraduate students, \$30 Sacred Heart part-time and graduate students, and \$40 general admission for the first day of sales. After Feb. 26, all tickets will be \$40.

A trip to the electric beach: the truth behind the fake

Gina Cerniglia
Staff Reporter

Whether it's to have that summer glow or to improve their self confidence, many students at Sacred Heart University choose to get themselves under the UV lights in the winter months.

"A majority of my friends and I go tanning, because we don't like being extremely pale. It makes winter a little better," said junior Sara Karwoski.

It seems that students don't mind spending the money or the risk of getting burned just to look good.

"I go tanning because I don't like being the palest in my suite," said sophomore Caitlin Cusano.

According to a study done by Steven R. Feldman, a dermatologist at Wake Forest University, there are a lot of reasons behind the desire to achieve that perfect tan.

"It explains why people go out to the beach at the most miserable part of the day. They don't go out when it's mild and pleasant. They go out when it's stinking hot. It explains why people tan," said Feldman.

He believes that people can get addicted to tanning just as easily as people can get addicted to drugs or alcohol.

People like the way it makes them

feel.

"These frequent tanners are dependent on tanning," Feldman said. "They're addicted to it and doing it because of the endorphins; they can't easily stop. If they tried stopping, they might feel ill."

There is actually a name for people who tan obsessively—tanorexics.

About.com states that people "may have an addiction to the UV rays of tanning beds, even experiencing a 'high' much like a drug addiction."

Although tanorexics are the extreme cases, most Sacred Heart students said that they tan occasionally.

"I go tanning for special occasions like proms, dances, and pageants," said freshman Ashley Rodriguez.

It seems that students don't only hit the tanning beds for their appearance.

It actually may cure an individual by coping with winter depression.

"I like to have some color during the winter months. It helps with seasonal depression. I normally go tanning before I go on a vacation because I have fair skin and don't want to burn while I'm there," said junior Emily Kehoe.

Yale University Department of Psychiatry says that winter depression, also known as seasonal affective disorder (SAD) shape an individual's mood and

behavioral habits.

The need to look and feel good has reached the health and fitness communities.

Many tanning salons are popping up in gyms and athletic centers.

Why?

People go to gyms because they want to look good, which is the same reason why people go tanning.

"Usually after I workout, I go to the tanning salon located in the gym," said Karwoski.

While some students feel the need to get that "natural glow," others are against it.

"I never really thought of going tanning because it wouldn't seem natural for me to look tan in the winter," said junior Ines Cenatiempo.

"People who do tan in the colder months definitely look out of place, but I can understand doing it for an event. I guess for some people it comes with getting your hair and make-up done."

If students had the option, would they rather go in a tanning bed, or lay in the sun?

"In the winter, I go tanning on a regular basis. But I'd rather lie on the beach and get a real tan versus going to a tanning booth if I had the option," said sophomore

Adriana Zito.

Others would rather not spend an entire day in the sun to get a nice tan.

"I prefer a tanning bed over lying in the sun because it takes less time to get nice tan," said freshman Brittany Sawyer.

Females are so worried about their appearance and looking "pale," when some guys prefer a more natural look.

"I think tanner girls are more attractive," said sophomore Rob Cali.

However, others say moderation is the best way to go.

"I think girls who over tan are very unattractive and it's unnecessary," said sophomore Jake Aaron. "But there is nothing wrong with a little tan."

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Tucker Max 'serves' up crude laughs

Andrew McCoy
Staff Reporter

How does an unknown author manage to make it onto The New York Times best seller list by writing stories about his binge-drinking induced sex-capades, politically incorrect rants, and all-around socially inappropriate actions?

Ask Tucker Max, because he managed to do so. Max's book, aptly titled, "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell," did just that in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

An impressive feat for an amateur writer, who only published his work because of a bet in 2002.

Comprised of merely short but pungent short, non-fiction stories centered around Max's misadventures with friends, women, and his sidekick, alcohol, "I Hope They Serve..." makes you cringe as you are forced to read through stories which glorify the degradation of women, minorities, or anything that seems to be in the way of Max on his night out.

Self-proclaiming himself the world's biggest A-hole, Max seems to use the short stories to put himself on a pedestal, making sure there is no doubt in anyone's mind that he is what he says he is.

With stories like, "Tucker Max tries Buttsex, hilarity does not ensue," (use your head) Max attempts to glorify his deplorable actions.

And in many regards he is successful.

I have never been one for low-brow "frat" humor, but Max sells it with quality story telling.

Think of him like a Pike, Chuck Palahniuk. The stories are funny, and at times, I found myself struggling not to laugh out loud in public places.

Max writes with wit, and brevity that make vomiting all over a bathroom stall almost come off cool. Heck, Max manages to make blatant alcoholism and misogyny

a thing for kings.

Upon finishing the book, I was taken back at how entertained I really was by the whole experience.

I had read about transsexuals, racism, and sarcasm at its finest; I had been offended; I had even felt sick to my stomach, but I was entertained.

Max had even made me reevaluate my own status as being too brutally honest, and I rarely censor myself.

Max, unapologetically, makes you believe he is the worst breed of human being, but it was entertaining throughout.

What it comes down to, is in all the horror that is the stories, the writing is really what makes the book.

But then again, its to be expected when one has a degree with the highest honors from the University of Chicago, and a degree in law from Duke Law School.

That's where the difficulty comes with this book. It is hard to imagine, that a man who writes so well, and with such a distinguished resume, could ever experience all these things.

For a man who prides himself on his ability to black out and make poor decisions, he remembers even the most minute details from the night.

I guess that's why it is difficult to like the book.

Although, the story he wrote about former Miss Vermont turned out to be frighteningly true, one can't help but question the validity of all the stories; is it possible for one man to be that horrible, or is Max just the "A Million Little Pieces" of players.

And none of that really matters now does it?

"I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" will remain the bible to "bros" in college, all struggling to be their own version of Tucker Max, forever perpetuating this



Photo Courtesy of Tuckermax.com

Tucker Max on the cover of his book, "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell."

sense of glory in sexual conquests, and methead antics.

But maybe that's what makes the book so special.

Even in his most vulgar moments, Max is true to this persona he has created, true or not, and there is something admirable about this. Max has managed to slyly show the importance of being yourself, and for that matter being confident in who you are.

Max never apologizes, is relentless in his verbal abuse, and yet he always manages to land the girl, all because he is comfortable with who he is, and refuses to change for anyone.

Though the book comes off as a guidebook for jerks, it is the underlying message which makes Max matter as a writer.

At the very least, "I Hope They Serve Beer In Hell" serves as a reminder to all girls that guys who are a-holes, are in fact a-holes, and until you stop feeding into them, you will forever be mocked, used,

and dumped by the Tucker Max's of the world.

But I sincerely doubt those who read this book will take that from it. With a new book entitled, "A**holes finish First," slotted for a November 2009 release, and a movie in the works, the Tucker Max proteges and consequently girls used will only grow exponentially. And a mellower Tucker Max, now in his 30's will sit back and rake in the money, that this book has brought him.

I should hate him for vast array of kids using sarcasm without the wit that makes it the art-form it truly is all in the name of being Tucker Max, or for the mere fact that he is able to get the girls despite his reputation, but "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell" is too good to hold against him.

Exaggerated or not, Max understands wit and sarcasm in its finest forms, and writes with raw talent. I thought I was a sarcastic jerk and a terrible person.

Touche Tucker Max, Touche.

Overall Grade: A-

Google yourself: Ads designed to appeal to users

Nicole Giglia
Staff Reporter

As the most popular search engine on the Internet, is Google using its power to become a modern day "big brother?"

From looking up pictures and driving directions, to gathering sources for a research paper, Google has been there for millions of Internet users as a reliable search engine.

Its homepage is simplistic and not cluttered with ads in comparison to its competitors, Yahoo and MSN.

However, Google's advertising works through programs called AdWords and AdSense, which single out which audience you belong to based on your searches.

"I noticed the ads appearing on Google and the websites I visited were really similar to what I had been researching, but I didn't think anything of it at first," said junior Kristina Gvoth.

Ads on Google's search results page work through AdWords.

Here, advertisers pay to have their advertisements appear when you search related topics.

The advertisers are charged only when their advertisement is clicked on.

A typical charge for these advertisers is around ten cents a click. Businesses

designate specific keywords which will trigger their ads to appear on the side of the results page.

Google even offers help to the businesses in choosing keywords that will have the best results.

When advertisers buy into AdWords through Google their ads are also being posted on Web sites such as AOL, Ask, and The New York Times Online.

AdSense then uses the AdWords data to place content specific ads on participating Web sites.

Advertisers bid for space on relevant sites and then pay Google for each click on their ad.

Enrolled Web sites then get a portion of the profit for participating.

These ads can be recognized by the "Ads by Google" tab present on ad box.

"Google's ad program is a great opportunity for businesses to reach specific target audiences and avoid paying for advertising to people who have no interest in what they have to offer," said junior Kalani Efstathiou.

This program has contributed to Google's ability to stay on top of their competitors, however many are concerned about privacy issues surrounding the data being collected.

"I don't mind if they just collect the

keywords I type in," said Gvoth, "but if they're taking my personal information like credit card numbers that's when I have a problem."

Google's privacy policy states that they are "transparent." They "provide detailed information about [their] advertising policies and practices."

In order to log data, when you access Google a text file, known as a "cookie," is placed on your computer allowing a Web site to store and retrieve data about your internet activity.

Data is assigned to your computer's IP address and stored on a cookie.

After nine months, Google anonymizes your IP address and after 18 the cookie is also anonymized.

Generally Google uses cookies to "enhance your internet experience" and also to provide advertisers with an accurate target audience.

Personal information is only logged when an individual signs up for a Google service, such as Gmail, or when it is inputted through a third party Web site.

Google also scans through Gmail text, not only for advertising purposes but also to check for spam and viruses.

"I'm doubtful that they don't do more with the data they collect but I don't have anything to hide so I'm not too concerned,"

said Efstathiou.

Junior Meghan Scherer said even though she rarely sends important information in an e-mail, she still doesn't like the idea of Google "scanning" her e-mails.

If users rather not have their information logged, Google offers an "opt-out" feature.

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Thursday, February 12

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M. Basketball

SHU- 79

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Friday, February 13

M. Hockey

Army- 4

SHU- 3

W. Hockey

Syracuse- 5

SHU- 1

Saturday, February 14

M. Lacrosse

SHU- 6

UMass- 15

M. Basketball

SHU- 72

SFPA- 57

W. Basketball

SHU- 76

SFPA- 69

M. Hockey

SHU- 1

Army- 3

W. Hockey

Syracuse- 5

SHU- 1

M. Volleyball

SHU- 1

NYU- 3

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W. Basketball vs.

Monmouth

2 p.m.

M. Basketball vs.

Monmouth

4 p.m.

M. Hockey @ AIC

3:05 p.m.



Sacred Heart's Matt Gingera (#26) launches an offense on Feb. 14 against Army at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

Second period haunts SHU in losses to Black Knights

Dan Cofiniotis
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's ice hockey team was unable to pick up any points in the standings this weekend as they were defeated in both games of a home-and-home series with the Army Black Knights.

The first game of the series was on home ice for the Pioneers at the Milford Ice Pavilion in which the Pioneers lost a hard-fought game to the Black Knights, 4-3.

"It felt great being back on home ice," said junior Dave Jarman. "We had a really good crowd tonight which always helps us get into a better mindset."

Coming off a four-game road trip, the Pioneers were energized by the home crowd and opened the first period with two unanswered goals.

Senior Kyle Tyll started the Pioneer attack by scoring the first goal of the game on a rebound shot that came from the stick of freshman Matt Gingera. Tyll snapped a wrist shot past the diving Army goalkeeper Jay Clark. Tyll's goal was his second of the season.

The next goal came just 40 seconds later when junior Erik Boisvert scored on yet another loose puck that was left in front of the Army net. Clark attempted to make the save but came up empty and the Pioneers took a 2-0 lead.

While the momentum appeared to be in favor of the Pioneers heading into the second period, they could not seem to use it to their advantage as Army answered by scoring four unanswered goals in the second period alone.

Mark Dube was the first Black Knight to put Army on the board in the second period at the 2:43 mark just after an Army power play had expired. Drew Pierson won the faceoff, sending the puck to Dube who beat Pioneer goalkeeper Olivier St. Onge.

The Black Knights tied the game at 2-2 with seven minutes remaining in the second period. Owen Meyer was on the receiving end of an Erick Sefchik centering pass which allowed Meyer to beat St. Onge to the right side of the net. Meyer's team-leading 15th goal was the result of Sefchik's team-best 15th assist.

Zach McKelvie gave Army the lead with just 5:31 remaining in the second. McKelvie beat St. Onge with a high backhanded shot which was originally a rebound from a Meyer shot that hit the post.

Matt Hickey was the final Black Knight to score, giving Army a 4-2 lead with 3:58 to play in the second period.

The Pioneers finally answered the Black Knights' scoring fury when Jarman picked up his sixth goal of the season on a pass from senior Bear Trapp in which Jarman one-timed the puck into the net

with 2:54 left in the second period.

"We had a really good crowd tonight which always helps us get into a better mindset."

- Junior Dave Jarman

Clark stood strong in net for the Black Knights in the final period and did not allow the Pioneers to score. He tallied 25 saves in goal while St. Onge stopped 29 shots for the Pioneers in the loss.

The second game of the series took place on Saturday night at the Tate Rink in West Point, N.Y.

Once again, the second period proved to be the Pioneers' bugaboo as the Black Knights scored three unanswered goals in the frame to give them another win over the Pioneers, 3-1.

The first period was a defensive struggle which resulted in both teams headed to the locker room in a scoreless tie.

The Pioneers struck first in the game, when Boisvert scored what proved to be the only Pioneer goal of the game, 1:03 into the second period. Boisvert was standing next to the Army goalpost as senior Eric Giosa fed the puck to Boisvert who one-timed it past the Army goaltender giving the Pioneers a 1-0 lead. The goal was Boisvert's team leading 12th goal of the season.

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Swim team places fourth at NEC meet

Stephanie Reyes
Staff Reporter

What do you call eight school records broken, 15 top ten finishes, and placing fourth overall at the Northeast Conference Championships?

"The most amazing Championships we have ever had," said senior co-captain Erin Bulvanoski.

The Sacred Heart University swimming and diving team placed fourth overall at the NECs with a total of 222 points. Central Connecticut State University came in first with 552 points.

The first school record to go down was the 200-yard Individual Medley (IM). in which freshman Meaghan Bailey posted a time of 2:11.31.

Sophomore Jackie Balder swam a 5:18.65 in the 500 yard freestyle while sophomore Taylor Sullivan swam in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:16.26.

"We went in with a very positive attitude despite being the only team in the conference without a home facility to train," said head coach Richard Ludeman. "We are at a distinct disadvantage, however, we still rise to the occasion and overcame the barriers and still managed to beat three schools."

Sophomore Katie Marshall contributed to three school records being broken on the second day of the competition. The first was the 100-yard butterfly in which Marshall swam a time of 58.68. Marshall then broke the 200-yard freestyle record with a time of 1:56.67.

The third record broken was in the 800-yard freestyle relay. Marshall, Balder, Bailey, and senior Jennifer Crowley made up the four-person relay team that swam a time of 8:00.12. Bailey went on to break yet another school record in the 400-yard IM with a time of 4:40.83.

Freshman Laurie Casado posted a time of 1:08.44 in the 100-yard breaststroke which was good enough for fourth place.

Freshman Allison Thurston also posted a top ten finish in the 400 IM, placing eighth with a time of 4:47.96. Sullivan rounded out the top ten in the 400-yard IM with a time of 4:54.97.

On the last day of the competition, the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Marshall, Balder, Casado, and sophomore Molly McDonald swam a record time of 3:43.25.

Marshall finished up with yet another school record in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:06.92.

"The athletes I have are undoubtedly some of the best in the NEC," said Ludeman. "Their work ethic, desire, and passions for the sport were evident this past weekend."

The Pioneers will now send a handful of swimmers to Harvard University on Feb. 26 for the ECAC championships.

"We have enough time to prepare to swim with the best schools on the east coast," said Ludeman. "Our goals are again to score and make a SHU Team Pioneer presence known."

Lacrosse opens season with 15-6 loss at UMass

Dan Nevanpera
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's lacrosse team opened up their season by losing to the University of Massachusetts 15-6 on Saturday, Feb. 14 in Amherst, Mass.

The Pioneers struck first, out of the mesh of junior Evan Morgan. The first quarter ended with a tie score of 3-3 but it was the closest the Pioneers would come to picking up the "W".

Sacred Heart came out strong at the beginning of every quarter but just couldn't find the net enough times to overcome the Minutemen. By the end of the second quarter, UMass had surged past the Pioneers and took a four goal lead, 7-3.

The Pioneers scored twice in the first three minutes of the third quarter to close the gap to 7-5.

The Minutemen went on a scoring frenzy as they tallied seven unanswered goals on Pioneer senior goalie Tom Trgo. UMass senior Tim Balise led the way as he recorded a hat trick in the seven-goal tear.

The Pioneers had a winning record last season of 7-5-0 and welcomed back nine of their top ten scorers from last season.

Despite their season opening loss, the Pioneers hope to open this year with a bang and reach their goal of the Colonial Athletic Association Championship.

After losing last year's starting goalie Ricardo Vargas to graduation, there was an opening in net for two up-and-coming goalies. Junior Zach Frank and senior Tom Trgo will battle for their rightful place in the cage.

In addition to the solid group of returners, the Pioneers welcome 19 new faces to the team this season, not to mention those making the transition into the starting lineup.

Losing their top two defenders and goalkeeper from the previous season, the Pioneers will start with a fresh back line. Seven new defensemen and one new goalkeeper will join the Pioneers this season.

Leading the Pioneers this season is senior captain Bobby Rushton. Rushton notched 14 goals last season as the fourth highest scorer on the team.

The Pioneer offensive attack also includes senior Dan Casciano and juniors Evan Morgan and Timmy Katz. Casciano and Katz led their team in scoring last year with a total of 22 goals apiece. Katz had a season high of 37 points after adding 15 assists to his 22 goals.

Senior midfielder Zach Smith also returns to the team hoping to have an even better season than the last. Smith is the Pioneers' "go-to guy" for face-offs, winning 106 out of 185 face-offs last season. He was also selected as a member of the Turf/New England Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Preseason All-New England Team.

"There are alot of inconsistencies with the new team, but it gives us a chance to see what we really need to work on," said senior defenseman Phil Bardsley. "The team has come together well and I think we're more than ready to take on any team in the league."

The Pioneers will welcome Bryant University on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. for their home opener at Campus Field.

Wrestling squad falls in road match to BU, 27-10

Emily Gumbs
Asst. Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University wrestling team dropped a 27-10 decision to Boston University on Saturday, Feb. 14, dropping its record to 5-9 overall and 0-5 in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA).

The Pioneers got good results from their lighter weight classes. Freshman Michael Impellizeri defeated Ryan Dowd of BU, 5-3, in the 125-pound weight class. Redshirt junior Cory Dunn won a 12-2 major decision over BU's Ryan Buff at 133 pounds. Redshirt senior Chris Davis finished off the sweep of the three lower weight classes with a decision 6-0 against BU's Abbie Rush at 141 pounds.

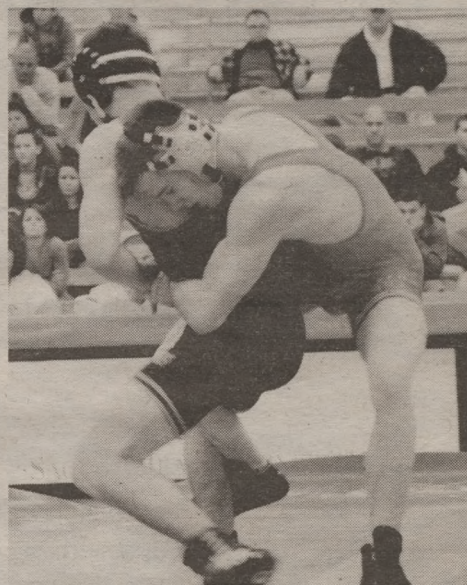
"I think our 133-pounder Cory Dunn has been wrestling tough all season" said sophomore Anthony Priore. "Our 125 pounder, Mike Impellizeri, is starting to feel more confident on the mat as a freshman and is improving with every match."

BU took control of the match from that point. Priore lost a tough 5-3 decision to Mike Roberts at 149 pounds. It was another tight loss for freshman Jonathon Rizzitello, falling 8-6 to Carlo Ferrandino in the 157-pound class.

"As the conference tournament gets closer I'm just trying to apply everything I know and let it flow smoothly when I wrestle," said Priore.

Redshirt junior Mike Hartman was also a tough-luck loser, dropping a tight 4-2 decision to Ben Mandelbraut in the 165-pound weight class.

It was the next two weight classes where the Terriers put away the Pioneers



The Spectrum/Emily Gumbs

Sacred Heart's Chris Davis wrestles against Stevens Tech on Nov. 17, 2008.

with a pair of pins. Freshman Austin Alpaugh lost by fall in 3:25 at 174 pounds to C.J. Inglin, and redshirt sophomore Brandon Lapp was pinned in 1:45 by Carmen Rondash at 185 pounds.

Ricky Eichenlaub lost a 6-1 decision in the 197-pound weight class, and sophomore Paul Schweighardt lost the heavy-weight bout in overtime, 2-1.

"Since the start of the season we have been improving both individually and as a team. Each wrestler is starting to open up more and more and not trying to leave anything on the mat," said Priore. "There's always things that need to be improved but I think this last match helped us realize the small mistakes we need to fix."

Orange hand Pioneers consecutive 5-1 defeats

Matt Jarvis
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University women's ice hockey team suffered a sweep at the hands of the Syracuse University Orange this past weekend, dropping both games at the Wonderland of Ice by the score of 5-1.

The pair of wins gave Syracuse a season sweep over the Pioneers and extended their winning streak to four.

"We had a little bit of a rough time with this team when we traveled there for our last set of games," said senior Allie Gillman, forward. "Nearing the end of the season these games would be huge to win, but we are all aware we can't go into it thinking, "win," rather it starts with the first shift, and then take it from there."

Pioneer goalkeeper Amanda Nagel registered 33 saves in net on Friday and followed that up with 48 saves on Saturday. Her 881 saves this season places her atop the Sacred Heart record books for single season saves.

Despite Nagel's impressive performance, the Syracuse Orange offense was too much for the Pioneers to handle.

The Orange dominated the first period on Friday, allowing Sacred Heart only four shots on goal.

Syracuse's Nikki Leone got her team on the board in the final seconds of the first

period after a holding call against Pioneer sophomore Brittany Hartman resulted in a converted power play opportunity by the Orange.

The Orange picked up where they left off in the second period when a rebound shot by Syracuse's Jessica Frump slid past Nagel, making it 2-0 in favor of the Orange.

Soon after, a quick pass by freshman Nicole Palazzo to senior captain Gina Arnone gave Sacred Heart their first and only goal of the game and closed the gap to 2-1.

Syracuse widened their lead to 4-1 with goals from Lisa Mullan and Rebecca Gordon.

"Our biggest difficulty against Syracuse was not playing consistent hockey for 60 minutes," said Arnone. "We had several minutes where we did not play our game and they capitalized on every mistake we made."

Some quick reflexes by Nagel kept Sacred Heart's deficit at three in the second period.

The final period was the most evenly matched of the three as both teams had nine shots on goal with only one penalty apiece. Syracuse's Lisa Mullan would score the final goal of the game to make the final score 5-1.

Syracuse outshot Sacred Heart 38-19 and won an impressive 33 out of the 46 face-offs during the game.

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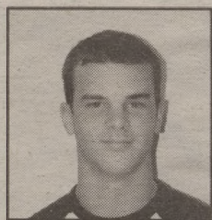
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Sports

NBA All-Star "festivities" have become unwatchable *Stern needs to do something about fans' lack of interest*



Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

Sports Scene

Apparently, the NBA All-Star Game was held this past weekend in Phoenix, Ariz.

Judging by the game's poor TV ratings and all of the unappealing "festivities" that preceded it, it's safe to say that I wasn't the only person who kept flipping through the channels Sunday night as Kobe Bryant and LeBron James hoisted up uncontested shot after uncontested shot.

While the All-Star Game has always been irrelevant — nothing's ever at stake and playing defense is considered a mortal sin — it used to be that the Slam Dunk Contest was more appealing than the game itself.

With the likes of Michael Jordan, Julius Erving, and Dominique Wilkins all electrifying crowds with their magnificent, innovative dunks that will be seen on high-light reels for years to come, there used

to be a real buzz surrounding the event.

But in recent years, the game's superstars have decided that instead of participating in the dunk contest, they'd rather attend as spectators in the front row.

That's fine; it's their right to accept or decline the invitation just like many baseball players do for the Home Run Derby.

But when you have contestants like Nate Robinson, Rudy Fernandez, Gerald Green, and Jamario Moon attempting dunks 15 times before they actually execute them, then it becomes unwatchable.

It gets worse.

Why the NBA included a game of H-O-R-S-E on a makeshift court outside US Airways Center as part of the weekend's festivities is anybody's guess.

Maybe David Stern and the folks at



Phoenix Suns' center Shaquille O'Neal performs with the Jabbawoekes during pre-game introductions on Sunday night.

AP Photo/Matt Sbcum

TNT thought fans would get a kick out of seeing Kevin Durant and O.J. Mayo attempt more trick shots than the Harlem Globetrotters.

Turns out, they were dead wrong because this type of game is meant for only one place and that's the playground.

And shame on all those people who paid good money to see Bill Lambeer and Dan Majerle chuck shots up from half court in the "Shooting Stars" competition;

another unnecessary event that turned off more fans than it attracted.

After all the performances, uncontested three-pointers, and dunks were finished, the actual "game" was played.

Those fans in attendance must have been just thrilled to watch such an ugly display of basketball unfolding before their very eyes.

Listening to Doug Collins and Reggie Miller claim that this was the best defensive effort they've seen in any All Star Game was harder to stomach than Shaquille O'Neal's pre-game performance with the Jabbawoekes.

If the NBA is serious about making its games — including All-Star weekend must-watch events and attracting more fans to the league, then Stern had better go back to the drawing board.

Instead of focusing on all the glitz and glamour surrounding player introductions in a hip-hop concert atmosphere, how about putting some real thought into making the game more competitive?

Maybe Stern can take a page out of Bud Selig's book and give home court advantage in the NBA Finals to the winning conference.

Then you might see a game that doesn't get interrupted with an exclusive update on Allen Iverson's haircut or Kobe Bryant's sneaker of choice.

Men's hoops clinches NEC playoff spot in win *Henley, Hassan continue to lead way for Pioneers*

Chris Whittemore
Staff Reporter

The Northeast Conference playoffs are just around the corner and the Sacred Heart University men's basketball team is picking up steam.

The Pioneers clinched a playoff berth to the NEC tournament on Saturday, Feb. 14 against the St. Francis University (Pa.) Red Flash at the DeGol Arena in Pennsylvania.

The Pioneers have appeared in the NEC playoffs the past five seasons, including appearances in the last three conference championship games.

Pioneer head coach Dave Bike, who was pleased by clinching the playoff spot, doesn't necessarily know if it was a good thing.

"The most important thing to do is get into the playoffs," said Bike. "I don't know if it's best if we're under pressure or if we should be relaxed."

Regardless, the Pioneers are hoping to find the middle ground between the two as they continue down the road to the NEC championship.

The Pioneers are currently one game under .500 at 12-13 overall. In conference play, the Pioneers are 9-6 and are currently in fourth place behind Long Island University, Mount St. Mary's University and Robert Morris University.

"Right now every game counts for conference seeds so we know that we have

to play every game like it's our last," said junior guard Corey Hassan.

The Pioneers lost to first seed Robert Morris 85-79 on Thursday Feb. 12 but managed to salvage their two-game road trip with a win against the Red Flash.

Bike was disappointed with the Pioneers' rebounding effort and felt that was a key to the loss against Robert Morris on Thursday. Although they didn't rebound much better against St. Francis (Pa.), Bike felt like they shot much better which helped get the win.

"Playing on the road and traveling as

"We're best as a team when we're getting contributions from everybody and we've had more good days than bad days with that."

- Head Coach Dave Bike

much as we did definitely has its effects," said Hassan. "I think a lot of us felt a bit more fatigued than usual due to the amount of traveling. I think we did a good job of rebounding and making sure we got a win against St. Francis."

Graduate student forward Joey Henley led all scorers on Saturday with 21 points and five rebounds. He shot seven of ten from field goal range and seven of nine from the foul line.

"[Henley] was being double-teamed but he managed to get fouled and make his shots," said junior guard Chauncey Hardy.

"Joey is playing his best basketball all year," said Hassan. "Not only is he finishing plays but he's opening up more shots for other people too. Joey should definitely be Conference Player of the Year."

Hassan isn't doing so bad for himself either.

He played the entire game and finished with 16 points and six assists. He shot four of nine from behind the arc and 43 percent from field goal range (6-14). He sank 14 of his 16 points in the first half.

"I am pleased with Corey off the court and on the court," said Bike. "He plays hard and is very dedicated. His assist to turnover ratio is very good. When you do more good than you mess up, coaches like that."

Henley is averaging just over 10 points per game and has raised his average to 11.9 points per game in conference play. He is shooting 40 percent (31-76) from behind the 3-point line.

The Pioneers were ahead at halftime by nine points, 39-30. Their largest lead of the game reached 19 in the second half with a little over 12 minutes to play.

That quickly changed when the Red Flash went on an 11-0 run to close the gap from 52-44 with 9:15 left.

A pair of free throws by Red Flash senior Kyle Jackson shrunk the Pioneer lead to 56-50.

A jumper from senior forward Ryon Howard and a layup by sophomore guard Jerrell Thompson put the Pioneers back up by nine and ultimately shut the door on the game as the Pioneers cruised to their 12th victory of the season.

Howard contributed six points and seven rebounds in the win while Thompson added five points and five assists.

Freshman guard Shane Gibson added nine to the mix. He shot three of eight from field goal range and is averaging 7.1 points per game in conference play. Chauncey Hardy sunk eight points and had four steals.

"We're best as a team when we're getting contributions from everybody and we've had more good days than bad days with that," said Bike.

With just four games left in the regular season, the Pioneers are looking to improve on all facets of their game so that they are a force come playoff time.

The team will be on the road again looking to capture a victory over the Central Connecticut State University Blue Devils in New Britain tonight at 7 p.m.

The game will be an important one for NEC tournament seeding as the Pioneers currently sit in fourth place in the conference while the Blue Devils are right behind them in fifth place.

The Pioneers defeated the Blue Devils 77-69 earlier this season on Pack the Pitt Day on Jan. 31 at the Pitt Center.

"We need to be on a winning streak when we hit the playoffs," said Henley.

Nagel sets single season saves record in 5-1 loss



The Spectrum/Dan Repetti

Sacred Heart's Lauren Fontaine (#93) faces off against Syracuse University at the Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport CT on Feb. 13.

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"We had a few breakdowns in the defensive zone, which Syracuse capitalized on," said Hartman. "If we want to be successful at the ECAC tournament, our D-zone coverage is going to have to be flawless."

The Syracuse pressure continued to be unyielding throughout Saturday's game as the Orange jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two periods of play.

The Orange outshot the Pioneers 27-6 in the second period alone but Nagel continued to keep her team in the game by making several big saves in net.

Sacred Heart was given a four minute power play opportunity after Syracuse's Janelle Malcolm was given a double minor for checking and high sticking with 10 minutes to play. However, the Pioneers

could not get a shot on goal and squandered their golden opportunity.

"Our offensive attack was smothering at times, but we had nothing to show for it," said Hartman. "We are going to need to step it up offensively in the upcoming games."

Despite only two shots on goal, Sacred Heart was determined to avoid a shutout and on a delayed penalty, extra skater Lauren Fontaine scored the Pioneers' only goal of the day on assists from seniors Kristina Feltz and Whitney Dziama.

Insult to injury was added when Syracuse tacked on another goal with just eight seconds left to play to beat the Pioneers, 5-1.

Sacred Heart takes to the ice again on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. against the University of Rhode Island at the Wonderland of Ice for Senior Day.

W. Basketball picks up two more wins on Pa. road trip

Win clinches share of first place

Rob Morgan
Sports Editor

The Sacred Heart University women's basketball team clinched at least a share of the Northeast Conference regular season championship with victories over Robert Morris University and St. Francis University (Pa.) this past weekend.

With the wins, the Pioneers improved their record to 19-7 overall and 15-0 in Northeast Conference play.

The Pioneers barely edged out Robert Morris on Feb. 12, 61-60, behind four clutch free throws from sophomore Alisa Apo in the final seconds of regulation.

Despite maintaining a narrow lead for most of the first half, the Pioneers found themselves heading into the locker room trailing by four points. It was the first time in 13 games that the Pioneers were trailing an opponent.

However, the Pioneers came out with a vengeance to start the second half behind quick baskets from Apo, senior Kaitlin Sowinski, and freshman Callan Taylor.

The Colonials would not go down easily, however, as they opened up a 46-39 lead with a little over 10 minutes left to play in the game.

The Pioneers regained the lead during the final minute of play as Robert Morris was forced to foul in order to stop the clock.

They chose to foul Apo who calmly stepped to the charity stripe and knocked down four foul shots to preserve the Pioneer victory.

On Saturday, Feb. 14, the Pioneers grabbed their 14th consecutive win as they knocked off St. Francis (Pa.), 76-69.

The win was a monumental one as it marked the eighth consecutive season that the Pioneers have reached 18 wins.

Sowinski and Apo once again rose to the occasion for Sacred Heart as each netted 27 points in the win. Sowinski's effort came after playing only nine minutes in the first half due to foul trouble.

With just four regular season games remaining on the Pioneers' schedule before the NEC tournament kicks off, the team will be working on fundamentals and staying focused on the ultimate goal which is the Conference Championship Game.

But before getting too ahead of themselves, the Pioneers will take on Monmouth University on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the William H. Pitt Center as part of a double header with the men's team. The women's game will tip off at 2 p.m.

Goalies St. Onge and Drew not enough to halt Army

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The Black Knights then went on the offensive and scored three unanswered goals from three different skaters.

After that point, the Pioneers had trouble staying out of the penalty box which led to Army's next goal.

At the 7:38 mark in the second period, Joey Ammon carried the puck into the Pioneer zone and placed a crossing pass to Will Ryan on the right hand side of the goal who beat Pioneer goaltender Stefan Drew with a backhanded goal to the left post.

"Penalty trouble has been an ongoing problem for us," said junior Matt Gordon. "Every practice we call guys out if they take a penalty. It helps guys know what they did wrong and hopefully get rid of some bad habits."

McKelvie gave Army the lead at the 9:26 mark in the second period when he shot a frozen rope from the Pioneer blue-line. Drew misjudged the shot and allowed the puck to go over his shoulder, giving the Black Knights a 2-1 lead.

The third Army goal came two minutes later off a shot by Cody Omilusik who beat Drew with a slow dribbler that went through his legs to give the Black Knights the 3-1 lead.

Drew kept the Pioneers alive in the third period by making several saves in net but the Pioneer offense could not get many scoring opportunities and were held off the scoreboard for the rest of the period.

Drew and Clark finished the game



The Spectrum/Courtney Perlee

Sacred Heart's Olivier St. Onge (#30) tends to the goal Feb. 13 against the Army Black Knights at the Milford Ice Pavilion.

with 34 saves a piece.

Since Friday's game at the Milford Ice Pavilion drew such a big crowd, many of the Pioneer players are encouraging fans to show their school spirit and help them achieve a home advantage of a different kind.

"We enjoyed all the support from the fans," said Jarman. "We try to go out and win the game for them just as much as we try to win it for us and would love to see them out next weekend."

The Pioneers have another home-and-home series with American International College (AIC) next weekend. The series begins tomorrow night at the Milford Ice Pavilion. Face-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

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Pioneers fall
apart in second
period, swept by
Army



TRIPPED UP

Sacred Heart's Kyle Tyll (#16) faces off against Army's Drew Pierson (#10) at the Milford Ice Pavilion on Friday, Feb. 13.

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