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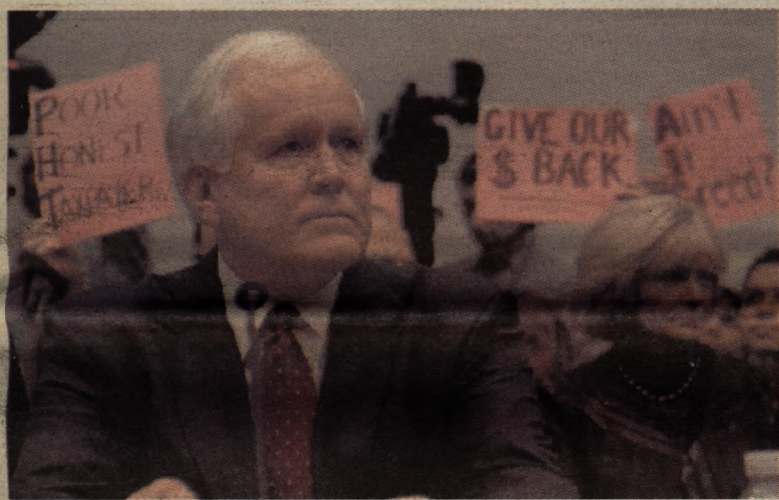
People are losing their jobs.

Families are struggling to keep food on the table. And as the bills keep piling up, some unable to pay any of them at all.

The country's economy is in the midst of a recession. Some are even beginning to call it the next depression.

According to an article published on MSNBC.com titled "Cleaning up AIG's 'mess' won't be easy," the company owns more than 30 separate operating units and has customers in more than 130 countries. Not to mention that it insures more than 100,000 entities that employs more than 100 million Americans.

With a company so large, if the government didn't help AIG,



AP Photo/Susan Walsh

**AIG Chairman Edward Liddy testifies before the House of Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises March 18.**

But while so many people are trying to keep their heads above the water, big firms on Wall Street are paying some of their high-end employees millions of taxpayers' dollars.

On March 17, MSNBC.com issued a press release stating that "AIG paid 73 execs \$1 million bonuses." It stated that, "President Barack Obama and Washington lawmakers have blasted AIG for paying more than \$160 million in bonuses to employees of its Financial Products division, the unit primarily responsible for the meltdown that led to a federal bailout of the company."

So far, the government has given the insurance giant nearly \$170 billion, which is coming from the nation's taxpayers' pockets.

The government had originally agreed to bail AIG out because the company was too big to crumble to the ground, unlike some of their competitors.

there was the fear that the insurance giant would fail to meet its obligations, which would ultimately further destabilize the already-weakened global financial system.

The president was reported as being very upset and disturbed by AIG's recent actions. In an article from the Associated Press, President Obama commented on the company's decision, stating that, "This isn't just a matter of dollars and cents. It's about our fundamental values."

New York State's Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, in a press release on March 17, provided the public with a general idea of how the \$165 million bonus checks were divided among the 73 employees.

"One employee got more than \$6.4 million in bonus money and the top 10 earners got a combined \$42 million. 15 people received more than \$2 million and 51 employees got somewhere

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Photo courtesy of Paul Carrier

Jean Kilbourne speaks in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts on March 23.

## Kilbourne: Body image advocate

Lacey Gilleran  
Staff Reporter

Jean Kilbourne has been speaking out about body image for 30 years. She has been named one of the most popular speakers on college campuses, and by 2000 she had visited almost half of the colleges in the U.S.

On March 23, she added Sacred Heart University to her list and spoke to students and faculty about the pressures of body image in the media.

Kilbourne was introduced as a woman that "revolutionized the way we look at media and images, especially images of women." She has been on popular TV shows such as, "Oprah" and "The Today Show." She also has been an advisor to the Surgeon General.

According to Kilbourne, "the obsession with thinness is worse than ever before." She believes that the blame is due not only to the media, but computers and technology specifically. "Computers can alter the bodies of the models so that it might

not be just one woman you are looking at, but three or four," she said.

She is referring to the fact that many advertisements consist of women that are so airbrushed and altered that they build the image using one woman's legs, another's body, and a different face.

During her presentation Kilbourne uses examples like the movie poster of "Pretty Woman" and selected scenes where Julia Roberts' body was that of another woman.

"The fact is that we are influenced by these images and there is a great deal we can do about it," said Kilbourne.

Sacred Heart sororities Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha co-sponsored the event to bring awareness to the issue. They all wore shirts with "Stand Up! Stand Out!" printed on the front to represent the campaign.

Jade Ean-Heller said, "It's for girls. It's why settle in when you were meant to stand out?" There sororities are a part of a national campaign with not only

their own personal sororities, but with the Dove company which is designed around promoting positive self-images in women.

Several students and faculty members that attended the lecture had similar thoughts about the influence that the media has on body image, specifically on women.

Psychology professor Christine Taylor said, "the objectification of women and sexualization of young girls has gotten worse. It is way more prevalent than when she [Jean Kilbourne] started doing the deconstruction of these images."

Throughout the presentation, Kilbourne discusses the observation that negative influences have gotten worse because of the Internet and the fact that advertisements are everywhere. She said that this is not helping the image of women, but is only making it worse.

"I think that is where a lot of bulimia, anorexia, and a lot of issues women deal with today come from. It comes from the media," said sophomore Marisa

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# News

## Online program launched to ensure campus safety

Alyssa Scott  
Staff Reporter

How safe do you feel while you're at school?

If you have stopped to ask yourself that question, you are certainly not alone. Colleges all over the country are creating new programs to implement the way in which their communities respond to emergencies.

Sacred Heart University has joined other schools in continuing to promote more efficient responses to situations that affect safety.

The department of Public Safety has launched the Silent Witness Program, an online program that is an anonymous way for the campus community to make Public Safety aware of potential problems.

"I feel safer knowing that they created this program. It seems like people would feel more comfortable reporting situations this way," said sophomore Kate Hann.

According to the Public Safety description of the program,

it's central purpose is to prevent violence on campus, assist persons at risk from harming themselves or others, report improper conduct, report a concern for a possible "missing student," and report general safety and security concerns.

"People observed things and didn't understand the mechanism to provide information," said Paul Healy, executive director of emergency management and Public Safety.

Detailed information about the program, such as a PowerPoint presentation by the "Center for Personal Protection and Safety" along with safety tips, can be found online on the Sacred Heart Web site under the "Public Safety" link.

In addition to helpful safety tips, you can also find the form to report incidents to Public Safety. While you are allowed to give as much or as little information about the incident as you wish, it is always more helpful to identify as much as possible about the situation.

The form also provides a space to report any student who

may be missing, a crucial step in investigating a possible missing person's situation.

Healy said that even though students should always feel comfortable to approach administration under any circumstance, this program will hopefully encourage people to speak up.

Although this Web site is designed to express concern for potential problems, Healy emphasized that it should not be used in emergency situations.

In any case of an emergency deserving immediate attention, a student should call Public Safety at 7911 or 911 for the police. However, this site should be used to report behavior out of the ordinary that could pose a safety threat.

Healy also warned that this site should be taken seriously. Anyone who reports any false situations will be found out and will be penalized by the university and most likely the local police as well, he said.

While the program opens new lines of communication, it also is required by law.

"The program is designed to

be in compliance with the Higher Education Act and Connecticut Public Act," said Healy.

Both acts express the need for the university to provide public safety services that have established safety procedures, and an effective mode of communication in which the student, faculty, or administration can easily report signs of danger.

"It seems like a good opportunity for people to make their voices heard, and if it's online it's always easily accessible," said Hann.

Other students think that it will be a good way to bring together not only the student body, but the administration and staff also.

"It's a good way for us to look out for each other. It sounds like something that will involve all of the Sacred Heart Community," said sophomore Marielle Dalton.

As well as being aware of any suspicious behavior on campus, the information posted by Public Safety stresses symbols that students should always be able to recognize in an emergency.

Among the most important that may be unfamiliar to students are the "campus alert" and "warn me symbols."

The campus alert symbol indicates that Sacred Heart has activated a level three or four emergency that requires immediate attention, and the "warn me" symbol informs everyone of important information to promote situational awareness. Everyone should be able to recognize these symbols in an emergency and follow immediate instructions.

According to the Center of Personal Protection and Safety, even though crimes such as shootings are rare on campuses, other acts of violence like assault, partner violence, and harassment are more common than people may think.

The Web site says that everyday problems such as a bad grade or a bad break up can influence people to cause potential issues. Reporting someone who may need help could be beneficial to the individual as well as the rest of the campus.

## Celebrities influence student actions

Therese O'Shea  
Staff Reporter

Flip through your weekly celebrity gossip magazine, and you can't help but see page after page of your favorite stars wearing the latest and most fashionable trends, looking beautiful and slender all the while.

Right alongside Beyonce wearing a thousand-dollar designer dress is a column of "looks for less" so that you, too, can look as gorgeous as this superstar.

Since students at Sacred Heart University are part of the demographic that is affected by celebrity influence, many say they understand the pressure that the media can put on young people to keep up with a celebrity-based idea of beauty.

"It's hard to not look at beautiful celebrities and not want to look like them," said sophomore Caitlin Moser. "Sometimes it seems like keeping up with the latest fashions will keep me happy, but it's almost impossible to always keep in check with what's hot right now."

However, many Sacred Heart students also say they recognize that keeping up with these trends is not necessarily what matters as they develop as individuals.

"The media puts a lot of pressure on young people to

look and dress a certain way. It shouldn't be about copying celebrities," said sophomore Annette Aligo. "Becoming your own person means finding your own style and figuring out what works for you, so that you can feel good about yourself."

USA Today has reported that the current celebrity-obsessed culture has become especially dangerous for young people, who view celebrities as role models. Well-known behavior expert and physician, Dr. Drew Pinsky, (better known on television and radio as Dr. Drew) told USA Today that teens and young adults are the sponges of today's culture, whose values are being set now.

"Are they really values we want our young people to be absorbing?" said Pinsky.

Some students feel that developing a unique personality is what matters, more so than trying to look like a celebrity because he or she is beautiful on the outside.

"If a girl looks up to certain celebrities because they are positive role models, then I think that is definitely admirable. Otherwise, I just like a girl who wants to be her own person," said sophomore Rob Cali.

Richard Madwid, a licensed professional counselor for the Sacred Heart counseling center, has taken notice of the impact

that the media has on students' images of themselves.

"We are always exposed to the media. It almost is subliminally programming our lives," said Madwid. "Hollywood has always been a platform for young people to look at and say 'wow she looks great, I'd like to get a dress like that so I can look that way too.'"

Madwid also points out that a large part of some women's attempt to look like celebrities has to do with a desire for male attention and acceptance.

"Men are absolutely part of the equation," said Madwid. "I think in our culture, it's becoming increasingly apparent that when women emulate these celebrities, they think that men will be all over them, because men are easily attracted to beautiful women. And who doesn't want a woman that looks like a movie star?"

While it seems that most men would like a woman who has the glamour of a star, Madwid said that many women do not realize that they can easily send a negative message when they dress in a particular way.

"If a girl is scantily clad, most guys assume certain things about her based solely on the way she is dressed," said Cali. "It just makes me think 'that's not the kind of girl I'd want to bring home to my family.'"

For some, emulating

celebrities may mean buying an expensive pair of jeans to look like a favorite starlet. And then there is the extreme, such as the woman dubbed "Octo-Mom" Nadya Suleman, who has been reported by many news sources as having gone to such lengths to resemble a celebrity, that she has had multiple children and gotten plastic surgery to look like Angelina Jolie.

While cases like that of Suleman are the extreme, Dr. Drew says that feeling good about oneself and wanting to see our glory reflected in another person's eyes is not a negative thing.

"There's a creative energy that is very positive," said Pinsky. "But when it gets out of control, such as acting out and not reflecting upon dysfunctional behavior, that's when we have concerns."

With college students feeling this pressure from the media and their peers to keep up a certain image, Madwid said he is still hopeful that there is a way to turn around these celebrity beauty obsessions.

"Part of the answer could be education, as it is always one tool to work on any issue in our culture," said Madwid. "It's a tough and complex issue, but the more that we make people aware that they way you are naturally is just fine, the better off we'll be as a society."

## Daily pressures from the media affect women's self-esteem

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Grippe.

Senior Michael Brancato believes the media is able to get away with using such altered images because "The image they create is what they need to get viewers to sell their products."

He explained, "Because it just works, sex sells. People are just intrigued by it."

Every day people are bombarded with about 3000 ads. Throughout a lifetime people will spend two years of their life watching commercials. Even at the age of six months, it has been proven that babies can recognize corporate logos. So why are people not complaining about the amount of ads they are showered with daily?

"It's part of the background features of our lives and we step over them without noticing them," said Taylor.

Kilbourne hopes that through her public speaking she will be able to educate people on the effects of the media and will allow people to see more positive views of themselves.

"In general I would like to see a culture in which we all felt that we are not more special than anyone else," she said.

Kilbourne explained to the audiences that not only are bodies in advertisements digitally enhanced, but that the media has taught women to hate their bodies.



# Taxpayers furious over AIG employee paychecks

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between \$1 million and \$2 million in bonuses," said Cuomo.

The president, as well as other government leaders, is demanding that the AIG employees who received the bonus checks, return it all back to the government.

"I think there should be a proper explanation of what the money was for, and it should have been taken back," said senior Anne Marie Vecchiollo. "The checks should have been cancelled."

Although to many it seems like returning the money is the right thing to do, some view the bonuses differently.

"I don't think AIG's chief executive should have asked for the money back," said senior Danielle Sullivan. "If a company goes bankrupt, do they ask their employees to send back their last paycheck in hopes that it will get them out of bankruptcy? No."

As of March 16, AIG's chief executive, Edward Liddy, refused to provide the government with the names of those employees who were to receive a large lump sum in bonus cash from the company. If Liddy continues to fail to cooperate with the government, some government officials have vowed to take action.

In news reports, Cuomo said that he would subpoena AIG for the names, job descriptions, and performance evaluations of the employees receiving the bonuses, should AIG executives not cooperate.

Representatives Steve Israel, Democrat from New York, and Tim Ryan, Democrat from Ohio, had introduced a bill to the House of Representatives that would place a tax on such bonuses. The proposed that the bill would place 100 percent tax on any bonuses over the amount of \$100,000,

which is paid by companies that have received federal bailout money, such as AIG.

On March 19, that bill, with a few alterations, was put into place. Washington D.C. released a press release stating that the House approved a bill to slap punishing taxes on big employee bonuses at firms bailed out by taxpayers.

In other words, for any bonuses given to employees that have a family income over \$250,000 at AIG, as well as at any other companies that have recently received government bailout money, there will be a 90 percent tax on such bonuses.

However, not everyone feels that a bill such as this will solve the problem; rather it may only cause more problems as it is a temporary way to satisfy the people by telling them what they want to hear.

"What concerns me most is the circus like atmosphere in Washington D.C.," said Dr. Stephen Rubb, associate professor of business economics at Sacred Heart. "Lawmakers spent a day voting on a law that everyone knows is unconstitutional, presumably to make voters feel better, without making us any closer to solving the real financial problems."

Several of the employees who received the checks are already cooperating and have agreed to give back a portion of their bonus money. A few have even agreed to give the whole amount back, according to news reports.

Yet some students say they are still not satisfied.

"Someone should step in and teach AIG how to properly manage a company and its finances," said Vecchiollo.

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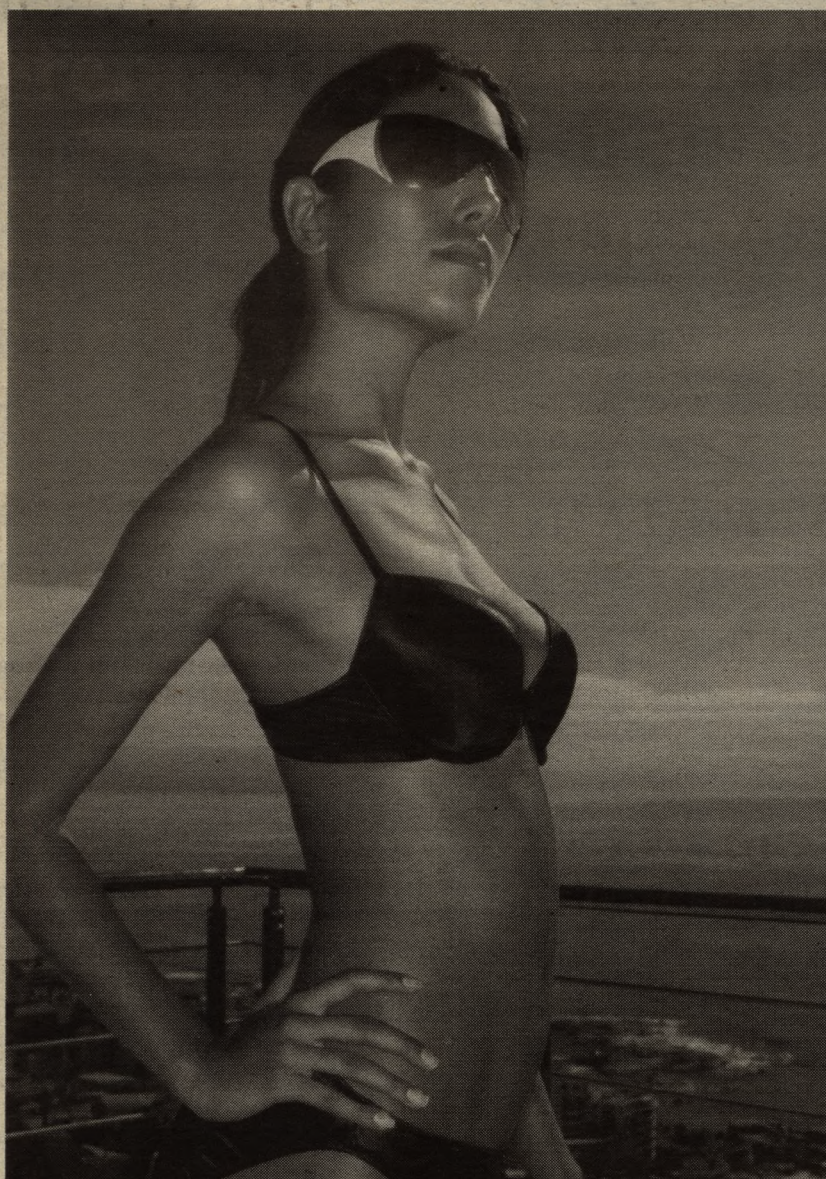
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# News

## Expert shares diary of famous Catholic intellect

Mari Brown  
Staff Reporter

On March 19, Robert Ellsberg, publisher and editor-in-Chief of Orbis Books, gave a lecture to the Sacred Heart community about Dorothy Day, a famous standing Catholic voice of the 20th century. He worked with Day closely for several years and edited her diaries.

"Dorothy Day was widely regarded as the radical conscience of the Catholic church," said Ellsberg. "She embodied the type of holiness most necessary for our time, to confront the burning issues of our time."

Attending the lecture about Day were several of the Sacred Heart faculty, staff, and students. Among them was Pres. Dr. Anthony Cernera.

"I was delighted that the library decided to invite Robert Ellsberg because Day represents some of the best

ways to take the Catholic tradition and applying it to the social issues of our times," Cernera said.

Ellsberg spoke of how Day co-founded the Catholic Worker newspaper with Peter Maurin, which made its debut on May 1, 1933, during the toughest times of the Great Depression.

This newspaper was a radical paper that let the community know the Catholic Church was there to help them during hard times, according to Ellsberg, who helped Day with the paper in its later years.

"I thought that the lecture was very interesting," sophomore Kevin Medeiros said. "I came for my RSCC 104 class in which we read 'The Long Loneliness' by Dorothy Day. It was interesting to hear from someone who worked first hand with her."

Day dedicated most of her life to understanding the incarnation of God and she lived her belief that "what we do for others, we do for Christ," said Ellsberg. Day constantly practiced works of mercy by feeding the hungry and clothing the poor.

Acts like these, and writing for the Catholic Worker, have placed Day as a candidate for canonization in the Catholic Church, said Ellsberg.

However, Day was not always the role model she is considered today, according to Ellsberg. In the 50's, Day was called "an anti-war activist and an erratic and irresponsible person," said Ellsberg. From 1955 to 1959, Day was arrested four times for civil disobedience.

She participated in picket lines and demonstrations against war throughout her entire life. The last time she was arrested was at 75 years old. According to Ellsberg, Day was hostile to the FBI, and at times considered a communist.

Ellsberg discussed how Day's communist reputation came mostly from her younger, controversial years. Earlier in her life, Day had an abortion during the time she rejected organized religion. When Day met Maurin, an agnostic, she got pregnant again, said Ellsberg.

It wasn't until 1926 when Day's daughter was born that Day became religious. Day considered her baby a



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**Dorothy Day, advocate and famous Catholic worker's diary entrees were the subject of Ellsberg's lecture.**

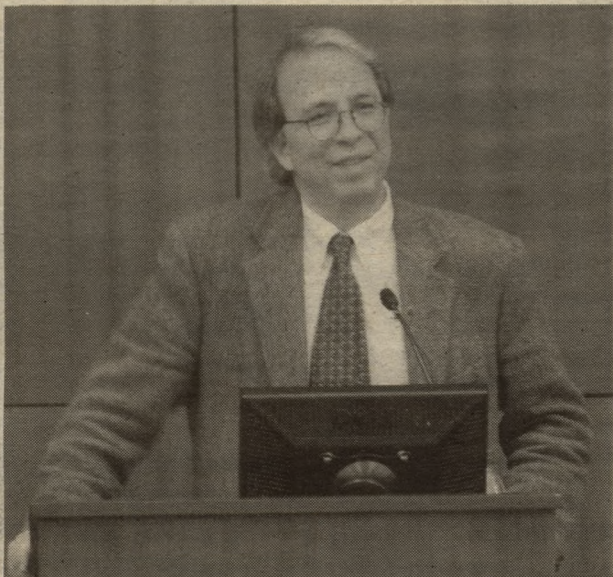
miracle, and against Maurin's wishes, the baby was baptized by the Catholic Church.

After the baptism of her daughter, Day became active in the Church. She attended daily mass and studied the lives of the Catholic saints. Day also often related the gospel to the plight of the poor.

"I thought the lecture really captured Dorothy's life well," said sophomore Kristen Kuilan said. "I was impressed with her dedication to the poor and her radical approaches to reshaping active Catholicism."

Cernera was also impressed with Day's life, he said, explaining the reason behind one of the three buildings in Christian Witness Commons, sophomore housing on campus, being named Dorothy Day Hall.

Cernera was in charge of naming building after Day. The reason he chose Day is because "I wanted to hold her life as an example to generations of our students for the Catholic tradition at Sacred Heart," he said.



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**Robert Ellsberg speaks of Day as a prominent Catholic voice in the University Commons on March 19.**

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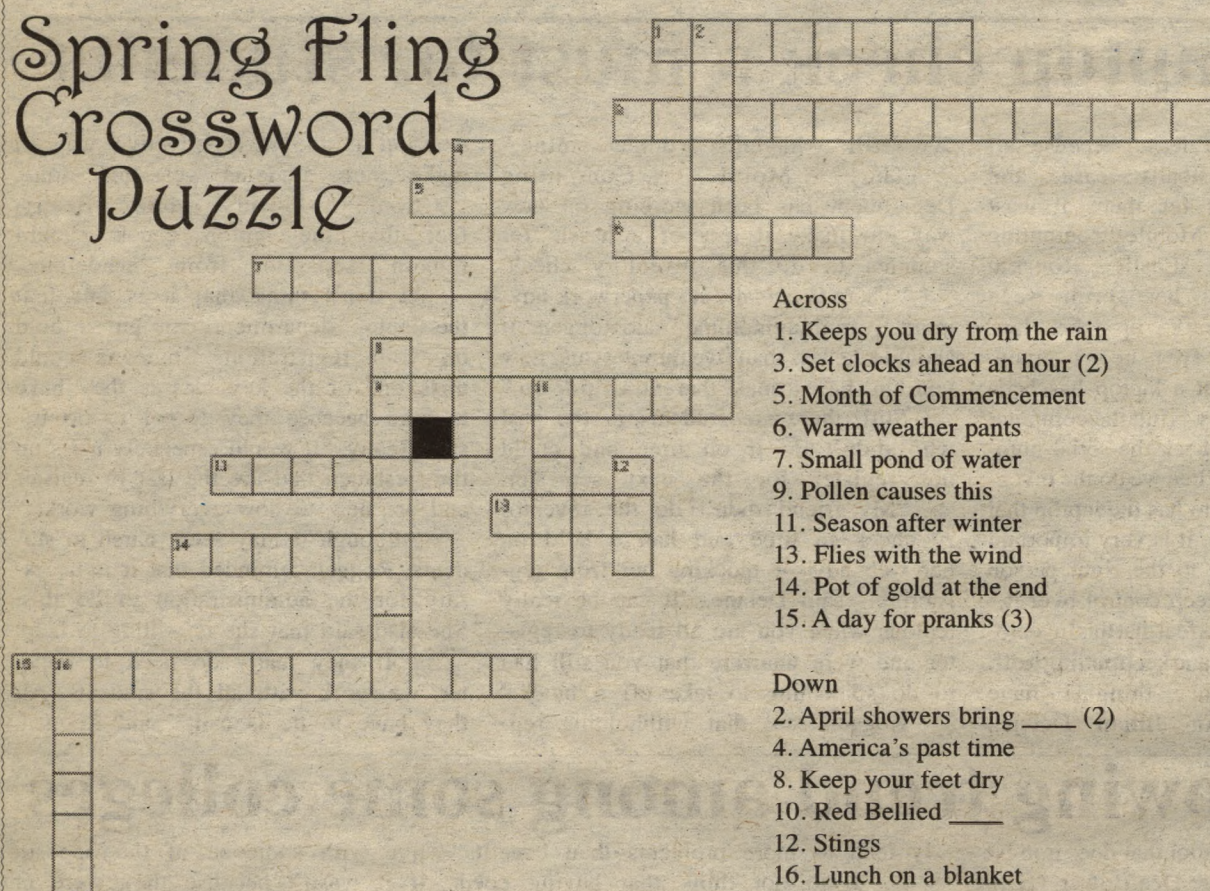
This film follows a nomadic community in Iran, providing cultural insight and engaging issues related to the challenges of educating children. It reveals both the struggle and humanity of this rapidly disappearing culture.



# Study Break

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## Spring Fling Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1. Keeps you dry from the rain
3. Set clocks ahead an hour (2)
5. Month of Commencement
6. Warm weather pants
7. Small pond of water
9. Pollen causes this
11. Season after winter
13. Flies with the wind
14. Pot of gold at the end
15. A day for pranks (3)

### Down

2. April showers bring \_\_\_\_ (2)
4. America's past time
8. Keep your feet dry
10. Red Bellied \_\_\_\_
12. Stings
16. Lunch on a blanket

Look for the answers in the following issue of the Spectrum!

Puzzle created with  
Puzzlemaker.com

## Number Block

24

			2	18
0	1		4	12
	8			22
		8		20
15	18	27	12	19

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 9.

The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.

The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom. The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

## Last Issue's March Madness Crossword Answers:

### Down:

1. Blue Devils
2. Big Orange
3. Slam Dunk
4. Dick Vitale
5. Final Four
8. Upset
9. Travel
10. Huskies
12. Big Dance

### Across:

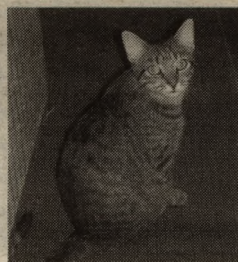
6. Cinderella
7. Ed Swanson
9. Tigers
11. Tar Heels
12. Bracket
13. Big Red
14. Fast Break
15. Basketball

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## Sacred Heart 5-Day Forecast

### Thursday



Mostly cloudy

▲ 42° ▼ 38°

### Friday



Milder; chance of a little morning rain

▲ 52° ▼ 38°

### Saturday



Mostly cloudy

▲ 50° ▼ 37°

### Sunday



Mostly cloudy with rain possible

▲ 51° ▼ 39°

### Monday



Mostly sunny

▲ 52° ▼ 37°

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# Perspectives

## March mandatory laptop check a must for students

Joe Mazza  
Staff Reporter

Ever get blocked from registering for classes because you forgot a small detail? Forgetting to follow up on your annual laptop check-in can be the reason.

For many Sacred Heart University students, it's one more headache they'd rather do without.

"I don't understand why we would have to do this," said freshman Brian Beatty. "If we lost our laptop, we would have to pay for a new one anyway."

Every March, the laptop inventory check is run by the Mobile Computing Department. For them, it is a requirement to have this laptop check under the terms of their laptops' leases.

"The inventory check is actual-

ly mandated by the lease because all the laptops are basically leased and we have to account for them at least once a year," said Mobile Computing Services Manager, Leslie Roggen.

An issue that has been seen is that students mix up the laptops that they have been given.

"In the event that a laptop has been lost, or even when they bring the computer to the helpdesk, we check the serial number," said Roggen. "When we do the inventory check, we see who has the laptop that they weren't assigned. It is very important to assign the laptops to the right person because we have to keep control over it."

Still, some students feel that this inventory check is bothersome and keep putting it off.

"It's just another thing I have to do," said senior Jillian Delape.

"I still haven't done mine."

The Mobile Computing Department has been working on new ways to make it less of a hassle for students to do this inventory check.

"There is actually no paperwork anymore. Everything is online," said Roggen. "It should take less than five minutes, and now you don't have to make that extra trip down."

Still, there are students in the past who didn't do it on time and could not register for the next semester.

"My friend didn't do the inventory check in time and had a hold on her web advisor blocking her from registering," said Delape. "It can be really tedious when you are all ready to register and were unaware that you still had to do something to take off a block."

Roggen said that withholding reg-

istration is the most effective way to make sure students get this done.

Some students, like Beatty, feel that the laptop check should remain separate from academics.

"I don't think that it is fair that the laptop department can put a hold on your registration. Someone could miss one of the key classes they have to take because they forgot to do it," said Beatty. "It would especially mess up the freshmen that are the last to register and are new to how everything works."

Although it may seem harsh to students, Roggen reminded that it is necessary for the administration to do this. She also said that she is willing to help.

"If they really do need to register, we work with all the students. All they have to do is call," said Roggen.

## Coed rooming, a growing trend among some colleges

James Kearns  
Staff Reporter

When choosing a roommate, most students look for someone who shares similar hobbies, similar time schedules, and well, similar genders.

But if this person just happens to be of the opposite gender, wouldn't it be nice to be able to room with them anyway?

Coed rooms in college dorms are growing in popularity across the country. Such prestigious schools as Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Stanford University are among the schools to establish such policies.

Many Sacred Heart University students are well aware of this new trend.

"I know of a school that does it in New York," said sophomore Dee Bower. "Earlier this year, my friend who goes there told me about it. He and two of his friends, one of whom is a girl, share a suite together."

Students have mixed feelings about the potential benefits and drawbacks of sharing their personal space with someone of the opposite sex.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with it, and I'm glad that they're breaking down barriers," said freshman Andrew Aleman. "It also saves space in that there wouldn't be double rooms with only one person in them because there isn't someone of the same sex to put in there."

From an RA's point of view, on the other hand, coed rooms would most like-

ly lead to more problems than benefits.

"I do not think that having coed roommates is a good idea," said sophomore Nicole Bourgeois, an RA in Seton Hall. "I think it would lead to more roommate conflicts. Also, there needs to be certain privacy between girls and guys."

Anna Mansager, a sophomore at Keene State College in New Hampshire, says that her school already has coed suits and is considering moving to coed rooms in the near future. She is cautious of the idea and sees some potential problems that might occur.

"I think it might lead to a lot of problems with people rooming with their boyfriends or girlfriends," said Mansager. "If they break up, what are they going to do?"

So why would a student want to

live with someone of the opposite sex if it wasn't because they were dating?

"In most cases, it would probably be [out of promiscuity] because of the easy access," said Bower. "But I also think some people would want to live with someone of the opposite sex to grow, mature, and learn to interact with him or her more."

Others have slightly different ideas.

"I think some people get along better with people of the opposite sex, so they would want to live with their friends," said Bourgeois.

Regardless of the sex of whom you choose to room with, or your reasons for rooming with them, there is some advice that should always be taken into consideration.

"Be careful who you live with," said Bower. "Extremely careful."

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## Rant of the week: Brand name of coffee influences students' purchase

### Rants & Raves

Allie Pohevitz  
Columnist



What if I told you that you could get the same designer jeans that were 10 times more comfortable, and for 85 percent cheaper? The only catch is that they wouldn't have the designer label across your butt. Would you still go for it?

You're probably thinking that I am crazy for even asking such a ridiculous question. Of course you would get the jeans.

So why, if I may ask, do so many people go to Starbucks as opposed to Dunkin' Donuts? This may seem far off from the jeans question, but in reality it is the exact same scenario.

Here at Sacred Heart University, we "proudly brew Starbucks coffee," so yes, I understand why most kids around campus carry those little cardboard cups on a daily basis. It's much easier to spend ID card money than our precious five-dollar bills.

But why, when we leave SHU campus, do so many kids prefer Starbucks to Dunkin' Donuts? I know I am not the only one with this feeling. In fact, I have been around many people who talk about how disgusting Starbucks coffee actually tastes.

*"Today, we are so concerned with the way that other people judge us that we will go so far as to spend more money on a drink that tastes inferior to its competition just because it is the 'popular' thing to do."*

-Allie Pohevitz

It's all in the brand name. Today, we are so concerned with the way that other people judge us that we will go so far as to spend more money on a drink that tastes inferior to its competition just because it is the "popular" thing to do.

Together, the two stores have close to 13,000 locations nationwide. Taking a drive down any major street, no matter where you may be, you can probably come to this conclusion on your own. The competing companies have been trying to get ahead of one another for years.

Though Dunkin' came out 21 years before Starbucks was even a thought in someone's mind, Starbucks arrived on the scene with fury as they began creating Starbucks cards and frozen drinks years before Dunkin' Donuts had planned to do so.

While we all love frozen coffee drinks and different flavor choices, we are not living in the past and these choices are now available at Dunkin' Donuts as well, for a fraction of the price.

What's more, if you go into a Starbucks as opposed to a Dunkin' Donuts, you are expected

to fix up your own coffee. There are stations with milk and sugar that the customers are given to use. What are we paying an arm and a leg for if we basically are just paying to use their kitchen instead of our own?

If you truly like the taste of Starbucks coffee over Dunkin' Donuts, then I support your decision to pay twice as much. If you are trying to seem cool however, maybe you should think twice about your decision. A cup of joe isn't going to boost your popularity ratings, no matter what you think.



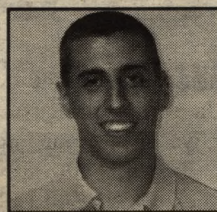
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Some prefer Starbucks over Dunkin' Donuts not because of the taste, but because of the label.

## He Said/ She Said...

### Is swearing acceptable in front of others?

Brian Germain  
He said



Remember the good old days when men treated women with respect? The days where there was a code of chivalry one did not dare break in their interactions with the opposite sex? The days of love blooming without exchanges of vulgarity?

Well I sure don't. Everyone has bad habits, but swearing seems to be the most common. Profanity has taken a front seat in everyone's vocabulary and it has infiltrated the relationship process.

Most of us have partaken in the dropping of dirty words so often that we have become desensitized to them. It's almost near impossible to distinguish a swear and a common word such as the word "the." So other people's swearing often goes unnoticed such as a long time friend or girlfriend.

We are so adjusted to their style of speaking, it just rolls right off our back. However, when a new person is introduced into your life, they are under a microscope.

As human beings, we are more likely to be observant of their every behavior. This would include being cognizant of the cleanliness of their vocabulary.

If I'm on a first date with a girl that I don't know that well and she swears in excess, don't count on a second date.

The interjection of a solid swear word for use of a powerfully descriptive adjective is completely acceptable; however, celebrating the fact that you know every bad word in the book, is not.

Profanity use doesn't make someone a bad person though. It's just a small fraction that has become part of their schema.

I don't blame it on the individual, I blame it on the susceptibility of the mind. I dare point the finger of blame at the media because they are an amazingly simple scapegoat for the degradation of society and I believe this to be mostly the truth anyway.

The filth that is being broadcast over the television, internet, and the newspapers is appalling and makes swearing look like it is not that big of a deal. With rap songs that have more swear words than non swear words, profanity has been demoted from a level of taboo to a level of common use.

The fact that it is not shunned anymore on a large scale and the negative stigma attached to it is shrinking, makes it a normal part of the individual citizen's terminology.

Unfortunately, this has seeped into the dating circuit and is really an unattractive trait. Profanity is the opposite of classy and something I look to avoid. We should all try to cut back on our "F" bombs.

It would be good use of personal time to brainstorm ways to exterminate this vice from your repertoire. You'll be a better conversationalist and you'll get more dates. Who knows, maybe the book store should sell swear jars...

Liz Warren  
She said



Have you ever watched an episode of Jerry Springer and thought to yourself, "man, if only I could find a guy like that?"

I didn't think so. While I'm not bashing the show, I am bashing the actions of many of the guests who appear on it. When they run onto the stage screaming out every swear in the English language, I almost purge the entire bag of Ruffles that I devoured over the course of the show.

Swearing just isn't attractive. It makes one look trashy and unrefined.

If I listen in on a conversation in which a guy is describing someone using more swears than actual words, I'm going to think that he just doesn't know how else to express himself. And that's immaturity at its finest.

While it does make you look like the tough, bad boy type, girls don't really want that.

Believe it or not, we don't want guys to verbally abuse us.

What we really want is to be treated like the girls that we are.

We want to be able to bring you home to our parents without you accidentally dropping the f-bomb when attempting to ask dad to pass the salt.

Though you may think that this could never happen, I strongly disagree. Swearing is an unconscious habit that sneaks up on you when you least expect it.

But girls aren't completely innocent, either. Some of my most foul-mouthed friends are females. I think this is equally appalling. Both guys and girls need to limit their vulgarity and show some class.

And you can't have class when you're screaming the "c-word" across the mahogany room.

However, I don't think swearing is completely terrible. I've also been known to occasionally—OK, frequently—swear, and I'm trying to ease up a little.

But while constant swearing is a pet peeve of mine, it also bothers me when people are deeply offended by the occasional profanity.

I'm an English major, so I consider words to be my strong point. And sometimes, the word that best describes how you are feeling at the moment, could just be a vulgarity. It's all about balance.

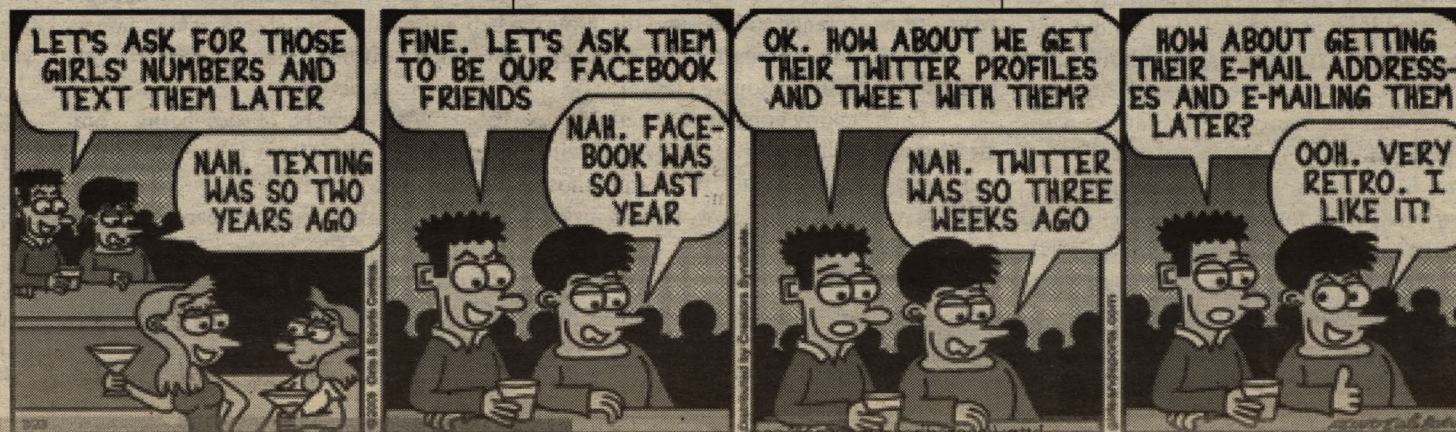
It's also about timing. I know sometimes they just slip out, but you need to be careful when you're in a refined establishment.

For instance, it's not the best time to tell a vulgar story over dinner in a classy environment.

But if you're out with your friends on Friday night, the occasional swear is acceptable.

Basically, swearing isn't the worst thing a person can do. Just don't make it an f---ing habit.

Girls  
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# —Arts & Entertainment—

## Model behavior not seen at “ANTM” auditions *Chaos breaks out during New York auditions for the hit television show*

Liz Brombacker  
Staff Reporter

Put a bunch of aspiring models together and what do you get?

High fashion, nice shoes, dramatic makeup? What about a riot?

On March 14, auditions were held in New York City at the Park Central Hotel for the 13th season of the popular TV show, “America’s Next Top Model.”

While the contestants were waiting to try out, several fights broke out, which police said led to three arrests and six injuries. Those who were arrested were charged with inciting a riot.

Two women were brought to the New York Presbyterian Hospital, and are now considered to be in stable condition.

According to the New York Times, the police did not have a reason for what caused the disturbance, but hopeful contestants were quoted as saying it may have been caused by “lack of organization, frayed nerves, and a brief panic that erupted when someone screamed that a smoking overheated car was on fire and about to explode.”

Some students who have heard the reports about the melee said that this disturbance was unnecessary and that it could



AP Photo/Peter Kramer

**TV Personality Tyra Banks attends the 2008 Glamour Women of the Year Awards at Carnegie Hall in New York.**

have been handled in a different way.

“It sounds like this could have been avoided. It seems like there could have been a better way to organize it so those

hopefuls wouldn’t have to wait in a long line for a day or two,” said senior Jared Scata. “It seems like that was one of the main causes of the ruckus, there was no way to leave the line without losing your spot.”

The fact that this disturbance was able to happen and could not be prevented has some students concerned about safety.

“It is surprising to me that such chaos was provoked at an organized event that really has no impact on our society,” said sophomore Kimberley DeLoreto. “I find it surprising that the cops in the city who are always on guard for something like this can’t handle people trying out to model. What if it was something more extreme?”

However, all of the blame should not be placed on the police. According to the Boston Herald, NYC officials said the police were not forewarned by the producers of the show that a crowd of around 10,000 contestants would show up and wait in line for up to 16 hours.

Due to the disturbance, police said they were forced to shut down the auditions.

According to the Entertainment Weekly Web site, Tyra Banks, producer of the show, released a statement saying she was going to try and see all the girls who

didn’t get a chance to tryout before auditions were canceled.

“It is so important to me to make sure that everyone gets a fair chance to pursue their dream,” said Banks in her published statement.

There will be several more chances for hopefuls to try out for the show. According to the Contact Music Web site, the producers have insisted on some new rules.

Contestants will not be seen if they arrive before 6 a.m. on the day of tryouts and, unless under the age of 18 they must be alone. Minors will be allowed to stand with a guardian.

Banks changed the requirements for season 13, allowing woman under 5’7” to try out for the first time.

“I think what Tyra is doing is a good thing,” said freshman Brittany Ross. “She is trying to change the standard for models and the fact that she is holding auditions for people who are under the average height for a model, shows that she is trying to open the modeling industry to people of all shapes and sizes.”

The current season of “America’s Next Top Model” debuted on March 4 and can be seen every Wednesday at 8 p.m. on the CW.

## CAST OF “GOSSIP GIRL” FACES REAL LIFE DRAMA

Genevieve Manna  
Staff Reporter

It used to be all about drama at the beach for the retired television series, “The OC.” But what happens when you strip the set of its sandy beaches, sexy surfers, and relocate to Manhattan?

The newest series from Jeff Schwartz, creator of “The OC,” features Manhattan’s elite in a fashionable, drama filled series, “Gossip Girl.”

“Gossip Girl” originated as a series of books written by Cecily von Ziegesar. She herself grew up in Manhattan and attended a private school on the Upper East Side. Her adventures in New York City, and experiences in a high class private school, lead to her real world books with characters based on her own friends.

However, controversy goes hand in hand with gossip. There were debates about whether or not the show stayed true to the books’ plots and character personalities. But Ziegesar told ABC News that her most major plot lines were there and “at least it takes place in New York.”

Based on blogs and reviews, it’s apparent that some love it, some hate it, and some love to hate it. Filled with rapid fire hookups, spiteful backstabbing, and characters dressed to the nines, it’s an hour of time that for many devoted fans is well spent on Monday nights.

Like many television series, the show provides a fantasy world. The group of unbearably beautiful, rich, and spoiled individuals run their high school, as well as it often seems, the rest of New York City.

With story lines ranging from

teacher-student sex scenes, to stepmom and stepson hook-ups, the raunchy drama pushes the envelope.

These 16 and 17-year-old old high schoolers are seen drinking martinis after hours at elegant New York bars. ID doesn’t seem to be a problem for this group of privileged New Yorkers. The addicting series has advertisements in magazines, and on billboards that scream sex and roll the tagline, “OMFG.”

“I loved when they would run commercials on TV for the new season. The phrase ‘OMG’ has become owned by ‘Gossip Girl.’ Everything about the show is just addicting. There is never a dull moment,” said junior Tara Seeney.

New York City is already hot, but “Gossip Girl” has turned up the heat a few more notches. The hottest fashion trends, clubs, and even universities are featured throughout the season.

Stylist Eric Daman, is the man behind the trendsetting show. Class act, Blair Waldorf, (Leighton Meester) is seen in only the best such as designers Marc Jacobs, Lorick and Chanel. The constant talk about Yale University goes alongside trendsetting. Episodes often discuss the worry of acceptance to Yale and the group of college-bound elitists fight over acceptance for the undergraduate class.

Each steamy episode is scheduled to air Monday nights at 8 p.m. However, with scheduling conflicts on CW-11, the show skips several weeks in a row without airing a new episode.

“After the first episode, my roommate and I got addicted immediately and started watching it every week. Now every Monday our entire house sits together and

watches it,” said junior Elise Silverstone. “We hate that they take long breaks in between episodes because it’s already so suspenseful to begin with. Having to wait an extra few weeks is dreadful.”

The series keeps up to date with the teen youth featuring the fad of texting and blogging. The infamous, yet anonymous, gossip girl herself is an unseen narrator spoken by actress Kristen Bell, who announces rumors about the elite’s sex and city dramatics.

Is it ironic that Gossip Girl has juicy gossip of its own? Off screen the drama continues with inside romances. According to reports in magazines like US Weekly and People, the Park Avenue princess, Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively), and Brooklyn boy, Dan Humphrey (Penn Badgely), are taking their on-camera romance behind the scenes.

Notorious playboy, Chuck Bass, played by Ed Westwick, is heating things up off camera with Jessica Szohr, who plays the hipster good girl, Vanessa Abrams.

The stars of the show are getting more publicity in the tabloids, and are being seen at award shows. Their careers are taking off but Blake Lively had a few things to say about it.

With rumors of her being compared to socialite, Paris Hilton, Lively told Seventeen Magazine, “I don’t know her, but I don’t like being compared to anyone by somebody who doesn’t know me. I’m my own person. I don’t go to clubs, I don’t party, I don’t dance on tables and I don’t like sex tapes.”

Comes with the territory, right?



AP Photo/Charles Sykes

**Actors Ed Westwick and Leighton Meester on the set of “Gossip Girl”, Monday, March 16, 2009, in New York.**

Gossip is gossip and rumors will roll. These stars appear to be facing many similarities between the show and reality. Until next time ...

XOXO,  
*Gossip Girl*



# Mileyworld.com makes it up to fans

## Web site fan club members aren't able to access pre-sale tickets

Michelle Munden  
Staff Reporter

What could be worse than getting your hopes up for something you really love and then being completely shut down? Miley Cyrus fans surely know this pain.

Thursday, March 12, The Associated Press released an article after hundreds of Pennsylvanian's complained when they couldn't buy tickets during fan club pre-sales for Hannah Montana concerts.

The pre-sales were advertised as a perk of joining Cyrus' Mileyworld.com Web site for a \$29.95 yearly membership fee. The fan club continued advertising the perk even after blocks of tickets reserved for pre-sales were sold out.

Hannah Montana is the television and concert alter ego of country singer Billy Ray Cyrus's 16-year-old daughter, Miley. She is well known for hit songs such as "See you again," and "7 things I hate about you."

According to www.msnbc.com, after this incident a Tennessee marketing firm is giving nearly 1,000 fans of the pop sensation free four-month extensions to their online fan club memberships.

"All those people joined the fan club thinking they had a chance of getting those tickets when they didn't have a snowball's chance in Tennessee of getting those tickets," said attorney general's spokesman Nils Frederiksen to The Associated Press.

According to the article, Interactive Media Marketing Inc. of Nashville runs the fan club site and agreed to the free membership extensions as part of an 11-page settlement the attorney general's office filed in Allegheny County Common Pleas

Court in Pittsburgh.

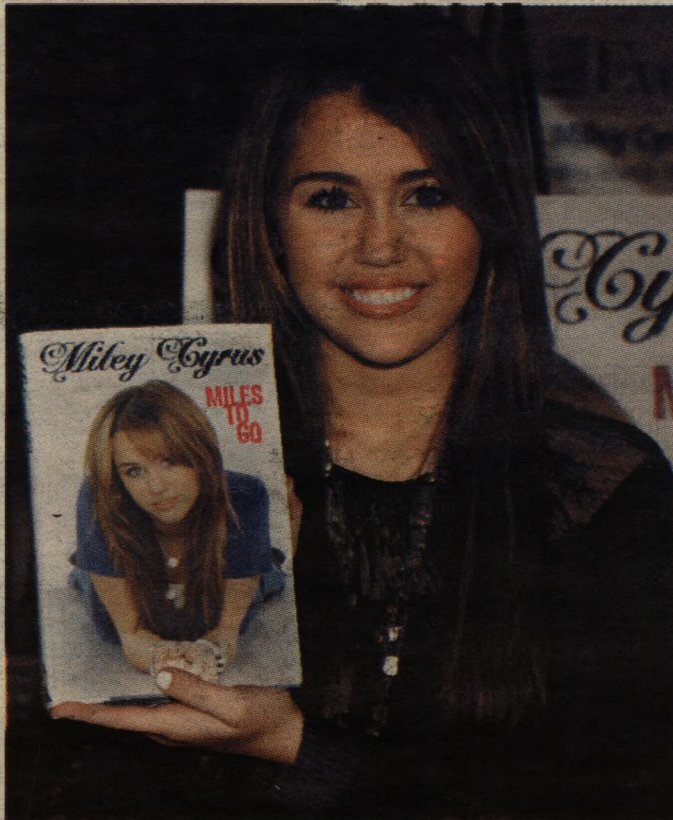
But do fans really feel that this compensation fits the bill?

"I don't think it matters much now to have free months to the website since the people already missed out on tickets," said junior Christopher Giacchino.

And although Interactive Media Marketing Inc. isn't admitting wrongdoing, they will still pay a \$20,000 civil penalty. The fan club must also post this notice prominently on the fan club site whenever it advertises ticket sales: PURCHASE OF A MILEY WORLD FAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCESS TO TICKETS.

According to www.msnbc.com, more than 700 Pennsylvanians complained to the attorney general's office about not getting tickets through the fan club pre-sales. Investigators determined 966 people joined the fan club during the separate three-day pre-sale events for the concerts in September 2007. Those fans are getting the free membership extension.

"We can't tell how many of those peo-



AP Photo/Tammie Arroyo

Miley Cyrus at her book signing for "Miles To Go" held at Barnes & Noble at The Grove on March 7, 2009.

ple were joining the fan club specifically to buy tickets, but there's a high likelihood that was one of the reasons they were joining," Frederiksen told the Associated Press. "In essence, part of their fan club purchase was useless."

So what is it that fans would really want after this heartbreaking mishap?

"I would really rather just get free tickets to her concert," said junior Philip Farrelly.

# President takes on "Tonight Show"

Sarah Prial  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, March 19, President Obama made a highly-anticipated appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." For the first time in history, the current president of the United States appeared on a comedic television show directed towards the masses.

Richard Nixon appeared on the TV show "Laugh-In" before he was elected president and President Bush made a pre-taped cameo appearance on the game show "Deal or No Deal" while still in office, but to have a sitting-president appear on a comic's couch broke all the standards held for presidential interviews.

In an article for the New York Times, columnist Alessandra Stanley said, "Presidents have tested the dignity of their office on television in the past, of course, but rarely so early in their tenure." It was his "desire to bond with ordinary viewers" that brought the president to the famous late night talk show.

"It was a good political move," said Sacred Heart University political science professor Steven Michels, "These are difficult times and he has a bold agenda. Communication is essential, if he's going to accomplish even a fraction of what he set out to do."

Sophomore Michelle Bostley agreed. "I think it was good for his public image," she said.

Mike Maney, a veteran public relations executive at Zer0 to Five



AP Photo/Gerald Herbert

President Barack Obama, left, appears on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno in Burbank, Calif. Thursday, March 19, 2009.

Communications out of Philadelphia, shared his views from a public relations standpoint.

"There are some [political] camps who believe Obama's appearance lessened the office of the President, that it should be above entertainment," said Maney. "There are other camps who believe that his appearance represents a President who is trying every channel he can to communicate to the American people."

Sacred Heart students have differing opinions on the president's appearance, especially about his remark comparing

his bowling skills to that of participants in the Special Olympics, for which he later apologized.

"It's exactly why I didn't vote for him," said senior Tim Dierking in regards to the Special Olympics comments.

Sophomore Dave Gallo disagreed. "I don't think he meant it to be offensive, everyone makes remarks like that, no matter who you may be, in my opinion," he said.

Obama's appearance brought the most viewers to the "Tonight Show" since 2005, with 11.2 million viewers.

# SPILL ON SKI TRAIL ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Liz Brombacker  
Staff Reporter

After falling on a ski slope at a resort in Canada, actress Natasha Richardson died at age 45 on Wednesday, March 18 in New York City. The cause of death was a brain injury caused from blunt force trauma according to the autopsy report.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman from the NYC Medical Examiner's office, said that epidural hematoma was the cause of death, which is when bleeding between the skull and brain covering occurs and is often caused by a skull fracture.

Richardson was well known for her roles in such movies as, "The Parent Trap," "Maid in Manhattan," and "Gothic."

She was also known for her role as Sally Bowles in the Broadway show "Cabaret," for which she won the Tony Award for Best Actress in 1988.

Richardson descended from a large acting dynasty, which includes her Oscar winning mother Vanessa Redgrave and her late father, director Tony Richardson.

Richardson's husband actor Liam Neeson, her two sons Michael, 13, and Daniel, 12, her mother and her sister actress Joely Richardson, along with other family and friends attended a private service for the actress on Friday, March 20.

According to an article from the US Magazine Web site, fellow colleagues and close friends have made statements on what an impact Richardson had on their lives and their careers.

Lindsay Lohan, Richardson's costar in "The Parent Trap", stated "she was a wonderful woman and actress and treated me like I was her own. I didn't see much of her over the years, but I will miss her. My heart goes out to her family. This is a tragic loss."

Richardson fell on a beginner trail on Monday, March 16. A representative from the Mont Tremblant resort in Quebec said that she later complained that she was not feeling well. She was taken to the hospital and later transported from Montreal to Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

Richardson was reported as not wearing a helmet and her death was ruled an accident. According to an article from the Web site Yahoo News, the debate on ski safety has now heightened.

However, some skiers on campus do not seem too worried; they feel just as safe on the slopes as they did before.

"Since I was little I've been skiing. It never really occurred to me that a bunny slope was dangerous," said freshman Rich Marcello. "I don't think I'm too concerned about the dangers of skiing though, because Richardson seemed to just be a victim of a freak accident."

Missed Nonsense  
performing at Sacred  
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March 27, at the  
Chef's Table on Fairfield  
Ave. in Bridgeport at



# Features

## Rihanna incident creates dispute over domestic abuse

Nicole Giglia  
Staff Reporter

Boy meets girl. Boy dates girl. Boy hits girl. Girl takes boy back?

In a widely publicized incident on Feb. 8, 19-year-old R&B singer Chris Brown allegedly beat his girlfriend, 21-year-old pop-star Rihanna.

However, Rihanna has recently reconciled with Brown.

The developments have stirred a lot of controversy, and some students at Sacred Heart University say they are upset with her decision.

"He hit her once, shame on him, but if he hits her twice, shame on her," said freshmen Sophia Guerrino.

Rihanna's decision to take Brown back has caused many of her fans to view her not as the victim but as part of the problem.

"As a person I think Rihanna should be able to do whatever she wants," said Guerrino, "but as a role model it does set a bad example. It makes her look like she has no respect for herself and there are millions of young girls looking up to her."

According to Richard Madwid, a counselor at the Sacred Heart University Counseling Center, what Rihanna did was "text book."

"It's so common for women in relationships to fall into the pattern," said Madwid. "It can go on and on until there is an intervention, until someone says 'this is not what a relationship is about.'"

Though many are critical of Rihanna's decision, it's common for young women to follow the cycle of date violence.

"Young women come from this dynamic of 'we'll get through this,'" said Madwid. "Until you're in the situation you don't know what you'll do."

So are some women being too hard on Rihanna?

"Personally, I don't know what I would do in her situation," said Guerrino. "It would depend where we were at, if I loved him or not, but there's a huge difference, I'm not a pop-star."

Others were quick to say they would definitely not take him back.

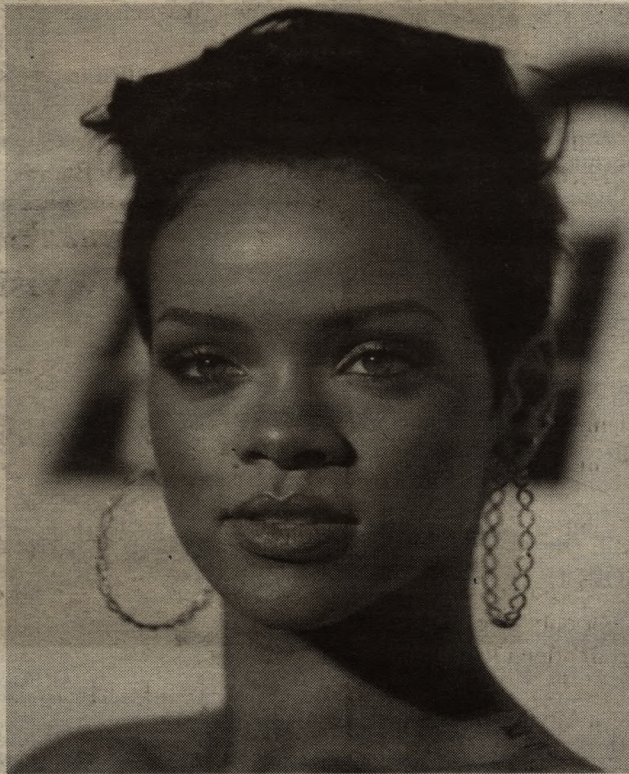


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From left, Rihanna at Clive Davis Grammy pre-party, far right police picture taken of Rihanna after the incident

"What would make him not do it again?" said freshmen Kate Abate. "If my boyfriend ever hit me I would tell him to get lost. No one should be treated like that."

Freshmen Katherine Formica agrees, saying that "I would not take him back. I would never be able to trust him again. How do I know he's never going to do that again?"

According to DoSomething.org, one in three teens are victims of date abuse. The site has filmed a reenactment of the incident based on actual detective notes. The graphic video shows a young male hitting, punching, biting and choking the young woman.

Also, the site has a full campaign dedicated to date

abuse, which includes warning signs and facts about abusive relationships.

In addition, they have published an article online written by a teen date abuse survivor. The article features a message directly to Rihanna that advises her to "get out now."

There are campus resources for those who suspect themselves or someone they know may be involved in a date violence situation.

"We're not unlike any other university, it's not a huge issue here at all but it does come up," said Madwid. "A student can always come to the counseling center for the free and confidential service."

## Students cut up some rug and 'Dance-for-a-cure'

Gina Cerniglia  
Staff Reporter

In a time when everyone's watching the money they spend, why not spend it on a good cause and have fun at the same time?

Sacred Heart University's Zeta Tau Alpha is hosting an event in support of breast cancer research and awareness through their Dance-for-a-Cure cause.

Dance-for-a-Cure is a social event that will be taking place in the Pitt Center at Sacred Heart on Thursday, April 2 from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. to raise money and support breast cancer research.

"The purpose of the event is to spread awareness about the cause and to let not only the campus know, but the community know that this is something Zeta Tau Alpha is committed to not only nationally, but here at Sacred Heart University," said Kat Lopez, national ZTA consultant and member educator, who is currently on campus.

At the event, there will be a DJ, plenty of dancing, and catered food as well as a raffle with prizes including tanning salon packages, restaurant gift certificates, and various Vera Bradley items.

"It's a cheap night out, and you won't regret spending money for no reason," said sophomore Tony King, sister of ZTA. "You'll get to eat, hang out with friends, do a little dancing, and possibly win a prize!"

It is \$5 to enter, \$1 for a raffle ticket, and \$10 for an arm's length of tickets.

"It's a great place to hang out with your friends and also do something for a good cause at the same time," said senior Mary Beth Ingram, sister of ZTA.

ZTA's national philanthropy is breast cancer awareness and education.

The sorority has been committed to supporting breast cancer research because the disease continues to affect so many people. According to [medicinenet.com](http://medicinenet.com), "Breast cancer is the most common cause of cancer in women and the second most common cause of cancer death in women in the U.S." The Web site also said that men too can be diagnosed with breast cancer.

On campus, ZTA has done a dance fundraiser before, and now that they are a national sorority, the chapter is working to make this event bigger and make people more aware of their efforts.

The Sacred Heart chapter said it will donate the funds to St. Vincent Hospital in Bridgeport and Susan G. Komen Race for

the Cure.

St. Vincent works directly with breast cancer awareness as well, through their program SWIM, an organization administered by St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation that provides cancer education, screening, and prevention programs at no charge or for a very low price for those in need.

"In addition, the SWIM helps individual cancer patients on a case-by-case basis with specific needs, such as the funding of wigs and prostheses, medication assistance, free transportation to treatments and appointments, day-care scholarships and support groups," said [swimacrossthesound.org](http://swimacrossthesound.org).

ZTA chapters across the nation hold other events for breast cancer awareness as well.

Nationally, Zeta Tau Alpha partnerships with the NFL, where they pass out pink ribbons at games. They also partner with Lifetime Television, Yoplait yogurt, and are co-sponsors for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The slogan "Think Pink" is a registered trademark of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Members of ZTA say they are encouraging Sacred Heart students, their families, and friends to attend the event.

"I know I definitely will be attending the event," said sophomore Danielle Dorey. "I lost my grandmother to breast cancer, so I want to do all I can to help support this event."

Throughout this year most of the Greek organizations, like ZTA, have been becoming national, yet they are still hosting local events for nearby communities, a tradition they are not only keeping, but building upon.

"You may not be affected right now, but everybody is touched some way or another by this cause. Please come out and support us. Together we can make a difference," said Ingram.

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# Spring weather has students running towards the outdoors

Amanda Kaufold  
Staff Reporter

Spring's officially come to Sacred Heart University and students both on-campus and off are taking advantage of the warmer weather.

On-campus, students can be seen nearly every sunny day playing Frisbee or catch on the lawns outside their dorms.

Other students can be seen lounging on the grass between the William H. Pitt Center and Merton and Seton Halls taking in the sun while talking to friends, doing homework, or just relaxing.

"I live off campus but I love sitting and unwinding outside, doing homework out in the open, and just enjoying the spring weather when I'm home and when I'm in-between classes at college," said junior Kristen McCarthy.

Sacred Heart students have also been taking advantage of the warm weather to get in shape for summer.

"I enjoy running and I've been looking so forward to a change in scenery from the gym to the outdoors these past few months," said freshman Danielle Nuccio.

"Now that the weather is warmer, I've definitely been more motivated to get out there," said Nuccio.

Like many students, Nuccio can be found jogging around campus whenever the weather permits.

Katherine Fico, a junior and commuter at Sacred Heart, said, "My house-mates and I have been going for a lot of walks around our neighborhood, not only to get a little exercise in, but because it's just so refreshing to take in the spring air after a long winter of being cooped up inside."

It seems that the event most students have been looking forward to throughout the cold winter is the reopening of the beaches.

Freshmen Melissa Barnes said, "With it being my first year here in Connecticut I'm really excited about the beaches opening soon because I was just so busy getting situated at the beginning of the year I didn't get a chance to check out them out and I hear they're great."

McCarthy also added her anticipation saying, "Once it is consistently nice out, I will definitely be taking advantage of going to the beach!"

For information on Fairfield County's beaches and locations go to the "Department of Environmental Protection" page of the Web site CT.gov.

Beyond what students are doing here and now to enjoy spring, many of them are also looking toward what the warm weather will mean for their Easter Breaks.

"I have no definite plans right now, but a few of my friends and I are looking into going away somewhere, maybe the Jersey Shore, for a couple days during the break to get a little sun and relaxation in before finals hit," said Fico.

Barnes, like some other students, aren't looking to go away, but instead are excited about getting to enjoy spring at home with family and friends. "I'm just looking forward to going home and taking walks and playing outside with my dog and my sister.

"My sister and I are really into playing sports together. We play field hockey and volleyball and my dog loves playing soccer with us. We always get really excited about this time of year," said Barnes

## Beaches near Sacred Heart to visit during the Spring

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Fairfield, CT  
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Open: Memorial Day - Labor Day

Seaside Park Beach  
Barnum Dyke, Off I-95 at Exit 27  
Bridgeport, CT  
Phone: 203-576-7233

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# Live music scene around Fairfield

Dan Nevanpera  
Staff Reporter

Are you sick of listening to the same shuffle on your iPod or MP3 player?

Are you tired of going to the same bars and listening to whatever music is popular on the radio?

There are a variety of venues in the area of Sacred Heart University that have live bands and performers playing everything from cover songs to originals. Good music with good people.

There are several different genres of music, each luring in fans for different reasons.

No matter what type of music you listen to, it can be enjoyable and entertaining to watch your peers perform.

Educated Fools are a soft rock band out of Sacred Heart University.

The band has played at several pubs and bars in the Fairfield area, including The Outpost Pub on the Sacred Heart University campus, Ray Kelly's in Bridgeport and The Bear & Grill on Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield.

Though band members say they love playing live, they've also said that owners of the bars have made it an obstacle for them to play their own original tracks.

"It's tough for original acts or anyone trying to do their own thing. There are only a few places around here that are really interested in original local bands," said junior and Educated Fools drummer Adam Beliveau.

"Ideally our band would love to just play original stuff, but have to play covers since that is what most bars are looking for," said Beliveau.

Though some students like to stay in the Fairfield area to go out on the weekends, venturing out to the surrounding towns can be the best bet for those looking to enjoy live music.

"Unfortunately this isn't a large live music area because a lot of people like going out to the clubs. The best places to play around here are the Daniels Street Club in Milford which we've played at, as well as Black Bear in South Norwalk," said Beliveau.

Rock 'n' roll is a broad term in describing one genre of music. Throughout the years, hard rock, soft rock and



Photo Courtesy of Adam Beliveau

## Local SHU band 'The Educated Fools' who can be found playing around the area.

punk rock have become common terms.

Among these choices, many local bars, pubs and clubs have attracted music goers of the soft rock genre, bringing in those who like to drink as well as listen to the local talent.

"I saw Educated Fools at Bear & Grille and Tommy's on the golf course. It was an awesome show," said junior Tyler Teaton.

For those of you who enjoy other types of music such as rap, R&B and hardcore, New Haven and Hartford are the places to be.

"The Webster Theater in Hartford is a great place to see anything from hip-hop to indie to metal... Whatever you're really into," said junior Ryan Tarby.

Though both these venues are open to hiring local acts, they also book headliners and other well-known performers.

"From local acts to national acts, the Webster Theater and Toad's Place are definitely the two best places to see a live show," said Tarby.

From bands like Brand New, who recently played a

show at the Webster Theater, to rappers like Lil Wayne who will be performing at the Bridgeport Harbor Yard, Sacred Heart students have the opportunity to catch some popular acts without having to drive hours away

"If you really want to see a real underground music scene, you'll want to go to The Space in Hamden or the Wallingford VFW. Many performers that have played there are signed to major labels or have opened for bands who more mainstream," said junior Katy Guest.

If you are wondering where you can show off your talent, there are open mike nights available at Chef's Table in Fairfield on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and at Las Vetas in Fairfield on the last Thursday of every month.



# Sports

## Scoreboard

Thursday, March 19

M. Tennis

Fairfield- 5

SHU- 2

Saturday, March 21

M. Tennis

BU- 1

SHU- 6

Baseball

SHU- 4

Maine- 1

M. Lacrosse

Hofstra- 6

SHU- 5

W. Basketball

SHU- 63

Ohio St.- 77

Baseball

SHU-7

Maine.- 4

Sunday, March 22

M. Tennis

SHU- 4

Monmouth- 3

Baseball

SHU- 2

Maine- 11

W. Lacrosse

SHU- 9

Quinnipiac- 8

Baseball

SHU- 3

Maine- 5

Tuesday, March 24

Baseball

SHU-

Fairfield-

## On Deck

Today

M. Tennis vs. Fordham

3 p.m.

Tomorrow

W. Lacrosse vs. LIU

3 p.m.

Baseball vs. Vermont

3:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28

M. Volleyball vs. Stevens

Tech

1 p.m.

Softball vs. Quinnipiac

1, 3 p.m.



AP Photo/Jay LaPrete

Sacred Heart's Callan Taylor (#20) drives to the basket during the Pioneers' first round NCAA Tournament game against Ohio State on Saturday, March 21 in Columbus, Ohio.

## Prahalis, Ohio St. prove too much for Pioneers

Emily Gumbs  
Asst. Sports Editor

On Saturday, March 21, the Sacred Heart University women's basketball team traveled to Columbus, Ohio to compete in the NCAA Division I Tournament to take on the Ohio State Buckeyes at the Nationwide Arena. The Pioneers were the 14 seed while the Buckeyes were the third seed.

The Pioneers fell to the Buckeyes 77-63 in a very close game.

"Obviously, we're all nervous and excited for the NCAA, but we're just excited to be here and be part of all this," said senior Kaitlin Sowinski in a press conference the day before the game.

The Pioneers played a strong game but Ohio State had too many weapons, including freshman Samantha Prahalis who had a career-best 23 points for the Buckeyes.

Sowinski was limited to just nine points in the game, trying to contend with the strong inside play of Ohio State's Jantel Lavender who had 19 points and ten rebounds. Sowinski, who ended her career third on SHU's all-time scoring list, got into foul trouble in the first half and then picked up her fourth foul early in the second half, limiting her total playing time to 28 minutes.

Freshman Callan Taylor led the Pioneers with a career-high 24 points, while Alisa Apo, the Northeast Conference Player of the Year had 14 points. Senior Stephanie Ryan, playing in the final game of her career, finished with seven points and a team-high ten rebounds.

Another factor that hurt the Pioneers in the game was at the foul line. The officials called 12 fouls against SHU in the first half, and whistled fouls against Ohio State just

three times. Sacred Heart didn't go to the foul line until there was 8:28 left in the game. The Buckeyes finished the game with 29 trips to the free throw line to just six for the Pioneers.

Sacred Heart trailed by 12 at the half, 42-30, but opened the second half by scoring the first seven points. Sophomore Maggie Cosgrove hit a big 3-pointer during that run by the Pioneers. Cosgrove played the game with an ankle injury that limited her ability to move around the court. She was injured in the final minute of the NEC Championship game.

A Sowinski basket with 12:50 left in the game put the Pioneers within two points at 46-44, but Ohio State scored 12 of the next 16 points and were able to keep the Pioneers from getting any closer.

"There were some turning points with scoring and some runs, but that's what the game of basketball is," said Sowinski. "I think we just really went out there as the underdog and gave it everything we had. Unfortunately in the end it didn't work out in our favor, but it was a good game."

"We had a great week of practice," said Sacred Heart head coach Ed Swanson. "And I thought we got off to a good start. Energy-wise, we were flying all over the place. We weren't making shots early, but I liked how the energy was flowing."

The Pioneers finished the season 25-8; the second best record in school history.

"My team competed today and that's all I asked for them," continued Swanson. "They went out there, tried, executed the game plan. They played free. They had fun. They played with passion. They played with purpose. Like I said, our whole administration, the community back in Fairfield, Connecticut, we couldn't be more proud of them."

## Baseball splits series with Maine

Dan Cofiniotis  
Staff Reporter

Looking to continue the momentum after a successful trip to Florida, the Sacred Heart University baseball team went into this week-end's series against the University of Maine with a bit of a chip on their shoulders.

Behind the stellar pitching of sophomore Matt Fitton and junior Jared Balbach, the Pioneers soared past Maine in the first two games of a twin double-header weekend series by the scores of 4-1 and 7-4.

In Game 1 of Saturday's double-header, Fitton threw the first complete game for the Pioneers this season and, as a result, was named the Akademia/Northeast Conference Co-Pitcher of the Week. Fitton dazzled Maine hitters by only allowing one run on four hits in nine innings of work.

"It was awesome," said head coach Nick Giaquinto. "He pitched very well for us."

To go along with Fitton's performance on the mound, senior Jeff Heppner tallied two RBI's on four hits in the first game to give the Pioneers a 4-1 win.

Heppner gave the Pioneers an early lead in the first inning.

With two runners on base, Heppner roped a double to the outfield which scored two runs and gave the Pioneers a 2-0 lead going into the second inning.

In the second, Fitton pitched into his only bump of trouble.

Maine came out swinging by hitting two doubles that drove in their lone run of the game.

The Pioneers then extended their lead to 3-1 in the top of the fourth inning after freshman Rocco Gondek walked to bring freshman Hunter Phillips to the plate.

Phillips drove in the run with a double of his own and junior Steve Tedesco followed it up with a sacrifice fly that scored Gondek to give the Pioneers the 4-1 lead.

Fitton saved his best stuff on the mound for late in the game as he only surrendered two hits over the final seven innings to give him the complete game win.

"When we pitch and play defense, we win," said Fitton. "We have the offense to keep us in games."

In Game 2 of the double-header, Balbach and the Pioneers surrendered two runs to Maine in the first inning on three hits. The junior southpaw got out of the inning by showing some command to get hitters out.

The Pioneer offense soon rose to the occasion after being down 2-0.

In the top of the second inning, senior Paul Schmidt drove in two runs on a triple to tie the game at 2-2. Schmidt scored later in the inning on a ground out to first by Mike Olszyk. The run gave the Pioneers a 3-2 lead.

Junior Tyler Santos helped extend the Pioneer lead to 4-2 in the fourth inning when he doubled to lead off the inning which put him on second base. Olszyk then slapped a two out single to score Santos.

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# Katz's four goals not enough as Lacrosse falls

## Pioneers battle #6 Hofstra down to wire in CAA opener

Matt Jarvis  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's lacrosse team fell to the sixth-ranked Hofstra University Pride, 6-5 on Saturday, March 21 at Campus Field.

"[Saturday's] game was a very tough loss," said senior Zach Smith. "Everyone on the team gave everything they had and when you play the sixth-ranked team down to the wire and come up short it's heartbreaking."

Despite the loss, sophomore goalie Zach Frank made 13 saves in net for the Pioneers, helping his team stay right with the Pride for all 60 minutes. Hofstra out-shot Sacred Heart 36-22 and Pride goalkeeper Andrew Gvozden had only seven saves.

"I couldn't be prouder of the effort the team displayed," said head coach Thomas Mariano. "We stepped up and played very well. We had an opportunity to tie the game up at the end and unfortunately their goalie made a key save."

After a scoreless opening five minutes, Hofstra was the first to get on the scoreboard but Sacred Heart was quick to answer back.

Junior Timmy Katz scored about a minute later to tie the score 1-1. However, with 3:21 left in the period, Hofstra found the net on a man-up goal to close out the first quarter leading 2-1.

The second quarter began slowly, but

the Pioneers added two goals to head into the locker room with a one-point lead.

With 2:43 to play, freshman Dennis Gannon was able to hit the net to tie the score at 2-2.

Then, with just seconds remaining in the quarter, Katz hurled the ball at a very difficult angle that just snuck past Hofstra's goalkeeper as time expired to give the Pioneers the lead.

Hofstra dominated the third quarter just as Sacred Heart did in the second.

A pair of goals by the Pride gave Hofstra a one-point lead over the Pioneers, 4-3.

The fourth quarter also had a slow start, but after a goal by Katz that tied the game up once again, the Pioneers and Pride were each battling to take the lead, which created a frantic final six minutes of play.

The Pride answered in less than a minute and got the ball past Pioneer goalkeeper, Frank. Four minutes went by with no goals, but with 2:15 remaining Hofstra was able to push their lead up another point, 6-4.

The Pioneers would not go down without a fight, however, and with 1:16 left on the clock, Katz whizzed the ball past the goalkeeper for his fourth goal on the day, making it a one-point game again.

The Pride was able to secure their win after Gvozden was able to save a shot by Sacred Heart sophomore Evan Morgan in the final seconds which would have tied it up.



The Spectrum /Nicole Giglia

Sacred Heart's Bobby Rushton (#23) eludes a Hofstra defender during the Pioneers 6-5 loss to the Pride on Saturday, March 21 at Campus Field. Teammates Dan Casciano (#21) and Evan Morgan (#36) look on. The Pioneers lost to the Pride 6-5 on Saturday, March 21 at Campus Field.

"We missed on little opportunities, hit too many pipes, but at the end of the game we had the ball, won the face off, and took a shot," said senior Bobby Rushton. "There's not much more you can ask for... Hofstra's goalie made a good save."

The Pioneers will take on Villanova University at Campus Field on Saturday. Opening face-off will take place at 7 p.m.

The game will mark the Pioneers' first under the newly installed light at Campus Field.

"Now we have to have a good five days of practice and come out in another league game and beat Villanova and we'll be back in the CAA playoff hunt," said Rushton.

# Women's Lacrosse squeaks

## by Quinnipiac Bobcats, 9-8

Stephanie Reyes  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University women's lacrosse team snapped their four-game losing streak with a win against the Quinnipiac University Bobcats, 9-8, on Sunday, March 22.

Senior Mary Montesarchio and freshman Alicia Fuchs scored three goals apiece to lead the way for the Pioneers.

"Quinnipiac is always a great game because it has been a big rivalry for us the past two years," said Montesarchio.

Quinnipiac started off the game with three quick goals.

Marissa Caroleo scored the first unassisted goal of the game to put the Bobcats ahead 1-0.

Ashley Valentine then scored two goals within 30 seconds of each other to give the Bobcats a 3-0 lead.

Fuchs scored Sacred Heart's first goal of the day on an assist from Montesarchio.

Three minutes later, senior Amanda Williams scored an unassisted goal at the 13:26 mark to close the gap to one.

Quinnipiac scored their final two goals of the first half when Devon Gibney and Caroleo's found the back of the net.

The Pioneers didn't let the 5-2 score get them down as they went on to score three more goals before the end of the first half to tie the score at 5-5.

Fuchs scored the first goal on an assist

from Williams and the second goal was scored by freshman Kate Kmietek.

Montesarchio then scored her first goal of the day on an assist by junior Carissa Hauser.

The Bobcats started out the second half with two goals just three minutes in, putting Quinnipiac in the lead by two.

But the Pioneers would answer back with four-straight goals. Montesarchio scored the first two and Williams scored the third. Fuchs capped off the spurt with the fourth goal, putting Sacred Heart in the lead 9-7.

Quinnipiac's Nicole Fiore scored a goal with a little over four minutes left to play, but it was too little too late as the Pioneers held on for the 9-8 win.

"Today our team stepped up big time for conference play," said Montesarchio. "We knew they were going to shut down Amanda [Williams] and Carissa [Hauser] being our best attackers, but the rookies really stepped up and our Chelsea [Wagner] as always played an awesome game."

Wagner had 14 saves in net for the Pioneers - 10 of which came in the first half.

"Overall it was a great team effort and a nice way to start the conference portion of our schedule," said head coach Laura Cook. "It is only going to get tougher from here and we need to stay focused as we continue to strive toward our team goal of a return trip to the NEC playoffs."

The Pioneers will host Long Island University tomorrow at 3 p.m.



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# Sports

## Baseball: Fitton, Balbach help Pioneers win pair

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Maine would not go quietly, however, as they got a run back in the bottom of the fifth off Balbach. The run narrowed the Pioneer lead to one, making the score 4-3.

But Balbach then pitched his way out of the jam yet again to end the inning.

"Balbach did a very good job for us," said Giaquinto.

With a one run lead, the Pioneers felt it wasn't enough against a 10-9 Maine team as their bats continued to stay hot in the top of the sixth inning.

Senior Jeff Hanson walked to lead off the inning and Santos followed it up with a single to give the Pioneers two runners on base with one in scoring position.

Heppner's hot bat struck for the first time in the game as he singled to score Hanson. "Heppner was stroking the ball real well," said Giaquinto. "He helped us get that extra run."

Schmidt followed Heppner's RBI single by bunting both runners on base to second and third.

Maine then intentionally walked Olszyk to load the bases.

A grounder to first by sophomore MJ Schifano scored one run and Maine's first baseman proceeded to throw the ball away on the play to allow the Pioneer runner to score Heppner, giving the Pioneers a 7-3 lead.

Junior Mike Drowne came in to relieve Balbach in the sixth inning and could not seem to gain command of his pitches.

As a result, Drowne walked the first two batters he faced which put a runner in scoring position.

Drowne got a ground ball out but then gave up an RBI single to make the score 7-4 in favor of the Pioneers.

Drowne got another groundball which gave the Pioneer defense an inning ending double-play.

Junior Chris Zaccherio came in relief of Drowne in the seventh inning to earn the save and seal the win for the Pioneers.

The win evened up the Pioneers' record at 7-7 going into Sunday's double-header.

On Sunday, the Pioneers seemed to be a completely different team in the first game of the double-header by making six errors in the field. These errors were costly as the Pioneers lost the first game of the double-header 11-2.

Senior Chris Barthel pitched the first seven innings for the Pioneers by only giving up four of the 11 runs on eight hits.

With their bats still swinging, the Pioneer offense generated nine hits in the game with three of them coming from Santos. But they just could not overcome their defensive errors which cost them the lead and ultimately the game.

The final game of the double-header again ended in Maine's favor as the Black Bears took advantage of two Pioneer errors to score all five of their runs in the second inning.

This was all they needed as they held on to beat the Pioneers 5-3.

Schmidt hit a sacrifice fly in the

top of the third that drove in senior Ryan Lynch to get the Pioneers within three runs, 5-2.

Schifano then made the score 5-3 in the sixth inning when he hit an RBI single.

"We need to improve on capitalizing, especially when we have runners in scoring position, and not making any errors on defense," said Schmidt.

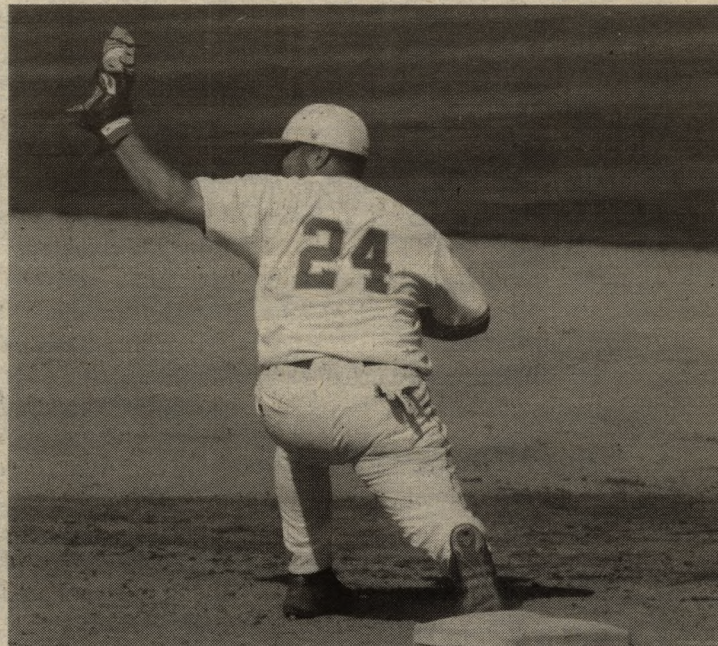
The Pioneers' attempts to capitalize with runners in scoring position failed as they could not plate any runs in the seventh inning.

The Pioneers brought the tying run to the plate twice after Lynch singled with one out but Maine's bullpen held solid and preserved the win for the Black Bears.

The Maine win evened the weekend series at two games apiece.

With both double-headers against Maine behind them, the Pioneers are looking forward to their next couple of games.

"If we can keep that formula of timely hitting and great pitching, we can do well," said Giaquinto.



The Spectrum /Emily Gumbs

Sacred Heart's Tyler Santos stretches for a throw at first base during a game last season at Harbor Yard.

The Pioneers lost to Fairfield University, 3-2 on Tuesday, March 24. The Stags scored three runs off of senior Ryan Lynch in the first inning, but the Pioneers scored two runs in the seventh inning. Freshman James Inseon pitched four scoreless innings and junior Corey Corcoran closed out the game.

They will face the University of Vermont tomorrow afternoon at St. Joseph's High School in Trumbull at 3:30 p.m.

## M. Golf team poised to defend Conference title

Chris Whittemore  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's golf team will kick off their 2009 spring season tomorrow at the Monmouth Hawk Invitational in Lakewood N.J. at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club.

The Pioneers are defending Northeast Conference Champions and were picked to repeat this season in the preseason coaches poll with eight first-place votes.

Coming off their first ever NEC title, Sacred Heart is looking to repeat under 2008 NEC Coach of the Year Ed Connolly.

The Pioneers are returning two All-Conference golfers in senior Patrick Fillian and junior Adam Petrasovic.

"Winning our conference again is our number one priority," said Petrasovic. "That would definitely be a success and with the team we have this year, having only lost one player and picking up four more, it adds depth to our roster. We need to practice hard and every guy on the team needs to be at their best come May."

Fillian, the 2008 NEC Men's Golfer of the Year is looking forward to this season as well. He put his name into the record books by shooting the sixth best 36-hole round in championship history.

"The key for me is staying in the moment and not getting ahead of myself," said Fillian. "Simply taking one shot at a time and learning from the good and the

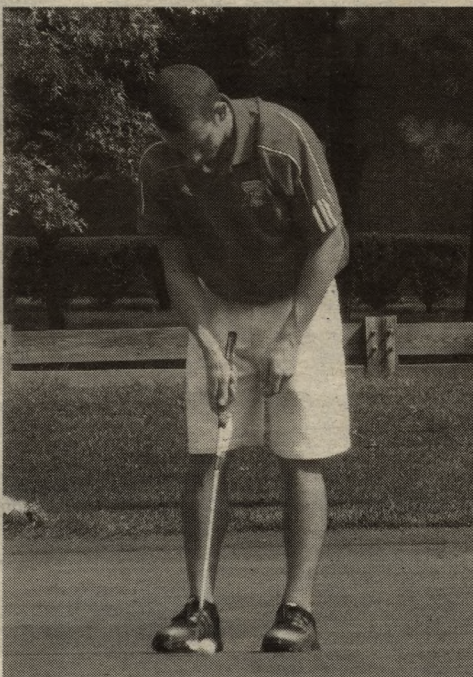


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Sacred Heart's Patrick Fillian lines up a putt during a match last season. Fillian was named the 2008 NEC Men's Golfer of the Year and will look to lead the Pioneers back to title contention.

bad will help me improve...I like being the person to beat because I feel like I have a mental edge on everyone playing in the events."

Fillian's teammates agree that he is an integral part of the team.

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# Men's Tennis squad outlasts BU, Monmouth

## Gart goes perfect 4-0 for SHU in weekend matches

Dan Repetti  
Staff Reporter

The Sacred Heart University men's tennis team took to the courts on Saturday, March 21 to compete in their first home match of the spring against the Boston University Terriers. The Pioneers defeated the Terriers, 6-1.

The visitors' bus arrived at the Pitt Center where the BU tennis squad unloaded their gear and came on to the courts looking to pick up a road victory.

With the sun beaming down and temperatures in 50s, the stage was set for a great day of tennis.

Fans lined up along the brick wall and in lawn chairs to watch the match between the two teams.

But swirling winds soon became a factor in the match and the Terriers could not seem to overcome the elements.

"Practicing in these conditions every-day, the wind didn't affect us at all," said junior Jinal Shah. "We knew they were going to be coming to our home [court] and were going to try to beat us. But we practiced hard and knew how to play in these conditions."

The day started off with doubles matches as sophomore Kirill Kasyanov and Shah defeated their opponents Tim Sichler and Miron Nissim, 8-2.

Also winning doubles for the Pioneers were sophomores Nick Mazzaresse and Mike Syer. Unleashing a rant of furious

serves on the Terriers' tandem of Bill Kring and Alex Green, they ran away with an 8-1 victory.

But Mazzaresse and Syer were not finished yet.

After picking up the early doubles victory, the pair continued to use their momentum to tack on individual victories in their respective singles matches.

Mazzaresse defeated King by the score of 6-2, 6-1 while Syer defeated Tim Sichler 6-1, 7-6.

Sophomore Chris Ujkic also played well in his singles match but after a few costly errors, he and his opponent Charles Weinstein went into a tiebreaker set. Playing flawlessly in the set, Ujkic walked away with the win after crushing an ace that landed right on the line.

Junior Adam Gart and Ujkic also won their doubles match, contributing to the Pioneers' victory over Boston University.

The Pioneers then traveled to West Long Branch, N.J. to take on Monmouth University on Sunday, March 22 where they once again established an early lead and never looked back.

Once again, it was Gart and Ujkic who started the match off right for the Pioneers after securing a 9-8 victory in their doubles match over Monmouth's Benjamin Evenden and Ian Terpilowski.

Shah and Kasyanov lost the second doubles match of the day to Corey Forrest and Laurance Heads, 8-3, but Mazzaresse and Syer battled back in the final doubles match to pick up an 8-4 victory over Vik Gupta and David Sherwood.



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Sacred Heart's Adam Gart serves the ball during the Pioneers' match against Boston University on Saturday, March 21 at the SHU tennis courts.

On the singles side, Kasyanov shook off his earlier doubles loss and rallied back to pick up the first singles victory for the Pioneers over Evenden.

Along with Kasyanov, Gart stepped onto the court and converted on several service winners to defeat Gupta and give the Pioneers another victory.

For the second day in a row, Ujkic was forced into a tiebreaker set because of a late mistake. Similar to the day before,

Ujkic captured the tiebreaker, 6-2.

At the end of the match, the Pioneers held on to barely beat Monmouth, 4-3.

Gart went a perfect 4-0 during the weekend matches.

Also contributing to the Pioneers' success was Kasyanov who lost only one event and finished with a 3-1 record.

The Pioneers will look to build on their winning streak when they host Fordham University today at 3 p.m.

## Golf: Fillian, Petrasovic look to lead Pioneers in '09

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"Pat Fillian is the heart and soul of our golf team on and off the course," said sophomore Tyler Mefford. "He's the leader of our team. He constantly scores low in every tournament and you can count on him to be in the top three individuals every time."

The Pioneers also set two NEC championship records last year by carding an 18-hole 280 and a 36-hole 577.

"As a team, our biggest competition is ourselves," said Petrasovic. "We need to stay focused and remember that nothing is won until the last putt is sunk."

Petrasovic joined the league's best by shooting a 68 which puts him in a second-place tie in the NEC record book.

"Petrasovic has been working extremely hard in the off-season getting ready for [this] season," said Mefford. "He is looking to repeat his first team all conference level of play."

Last fall senior Matt Belize took home medalist honors for the first time in his career with a two-round 147 (76-71) at the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association Championships.

"We need to go [in] with the mindset that nothing we have done in the past counts towards our score, having confidence in our abilities and playing how we know we can play," said Petrasovic.

After this weekend's tournament, the Pioneers will travel to Providence, R.I. to



Photo courtesy of Athletic Communications

Sacred Heart's Adam Petrasovic takes a swing during a match last season. Petrasovic and teammate Patrick Fillian are two key returners for the Pioneers this season.

compete in the New England Division I Championship. The tournament will run from April 9-11 at Triggs Memorial Golf Club.

With a mix of veterans and key newcomers, the Pioneers will be in contention for the NEC title once again this season.

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## CAGE MATCH



Lacrosse falls  
to sixth-ranked  
Hoftstra

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Sacred Heart's Evan Morgan (#36) drives towards the goal during the Pioneers' game against Hoftstra on March 21.



The Spectrum/Lacey Gilleran

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Women's basketball falls to Ohio State

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Tennis team defeats BU and Monmouth

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