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Knights Fighting for NEC Tournament Berths



Sophomore center Malik Miller goes for a block in FDU's 59-68 loss against Wagner on Feb. 4.

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Senior guard Kiana Brown plays against Wagner during the women's basketball 66-74 loss to Wagner.

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Men Sweep Central Connecticut

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

(HACKENSACK) - The men's basketball team won their NEC home game against Central Connecticut on Feb. 9.

The Knights romped in their away game against the Blue Devils earlier this season sweeping them 2-0 for the year.

"We knew that we had to perform, play well, but most of all win. So I think everyone was on high alert to their best and we really worked on in practice, passing the ball up the court and moving the ball which we started not to do," said head coach Greg Herenda after the win over Central Connecticut.

"I think sharing the ball on offense was our number one goal and we were able to do that," he said.

The Knights (11-14, 9-5 NEC) dominated the first and second half of the contest, leaving the Blue Devils

trailing behind for most of the game. A relentless offensive performance led by Earl Potts Jr. led FDU past their opponent.

The Knights held Central Connecticut to 31 points in each half with 12 total steals on the night, twice as many as the Blue Devils.

"We blocked a lot of shots and we were active and when you get a lead at home, we started to feel like the old team that we were. It was just a combination of things, but on offense we needed to play better and our offense was really good today," Herenda said.

"We shot the ball well and we passed it, we guarded and rebounded well enough to win and that was a team that just beat the number one team in the league on the road," he said

FDU also dominated Central Connecticut (5-20, 3-11 NEC) in turnover points, scoring 16 versus the Blue Devils who only came away with seven. The Knights were also more

Women Shoot Past Sacred Heart

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

(HACKENSACK) - The women's basketball team came back to win at home against Sacred Heart University 58-56 on Feb. 6, after being down by four points at the end of the half. Rainy Cox was a major scoring leader in the Knights victory over the no. 1 ranked Pioneers.

"We managed to hit some three's against a first place team. A few too many turnovers, but Rainy Cox and Madelynn Comly were tremendous in the fourth quarter," said Knights Head Coach Peter J. Cinella after the win.

The Knights secured a 3-0 lead early on in the first quarter after Rainy Cox made a three-pointer good from downtown. It wasn't long before the Pioneers outscored FDU gaining a 6-5 lead. After this, Sacred Heart either outscored or matched the Knights in scoring for the remainder of the half.

Sacred Heart (13-11, 10-3

NEC) was tied with the Knights 14-14 after the first quarter and led 24-20 at the half. The Pioneers got nine first half points from Adaysha Williams and 16 of their second half points from Katherine Haines. Fairleigh Dickinson (7-17, 5-8 NEC) shot 25.8 percent (8-31) from the field in the first half, compared to 50 percent in the final two quarters.

The Knights were able to make it a four point game during the second period, trailing the Pioneers 20-24. By the third period of play, FDU had trouble closing the gap between Sacred Heart, falling eight points behind their opponent with 5:38 left in the quarter.

They were able to score 3 points off of turnovers for the period while catching up to their opponent.

As the quarter came to a close, the Pioneers extended their lead by nine points 42-33.

During the fourth with the game at 42-35, the Knights cut the lead to five, 42-37 off of a layup made

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Q & A with Petrocelli Dean

DeVos Confirmation



Dean Lisa Braverman

By Mariuxi Mansfield
Staff Writer

What are some major aspects of your job as dean?

Managing programs, growing enrollment, helping students, mentoring faculty.

What did you see in FDU that you made the decision to work with the Adult Learning Program?

It was the non-traditional, and therefore the creative area of the university. I observed the commitment and longtime legacy of this program.

What do you think are the challenges adult learners have to face in the professional market?

They must continually ensure that their skills and knowledge are updated to meet the needs of the job market and the economy.

You had written about the necessity of applying to the “concierge model” on campus, could you explain what this model is about?

It means that every employee’s job is to treat students as though they were their own family member, with attention, interest and commitment to advance students’ goals to graduation.

What are your goals for your first year as Dean of Petrocelli College?

Get to know the people, programs and my colleagues, and try to create a foundation of integrity and quality. Also, to implement successful enrollment strategies.

Do you have any long-term hopes and goals for Petrocelli College?

That we enter new markets and provide competitive programs in New Jersey and beyond.

What is the best advice you can give to adult learners to stay on track when they go back to school?

Not to give up, no matter how dispiriting the experience may be. There is always someone in an office who will support and work to advance your goals. To stay on course despite the many obstacles that can be thrown into your path! A college degree makes the difference between living well and being underemployed, and so it is worth it to forge ahead and overcome any obstacle.

Dr. Braverman, during your career you have accomplished a variety of projects, as a woman how did you balance your personal life and career?

Dean Braverman: With great skill and focus! Women who take on a demanding career need helpful husbands and bosses to support their needs as they advance in their careers.

What is your favorite part of your job?

Dean Braverman: Representing the goals and impact of my college.

By Elizabeth White
Senior Reporter

After a close vote, the Senate confirmed Betsy DeVos as Education Secretary on Feb. 7, according to an article in NPR.

Fifty out of fifty-two Republican senators voted for DeVos. Two Republican senators, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, voted against DeVos, along with all forty six Democrats and two Independents.

Since the vote came up a tie, Vice President Pence’s vote was the tiebreaker; he voted for DeVos.

“Betsy DeVos will have great impact as Secretary of Education. It doesn’t matter whether it’s a public school, a private school, a parochial school, a charter school, or any other kind of school – she will help ensure that every student has access to a good school,” Pence said in a statement posted on The White House’s website. This was the first time in history that the vice president’s constitutional power of tie breaking was used to confirm a president’s nominee to the cabinet, according to an article in NPR.

Many are wondering how much will change for students after her appointment. A poll run by The Baltimore Sun asking “Are you concerned that Betsy DeVos will damage public education in America?” shows that 55% of the people polled believed that she will damage public education.

When asked by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders about the amount of money her family donated to the Republican Party, DeVos could not provide an actual amount, and was “noncommittal on her family’s record of political donations,” according to the video “6 head-scratching moments from Betsy DeVos’s confirmation

hearing” by the Washington Post. “DeVos dismissed IRS filings that list her as vice president of her mother’s foundation as a ‘clerical error,” the Washington Post video also stated.

When asked if guns belong in schools, DeVos responded that that decision is ultimately up to the states, but that they would help protect against grizzly bears, according to the video by The Washington Post.

DeVos, on the subject of free tuition during her confirmation hearing, said that “There’s nothing in life that’s truly free,” according to an article in NPR.

“We’ll likely be hearing more about the benefits of private, virtual, religious and for-profit schools,” Anya Kamenetz, a writer for NPR, said.

DeVos backed school reforms in her home state of Michigan that were in support of for-profit charter school operators, according to an article in NPR.

She also chaired the American Federation for Children, which “favors both vouchers and a device called ‘tax credit scholarships,’ which allows companies to offset tax liability by funding students to attend private schools,” Kamenetz said about DeVos.

The week before DeVos’ confirmation Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski, one of two Republicans previously mentioned that opposed the nomination of DeVos, released a statement about her opposition.

“I have serious concerns about a nominee to be secretary of education who has been so involved in one side of the equation, so immersed in the push for vouchers, that she may be unaware of what actually is successful within the public schools, and also what is broken and how to fix them,” Murkowski said.

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Opinion

Trump's Messing with the Oscars

By Armand Butera
Entertainment Editor

With President Trump's insistence on an immigration ban on several countries, everyone, especially those who immigrated to the United States, have been walking on eggshells. Although a nationwide halt on the ban was ordered by Seattle federal judge James Robart on Jan. 29 the idea still does not sit well with immigrants of the Muslim countries being targeted. In the past two weeks, numerous American citizens have been harassed during travel. Even with Robart's orders, the act is only temporary.

One particular artist who has been affected by the travel ban is Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi. The filmmaker had received accolades in the past, with his 2011 movie *A Separation* winning an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language film, and has been nominated this year for another one with his most recent work *The Salesman*. However, with talks of barring Muslim people from entering the country, Farhadi may not be able to attend the ceremony.

Farhadi seemed undeterred by the actions of President Trump, as he discussed the ban with *The New York Times* last month.

"Over the course of the past

few days and despite the unjust circumstances which have risen for the immigrants and travelers of several countries to the United States," Farhadi said, "my decision has remained the same: to attend this ceremony and to express my opinions about these circumstances in the press surrounding the event. I neither had the intention to not attend nor did I want to boycott the event as a show of objection."

However, the recent events being addressed in the news, such as Muslim citizens being detained at the airports and even forcibly removed, appears to have changed the mindset of the filmmaker.

Farhadi noted the "us and them" mentality" being displayed by certain Americans and felt as though it would be too much of a risk to even attend the award ceremony, and offered a quick statement to the public.

"It now seems that the possibility of this presence is being accompanied by ifs and buts which are in no way acceptable to me even if exceptions were to be made for my trip," Farhadi said.

Although Farhadi stated that he would not protest the Oscars, the star of his film *Taraneh Alidoosti* announced that she would boycott in response to the executive order from Trump. The actress voiced her opinion on Twitter.



Iranian film director Asghar Farhadi, whose film is up for an award, will not attend the Oscars due to President Trump's travel ban.

Photo Credit: Habib Majidi

"Trump's visa ban for Iranians is racist. Whether this will include a cultural event or not, I won't attend the #AcademyAwards 2017 in protest," Alidoosti said.

The actress was not alone in expressing her opinion on the topic, as the Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Sciences commented on the issue as well. The organization spoke of how the art of filmmaking did not have borders and was all encompassing.

"As supporters of filmmakers — and the human rights of all people — around the globe, we find it extremely troubling that Asghar Farhadi, the director of the Oscar-winning film from Iran *A Separation*, along with the cast and crew of this year's Oscar-

nominated film *'The Salesman,'* could be barred from entering the country because of their religion or country of origin," said the organization.

Even with the current turmoil in the nation, Farhadi remains somewhat optimistic. Farhadi noted the similarities between Trump's proposal, previous actions from other countries, and what it resulted in, yet he stated that there is a strong sense of unity amongst everyone in the world.

"I believe that the similarities among the human beings on this earth and its various lands, and among its cultures and its faiths, far outweigh their differences," Farhadi said.

Pros and Cons of a Trump America

By Ray White
Staff Writer

It is no secret that the 2016 presidential election will go down in American history as one of the most controversial and volatile elections this country has seen.

When it comes to conversation about President Donald John Trump, there are opinions on both sides of the spectrum. The cons are mainstream but some would be surprised that there are also some pros.

First, Trump's background gives insight to his experience as a successful entrepreneur and businessman. Trump has businesses ranging from hotels, casinos, golf courses, Trump Model Management (a modeling agency he founded), Trump Productions (which produced the hit show *The Celebrity Apprentice*), Trump Ice (his bottled water brand), and what he is most known for, being a real estate mogul, according to Investopedia.

Trump could possibly utilize this knowledge to create trade and manufacturing deals that could result in positive economic growth, the likes of which other politicians might be incapable of. If America were to thrive in producing and manufacturing more products this would greatly benefit the country.

There is no evidence to support or deny that Trump's actions as president will equate to a more lucrative America, but what makes him uniquely beneficial as a president is that he specializes in business before



Trump at Iowa Faith & Freedom in Des Moines.

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politics.

In addition to Trump's knowledge in business there is his "America First" mentality which he preached about passionately during his Inauguration. That mentality accompanied with his ambitions of creating more jobs in the United States could possibly benefit people that other presidents before him have yet to acknowledge.

Focusing directly on issues such as national security, job creation, and infrastructure could possibly make America safer, allow American citizens to whittle down their debt and even build up impoverished areas of the country that have been neglected. Being that the United States is a global superpower, an "America First" approach depreciates the values of global partnerships, yet allows the country to focus on homeland security and policy.

For every one pro of a Trump America there are two cons. A lot of those cons are due to Trump's demeanor, attitude and character which does not sit well with many people around the world, especially if you are a person who enjoyed former President Barack Obama's hopeful and overall likable demeanor.

There is fear that the way Trump reacts to those who oppose and criticize him could seep into foreign affairs, creating broken bonds with countries that America has long since done business and even have a great relationship with.

A president that has been called racist, misogynist, sexist, has been accused of bigotry, and has more scandals surrounding him than America has nuclear warheads, naturally raises concerns to the general populace; especially now that Trump is the face of America, and must uphold

American values for all the world to see.

His unpredictable nature, unfiltered outbursts and overall goal to "Make America Great Again" (whatever that really means), could actually stunt and even repeal accomplishments made over the last decade. Environmental protection, investments in alternative fuels, business regulation, civil rights, universal healthcare and women's rights are all things that can and might be put on the backburner in order to "Make America Great Again."

I guarantee there are not enough characters in this man's Twitter account that can justify that.

Due to the new president's "unique" style of leadership, some Americans feel as if their rights will be taken from them during these next four years, if not ignored by a president who seems to have a track mind on reversing actions done from a previous presidency.

America is one of the most powerful countries in the world, but is also one of the youngest as well. Yet even though we have made amazing strides and accomplishments throughout the 241 years we have been established, we are still evolving.

We are continually getting better, learning from the mistakes of our past and changing accordingly in order to make sure that the U.S. of America remains an embodiment of our Constitution.

Climate Change: Why You Should Care

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

Climate change is a huge crisis that affects all of us, but we always put it in the back of our heads because the effects don't seem immediately catastrophic. However, there are a few events happening right now that are massively influenced by climate change.

One example is an event that made the front page of The New York Times website on Feb. 7. It's a 100-mile long crack in an ice shelf in Antarctica.

The Larson C ice shelf, which is a third of a mile thick, has a crack in it that has grown 17 miles longer in the last two months. At its widest point, the gap is around two miles wide and just 20 miles away from the edge of the ice shelf. The research team monitoring the crack expects the shelf to break very soon.

When it does, it will create "one of the largest icebergs ever recorded," according to The New York Times, and allow glaciers on the land part of Antarctica to move towards the ocean. "Scientists see the impending Larson C collapse as a warning that much larger amounts of ice in West Antarctica could be vulnerable."

In January, three sets of data released by NOAA, NASA and the British government all confirmed that 2016 was the hottest year on record, and it was the third year in a row

that broke the previous record for the hottest year ever.

NASA found that between 2013 and 2016, the Earth's average temperature rose half a degree in Fahrenheit, which is also the largest temperature increase over a three-year period since their records began in 1880.



The Larson C ice shelf has a large crack in it and researchers expect it to break very soon.
Photo Credit: Google Images

NOAA has only recorded one other instance of Earth's temperature rising three years in a row, and those years are 1939, 1940 and 1941. 1941 now ranks as the 37th-warmest year on their record. Of the 17 hottest years on record, 16 have come since 2000,

according to The New York Times. All this data is just that - data. Where are the real effects? Ask Shaktoolik, Alaska.

"With its proximity to the Arctic, Alaska is warming about twice as fast as the rest of the United States," wrote Erica Goode, a reporter for the New York Times.

Eugene Asicksik, said the village will "stay and defend."

The process of moving can take a long time, and residents need to figure out ways to maintain education, secure shelter and medical care. However, according to The Times, governments have such little interest in investing in these towns that they are even considering breaking everything down and moving elsewhere. The government even refused to fund a road that would have served as an evacuation route and a route to move materials to a new home when Shaktoolik once considered moving to a new location.

These practical effects of climate change ought to be met with governmental action to slow the effects of climate change, if only for the purpose of protecting their citizens.

The government holds a multitude of different types of public land, including the National Park system. Alaska, the state that holds Shaktoolik, is one of the most contended for states. An economically barren state, Alaska holds some of the U.S.'s most potent oil reserves but also contains 15 national parks, preserves, monuments and historic parks, according to the National Park Service.

So while the battle for the climate may be fought in the extreme north and south of the planet, the casualties are certainly in the present.

'Baby Boxes' Reducing Newborn Mortality Rates

By Mariuxi Mansfield
Staff Writer

New Jersey has become the first state in the nation to roll out a free "Baby Box" program to reduce rates of infant mortality, which is sometimes due to unsafe sleep practices.

They will provide "free baby box starter kits" with a mattress, waterproof cover and sheet, diapers, baby wipes, breast pads and nipple cream for breastfeeding mothers, and jumpsuit, in addition to other items for the mother and child.

This tradition started back in Finland in 1938 and for 75 years, Finland's expectant mothers have been given a Baby Box by the state.

At that time, Finland was a poor country and infant mortality was high - 65 out of 1,000 babies died. At first, only low-income families would receive Baby Boxes, but by 1949, all newborns were entitled to receive a Baby Box.

Since then, the idea spread to the United Kingdom (even the Duchess of Cambridge used a Baby Box for their first child) and now, the trend is taking off in the U.S.

Why? Because the boxes have been proven to be an effective way to reduce the risk of infant death due to sleep-related causes, such as SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome).

The New Jersey Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board found that 93 percent of SIDS deaths in the state were directly related to sleep environments and partnered with the Baby Box Co., a California company, to provide 105,000 Baby Boxes this year to parents with newborns.

This program also received a grant for the project from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The 'Baby Box program' will help families make safe and healthy decisions for their children by educating them about simple changes that will decrease the risk of death



Finland has been using baby boxes for more than 75 years.
Photo Credit: Google Images

due to an unsafe sleep environment or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," said Dr. Kathryn McCans, an emergency department physician at Cooper University Health Care in Camden.

The American Academic of Pediatrics recommends that the best place for a baby to sleep until 6 months of age is in the same room as the parents (but not the same bed).

"With this box, it is easier for parents to make that happen. Plus, it can also be used for naps and playtime," Bhargava said.

The American Academic of Pediatrics have launched a similar program in San Francisco.

"A Baby Box can help new parents have a simple solution of where the baby should sleep," says Hansa Bhargava, MD, WebMD medical editor and expert pediatrician.

"Babies should always sleep on their back with no other items in the box," Bhargava said.

The catch: Parents have to pass an online education program on infant health and safety before they register for a box. After that, they have free access to the website, where they can find tips and advice for raising newborns.

But this isn't just an extra; it's a necessary part of keeping your infant healthy, Bhargava said. "What I really like about this specific box is that it creates an easy way for parents to learn about how to take care of their babies. Parenting can be challenging, and any education can help prevent injuries and illness and keep baby healthy."



Baby Boxes are being given out at New Jersey hospitals to help new mothers.
Photo Credit: Google Images

— Opinion —

Metro Campus in Need of Music Program

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

In the University of Dayton Arena last spring, two NCAA playoff basketball teams clashed on the court: Fairleigh Dickinson University and Florida Gulf Coast University (“FGCU”). As the teams battled on the court, there was also a battle happening off the court. Behind the basket, the FGCU pep band raised their instruments, took a breath and blew the hats off the photographers crouched in front of them. Throughout the game, they made their presence known by drowning the arena in music every time their team dropped a three-pointer or stole the ball.

But although the FDU fans cheered when the Knights did the same, the cheers sounded small and empty, because there was no band to carry them.

FDU has a championship basketball team.

But FDU doesn’t have a band.

Fairleigh Dickinson University emphasizes arts and humanities programs on its Madison campus. In fact, that campus hosts all FDU’s music offerings, including a music minor and a bachelor of arts degree in Theater Arts, and a Musical Theater concentration. Any student who wants any kind of education in performing arts would choose the Madison campus. This arrangement doesn’t account for students who want to play music, but find their academic

needs best met by the programs at the Metropolitan campus. Those students are stuck with the choice of either leaving their musical interests in high school or making the hour-long trek to the Madison Campus.

The students at the Florham campus are happy to have a music program.



Many colleges have bands, music programs and pep bands. FDU does not.

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“I think we have a lot of really talented people on our campus,” said Rachel Kleinwaks, a junior Communications major. “It’s great for them to have a place where they can build a sense of professional and personal community and share their talents with the rest of the school.”

“As someone who was really involved in arts programs in high school, I know what it can be like for programs that lose funding and don’t

have a working budget,” Kleinwaks said. “I think it really hinders the education and experience of students, so I’m happy that I’m able to give to a part of student life that can often be overlooked.”

FGCU notes that music majors aren’t even a big part of the band.

“Around 80 percent of the

on a production of Charles’ Dickens “A Christmas Carol” with a cast that numbered more than 20.

FDU can match the passion for and commitment to the arts that its student body shows without spending much money. For example, FGCU meets their students’ demand for a full extracurricular and academic music program with just 15 staff members.

A study at Northwestern University showed that older adults who took music lessons as children could process speech faster than those who didn’t, even if they hadn’t played in a long time.

Harvard President Drew Faust also touted the benefits of a music education in college.

“The ability to innovate—a skill that nine of out ten employers agree is the most important for new hires—requires thinking beyond immediate needs and making creative leaps,” Faust wrote in Harvard Magazine. “Where better to model this approach than in the arts and humanities?”

From Harvard to Madison, the arguments for the arts are everywhere. Metro students have written stories and letters to the editor in The Equinox about a lack of a feeling of community on campus and a need to give commuters reasons to stay on campus, and a music program can help both of those issues.

Florham students endorse their music program, and FGCU is enjoying the benefits that its music program offers. It’s time the Metropolitan campus got its own

[music program] members are non-music majors, and these students are a very important part of the organizations,” the university’s website states.

On the FDU Metro campus, there are other artistic organizations like the University Players that are evidence that there is an interest in the arts, even on a campus that offers few choices in artistic majors. The University Players recently put

Trump & Hitler - Eerily Similar

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

President Donald Trump’s rise to power has many similarities to the rise of Adolf Hitler.

Jewish leaders are warning Americans, saying that they recognize “all too well the horrors of individuals using hate as a political platform and deploying language, implicit and explicit, that tears society apart,” according to Kira Goldenberg at The Guardian.

Hitler occasionally used the phrase, “make Germany great again” promising to bring Germany back to greatness. Trump’s slogan is similar, promising to “Make America Great Again”. Both have the same message and both leaders glorified the pasts of their respective countries.

Dr. Joseph Goebbels led The Nazi Propaganda Ministry which controlled all forms of communication in Germany, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

“Viewpoints in any way threatening to Nazi beliefs or to the regime were censored or eliminated from all media,” according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Trump’s rhetoric also points to fascism, which is defined as “a governmental system led by a dictator having complete power, forcibly suppressing opposition and criticism, regimenting all industry, commerce, etc., and emphasizing an aggressive

nationalism and often racism,” according to Dictionary.com.

Trump has also criticized the “dishonest” media, calling them “disgusting” and “scum”.

At a Texas rally in Feb. 2016, Trump said, “I’m going to open up our libel laws so when [journalists] write purposely negative and horrible and false articles, we can sue them and win lots of money,” according to Mike Segar at Reuters.

On Trump’s first full day in office, he sent out Press Secretary Sean Spicer to reprimand reporters and claim that they had “deliberately misstated the size of the crowd at Mr. Trump’s inauguration on Friday in an attempt to sow divisions at a time when Mr. Trump was trying to unify the country, warning that the new administration would hold them to account,” according to Julie Hirschfeld Davis and Matthew Rosenberg of The New York Times.

These examples are not the first or last times he has tried to suppress and discredit the American media and raise a cause for concern.

In addition, in both eras there has been violation of human rights. In Germany, there were concentration camps where Jewish people were tortured, gassed and killed. In the present day, America is similarly ignoring “one of the greatest human rights crises of our time” by refusing to allow Syrian refugees to enter the country, according to Kira Goldenberg at The Guardian.

This refusal to allow goes

directly against what America was founded upon. It is inscribed into the Statue of Liberty that welcomes immigrants into America: “Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,” according to the National Park Services.

But perhaps the most alarming similarities come into play when looking at the strategies of Trump and



President Trump’s actions are strikingly similar to Adolf Hitler’s during World War II.

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Hitler.

Both used emotional strategies in order to evoke feelings of pride, fear and anger in their people. In Nazi Germany, Hitler’s crisis that he used to create paranoia was “the notion that the German people were facing cultural and perhaps racial extinction,” according to Nicholas O’Shaughnessy at Raw Story.

A tactic of the Nazis was scapegoating, which was used to “blame minority groups for policy failures and the weak economy” according to Sebastian Schutte of The Washington Post. “Hitler used the threat of terrorism and foreign aggression to justify sweeping autocratic policies.”

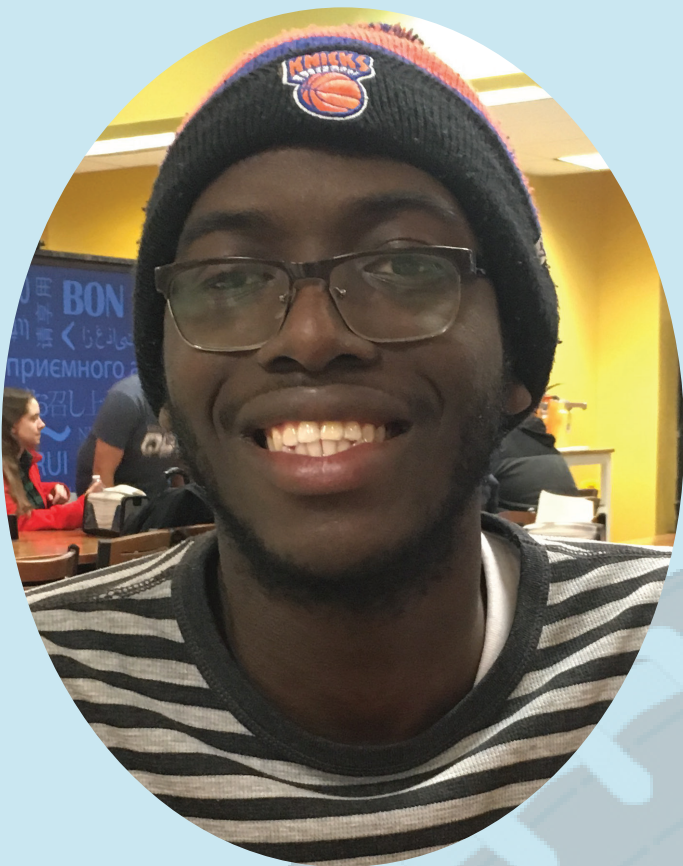
Trump instigated this paranoia by stating that immigrants are the reason that the American way is

threatened, and that the country must be brought back to its prior greatness. He has also blamed foreigners for American’s problems, saying that they are taking away jobs and killing Americans.

Only time can tell what President Trump will do for America.

Thoughts on Super Bowl 51

By Melanie Perez



Ankoma Mitchel
Senior, Electrical Engineering Major

“This was the first and only Super Bowl that has ever gone into overtime. The outcome was pretty shocking. I don’t think people can understand how disgusted I am with the Falcons. How do you blow a 25-point lead? You don’t do that.”



Arielle Mach
Junior, Psychology Major

“The Patriots are a bunch of cheaters and I hate them. There were at least three penalties in the game that were either not called on the Patriots or were called on the Falcons and should not have been called. I’m really unhappy.”



India Stevenson
Senior, Criminal Justice and Forensic Psychology Major

“Personally, I hate the Patriots; but I did see that win coming. The Falcons were getting a little too cocky. It’s like they’re winning, and they get a little too secure, and then stop trying.”



Justin Rimpi
Freshman, Sports Administration Major

“With a 25-point lead, you would be expected to win the game. They were unable to keep the lead - they made some wrong play calls and the players wore down at the end of the game - and that ultimately let Tom Brady in the fourth quarter to go down and win the game.”

— Student Lifestyle —

Prof Pushes Political CORE Course

By Daniel Clarke
Opinion Editor

(TEANECK) - The November election results triggered responses from President Capuano and, later, Provost Vodde, soliciting the campus community to come together and tackle the challenges of mending our divided community.

Two weeks later, FDU economics and finance Professor Dr. Adam Kessler asked the FDU faculty, “How could it happen here?” and proposed an initiative to answer that very question.

“Over the past months, our nation has gone through an emotional election campaign that has revealed significant divisions in our society,” Capuano said. “In times like these, both the nation and our University must rely on our cherished values that have stood the test of time and will prevail once again.”

Dr. Kessler offered the idea as a response to Capuano’s call for action, urging the faculty “to take initiatives in this matter wherever possible and in whatever manner they think best.”

“To state my own view of these events, I believe the president-elect has managed to reach some dark corners of the American psyche,” Dr. Kessler said. “For the first time in almost three quarters of a century, open racism, misogyny, tribalism and xenophobia have returned to the public sphere.

“These events could constitute an important turning point in American history with serious

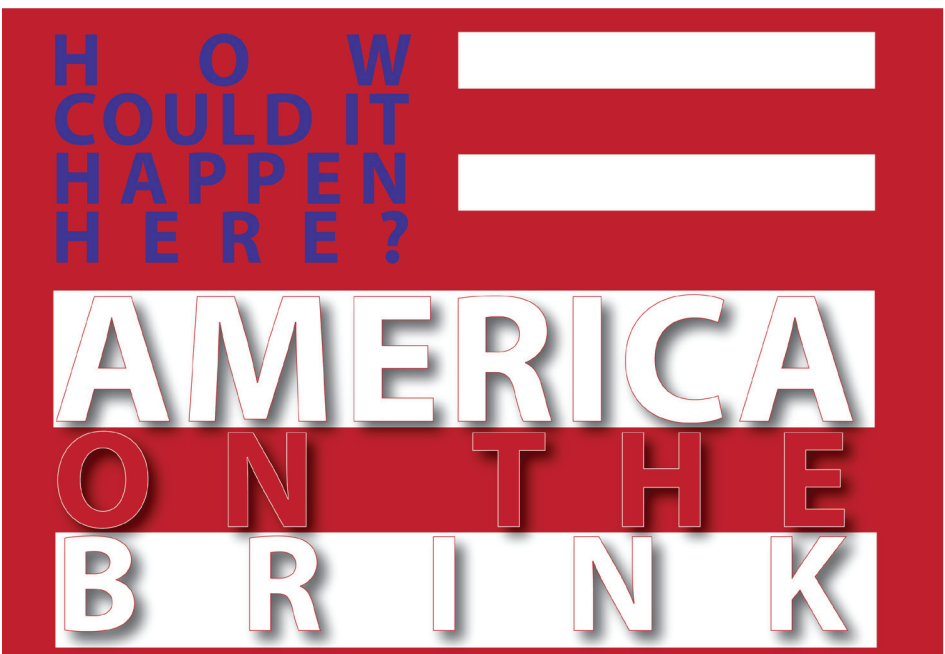


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consequences for all of us, including our students and even the rest of the world. I am addressing you to urge you to do what we can as a community to try to mitigate the likely shocks that await us and, especially, to immunize our students against possible infection by the present public mood.”

Dr. Kessler proposed an interdisciplinary course that would analyze the different discipline-specific issues that resulted in the outcome of this election. The course would stay current and continue to scrutinize the actions of the government over the next four years.

“I see it as a moral and intellectual obligation of university

faculties to closely examine this outcome, the events which preceded it and the circumstances in which such an outcome can occur,” Dr. Kessler said. “I believe it would be a serious error if, instead, we simply accept the outcome, consider it ‘normal,’ go about our business and fail to deal with the many unanswered questions which have been raised by the events of the last several months.”

Kessler said “the biggest error would be an attempt at ‘evenhandedness,’ what some people call ‘both-sidism,’ (i.e., ‘both sides do it’). The belief by some that ‘partisanship’ is failing and that reasonable, decent people must be

‘centrists’ and therefore ‘bipartisan’ creates the poisonous form of moral equivalence which is partly responsible for Nov 8.”


Though his email was sent out on Dec. 1, Dr. Kessler hasn’t gotten much of a response from the faculty, except one from Vancouver who said this restored their faith in Americans.

When discussing why indeed it happened here, Dr. Kessler spoke primarily of the perception of the populous as a result of ‘alternative facts’ put forth throughout the campaign and the media’s insistence of weighing both candidates’ words evenly.

“If you hit people over the head with a handful of very simple ideas - that has a big effect on them and an immediate effect on them,” Dr. Kessler said. “That, of course, was the big idea of Goebbels, Hitler’s propaganda minister. I’m not myself an expert on these things, and that’s why I think there should be a multidisciplinary approach.”

Kessler was supportive of a broader scoped objective, but remained adamant that the present day Trump phenomena should be critiqued. Admitting that it may fit well in an existing CORE course, he noted that only with support from many different departments could a meaningful course be devised.

Confident that commitment by the university in such an institutional initiative would demonstrate its values, Dr. Kessler said, “I have no strong view of the structure of this, but something should be done.”



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Student Lifestyle

Ricotta Gnocchi with Parsley Pesto

Recipe by David Tanis from cooking.nytimes.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound fresh ricotta, about 2 cups, drained well
- Salt and pepper
- 3 or 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ¼ to ½ cup all-purpose flour, as needed
- Fine semolina flour or rice flour, for dusting
- 3 cups flat-leaf parsley leaves and tender stems
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup toasted pistachios, roughly chopped for garnish

PREPARATION

1. Put ricotta in a large mixing bowl and season generously with salt and pepper. Wisk in Parmesan and taste. The mixture should be well seasoned. Add eggs and mix well, then sprinkle in 1/4 cup flour and stir with a wooden spoon to incorporate. You should have a soft, rather sticky dough. Dump dough onto a clean work surface. Add a little more flour if necessary and pat very lightly to form a soft mass.
2. Test the dough: Bring a saucepan of well-salted water to a boil. Take 1 tablespoon of dough and drop into water. Dough should sink to the bottom, then rise to the surface. Let simmer 1 minute, then remove and taste. If the dumpling keeps its shape, continue to Step 3. If it falls apart, add a little more flour to the dough, but

carefully: If you add too much, the gnocchi will be stodgy.

3. Dust dough lightly with semolina, then cut it into 4 equal parts. Dust work surface with semolina. With your hands flat, gently roll each piece into a rope about 3/4-inch in diameter and 12 inches long. Keep sprinkling semolina on dough to keep it from sticking to the counter or your hands.
4. Using scissors or a sharp, thin-bladed knife, cut each log into 12 pieces. Dust bottom of a baking sheet with semolina. Transfer gnocchi with a spatula to baking sheet, leaving space between them so they are not touching. Refrigerate, uncovered, for 1 hour (or leave in a cool room).
5. To make the parsley pesto, put parsley, garlic, olive oil and butter in the work bowl of a food processor. Pulse briefly, then blend to a rough purée. Taste and season with salt and pepper. You should have about 1 cup pesto, more than you need for this recipe. Leftover pesto can be refrigerated for up to 3 days, or frozen for up to a month.
6. Place a large pot of well-salted water over high heat and bring to a boil. Add gnocchi, working in batches, if necessary. When they bob to the surface, let them cook for about 2 minutes and lift them from the pot with a slotted spoon or spider, transferring gnocchi to a large, wide skillet. Add 4 to 6 tablespoons pesto and 1/2 cup pasta cooking water to skillet and swirl pan to coat gnocchi.

7. Serve gnocchi in warmed individual shallow soup bowls or a deep, wide platter. Sprinkle with chopped pistachios and dust with Parmesan. Pass more grated Parmesan separately.



Ricotta Gnocchi with parsley Pesto.

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Campus Calendar

- February 17**
Acts of Kindness Day, Noon-2 p.m.
SUB Lobby
- February 20**
Mardi Tau, 8 p.m., Kron Lounge
- February 21**
Love is Color Blind, 9 p.m.,
Rutherford Room
- February 22**
Circle of Sisterhood, 12 p.m., SUB
Lobby
Black Girl Magic Festival, 8 p.m.,
SUB Lobby
Sexucation, 9 p.m., Rutherford Room
- February 23**
Midday Movies, "The Great Gatsby,"
12-2 p.m., Library Auditorium.
- February 26**
3rd Annual Student Alumni
Basketball Game, 2 p.m., Rothman
Center
- February 27**
Newly Roommates, 9 p.m.,
Rutherford Room
- February 28**
Harlem Renaissance, 8 p.m., Knight
Club
Safe Sex in the Dark, 9 p.m.,
Multipurpose Room

Partisan Conflict, Public Opinion, Is There Any Way Out?

Political conflict would have been at an all-time high today even if there were different presidential candidates from the initial pool of alternatives.

How did we get here? And much more speculatively: Is there any way out?



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— Student Lifestyle —

Top 10 Countries for Millennial Travel

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

1. Nicaragua

Where: Central America, Costa Rica to the south and Honduras and El Salvador to the north

Why: It's more affordable and less touristy than Costa Rica. It includes cheap accommodations and adventurous sites. The people are warm and friendly, and it contains incredible natural beauty.

Must see and do: Hike Masaya Volcano, surf in Apoyo lagoon, go volcano boarding on Cerro Negro.



2. Thailand

Where: Southeast Asia

Why: Accommodation is affordable, there's an abundance of delicious and cheap street food, and there's free wi-fi throughout the country.

Must see and do: Visit the Grand Palace, snorkel on the Phi Phi islands, eat delicious street food at Chiang Mai's Sunday Night Walking Street.



3. Greece

Where: Southern Europe

Why: Greece is cheaper compared to the rest of Europe because of their failing economy, the people are friendly, and there are many beautiful historical sites to visit.

Must see and do: Climb the Acropolis of Athens and Parthenon, hike Samaria Gorge, sunbathe at Elafonissi Beach.



4. Czech Republic

Where: Eastern Europe

Why: The Czech Republic is cheaper than the rest of Europe, contains original architecture, historical monuments and a plethora of culture and art.

Must see and do: Walk the Charles bridge, see the Prague astronomical clock, explore the Prague castle.



5. Colombia

Where: South America

Why: Colombia features both the Atlantic and Pacific coastlines, the hikeable and beautiful Andes mountains, a vivid culture, and a fantastic coffee scene.

Must see and do: Explore the Gold Museum in Bogota, hike through the rainforests in Tayrona National Natural Park, snorkel the coral reefs of the Rosario Islands.



6. Indonesia

Where: Southeast Asia

Why: Indonesia is home to 17,500 explorable islands. Accommodation is affordable and there are many tropical sites to explore.

Must see and do: Visit the historic Buddhist temple Borobudur, relax on the beach in Seminyak, hike Mount Bromo.



7. Croatia

Where: Central/Southeast Europe

Why: Croatia contains beautiful coastlines, medieval towns, delicious food and hundreds of islands to explore. It has smaller tourist crowds and is cheaper compared to other places in Europe.

Must see and do: Explore waterfalls in Plitvice Lakes National Park, learn about Croatian history in Diocletian's Palace, walk the medieval town of Korcula.



8. Peru

Where: South America

Why: Peru offers visitors unique sites, including the Amazon rainforest, exquisite beaches, and Huacachina, an oasis in the southwest.

Must see and do: Explore Colca Canyons, climb Machu Picchu, kayak on Taquile Island.



9. Spain

Where: Western Europe

Why: Spain offers visitors a vivid culture and nightlife attractions and is cheaper than its European counterparts because of its poor economy.

Must see and do: Explore the nightlife in Ibiza, eat tapas in Barcelona and explore the gothic quarter, wander the Royal Palace of Madrid.



10. Scotland

Where: Northern United Kingdom

Why: Scotland has beautiful scenery, intricate and unique architecture, friendly people, and a fascinating history.

Must see and do: Look for the Loch Ness monster, climb Arthur's seat, wander the historical streets of Edinburgh.



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Student Lifestyle

Veteran Revives Club After Two Years

By Armand Butera
Entertainment Editor

After sitting down with FDU student John Myles for a few minutes, it's understood that he is the perfect match for heading the Veteran's Club. After a few years of dormancy, the organization has gained new life with the new president, who just seems to radiate compassion. Myles, a veteran himself, brings his caring personality to his profession and his desire to help the FDU community as a whole.

"As a veteran, you have that feeling naturally. You want to help other veterans, so even if I wasn't the president of the SVA and was just a normal veteran student at FDU, I would help any vet. I would just like to help any student. I think it makes it easier just to help someone," said Myles.

It's likely to see Myles or other members of the organization helping other students, whether they need help finding a class or want more information about the club. He and his group are always talking about new ways to bring together the community on campus and helping veterans on and off campus. Although the foundation is still being laid out, Myles hopes that later members could piggyback off of ideas that they are being tossed around today.

The organization meets on the first floor of Dickinson Hall regularly, and when they aren't talking

of new ideas, Myles and his team are helping veteran students further their education. When students enter his office to talk about a test they had trouble on or class notes they want to discuss, they're met with other veteran students helping them find another study method to help them for next time. It is because of this that Myles sees great potential in what the Veteran's Club has to offer.

"We just help each other out, because being around positive people breeds positive energy, it's contagious," Myles said.

The new location is a much welcomed upgrade to the old meeting spot, which had more in common with a closet than a room. The Veteran's Lounge is not only a place people can study in, but relax in as well. Myles enjoys the atmosphere where he will see veterans come in to wind down in between their busy schedule. Collaborating with John Dunn and Martha Papson Garcia, two directors of Veteran Services from the Teaneck and Florham campuses respectively, Myles is hoping to interact with the Florham campus more and get them involved as well.

"This past summer, we had a retreat for the weekend at the Florham campus. We worked with Psychological Services and we talked about everything veteran related," Myles said.

"We had a discussion on social media and how that could help with job searches, we talked about issues

that veterans may be facing at any university, and where veterans can get help."

Additional topics include university benefits and ways to help veterans who've experienced combat action. Director Garcia is currently working towards having more interactions between the two campuses. While the organization wasn't in operation when Myles came to FDU, he appreciated the "genuine friendliness" and warmth from the school towards him.


In addition to that, FDU participates in the Yellow Ribbon, a program geared towards the education of veterans.

"FDU was one hundred percent Yellow Ribbon which means that every veteran who came to this school, if they meet certain criteria qualifies for it, which is awesome. Some schools don't do that, and they only accept ten percent or maybe fifty veterans," Myles said.

In addition to running the organization, Myles is involved in a program called the Bachelors of Arts of Individualized Studies, with his focus on Business Management. He juggles both responsibilities by working through the Department of Veteran's Affairs, and at the Veterans Center. When he's not taking classes he's participating in club activities like running applications and talking with other advisors.

Myles definitely keeps busy,

continually working for the benefit of other veterans and students. With Myles at the helm, the Veteran's Club is more energized than ever and is continuing to help the students of FDU, something he takes pride in doing. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the club



John Mayles, president of the Veteran's Club


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will be held on Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. in Dickinson Hall with everyone from the president of the university to army reserves attending to support what Myles and his team have built.

"The most rewarding thing is helping people, that's what I like to do. It doesn't matter who you are, I just want to help you," Myles said.

"I think by being the president I get a lot of exposure to faculty, staff and students, and I genuinely enjoy helping people. Helping vets is number one, but helping, period, is very satisfying."

Periodically Speaking - News from Giovatto Library



Kathy Stein Smith, Associate University Librarian and Director of Public Services, Giovatto Library

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 - The College Blue Book 2017
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 - The Genius of Birds
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 - Railroad Facts, 2016
 - Re-Thinking Serial Murder, Spree Killing, and Atrocities
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 - 60 Seconds and You're Hired
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 - The Water Kingdom: A Secret History of China
 - Why Time Flies
 - World Chamber of Commerce Directory, 2017
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- Captain Fantastic
 - Carousel
 - The Girl on the Train
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 - Hope and Glory

Entertainment

Consent is Sexy

On Feb. 6, Rutgers SCREAM Theater performed “Consent is Sexy,” acting out scenarios where college students may face situations that are uncomfortable, such as nonconsensual sex. The event was sponsored by Student Counseling and Psychological Services (S-CAPS) in Wilson Auditorium, where all attendees received complimentary t-shirts to wear the fact that “Consent is Sexy and Mandatory.”



Rutgers SCREAM Theater with FDU students after the Feb. 6 event.

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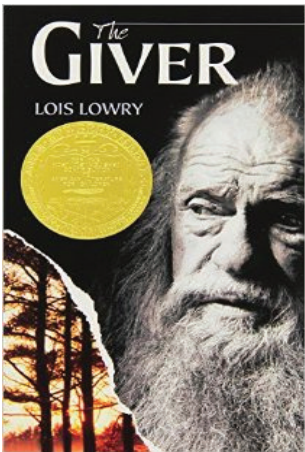
Top 10 Books of Your Birth Year

By Emily Wiek
Staff Writer

The written word has been around us for ages. From picture books to short stories to novels that had to be read for English class, narratives have been with us along our journey into adulthood. But during the years we were born, what were the hit books? I’ve compiled a list of books from some leading authorities on books - The New York Times, Time Magazine, Publisher’s Weekly, The Young Adult Library Services Association, Medium.com and Goodreads.

1993

- “A Suitable Boy” by Vikram Seth
- “Birdsong” by Sebastian Faulks
- “Girl, Interrupted” by Susanna Kaysen
- “The Bridges of Madison County” by Robert James Waller
- “The Client” by Josh Grisham
- “The Giver” by Lois Lowry



- “Nightmares & Dreamscapes” by Stephen King
- “The Shipping News” by E. Annie Proulx
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1994

- “A Frolic of His Own” by William Gaddis
- “The Gift” by Danielle Steel
- “In The Lake of the Woods” by Tim O’Brien
- “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story” by John Berendt
- “One for The Money (Stephanie Plum, #1)” by Janet Evanovich
- “Open Secrets: Stories” by Alice Munro
- “Remember Me” by Mary Higgins Clark
- “Snow Falling on Cedars” by David Guterson
- “The Wind Up Bird Chronicle” by Haruki Murakami (Translated into English in 1997 by Jay Rubin)
- “Wizard’s First Rule (Sword of Truth, #1)” by Terry Goodkind

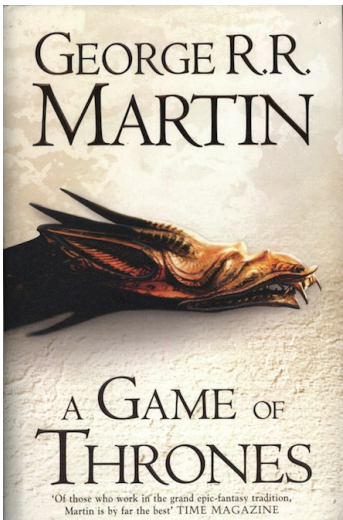
1995

- “American Tabloid” by James Ellroy
- “A Child Called ‘It’ (Dave Pelzer #1)” by Dave Pelzer
- “Beach Music” by Pat Conroy
- “Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance” by Barack Obama

- “The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials, #1)” by Philip Pullman
- “The Island of the Day Before” by Umberto Eco
- “Sabbath’s Theater” by Philip Roth
- “Sabriel (Abhorsen, #1)” by Garth Nix
- “Where the Heart Is” by Billie Letts
- “Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West (The Wicked Years, #1)” by Gregory Maguire

1996

- “A Game of Thrones (A Song of Ice and Fire, #1)” by George R.R. Martin



- “Angela’s Ashes: A Memoir” by Frank McCourt
- “Atticus” by Ron Hansen
- “Bridget Jones’s Diary (Bridget Jones, #1)” by Helen Fielding
- “Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood” by Rebecca Wells
- “Executive Orders” by Tom Clancy
- “How Stella Got Her Groove Back” by Terry McMillan

- “Infinite Jest” by David Foster Wallace
- “Sister” by A. Manette Ansay
- “The Notebook (The Notebook, #1)” by Nicholas Sparks

1997

- “American Pastoral” by Phillip Roth
- “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (Harry Potter, #1)” by J.K. Rowling
- “Mason & Dixon” by Thomas Pynchon
- “Memoirs of a Geisha” by Arthur Golden
- “Plum Island” by Nelson DeMille
- “The Red Tent” by Anita Diamant
- “Tuesdays with Morrie” by Mitch Albom
- “Sole Survivor” by Dean R. Koontz
- “Unnatural Exposure” by Patricia Cornwell

1998

- “A Man in Full” by Tom Wolfe
- “A Widow For One Year” by John Irving
- “Birthday Letters” by Ted Hughes
- “Digital Fortress” by Dan Brown
- “Life: A Natural History of the First Four Billion Years of Life on Earth” by Richard Fortey
- “Holes (Holes, #1)” by Louis Sachar
- “Paradise” by Toni Morrison
- “The Poisonwood Bible” by Barbara Kingsolver
- “Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.” by Ron Chernow
- “What Girls Learn” by Karin Cook

— Entertainment —

Superbowl 51 - What a Comeback

By **Dustin Niles**
Layout & Design Editor

The 2016 sports season should be called “The Year of the Comeback.”

To start, Denny Hamlin beat Martin Truex Jr. by one millisecond for the closest Daytona 500 finish in history. Then Kris Jenkins hit a basket at the buzzer to give Villanova an NCAA Championship over North Carolina. Leicester City won the English Premier League against 5000-1 odds, and following that the Cleveland Cavaliers came back from a 3-1 series deficit to win the NBA Finals. The Chicago Cubs came back from a 3-1 series deficit to end the most famous championship drought in sports, and Clemson beat Alabama for the championship with a touchdown at the last second.

To cap it all off, the New England Patriots made the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history and won the first Super Bowl in overtime on Feb. 5 in Houston, TX. The final score was 34-28. If you were wondering what we were paying for with all that 2016 misfortune, that was it.

The game started off slowly. By the end of the first quarter, there was no score. But with 8:36 left in the 3rd quarter, Matt Ryan hit Tevin Coleman for a six-yard touchdown. The extra point was good, and it was the last time the Falcons would touch the scoreboard. From then on, it was all Patriots, all the time.

The Patriots scored their first touchdown on a pass from Tom Brady to James White for five yards with 2:12 left in the 3rd quarter. At the top of the 4th quarter, following an incomplete pass and a sack, the Falcons punted.

The Patriots took the ball and drove 72 yards in 12 plays including a 25 yard pass to Martellus Bennett to



Tom Brady celebrating his team’s historic Super Bowl win.
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set up Stephen Gostkowski’s 33 yard field goal. Three plays later, they had the ball again.

For this drive the team only needed five plays to drive 25 yards for a Danny Amendola touchdown catch and a James White two point conversion. Suddenly, the team that was down 28-3 halfway through the 3rd quarter, only needed a touchdown and a two point conversion to tie the game and they had six minutes to work with. The possibility of a Super Bowl win for the Patriots was suddenly real.

But before the Patriot’s win became a reality, Julian Edelman made a catch that could only be described as unreal. With 2:28 left on the clock, Brady heaved the ball to the middle of the field where Edelman was being defended by Robert Alford and Keanu Neal of the Atlanta Falcons. Alford got a hand on the ball and tipped it up into the air. The ball floated through open space before coming down in a pile of arms and legs. Through the legs of Alford, away from the hands of Neal and nearby defender Ricardo Allen, the ball found its way into the arms of Edelman.

The call was challenged, but there was no real question: it was a catch. Simply historic, it will go down with the likes of David Tyree’s famous helmet catch. Four plays later, White ran the ball in for the final touchdown, and Amendola topped it off with a two point conversion. Game tied, one minute to go.

After a fruitless possession by the Falcons, the Patriots won the coin toss and the game headed into overtime. The way overtime works in the NFL is complicated after recent changes to the overtime rules and procedures.

At the beginning of overtime, there is a coin toss to determine which

teams gets possession of the ball first. If that team either turns the ball over, punts, or kicks a field goal, the ball goes back to the other team, and they get a possession and a chance to score. If that team turns the ball over, punts, or kicks a field goal to tie, then the ball goes back to the first team. After that, the next point wins the game. However, if either team scores a touchdown before that, that team wins the game.

The Patriots took the ball and drove 75 yards in eight plays to score a touchdown off of a two yard run by James White and sealed the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history.

Tom Brady, age 39, has now won five Super Bowls, the most of any quarterback in NFL history. He finished with 466 yards, two touchdown passes and an interception. James White was the most successful running back of the evening, picking up just 29 yards on the ground, but scoring two touchdowns and adding another one through the air. White was also the most prolific receiver, hauling in 14 receptions for 110 yards.

Matt Ryan passed for 284 yards and two touchdowns. He was precise, controlled, and earned himself a nearly-perfect quarterback rating of 144.1. Devonta Freeman was relatively contained by the New England defense, and he put up 75 yards and a touchdown. Julio Jones made four receptions for 87 yards, including an acrobatic catch that would have been the highlight of the game were it not for Julian Edelman.

The game broke a streak of relatively uncontested Super Bowls, and finished off the thrilling 2016 sports season fittingly. Next season starts with the NFL Draft beginning on April 27th, leading towards Super Bowl 52 in Minneapolis, MN.

Grammy Winners

- Record of the Year**
“Hello” — Adele
- Album of the Year**
“25” — Adele
- Song of the Year**
“Hello” — Adele Adkins & Greg Kurstin, songwriters (Adele)
- New Artist**
Chance the Rapper (read our review of “Coloring Book”)
- Pop Solo Performance**
“Hello” — Adele
- Pop Duo/Group Performance**
“Stressed Out” — Twenty One Pilots
- Traditional Pop Vocal Album**
“Summertime: Willie Nelson Sings Gershwin” — Willie Nelson
- Pop Vocal Album**
“25” — Adele
- Dance Recording**
“Don’t Let Me Down” — The Chainsmokers Featuring Daya
- Dance/Electronic Album**
“Skin” — Flume
- Contemporary Instrumental Album**
“Culcha Vulcha” — Snarky Puppy



Music artists come together to celebrate the 2017 Grammy Awards.
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- Rock Performance**
“Blackstar” — David Bowie
- Metal Performance**
“Dystopia” — Megadeth
- Rock Song**
“Blackstar” — David Bowie, songwriter (David Bowie)
- Rock Album**
“Tell Me I’m Pretty” — Cage the Elephant
- Alternative Music Album**
“Blackstar” — David Bowie
- R&B Performance**
“Cranes in the Sky” — Solange
- R&B Song**
“Lake by the Ocean” — Hod David & Musze, songwriters (Maxwell) (read our interview)
- Urban Contemporary Album**
“Lemonade” — Beyoncé
- R&B Album**
“Lalah Hathaway Live” — Lalah Hathaway
- Rap Performance**
“No Problem” — Chance the Rapper Featuring Lil Wayne & 2 Chainz
- Rap/Sung Performance**
“Hotline Bling” — Drake
- Rap Song**
“Hotline Bling” — Aubrey Graham & Paul Jefferies, songwriters (Drake)
- Rap Album**
“Coloring Book” — Chance the Rapper
- Latin Pop Album**
“Un Besito Mas” — Jesse & Joy
- Regional Mexican Music Album (Including Tejano)**
“Un Azteca En El Azteca, Vol. 1 (En Vivo)” — Vicente Fernández
- Reggae Album**
“Ziggy Marley” — Ziggy Marley

Sports

Men’s Basketball Sweeps Central Connecticut



Earl Potts Jr. took a jumper against Central Connecticut on Feb. 6

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successful at the free-throw line scoring 18 points in the paint, compared to Central Connecticut’s 16.

FDU’s largest lead occurred in the second half when they were up by 13 points. The largest lead that they allowed their opponent was seven points in the first half.

The Knights were able to win the game despite losing Darian Anderson early on in the first half due to injury. Anderson was named the NEC player of the week twice this season and is the Knights most consistent scoring leader. Herenda had the following to say about Anderson’s injury:

“He hurt his back, his lower back but after the game I asked him to touch his toes and he touched his toes. I can’t even touch my toes so that was a good sign, so he’ll probably be day-to-day, but Darian’s a warrior. It’s ironic that he hurt his back because he’s put the team on his back for the first 24 games this season.”

Anderson is expected to play

against Sacred Heart on Feb. 16. Meanwhile, without their star player in for the remainder of the game, another Knight stepped up and led the team in scoring. Potts Jr. led his team in field goals with 21 points setting his season high. Potts Jr. went 4-for-8 from the three-point line and also had a strong defensive performance leading his team in steals with four on the evening.

“Mike Schrobach came off the bench and gave us a lift offensively; he made two big threes and Stephan Jiggetts was terrific today with 10 points and nine assists, so I think we’re obviously a good team because when Earl went out, we had to step up,” said Herenda.

Darnell Edge and Malik Miller trailed Potts Jr. in scoring amassing 13 points each. Edge finished with seven assists and one steal. Stephan Jiggetts who scored 10 points, led the Knights in assists with nine, narrowly escaping a double-double.

As a team, FDU out-shot CCSU 52.7 percent (29-55) compared to their opponent’s 43.9 percent (25-57). The Knights were also able to stay in control in the second half with their largest lead by 24 points 77-53 after a dunk by Potts Jr. in the paint.

Mustafa Jones of the Blue Devils lead his team in scoring, coming up with 15 points and two assists against FDU. Jones also made two steals in the strong defensive effort. Tidell Pierre also paced CCSU with an 11 point game and went 5-for-11 from the field.

The Knights, who earned a spot in the NEC Tournament for a second straight season, prepare for Mount St. Mary’s on Sat. Feb. 18. The contest is set at 4 p.m. at Stratis Arena.

Hoop Stars Shoot Past Sacred Heart

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by Madelynn Comly in the paint with 9:24 left remaining.

The Pioneers held the persistent FDU team at bay for as long as they could, but the Knights penetrated right through their defense. Trailing their opponent now by only three points 43-40, the Knights dominated the remainder of the contest with their three point shooting.

The three point war began with 6:38 left in the contest. Madelynn Comly put down a three good from downtown making it a two point game for the Knights. Then with 4:56 left

shot 42.9 percent (12-28) with a 28-26 advantage in the paint. The Pioneers were paced by Katherine Haines who had 22 points, and went 4-of-5 on the foul line. Adaysha Williams scored 13 points and went 1-of-2 from the 3-point line. Hannah Kimmel scored five points while Shelby Hickey led the Pioneers in assists with two.

For FDU, Comly finished with seven rebounds and three-three pointers along with another career high of 22 points on the night leading the Knights in every major category Rainey Cox and Lauren Francillon each had 5 rebounds with Cox scoring 14 points and three assists, another career



Madelynn Comly, one of the stars of the fourth quarter, prepared to take a shot against Sacred Heart.

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

Amina Markovic knocked down a 3 of her own giving FDU their first lead since the first quarter. With the Knights now up 55-53, the Pioneers were left unable to recover in the last minute comeback.

The clock wound down as FDU maintained their lead ending the contest with the final score. Comly made a layup good in the paint to conclude the game 58-56.

For the game, Sacred Heart

high against Sacred Heart. Peniel M’Bikata and Amina Markovic each had six points on the night. Courtney Blakenship went a perfect 1-for-1 (100 percent) from the free throw line and had two steals.

The Lady Knights look for redemption as they prepare for Mount St. Mary’s on Saturday Feb. 18. The tip-off is set for 2 p.m. and FDU will have home court advantage in the Stratis Arena.

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Sports

Student Sets FDU Record at BU Invitational

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

Women’s Track and Field athlete Mae Thompson set another school record in the 800m at the Boston University Invitational on Jan. 27. Thompson, who finished with a time of 2:11.05, attributes her success to determination.

“It was great to break my record from last year. I hadn’t had the smoothest start to the season, so I knew I had to do something special at Boston - I attacked the race hard from the start and was determined to stay at the front of the pack for as long as I could,” Thompson said.

Thompson, who specializes in sprints and hurdles, is now a junior competing in her third season on the FDU track and field team.

Last season, she was a standout academically as well as athletically. She was named in the NEC Winter Academic Honor Roll as well as the Commissioner’s Roll, which is only granted to students with a 3.75 GPA or higher. Thompson, who currently holds the best time for the 800m in the NEC, remained humble despite her recent success.

“I don’t really like to compare myself to other people in the conference. Right now I’m just focused on bringing my times down even more,

so that hopefully I can compete at the national level before the end of my college career,” Thompson said.

cross country athlete at FDU before moving over to track and field.

last year?’, and I really didn’t know the answer. After running a whole season of cross country, suddenly demanding something so different from your body definitely isn’t easy,” Thompson said.

The transition went much better than expected as she managed not only to set a new school record as a track and field athlete, but also beat her previous time.

“My main goals this season are to defend my NEC title in the 800m and finish on the podium at the ECAC Championships in March,” Thompson said.

Thompson looks ahead to other competitions such as the NEC Championships and ultimately the NCAA Championships in March. According to her, these are major opportunities to work on aspects of her athleticism.

“FastTrack is our final opportunity to sharpen up before the NEC conference championships, and there’s still a few parts of my race I’d like to improve on. I’m looking forward to some fast competition, and hopefully I’ll be able to come away with a PR,” Thompson said.

Thompson said she aims to be a top finisher in the next few events coming up, providing her with an all-around package of athletic ability and academic achievement.



Mae Thomson
Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

Thompson, who is from the United Kingdom, currently holds the Hinchley Wood School record for the 400m hurdles. In 2014, she was ranked ninth in the United Kingdom for this event. Thompson was also a

“The transition from cross country to indoor track was a big obstacle for me. At the beginning of the season, after every race or hard workout I’d catch myself thinking ‘Have I still got it, am I still as fast as



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Sports

Wigs Out for Wagner

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

The men’s basketball team fell to NEC rival Wagner 59-68 on Saturday, stretching their losing streak to three games. The game was close throughout, but FDU couldn’t make the comeback at the end to seal the win. Offense was an issue all game, as FDU kept Wagner to 68 points but couldn’t capitalize and overcome Wagner’s defense.

Wagner jumped out to an early 4-11 lead with 13:27 remaining in the first period. Wagner built their lead as FDU missed four straight baskets from the field. FDU used baskets from Malik Miller, Stephan Jiggetts, Darnell Edge, Darian Anderson, Mike Holloway, Ghassan Nehme, and a three-pointer by Earl Potts Jr. to tie up the game 23-23 going into the half.

The second half started with three pointers by Edge and Potts, but Wagner eventually took back the lead and stretched it out again to 52-61 with four minutes to go in the game. After a pair of good free throws by Kaleb Bishop with three minutes to go, FDU looked like it could possibly have time for a comeback. But 10 more missed shots before the end of the game sunk FDU’s chances. Wagner capped off



Mike Holloway waits to get on the court versus Wagner on Feb. 4.
Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

the game with two fouls shots and the game finished at 59-68.
Coach Herenda sounded confident about the team’s performance after the game and praised the defense’s job in keeping the game a low-scoring affair, while also noting the problems that the offensive preformance presented in the game
“I thought we played good defense,” Herenda said, “We just put them to the foul line way too much... our pressure and our defense was our

mainstay.”
Herenda also talked about FDU’s recent back-and-forth rivalry with Wagner, which fueled a large attendance at Saturday’s game.
“I enjoy it thoroughly,” Herenda said, “Before we got here, the games weren’t competitive with Wagner. And now, we’ve added good players and we play hard so it’s a natural rivalry. It seems like everybody wins in the other gym. We’ve won three consecutive games at Wagner

and I think since I’ve been here they’ve won three consecutive games here. So I think whoever has the edge has the edge, and when you’re on the road you have to have an edge. But I love the rivalry. We really respect Wagner.”
Despite FDU’s recent stumbles, Herenda wasn’t worried about his team’s ability to come back, citing last year.
“Last year, we lost three consecutive home games and then went on and won five straight and won the [NEC] Tournament Championship,” Herenda said, “So, I think we’re going through that stretch where things aren’t offensively clicking and our defense is just good enough but not good enough to win us the game. We just have to get some rest, we have a lot of guys banged up.”
FDU takes on Central Connecticut State on Thursday Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. to finish out their home stretch. As the standings sit now, FDU is 10-13 overall and 8-4 in the NEC Conference. Mount St. Mary’s leads the NEC at 10-2, and FDU is tied for second in the standings with Saint Francis at 8-4. FDU will face Mount St. Mary’s at home on Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. and will finish out their regular season by facing Saint Francis on their home turf on Feb. 25.

Baseball Celebrates First Pitch Dinner



The baseball team held its 7th annual Jon Bittman First Pitch Dinner on Saturday at the Park Ridge Marriott. The event honored alumni, introduced recruits and the 2017 team. Corey Zeller (left), with Coach Puccio, will throw out the season’s first pitch. Bittman (right) addresses the crowd.
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SCORE BOX

Women’s Basketball NEC Conference

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|------|---------------------|---|-------|
| 2/11 | LIU Brooklyn - Away | W | 67-54 |
| 2/6 | Sacred Heart - Home | W | 58-56 |
| 2/4 | Wagner - Home | L | 66-74 |
| 1/30 | Bryant - Away | L | 48-50 |

Women’s Tennis

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| 2/10 | Temple - Away | L | 0-7 |
| 2/5 | UMass - Away | L | 1-6 |
| 2/3 | Hofstra - Away | W | 5-2 |

Men’s Basketball NEC Conference

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| 2/11 | LIU Brooklyn - Away | L | 69-75 |
| 2/9 | Central Connecticut - Home | W | 79-62 |
| 2/4 | Wagner - Home | L | 59-68 |
| 2/2 | Sacred Heart - Home | L | 70-74 |

Men’s Tennis

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| 2/10 | Temple - Away | L | 2-5 |
| 2/5 | NJIT - Away | L | 1-6 |
| 2/3 | Hofstra - Away | W | 4-3 |