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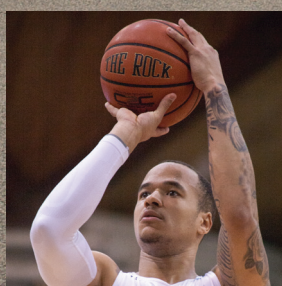


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Equinox Wins State Awards for Third Year

FDU Officials Talking Honors College

For the third year in a row, The Equinox has won multiple awards in the New Jersey Press Foundation's College Newspaper Contest. Editor-in-ChiefMelanie Perez won second place in the Column/Opinion Writing category for her editorial on academic advising, entitled "Broken Advisement Harms Students' Futures." Managing Editor Theresa King received third place in the Feature Writing category for her story on the presidential debate at Hofstra University called "A Witness to History." This is King's second NJPF award, as last year she received first place in the Column/Opinion Writing category for the column, "Government Calls Womanhood a Luxury." With these newest achievements, The Equinox has now won seven college journalism awards in the past three years.



Managing Editor Theresa King (left) and Editor-in-Chief Melanie Perez (right).
Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

There might be an Honors College. Or not. The first public mention of the creation of an Honors College at FDU came on March 3 at the FDU Honors Admissions Luncheon in the Rutherford Room of the SUB.

"I am very encouraged with the prospect of an Honors College," Metro Provost Bob Vodde said. "It will undoubtedly serve to attract and challenge students that are, among many things, interested in research."

In an email to The Equinox, Dr. Patricia Warunek, director of the University Honors Program, said that Provost Vodde's comments to establish an Honors College were, "the first official mention, that I heard, of the introduction of an Honors College specifically at FDU."

The Equinox reached out to Associate Vice President of Information Angelo Carfagna for more information. Carfagna contacted University Provost Gillian Small.

"Dr. Small said she has discussed the possibility of expanding the existing honors programs with enhanced programs to attract more high achieving students to the University," Carfagna said in an email response to our inquiry. "However, no specific proposals have been presented and no plans have been put forth."

Warunek confirmed in her email to The Equinox that she had attended a meeting in which Dr. Small discussed the concept.

"At a meeting early in the semester with the Admissions Department, Provost Small mentioned the advantages of an Honors College in recruiting high caliber students to a university," Dr. Warunek said. "No details specific to FDU were discussed. Prior to this meeting I assembled several articles about the Pros and Cons of Honors Programs/Colleges and shared them at the meeting."

Both Vodde and Warunek said that the project was Small's, and that she should be contacted for more information.

"There are no plans for an Honors College," Small told The Equinox in an interview. "We are not planning an honors college at FDU in the near future. That might be a goal for us down the road but certainly not in the foreseeable future."

"What I said was that I would like to increase our programming to attract high achieving students to the university," Small said. "I think most people we have spoken with think it's a great idea to enhance these offerings."

Small said that some people might have heard her talking about possible honors programming and assumed it was definitely happening, but she insisted that this was not the case and that it just "might be considered down the road."

"We have honors programs on each of our campuses," Small said in her interview with The Equinox. "To encourage those, I am working with a group of faculty to create additional programming that would be specifically to attract high-achieving students. We are hoping to roll that out maybe Fall 2018, if we can get it done, but it's not clear yet."

Small said there might be potential for an Honors College in four or five years.

"The words 'Honors College' came up as something that some people interpreted as we are going to do it," Small said. "I think he [Vodde] was just excited about the idea of increased programming."

For Small, it came down to a matter of interpretation.

"Words sometimes get taken out of context," she said.



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Hotel Caps Capuano’s Plans

by Theresa King & Daniel Clarke
Managing Editor & Senior Reporter

In a memo emailed to the university community on Monday, President Capuano said plans for expanded hospitality programs and a new student center are moving forward.

Expanded plans for the new student

story hotel planned for the North Lot. Capuano told The Equinox that the hotel could not be more than four stories high due to its proximity to Teterboro Airport. “For the International School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, we are finalizing a large gift agreement with a global hospitality corporation to support the construction of a new

“The new facility is likely to be a wing of a new Campus Union Building that is proposed for the Metropolitan Campus. In the next few weeks, leadership will be appointed and charged to move this project forward quickly.” Capuano told The Equinox that the new Campus Union Building is likely to cost in the range of \$35 million to



The White Horse Inn, in Wroxton, Oxfordshire, purchased by Wroxton College in September.

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center include an education wing for the hospitality program, which will support the training for a new four-

academic facility for the hospitality school and for executive and continuing education,” Capuano said in the email memo.

\$40 million, if not more. It will include a wing for academic units—namely the hospitality school and continuing



Architects’ original rendering of the new Student Center presented last spring.
Photo Credit: Perkins-Eastman

and executive education, for which the University will be seeking funding from private donors and the eventual owners and operators of the hotel. Capuano said the University will continue to own the land and establish a land lease agreement for the hotel, thereby generating a new revenue stream for the University with no outlay of capital. Changes in its hospitality program extend overseas. “We also recently hired a program coordinator for a new hospitality program at Wroxton College,” Capuano said

in the email. “The MS in Hospitality Management Studies will be the first full degree program offered at Wroxton College in more than 50 years and is expected to enroll its first class this coming fall. Finally, the accreditation site visit conducted earlier this year by the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA) went very well, and we expect to achieve full accreditation status by July 2017.” This accreditation follows Capuano’s announcement last September that the

university had purchased the North Arms property adjacent to the Wroxton Campus. “This venue will be fully renovated to become a full service restaurant and pub, as well as an important training facility for our students in hospitality management studies,” he said at the Convocation ceremonies last year. “In addition, it will become a place of leisure for other students, faculty, staff and alumni who visit Wroxton College on a regular basis.”

Equinox Elects New Editors



Liz White (left) and Theresa King (right) the Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief for the 2017-2018 year.

Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

The Equinox has unanimously voted for its incoming editor-in-chief for the 2017-2018 year. Award-winning student journalist Theresa King will be replacing Melanie Perez. King has appointed Elizabeth White to be her managing editor. Both women have been on The Equinox staff for two years and on the editorial board for a year and a half. King placed first in

the New Jersey Press Foundation’s College Newspaper Contest last year in the Column/Opinion Writing category for her piece entitled, “Government Calls Womanhood a Luxury.” She also received third place in this year’s contest in the Feature Writing category for, “A Witness to History,” and will be interning at the Asbury Park Press this summer. White recently returned

from Wroxton where she consistently wrote a column for The Equinox. She placed second in the NJPF contest last year in the Column/Opinion Writing category for her piece entitled, “Trump in the Doghouse,” and was later named president of the Communications Honor Society, Lamda Pi Eta.

FDU Plans for 75th Anniversary

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

2017 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, New Jersey. Here in it’s present location in Teaneck, the University is taking the opportunity to examine its past, evaluate its present, and preview its future. To celebrate its past, the University and the Alumni Association have called on alumni to submit their favorite memories from their years at FDU. These submissions are currently being collected on a tab marked “75th Anniversary Memories”

on myfdunet. They will be compiled onto a new website, along with a pictorial timeline that will showcase FDU’s vast history. The new website should be released shortly, according to Angelo Carfagna, Vice President of University Communications. In addition to the new website, a commemorative issue of FDU Magazine will be released in August that looks back on the first 75 years of the University. The biggest event centered around FDU’s 75th anniversary will be the inauguration of Dr. Christopher Capuano as the University’s ninth president. This event will be held on Sept. 27

at the Florham Campus, and the entire University community will be invited, Carfagna said.



News

Anxiety: The Collegiate Plague

By
Leandra Cilindrello
& **Frank Pellino**
Guest Writers

“I’m going about my day normally and all of a sudden I begin to feel it. I know something



Anxiety is a reality for an alarming number of college students here at FDU and across the country.

bad is going to happen, I just can’t describe how or why.”

A female senior at Fairleigh Dickinson University, “Student A”, told her story of the daily struggles between her anxiety and her sanity.

“My mood totally changes and the worrying sets in,” she said. “I can’t think about anything besides what my mind is telling me to think about. I am a prisoner to my thoughts and scenarios that my mind wants me to believe are real dangers, even when they’re not. The tears start streaming down my face as it sets in. I’m having another anxiety attack.”

This is the sad reality for many students on college campuses nationwide struggling with mental health issues. The stresses associated with going to college range wider than writing assignments

concentrate on anything but my anxiety that I can’t even get out of bed some days,” Student A said. “I can’t write my papers or study or do anything but worry, and there’s no real reason to describe why I feel that

male senior, “Student B,” said his anxiety is mostly tied to academics.

“It starts with school,” Student B said. “Of course having assignments due and responsibilities adds a certain level of stress that isn’t so bad. But it’s more about how things compound on top of that. Take an 18-credit schedule, it’s not too bad. Then add 20 hours at work a week. And then try to add all of your social responsibilities like family and your social life. It gets to be a lot.

“Three semesters ago during finals week, in the midst of studying for five other classes and trying to work my job and carry out my family responsibilities, I slipped up. I mixed up the times for one of my finals. I showed up two hours late to see an empty room.”

Student B received an incomplete in a class that he otherwise would have done well in, forcing him to retake the course.

“I was so mad at myself - I’m still mad at myself,” he said. “How

“Sometimes I honestly feel like I’m not going to make it in the future,” Student B said. “Say I get a grade that isn’t as high as I expected or I feel lost in

is used to treat symptoms of anxiety, such as fear, tension, irritability, dizziness, pounding heartbeat, and other physical symptoms.”
Drugs.com says

and they ask them what are the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 different problems that you deal with that get in the way of academic performance,” Maurice said. “It turns out that

“I can’t think about anything besides what my mind is telling me to think about. I am a prisoner to my thoughts and scenarios that my mind wants me to believe are real dangers, even when they’re not. The tears start streaming down my face as it sets in. I’m having another anxiety attack.”

- Student A

class, I tend to get down on myself. I worry a lot about what I am I going to do after I graduate and if I’m going to be a failure. I think that’s my biggest fear, failing. I feel there

that the appropriate dosage of Buspirone can vary from an initial dose of 7.5 mg orally 2 times a day to a maximum dose of 60 mg per day. This can leave students feeling

stress is the number one problem that gets in the way of academic performance. So a lot of the challenges we see here with the students is stress related and what ever issues come about are exacerbated by stress-related issues.”

Maurice offered insight as to how student might better cope with stress.

“As counselors we’re looking for harm reduction,” Maurice said. “Now if someone is using a substance such as marijuana or alcohol to reduce their stress as one of their coping mechanisms, we try to offer other options - more healthy options that aren’t going to affect the individual. So we are helping them find healthier alternatives and always encouraging students to help reduce substance use, but it comes down to the student’s goals. And we’ll try to help them figure out ways to add to their coping strategy.”

Students who are struggling with any mental health issue should visit Student Counseling and Psychological Services (S-CAPS) located next to the SUB on the FDU Metropolitan campus.

“Honestly, I smoke a lot of weed. It helps remind me that it’s not that bad. It helps me relax and not feel that anxiety anymore.”

- Student B

and studying for exams. Many people are quietly fighting internal battles that are much more difficult.

“It’s so hard to

and emotion,” WebMD states.

Environmental factors also cause many students to have anxiety. An anonymous FDU

myself up over it.”

This is only one example of many. For many students, the future seems to cause a lot of anxiety.

is so much pressure to do well in school and go out and become ‘successful.’ Like what does that even mean? To be successful? It feels like a constant worry.”

Student B has found one way to escape the anxiety: an illegal one.

“Honestly, I smoke a lot of weed,” he said. “It helps remind me that it’s not that bad. It helps me relax and not feel that anxiety anymore.”

Other students turn to prescription medications for anxiety. Buspirone is a very popular anti-anxiety pill taken by students.

The website Drugs.com states, “Buspirone affects chemicals in the brain that may be unbalanced in people with anxiety. Buspirone

so overwhelmed with anxiety that they turn to the highest dosage they can take.

“I take 60 mg of Buspirone once I can tell I’m going to have a bad day,” Student A said. “After taking my medicine, I become relaxed and more confident. I guess I feel like I didn’t even have the anxiety at all and all the thoughts of my anxiousness just disappear.”

S - C A P S Psychological Counselor Bill Maurice says that stress remains a very big problem for students.

“Every year they conduct a national study, they go look at approximately 40 different colleges, over 100,000 students a year

Opinion



Editor's Desk: SGA Delivers Student Life Director's Concerns to Equinox



Melanie Perez, editor-in-chief

The SGA executive (e-board) requested a meeting with the editorial board of The Equinox regarding my March 2 editorial entitled "School Spirit Scarcity." The meeting was held on Friday, March 25.

The only person attending for the SGA was Aaron McClendon, the arts and media senator who identified himself as the "mediator" between SGA and The Equinox.

According to in-person comments from a few SGA senators, the meeting was called to address two concerns: alleged "breach of contract," and, in the words of McClendon, "the use of the student newspaper to speak about other student organizations."

At the meeting, McClendon said he was speaking on behalf of Student Life Director Jessica (Harris) O'Brien, who had provided him with a hand-written list of her concerns. She also provided McClendon with a copy of the editorial on which she had highlighted items that she considered to be problematic.

For example, she highlighted, "that the average student can attend Greek events or events by specific cultural or ethnic groups."

Her objection here is unclear.

Perhaps she interpreted it as, "the average student CANNOT attend Greek events or events by specific cultural or ethnic groups."

An issue that continually is raised in meetings such as these, including those with members of the administration, is the notion of "advanced copies," "consultations," "review" and the like.

University officials insist that they are not trying to censor The

Equinox or restrict free speech. But the meeting with McClendon conveyed the desire of the director of Student Life

spirit because we don't have a football team," McClendon said. "It's not really built around athletics, per se. She pointed out that we do have pep rallies in the form of 'Wig Out for Wagner,' with one of the highest turnouts for athletic events in recent university history, I think she said."

The SGA sponsors Sprit Day, McClendon said, which facilitates student involvement on campus, and that

play" does not mean that we are obligated to strictly write positive things about the school. It does mean that we have an obligation to be respectful, not write anything of a libelous nature, and not print things in profane manner.

At the end of the day, it seems that the director of Student Life has a problem with a free student press.

"That's probably where most of the gripe

university official who might not agree with my viewpoint.

It was very evident from the content of the meeting that O'Brien, as well as some student leaders, did not agree with my opinion on student life. We print corrections when there are errors of fact, not when people disagree with our opinions.

One of the points on O'Brien's handwritten list was that student organizations are not

people start using it, would be a more accurate representation of the student life on campus and that students can use it to catch up on what's happening on campus.

"She [O'Brien] recommends that we watch the commercial on the Facebook page about Student Life activity on campus because that shows a nice little microcosm of how student life is," McClendon said.

McClendon made sure he conveyed O'Brien's message.

"Jessica Harris also wants me to point out that she is more than happy to meet with anyone who would like to talk about it," he said. "Especially prior to publication of anything that talks about school spirit or student life on campus."

The Equinox has no contract with Student Life or the SGA, and is funded by University College and advertising revenue.

"As far as I know, you aren't even technically a student organization," McClendon said.

"Apparently there are still some agreements that have to be met – some things that need to be clarified – especially since it seems like there was absolutely no awareness of this since this is a completely new arrangement."

The Equinox has been funded under the University College budget since July 1, 2016.

"required" to have events. She did not elaborate on this point in her list, but in an informal discussion with a member of the SGA, it was made clear to me that student organizations that receive full funding from the SGA are required to have events.

McClendon said that O'Brien mentioned that Student Life's online calendar, once more

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- The Equinox Constitution

to influence the content of the newspaper.

"She [O'Brien] does make a request, well a suggestion," McClendon said in the meeting, "that in the future when you're talking about Student Life that you can, maybe not 'consult' per se, but talk to her about it if you're going to make a commentary about student life, events on campus, before publishing something that would create a perception of Student Life or how student organizations operate."

Our answer comes straight from The Equinox's constitution:

"The Equinox' shall be free of censorship and advance approval of copy. Editors and managers shall be free to develop their own editorial policies and policies regarding news coverage."

McClendon again cited O'Brien to criticize The Equinox.

"Jessica Harris said that in comparison to those other schools [larger universities], we have school spirit, but a different kind of school

organizations host tables at games and in the SUB lobby.

O'Brien, as well as some members of the Nubian Ladies[club] also expressed concern about my editorial referencing student perception of the exclusivity of certain events.

"The only really 'exclusive' meetings that she [O'Brien] wanted me to point out are Greek sorority-fraternity chapter meetings," McClendon said. "Everyone else has a constitutional requirement to stay within a very inclusive sphere of influence."

Since many of the issues with my editorial concerned my actual opinion on the school spirit of FDU, my response also comes direct from our constitution.

"Fair play' and equal coverage of opposing viewpoints shall be the basis for all opinion pieces. Editorials shall be clearly labeled as 'opinion' and shall be separated from the news."

We did just that. "Fair

comes from: the idea that you, as the editor-in-chief, also wrote this article," McClendon said. "It might have come across as a position of authority."

Actually, it is. I am the editor-in-chief of the FDU student newspaper, The Equinox, and as editor, I have the right to speak my mind, free from prior restraint or censorship by any

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-Aaron McClendon, SGA arts and media senator

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Jessica Harris,
Director of Student Life



Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Office of Student Life, I would like to extend a big congratulations on your recent awards! I've copied and pasted what our social media pages have highlighted for each of your achievements below. We realize the hard work and dedication it takes to be recognized among your peers - not only in the state of NJ, but regionally as well.

Thank you for putting FDU on the map!

Our Prisizhen Step Team won First place in a step competition at Temple University! The Equinox won 2 awards from the NJ college newspaper contest! This is also their third year in a row that they've won a statewide competition.

Enjoy your success.

Robert Valenti, Associate Vice President of Auxillary Services

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your pleasant response to my concerns. Perhaps in a future article you can talk about the Fairleigh1Card and how it enhances the student experience at FDU both on and off campus for resident students as well as commuters.

On the positive side of things I have some very exciting news. Our very own Executive Chef from Gourmet Dining, Mike Blackwell just won the Mid-Atlantic Region's Culinary Challenge for Colleges and Universities. I had the privilege of accompanying Chef Mike at the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) regional conference in Valley Forge, PA this weekend.



Chef Mike of FDU beat out nine other qualifying chefs in our region from, Rutgers University, Millersville University, Virginia Tech, University of Richmond, Penn State University, Gettysburg College, Messiah College, Monmouth University and even Princeton University! Second place went to Chef Eric Weatherspoon from Monmouth who just happened to be another Gourmet Dining Chef. Chef Mike and I will now be off to the National Culinary Challenge held in mid-July. Please join me in spreading the word and congratulating

him and wishing him luck in the national competition. This is outstanding exposure for FDU.

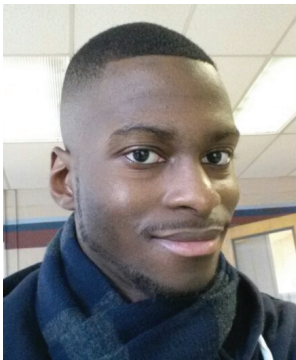
We should all be very PROUD. This speaks to the message I try to get across to our student body to take immense pride in what we offer here at FDU. It would be refreshing if we focused on the many positive aspects of our services here at the university instead of highlighting the headline grabbers of negativity. We live here, we work here, we should let everyone know what a wonderful place this is and work together to promote our good points as well as constructively strive together to improve our weaknesses.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak with you.

Tyler Williams,
Junior

Dear Editor,

When it comes to the school spirit article in the last issue [of The Equinox], even though it caught a lot of attention and it raised some eyebrows, the article is not far from the truth. I believe that The Equinox has reported the facts to the best of its ability. I look forward to this newspaper's future stories that will help report the truth.



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Student Lifestyle

Lion at the Gate

By Rashaun Graves
Guest Writer

The next time you walk past the security desk in the lobby of the Giovatto Library – don’t. You’ll miss Robert Makey. And he might just brighten your day.

Underneath that shock of white hair, behind that smile and the lines they’ve made in a face that’s gotten used to smiling, is a person with a story to tell.

But you might wonder if you’d still be smiling if you’d seen what Robert Makey has seen.

Life started hard for Makey. He grew up in a working-class neighborhood in Harrison, New Jersey. By age seven, he was alone, when both his parents died. After being taken in by his four older sisters, Makey went on to go to the local elementary school. But despite the tragedy that marked his childhood, Makey has fond memories of growing up in Harrison.



Robert Makey sits at the front entrance of Giovatto Library.

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“It was very safe,” Makey recalled. “Everyone looked out for and took care of each other.”

But Makey is quick to point out that his hometown has changed.

“It is not the same Harrison that it used to be,” he said. “Now there’s iron chains around the stores and the neighborhood as a whole has changed a

lot.”

After graduating from Harrison High school, Makey enlisted in the Navy at 19, and served for four years in the intelligence department.

“It was like the CIA.”

When Makey was discharged from the Navy, he went to work as a technician builder for AT&T. The company built the interior and exterior of the phone. Every

little part was designed in their building. He worked there for 33 years, but lost his job when “all the equipment shipped overseas,” and the company embarked on a plan to cut 10,000 American jobs.

“I got screwed,” Makey said.

Makey was once a bartender in his family-owned saloon in Harrison, New Jersey.

There were thirteen bars on the street.

“Harrison was a busy place with much industry, filled with regular working people,” Makey said. “The streets were filled with bars and everyone would come home from work and have a drink. You gotta remember this is the 40’s and 50’s!”

Makey has been married for 56 years to his wife, Ethel, and they have four children: Robert Jr., John, Donna Marie and Karynn.

Ethel Makey worked at the Giovatto Library in periodicals and retired in 2000. She told him about the job opportunity for a position as a receptionist/security guard at the library. Makey said that at first he was timid and initially hesitated to take the offer. He’s been here now for 13 years.

Makey’s favorite part of the job is interacting with students.

“I’ve helped many here at FDU,”

Makey said, “almost as a tutor would. I enjoy talking to students like you. They teach me a lot.”

Makey said that many ELS students who graduated in past years come back to FDU and visit him.

Robert and Ethel Makey love to travel, particularly on cruises. They have been to England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Spain and all through the Caribbean.

Up next? The Middle East, and perhaps Japan.

“Days go by fast,” Mackey said.

And he had a piece of unexpected advice for the young.

“Don’t save the money,” Makey said. “You can’t take it with you. Money is made to be spent!”

A Man of Many Talents

By Armand Butera
Entertainment Editor

James Rana, adjunct professor, sits center stage of the Russell Ratsch Theatre on an old wooden chair, with the heat from the tea he’s holding to his right sneakily climbing up his hand.

Wearing mint colored slacks and a plaid button down with a light brown sweater, it’s apparent that he takes pride in his appearance. As for his work on stage, film and as a writer, the situation is no different. The drink he holds in his hand is less for pleasure and more for keeping his vocal cords from any unneeded harm.

“Acting is an athletic thing, you give so much of your body to your work. We have to constantly be in the best shape that we can be,” Rana said.

Rana grew up a few miles away from campus, and was facing obstacles with his voice worse than the sore throat he has now. As a child he had a nervous stutter - something he still wrestles with today. But he found his comfort through a flashing screen

in the living room.

“Growing up I watched a lot of T.V. shows,” Rana said. “I was obsessed with the comedian Peter Sellers, who could play many different characters. I liked that he could put on different voices, and it was something I think I became very good at. I don’t even remember how I talk anymore, but I don’t think I put on a voice.”

What may have seemed a distant dream at the time, Rana would follow in Sellers’ footsteps in a sense, becoming a performer in his twenties. With preforming came vocal training and further study of classical theater, an interest that stayed with him through the years.

But even though Sellers’ acting captivated him as a child, he said his first true moment of inspiration came when he first got noticed as an actor, setting him on a course that he did not think was possible.

“I think the fact that I could get some attention and the idea that I could be good at something, because when I was younger I

never thought I was that good at anything, was important to me,” Rana said.

It wasn’t long until the young actor took on promising roles in television and theater. Between sips of his tea, Rana spoke of a time when he was considered an upcoming star in television and the future seemed brighter than ever.

Then suddenly everything stopped.

Work wasn’t coming in as frequently and Rana and his peers found their themselves in a creative rut.

“There was a great deal of sadness I was going through, and I was asking myself ‘what happened?’” Rana said.

The “urge to want”, as Rana said, abandoned some of his peers, as the young actors he worked alongside dropped out of the entertainment business entirely.

However, Rana did not choose to take the final bow himself. Instead, he found solace in writing seven years ago, creating original material at times but also transcribing stories for the stage. It was not only a move that saved his



James Rana, adjunct professor, showcases his writing skills in his play, “A Year in the Trenches.”

career, but potentially his life. Though writing is no easy feat, it brought a sense of joy to his career that he likened to playing outside during his childhood.

Rana leans in and for a split second the room goes completely silent. The air ducts wheeze outside in the hallway, but the loudest sound heard is of the gears turning in his mind.

“It is frustrating,” he said. “I’m forty years old and I’m feeling a little confident, and I had a long time of dry spells and frustration. My twenties were all

about being frustrated and feeling bad about myself, thinking that I wasn’t getting anywhere. But that’s what it’s like to be human. Failure is a wonderful thing to go through.”

What Rana has in spades, aside from talent, is passion. It’s what kept him going - even in the trying times of his twenties. Though he concedes that “walking away from it all” is tempting, he also notes the importance of always fueling the passion that he has for his profession. Because of this, Rana is currently in one of the most interesting and engaging periods of his career.

Currently, Rana is the co-director for the Actors Shakespeare Company of New Jersey, and is preparing for a “brief but lovely” off-Broadway role in the stage show “The Government Inspector.”

Rana is also showcasing his writing talent with his play “A Year in the Trenches,” focusing on America’s involvement in World War I, as 2017 is the United States’ centennial year of being involved in the conflict.

The source for the play revolves around the journal entries of a WWI engineer, yet Rana chose to include the stories of little known players in the conflict hailing from New Jersey. The characters range from poet Joyce Kilmer of Mahwah to Amabelle Sharf Roberts, a Morristown native who was the first nurse to die overseas in war.

Rana delves deep into the lives of people who would otherwise be unknown, exposing their interesting stories and the roles they had during the conflict.

Like the people who hired him in his youth, Rana is giving these people a chance to be heard through his storytelling.

“There’s so many eccentric people out there in the world - very interesting people - who either we don’t talk about or that history has forgotten,” Rana said.

It’s enough to catch the attention of any theater fan and, as Rana’s story proves, that one moment can mean everything.

Community

Periodically Speaking - What's New at the Giovatto Library



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

Library Open early – at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 2

National Library Week – April 9 – 15

Amnesty Week – NO FINES! Breakfast @ the Library – Monday, April 10
Library Scavenger Hunt – Tuesday, April 11
International Game Night – Wednesday, April 12

Celebration of FDU Authors and Artists – Thursday, April 13
And more!

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New Books This Week

- The Autism Job Club: The Neurodiverse Workforce in the New Normal of Employment
- Bamberger's: New Jersey's Greatest Store
- Bilingualism as International Practice
- The Business of Tourism
- Calculus: The Logical Extension of Arithmetic
- Career Courage: Discover Your Passion, Step out of Your Comfort Zone, and Create the Success You Want
- Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare: The Mavericks Who Plotted Hitler's Defeat
- Clean My Space: The Secret to Cleaning Better, Faster, and Loving Your Home Every Day
- Cognitive

Giovatto Library Hours Spring Semester 2017
Monday – Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Therapy Techniques

- Encyclopedia of Associations, 2017
- Fed Up: An Insider's Take on Why the Federal Reserve is Bad for America
- Fortune Makers: The Leaders Creating China's Great Global Companies
- France: The Cookbook
- The French Chef in America: Julia Child's Second Act
- Going to College with Autism
- Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race
- Ill Will, a novel

- Knock 'em Dead: The Ultimate Job Search Guide 2017
- Knock 'em Dead Resumes: A Killer Resume Gets More Job Interviews
- The Last Laugh: The World of Stand-Up Comics
- Law Professors: Three Centuries of Shaping American Law
- Legal Writing and Analysis
- Let it Go: Downsizing Your Way to a Richer, Happier Life
- Managing the Digital You: Where and How to Keep and Organize Your Digital Life
- Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet
- New York 2140, a novel
- No Limits: Blow the Cap Off Your Capacity
- Outstanding American Gardens
- Pakistan: A New History
- Polar Politics and the Deals of the Century
- A Primer on Scientific Programming with Python
- The Principles of Banking
 - Python Scripting for

- Computational Science
- Reflecting on Critical Incidents in Language Education
- Relativistic Jets from Active Galactic Nuclei
- The Routledge Handbook of Heritage Language Education
- Star Wars Aftermath: Empires End
- Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Top Ten at Gettysburg
- Transnational Organizations and Cross-Cultural Workplaces
- Where Have All the Heroes Gone?

New Audiobooks This Week
Conversational Modern Hebrew
The Power of Visualization

New DVDs This Week
Fences
Jackie
Life Animated
Passengers

From the Desk of David Miles



Director of Public Safety David Miles

Recently, the University has had to send out emergency notifications due to weather emergencies and either the campus being closed or having a delayed opening. We are very fortunate that we have only had to use the emergency notification system for weather emergencies and not for some other type of serious incident.

It is important that you are registered for emergency notifications so that in the event of any emergency you can be receiving information regarding the incident. The full details on the emergency notification system are on the University website and listed as FDU Alert and Smart Communications. All members of the campus community

should familiarize themselves with the emergency notification system and more importantly to make sure that all your contact information is correct so that in the event of an emergency you are getting a voice, text or e mail message. In conjunction with these initiatives, the Department of Public Safety also has an anonymous reporting system. It is on the Metropolitan Campus Department of Public Safety section of the University website. It is called Silent Knight. This system allows anyone to provide information to the Department of Public Safety on any type of crime, incident or behavior. The person reporting does not have to provide their name or contact information.

While we hope that we never have to use any of these systems because of a large incident that has occurred, we want you to know that they are available. In this day and age you should take advantage of any system or information that can aid in the safety on campus. Please remember to like the Department of Public Safety on Facebook at FDU Metro Department of Public Safety or follow us on Twitter @FDUMetroPS. If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding Public Safety, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Public Safety Blotter

3/3/17 – Large hole in sheetrock wall in common area of University Court 7A

3/3/17 – Toilet overflowed in Linden 2 causing minor water damage to items on floor.

Note: Recently there were two reports of a smoke condition in Northpointe 3rd floor and Linden 1 and 2. Both were caused by overloaded washing machines. Please do not overload the machines when using them

Student Lifestyle

Students March for Title IX Rights

By Daniel Clarke
Senior Reporter

(TEANECK) – On March 8, students gathered in front of the SUB to make signs to display before marching across campus in support of Title IX. At 4:30 p.m. the group, with students and representatives from over twelve organizations, began their march. “No person in the United States shall, on the

“Know your nine, I know mine.” While not everyone knew what Title IX was about before joining the march, it became a topic of discussion throughout the event. Students discussed the history and implications of the title, many leaving the event knowing more than when they came. Informational leaflets were passed out before and during the march listing a few

“It’s important for us to do something like this, to unite women. We don’t really have many issues at FDU where people feel discriminated against—we have things here and there that you hear about happening but it’s not really a type of conversation at FDU,” Moody said. “At other institutions this is a really big issue and all around the world it’s a really big problem that women’s rights aren’t



Emmanuel Henao (right) and Melanie Perez (left) hold signs in support of Title IX rights.



Members of EOF at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue on March 8.

basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance,” Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 reads.

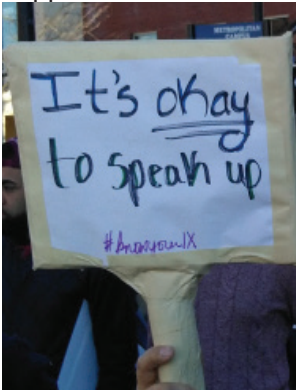
Gaining the attention of passerby’s, the crowd of students that marched across campus chanted “Struggle is up, oppression is real,” “Women’s rights are human rights” and

important rights granted by the title and directing people to the “Know Your IX” campaign website.

Rayven Moody, the adviser of Omega Phi Chi Multicultural Sorority (OPC), was one of the event facilitators and answered some questions about the event.

“We are in a political climate right now where things like women’s rights aren’t exactly a priority or they’re being overlooked,” Moody said.

being valued. That’s really why we all came on board to make this happen.”



A handmade sign by The Equinox in support of the march.

The amendment has evolved over time extending beyond discrimination to a broader scope including sexual harassment and violence, according to Know Your IX, a website dedicated to making the rights under Title IX known, supporting victims, and empowering students to stop sexual violence.

According to the site, approximately 1 in 5 women and 1 in 25 men will be sexually assaulted during their time at college, and 90 percent of these cases are committed by perpetrators that the survivor knows. Still, only 12 percent of college student survivors choose to report the assault. Title IX requires schools to remedy hostile environments, but this can only happen if they’re being reported.

“I feel like FDU is doing its due diligence in regards to Title IX. As we all know, we’re one of the safest campuses around—we wouldn’t just get that title if it

wasn’t for the hard work of our administrators. It’s not a heavy topic of conversation here because they do that

it in general because it’s not just about FDU, it’s about women in general, it’s about people in general, it’s about



Students march while chanting about oppression and the knowledge of Title IX rights.

and they made it this way for us,” Moody said, “At FDU, people can question, ‘Do we need something like this?,’ but I feel like we need students, it’s about our rights as a whole.”

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Daniel Clarke

Recipe of the Week: Brownies

By Ray White

Few people tend to think that baking without an oven is a hassle. However, making delicious brownies can be fun and convenient not just for college students but for anyone who is looking forward to sugary treats!

- Ingredients
- 1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup cocoa
- Directions
1. Cream sugar and butter together.
2. Add eggs and vanilla to the mixture and mix well.
3. Stir flour and cocoa together, then add into egg mixture. Mix well.
4. Grease a glass pie pan and then coat it with sugar.
5. Pour brownie mixture into sugared pie pan.
6. Microwave the mixture for 4 to 5 minutes. Let it sit until cool.

Optional tip: Sprinkle powdered sugar over top of the brownie and enjoy with creamy vanilla ice-cream!



— Student Lifestyle —

FDU Wigs Out in Drag

Spectrum held it's fourth-annual "Drag Show" on March 28 in the Knight Club. Their overall goal was to give students an opportunity to embrace and celebrate themselves as well as their identity. Students were able to see different stage acts with unique personalities who also gave themselves creative names during the show which included both student and professional performances.



Ebony Jay, professional Drag Queen and advocate for individuals with HIV, poses after Tuesday's show.
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Electrical Engineer major Aaron Hall, aka DJ 1UP, warms up the turntables before the show starts.



Treasurer of Spectrum Carly Edelman (left) and Paulie Boranian, a guest invited by Spectrum from Teaneck (right), share their excitement for the show.



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Student Lifestyle

Top 10 Eateries Within Walking Distance of FDU

By Theresa King and Emily Weikl

SUB food got you down? Local businesses offer the perfect alternative for when you crave anything from a thick burger to buñuelos. These 10 locations are off-campus but within a 15 minute walk of the Student Union Building:



1. **Chicken Supreme, 366 River St, Hackensack**
- 14 minute walk
 - Features homestyle favorites
 - 10 % discount to FDU students with ID
 - Menu: Wings, tenders, nuggets, shrimp, sandwiches, wraps, salads and corn bread.
 - Price range: \$10-20
 - Hours:
 - Monday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Friday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
 - Saturday: 11 a.m. to

11 p.m.
-Sunday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



2. **White Manna, 358 River St, Hackensack**
- 15 minute walk
 - Classic and delicious
 - Menu: Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, steak, pickles, french fries and milkshakes
 - Tip: The place fills up with people fast, so get there as early as possible if you can't wait a while. Also, don't miss the milkshakes.
 - Price range: \$3-10
 - Hours:
 - Monday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 8:30 am to 9 p.m.
 - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
 - Friday: 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
 - Saturday: 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
 - Sunday: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
3. **Domino's Pizza, 337 Main St, Hackensack**
- 14 minute walk

- Great for late night eats
 - Menu: Pizza, salads, chicken, sandwiches and desserts
 - Price range: \$10-25
 - Hours:
 - Monday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
 - Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
 - Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
 - Thursday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
 - Friday: 10 a.m. to 3 a.m.
 - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 a.m.
 - Sunday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.
4. **Subway, 335 Main St, Hackensack**
- 14 minute walk
 - Cheap, easy and quick
 - Menu: Sandwiches, soups
 - Price range: \$5-10
 - Hours:
 - Monday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Tuesday: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Thursday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Friday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Sunday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



5. **Colombia Bakery, 346 Main St, Hackensack**
- 12 minute walk
 - Quick breakfast and coffee
 - Menu: Spanish pastries, coffee
 - Price range: \$2-8
 - Hours:
 - Monday-Saturday: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Sunday: Closed



6. **New Asia, 567 Cedar Lane, Teaneck**
- 10 minute walk
 - Also delivers to FDU
 - Menu: Chinese dishes, including noodles, soups and meat, seafood and vegetable dishes
 - Price range: \$5-20
 - Hours:
 - Monday-Sunday: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

7. **Victor's, 540 Cedar Lane, Teaneck**

- 10 minute walk
 - Italian specialties
 - Menu: Pizza, pasta, appetizers
 - Price range: \$5-15
 - Hours:
 - Monday-Sunday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
8. **Shelly's Cafe, 482 Cedar Lane, Teaneck**
- 11 minute walk
 - Vegetarian and vegan dishes
 - Menu: Appetizers, sandwiches, pasta, pizza
 - Price range: \$10-20
 - Hours:
 - Monday: 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 - Friday: Closed
 - Saturday: Closed
 - Sunday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



9. **Sal & Pimienta, 477 Cedar Lane, Teaneck**
- 11 minute walk

- Colombian cuisine
- Menu: Empanadas, arepas, salads, meat, fish
- Price range: \$10-20
- Hours:
 - Monday: Closed
 - Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Thursday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Friday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Sunday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



10. **Bischoff's Confectionary, 469 Cedar Lane, Teaneck**
- 12 minute walk
 - Old-fashioned ice cream bar
 - Menu: Ice cream, desserts, sandwiches
 - Price range: \$4-10
 - Hours:
 - Monday-Sunday: 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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— Student Lifestyle —

Mi Rancho Es Su Rancho

By **Theresa King**
Managing Editor

With the rising popularity of Mexican fast food, it can be easy to forget about local authentic eateries. But

dishes such as Mole Poblano or pipian.”

And the website’s not just blowing smoke.

The interior and ambiance of the eatery matches its food - traditional yet new.

The side dishes may be even better than the entrees.

The rice is perfectly subtle, sure to not overpower the main dish, while the black beans pack a punch

quesadillas.

It’s hard to know exactly what it is, but Mi Rancho’s quesadillas are special. Maybe it’s the delicious blend of cheeses, or the way that every bite is filled with the meat of choice, but I left diner both delighted and satisfied.

Much like the restaurant itself, at Mi Rancho, all the components of the dishes complement each other. And they do so in a way that true to the main ideas of the culture’s original dishes.

Diners have given it four stars on Yelp, and Mi Rancho is well-liked by locals.

“Mi Rancho is a great little place for some down to Earth and delicious Mexican food,” Dennie C. from Englewood said. “The prices are really affordable, the food is tasty and generously portioned, the service is friendly and prompt so you really can’t go wrong here.”

Located at 59 Main Street in Hackensack, Mi Rancho is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 9 p.m.



Mi Rancho restaurant, located on 59 Main Street in Teaneck.
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Mi Rancho will make you forget about Taco Bell.

The fare at the restaurant stands out. With largely-portioned entrees and seemingly bigger appetizers, the dishes sing of flavors, including melty cheese and fresh avocado.

Opened in March 2008, Mi Rancho has two locations - one in Teaneck and one in Hackensack. Both offer free delivery to FDU. “Our goal is to offer our customers authentic Mexican food,” the restaurant’s website says. “We have a variety of dishes for you to enjoy. Our burritos are excellent, the taco meat is perfectly seasoned and one of our specialties. We also have authentic

Customers are greeted with a friendly staff with smiles on their faces.

The yellow, red and green color décor match the authentic feel of the dishes served, and the smell of fresh ingredients and newly cooked meals fill the restaurant with inviting aromas.

My chicken enchiladas (\$10) were served with flavorful rice and black beans with chips, salsa, pico de gallo and guacamole on the side. Smothered in cheese and sour cream, the enchiladas were moist, rich and generously filled. The seasoning of the chicken was vibrant and perfectly complemented by various cheeses.

But here’s a secret:

of savor. The side of chips and salsa given with every meal also serves as a nice touch. While the salsa has an overwhelming taste of onion and not much else, it’s still somehow hard to put down.

And then there’s the



This enchilada dinner is a popular dish at Mi Rancho.

Campus Calendar

March 30

Goodie Bag Give Away

12 – 4 p.m.

SUB Lobby

Art Exhibit, oil paintings by Diana Soorikian

8:30am – 8:30pm

Edward Williams Hall (Gallery)

“Stress Busters,”

12-1 p.m.

Instruction Room (Room 4), Lower Level, Giovatto Library

Midday Movie Series, “On the Road,”

12-2 p.m.

Auditorium, Giovatto Library

April 1

Art Exhibit, “AGAINST THE GRAIN: then and now,”

Mon.–Fri., 8:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Edward Williams Hall (Gallery)

April 2

Admitted Students Day

Rgistration 9 a.m., program 10 a.m.

Rothman Center

Meditation/Mindfulness Group

4-5 p.m.

Room 2230, DH

Teaneck Ticker

March 30

The Addams Family Musical

@ 4:00 p.m.

Teaneck High School

100 Elizabeth Avenue, Teaneck

March 31

“A Life of My Own: Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt”

10:30 a.m./Doors open at 10 a.m.

Free

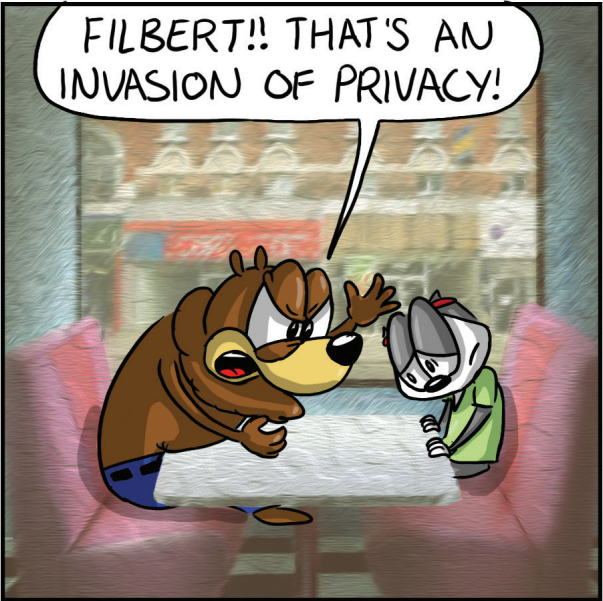
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Student Lifestyle

Man On The Street

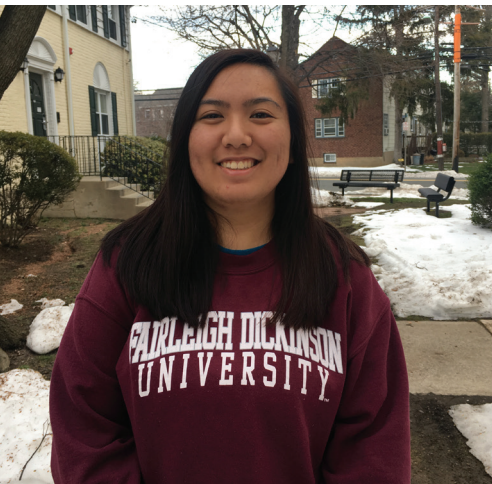
What would you do to improve The Equinox?



“Try to interact with established community service organizations to find out what they are about.”

- Carly Edelman

Sophomore • QUEST Education and English



“I would include more student input and opinions about certain issues. You could even have a poll for each issue.”

- Jobelle Gulian

Sophomore • Nursing



“FDU students should rally around The Equinox, so it needs to be supported. You guys are doing a good job. We, the students, should come out of our comfort zone and support you.”

- Jude Ezech

Junior • Political Science

If Theaters Could Talk

By Emily Weikl
Staff Writer

It's 1860. The Civil War is about to begin. A local volunteer militia named the Jersey Blues conducts a drill at the Drill Hall in Leonia, New Jersey.

It's 1862. The 22nd Infantry Regiment, Company E ships out from its headquarters to Fredericksburg, Virginia.

It's 1898. Company E assembles again at the Drill Hall after news of the Spanish American War.

It's 2017. The Drill Hall, formerly filled with soldiers, is now filled with actors and audiences. Since 1993, The Players Guild of Leonia calls the Civil War Drill Hall Theater home. Applause greets the end of a production instead of the noise of cannon fire.

The Guild and the Drill Hall Theater are both historic. Founded in 1919, the Guild is one of the oldest theater groups in New Jersey. The Drill Hall is the last of its kind in the nation. When The

Guild was formed in the early 20th century, the Drill Hall was used as a carpentry shop.

At its inception, The Guild did not have a home. As njtheater.com reports, that was not unusual for the time.

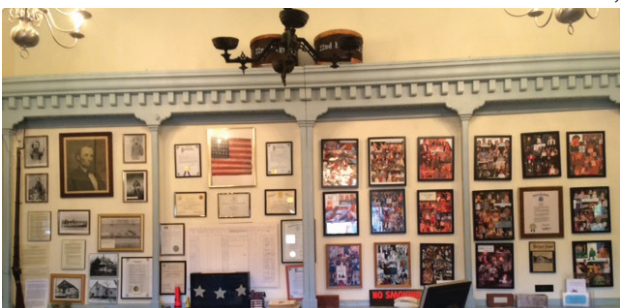
“Way back when, the founding members met, rehearsed, and performed wherever they ‘found’ space, such as living rooms, basements and storefronts,” the website states.

In the modern era, the Guild has staged productions of plays such as “Pippin,” “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” and “Into the Woods.” The Guild has also arranged benefit performances for local organizations and performed a rock opera of Hamlet in 2002. The Guild also has a tradition of performing original one-act plays since 2003, according to PlayBilder.

Both the Guild and the Theater have historic traditions. An instrumental part of continuing those traditions is Guild Board Member Mark Watson.

Watson’s family has been involved in theater for decades. A notable example being Watson’s mother Christine directing “The Boy Friend” in 1961. Like his mother, he now is involved in the Guild as well.

“There are generations of old Leonian families, mayors, people, and their kids that continue to support the Guild,” he said.



An ode to its history, the theater features pictures of past performances.

Watson is often in charge of publicity in regards to the plays. In the age of social media advertising, he has another method of getting the word out. “I’m old school,” he said. “So I like to meet people.”

Watson also coaches

aspiring actors at the Drill Hall Theater, and while doing so he has felt the impact of being a coach. “The value in life is in the teachers and the mentors and the people that help you and your ability to bond with them,” he said, “is what makes your soul richer and wiser.”

In passing, the Drill Hall Theater can be a bit unassuming. Step inside the theater,

though, and its history becomes clearer. The wide-paneled original flooring of the Drill Hall is still in place at its entrance. Pictures of past productions grace its walls. A collage of its burning and reconstruction hangs where actors rest before

being called to the stage.

The company that now calls the Drill Hall Theater home, and the hall itself, has seen many trials and tribulations. Soldiers once rehearsed drills with a captain looking on. In its place are performers young and old rehearsing lines with a director looking on.

If walls could talk, those of The Drill Hall Theater would have many colorful and detailed stories to tell. An understudy fulfilling a role? Perhaps. Soldiers praying that they’ll make it out of battle alive? Probably. A mad dash to stage after getting into costume and going over lines just one more time? More than likely.

Watson doesn’t measure Guild’s longevity at the Drill Hall Theater in amount of tickets that have been sold or in applause at the end of a performance. Instead, he considers the ties people forge while practicing for a production.

“The reason why we lasted for years,

the reason why we continue to do well is because our focus is really on relationships, supporting each other, having fun,” he said.

Watson considers the Drill Hall Theater’s history part of its charm and staying power. With the looming lights of Broadway in the distance, the theater that was once a Drill Hall holds its own.

“Once you go down the road of trying to be like the other theaters, you are like other theaters,” he said. “And when you’re the oldest and the first, and you have a story to tell, and you’re in a historic building, you keep doing what you’re doing.”

The Civil War Drill Hall Theater is located at 130 Grand Avenue in Leonia. Performances of the musical “Hair” begin May 5 and performance dates for The 14th Annual Playwrights Showcase are from June 9 to the 11 and June 16 to 17.

— Entertainment

Ed Sheeran Breaks Silence with ‘Divide’

By Emily Weikl
Staff Writer

After a three-year musical hiatus, Ed Sheeran returned with “Divide” on March 3. Two songs were released to stream, “Castle on the Hill” and “Shape of You,” in early January. The two have distinctly different feels to them. The former is a folksy ballad to Sheeran’s hometown in England and the latter has an electro pop sound fit for a bar or club. “Castle” and “Shape” were good indicators of “Divide”’s overall sound. Songs other than “Castle” pay homage to Sheeran’s roots. “Nancy Mulligan,” complete with fiddles and chanting, recalls the

and fiddles.

The tearjerker of “Divide” is “Supermarket Flowers,” a song about the aftermath of Sheeran’s grandmother dying. “Took the get well soon cards and stuffed animals/Poured the old ginger beer down the sink/ Dad always told me, Don’t you cry when you’re down”/But mum, there’s a tear every time that I blink,” the song starts.

Despite the subject, the song isn’t entirely melancholy. Lines such as “You were an angel in the shape of my mom,” make “Supermarket” a song that gives some comfort to those who have lost a loved one. It tugs on the heartstrings regardless, so have a

own mental or physical health: you have got to pay attention to your own needs too.

“Even if some of the lyrics feel like a bit of a gut punch (“Life can get you down so I just numb the way it feels/ Or drown it with a drink and out-of-date prescription pills,” for example),” Billboard reports, “Sheeran makes the point that you need to pick yourself up before you can help anyone else – something that many people probably need to hear, even if they don’t realize it.”

Speaking of “Save Myself” lyrics, they are perhaps the ones that can make the most emotional impact on the listener. These lines in particular “I gave all my oxygen to people that could breathe/I gave away my money and now we don’t even speak/I drove miles and miles, but would you do the same for me?” can resonate with many people who give so much to others but scarcely take for something themselves.

What makes “Divide” a strong album is a combination of three elements: the lyrics, the skillful storytelling and a palpable emotion behind certain songs. With these in tow, “Divide” manages to be both lively and reflective. “This is his name on the album so ÷ leans on little asides from Sheeran’s own talent,” according to the Independent. “Equally, it wasn’t written to please critics - it was written to please fans, to be commercially successful... and that’s exactly what Sheeran will achieve with this.”

Those who already know of Sheeran’s music will likely enjoy this album along with those who enjoy smart lyrics and acoustic pop in general. “Divide” is not a revolutionary album by any means but that doesn’t mean it won’t make people who listen to it smile, wonder, or feel hopeful.

That seems to be what Sheeran means to do with his music, and in this case the verdict is mission accomplished.

story of how his paternal grandparents met and married in Ireland. The tale of William Sheeran and Nancy Mulligan has an upbeat tune driving it forward and tells a story with a fitting conclusion.

“Galway Girl” is also a roots song. “The term ‘Galway Girl’ describes a black haired and blue eyed woman from the city of Galway [in Ireland] and it was coined by Steve Earle’s song of the same title,” according to Genius, a lyric website. Like “Nancy,” the song also has a driving beat

tissue or two ready when listening to it. Both the subjects of “Happier” and “New Man” are the same: a recent breakup and the significant other moving on. Where the narrator of “Happier” is distraught and dejected, the one in “New Man” is scornful and haughty. The two combined tell flip sides of a common topic used in genres across the board.

“Save Myself” has a message for people who are selfless to the point of neglecting their



Ed Sheeran breaks his three-year long silence with new album “Divide.”

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‘Logan’ & the End of Wolverine

By Ray White
Staff Writer

“Logan” is not the conventional superhero movie that moviegoers are accustomed to, but this dramatic take on the genre is something to be talked about and respected.

“Logan” is the third and final film in the Hugh Jackman Wolverine trilogy and his final outing as the ferocious mutant is truly a swan song for both Jackman the actor and the main protagonist played in the film. It looks at the superhero genre from a completely different perspective and adds themes not common in these types of movies, and of course the R rating does help with this new tone.

The plot centers around Logan (Wolverine), played by Hugh Jackman, and Professor X, played by Patrick Stewart, on a mission to deliver a young mutant girl to safety while also being hunted down by a secret government organization that wants to use the girl for their own nefarious deeds. This mission at first does not concern Logan because he is done with the life of a mutant hero,

but when the shocking realization of the young mutant girl being his daughter is discovered, the plot thickens.

The plot seems at first basic due to the formulaic standards most are accustomed to when it comes to superhero movies, but the reactions that come from the protagonist is the saving grace of this film. Logan is portrayed as selfish, scared and discontent with the life he has lived, and is at a point in his personal life where being a hero is something he does not care for in the slightest.

This broken man does not just battle with the evil aggressors chasing down the young girl, but also with substance abuse, suicidal thoughts and distancing himself from a past he cannot escape. These heavy themes added to the movie makes for a very fleshed out character that is more human and relatable to a general audience, compared to playboy billionaire heroes like Iron Man.

Adding on to the protagonist’s personal problems is his age and the deterioration of the powers he is most known for. The film also showcases great acting chemistry between

Jackman and Stewart, making the meaningful and dramatic pieces that more impactful.

Additionally, the film does not skimp upon action, taking notes of the bloody combat



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scenes that made a movie like “Deadpool” so successful. With fast-paced close combat, tons of enemies and the duo of Wolverine and his daughter X-23, once the action gets started you will not want to look away from the screen.

“Logan” can only be described as excellent. It puts itself in a completely different genre straying away from the clichés other superhero movies find themselves in. The film shows the part of a hero that is “human” when the supersuits are off and the days of their prime are long gone.

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Athletes Talk School Spirit



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It's Saturday night in Northpointe, and Dondre Rhoden of the men's basketball team walks into the elevator, turns to me and asks, "What is there to do around here? I mean this campus is just dead."

It's Rhoden's second year at Fairleigh Dickinson University and he has yet to find a social rhythm outside of



Dondre Rhoden of the men's basketball team.

his team. Rhoden is not alone.

Athletes' schedules are so jam-packed that if they're not in class they are practicing for a game. They don't get paid while

they attend school, so they have little money to go out.

On Feb. 4, the men's basketball played NEC rival Wagner at home in a game that had major playoff implications. The game was well-advertised, and the school gave out wigs to students that got to the game early. The Rothman Center teemed with fans. So school spirit is possible, but what does it take?

During the baseball team's first homestand, they scored their first two wins against Lafayette and NJIT. During the second game on Saturday, the stands were almost empty save for a few spectators wearing NJIT jackets. FDU's offense exploded and blew them away, winning 14-7. But unlike basketball, the baseball team's first homestand was not advertised and, even though they won, attendance was low.

Baseball coaches Gary Puccio and Justin McKay have a predictable view on school spirit.

"I really believe it comes down to when teams are winning, people show up," Coach Puccio said. "When

teams aren't doing as good ... everybody supports a winner, that's what it boils down to."

Puccio doesn't believe specific support from the school is a big factor.

"It's like every other school," said Coach Puccio. "They only can do so much in their budgets ... we understand that. But, you know, we're gonna take care of it out of our own budget, that's all."

Weather and facilities also plays a big part in whether people show up. The baseball team got new grandstands in the past couple years, which made the field more conducive to crowds. Coach McKay said weather also plays a big role, and nice weather helps the baseball team get bigger crowds than most sports.

"We do really well with attendance once the weather gets warm, so this was a down for us, normal for other programs," said Coach McKay. "We do really well for attendance. I would say for the conference, we and Bryant have the most. And Bryant can drink there, so...but we'd love more though! If you wanna push more

people, we'd love more!"

While the campus culture relies heavily on athletes and the events surrounding them, the Metropolitan campus is filled with commuters who have no incentive to come back to campus after hours. The juggle among school, work and having fun may seem impossible for many students at FDU. The fact that FDU is a dry campus leaves little incentive for any commuter to come. Sororities and fraternities have their own thing going for them, but students definitely don't hear about any raging parties going on in Teaneck. For any student looking for a party school, FDU isn't the place for you.

"Everybody at FDU complains about how nothing fun ever happens on campus but no one really ever does anything to change that. It's a cycle of nothingness," said senior Brandon Connly.

After several interviews with student athletes, it seems like everyone felt safe in their own bubble. Students here at FDU are comfortable with their "cliques" and aren't that concerned with

integrating and making FDU one big family.

"Yeah, I don't go out much," said Shaquille Williams of the men's track and field team. "But if I do anything, it's with my team. They're just the people I see all the time."

Joe Flack from the men's baseball team had similar views.

"I live in a house with my team," Flack said. "We do a lot together. I wouldn't say it is on purpose, but I can't say it's accidental either."

Freshman Frank Ferrara from the men's track team seemed quite open to the idea of meeting new poeple and integrating FDU.

"Totally!" Ferrara said. "I love the idea but I don't know how to change it. I can't just walk up to anybody and talk to them and I feel like I should be able to do that. I can tell everyone has their own set of friends and they only do what each other do. I think that's why certain games are empty and others are full. Nobody goes to a game by themselves, or maybe they do?"

Junior Basketball player Earl Potts Jr. shared his thoughts on

attendance at the Stratis Arena for basketball games.

"It's disappointing at times," Potts Jr. said. "I wish more people came out to our games. I love when the crowd gets rowdy! I kind of feed off that energy everyone gives me. They don't come out unless there's a prize or something. We're a good team and I wish we had more support from the student body. It's a lot of parents and alumni at our games and my team and I are grateful for their attendance. But the students see us everyday, we're in class with them. What's wrong with coming to a few home games?"



Earl Potts Jr. of the men's basketball team.

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Jiggetts Moves on from Knights

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

Redshirt junior guard Stephan Jiggetts has played his last season with the Knights, and will transfer to another school, according to a report from College Basketball Central.

Coach Greg Herenda confirmed the story.

"Steph is graduating in May and is transferring," Herenda said. "I wish him all the best moving forward."

Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications Bryan Jackson said that Jiggetts was unavailable for interviews.

Jiggetts ended the 2016-2017 season with a strong performance, despite FDU's struggles in the Northeast Conference Tournament. The Knights started the

season hot at 8-1, but fell to 9-9 by the close of conference play.

Knights Head Coach Greg Herenda said that Jiggetts was a unique player on his team.

"Steph has great vision of the floor, shoots the three and can finish with strength around the basket," Herenda said.

Hailed as one of the NEC's best point guards, Jiggetts averaged 13.5 points per game, 4.2 assists and shot 81.7 percent at the foul line. Last year, he helped lead the Knights to the NCAA Tournament. Jiggetts scored 406 points in his final season at FDU.

Jiggetts will be eligible to play next season, as he has one more year of NCAA eligibility left, having played three years with The Knights.

Coach Herenda has other major contributors on his team, like junior



Stephan Jiggetts is leaving the Knights to play his last season of college basketball elsewhere.

Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

guard Darian Anderson, who was named NEC Player of the week twice this season. Earl Potts Jr., another leader on Herenda's team, was just behind Jiggetts, averaging 12.3 points per game and 4.6 rebounds this season. Another player will have to fill the empty guard position Jiggetts left.

The college Basketball website CBB Central reported that, "The Knights have received a letter of intent from point guard Jahlil Jenkins of West Virginia for next season."

Before becoming an elusive point guard, Jiggetts overcame some setbacks early on in his career.

"His collegiate career got off to a strange start before he even played a game," CBB Central said. "He was originally committed to Siena

under head coach Mitch Buonaguro. However, after Buonaguro's firing, Jiggetts was released from his letter of intent and eventually signed with Albany. That destination didn't work out either for Jiggetts, who left the program without ever playing a game."

The original report on Jiggetts' departure, which surfaced in March, does not indicate where his new home will be.

"Jiggetts will likely draw interest from lots of mid-major programs in need of instant-impact point guard help," CBB Central reported. "His experience and talent would be an excellent addition for a team in position to contend for a conference title."

Sports

Knights Conclude NEC Tournament Play

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer



Men's basketball Head Coach Greg Herenda.
Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

The men's basketball season ended on March 1, as they lost to Wagner 72-70 in the NEC Quarterfinals.

Knights Head Coach Greg Herenda, called this season a learning experience.

"I'm very excited about next year, because everyone is going to grow from this season," Herenda said. "We have to learn from it and get

better from it."

The Knights (11-19, 9-9 NEC) were Northeast Conference Champions last season, and made it to the NCAA Tournament, the first time in 11 years.

Herenda is confident that his team will emerge as champions again in the future, but acknowledges that they missed some chances.

"Every year you're going to have an opportunity," Herenda said. "The game at Wagner shows. We had a shot at the buzzer that didn't go in."

FDU certainly has the talent to become conference champions again. Junior guard Darian Anderson was named NEC Player of the Week two times this season. Anderson averaged 17 points per game this season along with 3.8 rebounds, to complement his 492 total points on the season.

But when it comes to progress, Herenda noted



Head Coach Greg Herenda on the court in front of his men's basketball team, which lost to Wagner 72-70 on March 1.
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another player.

"Our most improved player this year was Darnell Edge," Herenda said. "At the end of the year he played great, and he had to change his role from coming off the bench to starting and producing. I've said it before, Darnell would be a starter on most teams in the Northeast Conference. Darnell Edge really overachieved as a person who took

on a new role for our basketball team."

For the season, the sophomore went 36.6 percent from the 3-point line, and led the Knights in free throws, going 47-of-52.

Herenda sees the youth of the team as an advantage.

"We're still going to be relatively young, and we're in a good position to continue to have success," Herenda said.

Earlier in the season, the Knights were No. 1 in the NEC Conference after going 8-1 in the first nine games, coming off of a four-game win streak. As the tournament grew near, FDU lost a few close games.

Herenda noted the injuries that hampered his team this year.

"I think remaining healthy is important and having a consistent lineup," Herenda said.

"This year we had to plug in a lot of holes. Every practice we had a different group out there and every game, we had a different group out there. To say that losing Tyrone O'Garro and Ghassan Nehme in the second part of that season didn't have anything to do with our results would be a lie."

Herenda noted that the previous year was much kinder to his team.

"I think in 2016, we didn't have any injuries and we had a consistent group the entire year and that's important, consistency and being able to know where people are supposed to be and have people on the right spots is important," Herenda said. "It was just a crazy year in regards to our personnel; we just never knew who we were going to put on the floor in February and March. That obviously did not help us."

Women's Hoops End Season With Tournament Loss

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer



Women's basketball Head Coach Peter J. Cinella.
Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

The women's basketball team played their final game of the season against the No. 1 seed Robert Morris on Mar. 5. The Knights, who finished the season (8-22, 6-12 NEC) fell to the Colonials 35-68.

FDU Head Coach Peter J. Cinella said that his team's mentality needs to change.

"We have to become physically and mentally tougher," Cinella said. "We have to improve our ability to shoot three-point shots and we need to be more effective

under the basket."

The Knights played dominant basketball early on in the season. FDU swept LIU Brooklyn and stretched two of their games into overtime.

When it came to Robert Morris (22-11, 14-4 NEC), Cinella concluded that the Colonials are on a different playing field.

"They won 13 out of 14 games," Cinella said. "They are just at a different level than everyone else."

Coach Cinella believes that his team could have pulled off more wins during the regular season. The Knights narrowly lost to Robert Morris in their first meeting 64-66. In the NEC conference, FDU fell to Mount St. Mary's in overtime 71-75 on Feb. 18.

Coach Cinella said that these are games that have to be put away.

"We lost so many close games," Cinella said. "There needs to be more consistency in the way we play as a team."

Despite the Knights' tough season, certain

players have emerged in terms of raw athletic ability. Sophomore guard Madelynn Comly led her team in three-point shooting with 40 three-pointers on the season. Comly also led FDU in steals with 42.

Junior forward Amina Markovic also progressed as a prominent player on Cinella's team. Markovic averaged seven rebounds a game and acquired 195 for the season. She led FDU in rebounding and blocks with 29.

Coach Cinella noticed improvement in both Comly and Markovic's ball playing.

"Markovic is most improved," said Cinella. "She made all conference by averaging 10 points a game. Maddy Comly improved in overall rebounding and shooting."

Last season, Comly made the All-Rookie Team and was named NEC Rookie of the Week during her freshman year.

Cinella's team is relatively young and is still growing. As veteran players are set to graduate, younger

athletes will have the opportunity to step up. Senior forward Brianna Thomas has concluded her fifth season with the

Knights and has been a distinguished leader on the team. Thomas led FDU in overall scoring with 292 points on the season. She also finished with 33 steals and 31 assists to compliment her impressive resume.

Senior guards Kiana Brown and Zeynup Akgun have also made major contributions to the still developing basketball program. Brown, who just finished her fourth season with the Knights, put up 246 points with 88 assists and 43 steals. Akgun

finished with 29 assists and seven steals in the last two seasons.

In the upcoming season, Cinella will rely

on younger weapons to take over the team. Freshman Forward Courtney Blankenship put up 168 points in her first season with 42 assists, 30 steals, and seven blocks.

Lauren Francillon, also a freshman, shot for 132 points in her first year with the Knights. Next season, Madelynn Comly and Amina Markovic will likely pace the Knights next season.

Offensively, FDU averaged 59.3 points-per-game and went .357 in field goals made this

season. The Knights averaged 5.6 three-pointers per game and went 26.7 percent in three point shooting.

The team averaged 10.6 free throws a contest and shot at 67 percent on the season. 38 rebounds and 11.2 assists were also acquired on average.

Defensively, FDU made 75 blocks and 259 steals, and averaged about eight steals a game and two blocks.

As the Knights seek to advance further in the NEC Tournament next season, Coach Cinella has his eyes set on the ultimate goal.

Cinella said, "Our number one goal is to be an NEC playoff team."



Head Coach Peter Cinella with his team.
Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

Sports

Knights Dominate First Home Stand in Two-Game Thriller

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

(TEANECK) - The men's baseball team won their first two home games of the season against Lafayette College and New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), on March 7 and March 8.

Freshman outfielder James Donlon and junior Jason Fatzinger each hit a home run on the afternoon, which led the Knights (4-10) past Lafayette 10-9 in their first home game of the season. The Leopards (2-21) held on for as long as they could, but the Knights were able to come out on top.

Senior southpaw Danny Demetrops posted a 3.38 ERA

the season, pitched for five innings with two strikeouts and four runs allowed.

The Knights gained an early lead after freshman outfielder Brandon Seltzer stole second base and scored on an error. Senior shortstop Matt McCann got on and stole third, then scored on a throwing error, which put FDU up 2-0 in the first inning. McCann stole two bases for the day and went 3-for-4.

The Leopards hit the first homer of the contest after junior outfielder Luke hit a single to right. Robinson finished with two RBI and went 2-for-3.

With the game tied 3-3 in the third, the Knights responded with



Ryan Brennan (5), and Jorge Iza (29) and Evan McDonald (12) tap helmets and smile during the baseball team's win.

in his first win of the season against Lafayette. Demetrops, who has an overall 2.75 ERA on

a home run of their own. James Donlon blasted one over the center field fence. Donlon had three



Owen Vonesslinger (left) and Joe Flack (right) celebrate a run during the baseball team's 14-7 win over NJIT.

RBI against Lafayette, and four for the season.

The Leopards fought hard to slow down FDU, but the Knights prevailed with another big blast. Jason Fatzinger hit a homer to left field, putting the Knights up 7-4.

Lafayette rallied and pulled within a run, but their comeback fell short, and the Knights triumphed 10-9.

The Knights' relentless home run hitting and ability to steal bases earned them their second win at home against NJIT for the regular season.

Jason Fatzinger paced FDU in their win over the Highlanders with two home runs for the afternoon. Fatzinger went 2-for-3 with three runs scored, bringing to eight his total for the season.

The Knights hit five homers against

NJIT (3-17), but the Highlanders scored first. Junior infielder Johnny Malatesta homered in the second inning. Malatesta went 3-for-3 with one RBI for NJIT.

After Malatesta's home run, FDU began their home-run assault. Freshman infielder Jorge Iza delivered the Knights' first homer of the game in the second inning.

Fatzinger followed suit with another, putting FDU ahead 3-1, and they never looked back.

Knights sophomore lefty Evan Layne threw five innings against NJIT. He finished with a 3.60 ERA for the game, and has a 3.12 ERA for the season. He allowed five hits and two runs, his most this season.

The Highlanders

inched their way back into the ballgame, but FDU stretched their lead each time.

Though the Knights were only up 3-2 in the third, aggressive hitting was the key that eliminated any chance of an NJIT comeback. FDU sophomore catcher Evan McDonald broke the game wide open with a homer to right. McDonald went 2-for-3, and is hitting .321 on the season. Senior outfielder Ryan Brennan, who finished with four RBI and four runs scored, homered next. Fatzinger sent the Highlanders home with a blast in the seventh, sealing the deal at 14-7.

The Knights look to continue their winning ways as they head to Cincinnati to play Xavier in a three game series starting March 31.



Evan Layne, one of the pitchers for The Knights, throws in win over NJIT.

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3/5 Robert Morris Away L 68-53

Women's Tennis

3/15 Oral Roberts - Away L 4-1
3/28 St. Peter's - Home W 6-1

Softball

3/11 Norfolk State - Away L 7-4
3/12 Elon - Away L 8-0
3/28 Monmouth - Home - PPD

Men's Basketball

3/1 Wagner College - Away L 72-70

Men's Tennis

3/13 Liberty - Away L 4-3
3/15 St. Joseph's - Away L 4-3

Baseball

3/8 NJIT - Home W 14-7
2/24 Wagner College - Away W 4-2
3/25 Wagner College - Away L 3-0

a massive project. We're going to have to hire an architect and all sorts of contractors." The architect for Bank building in New York City. "I don't know how I feel about digging into a historical landmark like guys need a watchtower make sure that students

for anyway, isn't this a college?"

The University cited increasing safety concerns as the reason for the addition.

"We really wanted to make sure that students

to the Giovatto Library. "We really felt it was important to protect the most valuable asset that FDU has," President Creamcheese said after the hearing that approved the major construction project. "That's the books inside the Giovatto Library." The Giovatto Library has long been known as the most secure building on campus, requiring anyone who enter to show a FDU ID. FDU felt it was important to take steps forward to protect the things that makes FDU great, like 430 periodical titles currently stocked in the Giovatto Library.

"We've never really undertaken a project like this," Richard Frick, Vice President for Facilities and Auxiliary Services said. "This is going to be

the students.”







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