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Student Struck on River Road

Accident Follows Fatality on Nov. 21

By Melanie Perez
Editor-in-Chief

(TEANECK) – A graduate computer engineering student was struck by a

Ridgefield Park, immediately exited her vehicle and called the police, Clarke said. An ambulance took him to the hospital, where he remained for approximately two hours. He

Jessica O'Brien sent informational emails to clubs and posted notices on Student Life social media accounts to make the SUB the major collecting hub for the petition.



Daniel Clarke (left) and Weiqi Wang (right) were struck in the same crosswalk in front of Giovatto Library on River Road. Clarke survived the accident, Wang did not.

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car on Jan. 25 in the same River Road crosswalk that claimed the life of recent FDU graduate Weiqi Wang on Nov. 21.

Daniel Clarke, an editor for The Equinox, was in the crosswalk on his bicycle on his way to his on-campus job in the Grants and Sponsored Projects Office in Becton Hall when he was struck at approximately 9 a.m., he said.

"I recall being pushed upwards rather than downwards," Clarke told The Equinox, "allowing me to get off my bike in the air and land clear of both the bike and the vehicle."

Clarke said a NJ Transit bus was stopped on the northbound side of River Road just south of the crosswalk to let passengers off, when he entered the crosswalk heading west toward the campus, and was struck immediately after clearing the bus.

Clarke said that because of the bus blocking his view, he never saw the car, and said that the driver told him after the accident that she never saw him either.

"Pedal cyclist failed to properly check that northbound lane was clear, which view was blocked by legally stopped bus, before riding across roadway," Raymond Byrne, the responding officer, said in the police report.

The driver, Sandra Zayas of

sustained multiple cuts and bruises. His bike and laptop computer were destroyed in the accident, a combined loss of some \$1,700, Clarke said.

Both Clarke and Wang were hit in the morning – Wang at 6:55, Clarke at 9:00. Both drivers said they did not see the students in the crosswalk. Within the last five years, two other FDU students were struck in the same crosswalk while walking together. That driver also told police that she did not see the students.

Wang's death was the catalyst for a campus-wide petition for safety enhancements to the River Road crosswalk, including relocating the bus stop, reducing the speed limit, and installing a flashing yellow caution light.

Dennis Rozestwinski, who was a classmate of Wang's, started collecting signatures on the petition immediately following Wang's death. He told The Equinox that he has collected more than 1,500 signatures to date, and has presented the petitions to the SGA, the Teaneck City Council and the Bergen County Freeholders in Hackensack.

In the weeks following Wang's death, Rozestwinski said he gained the SGA's approval and aid in opening promotional channels for the campaign on campus. Director of Student Life

Rozestwinski said that after his presentation to the Teaneck Council on Dec. 13, Councilmen Mark Schwartz and Alan Sohn voiced their support, and Deputy Mayor Elie Y. Katz put him in touch with City Manager William Broughton to collaborate on the project.

Within a week, Rozestwinski had a meeting with Sohn, who called for traffic safety changes across the whole Township. They discussed mechanisms that could be developed for the entirety of Bergen County to make pedestrian crossings safer, Rozestwinski said.

After the initial Freeholder's meeting, Thomas Sullivan took the lead on the traffic changes on River Road, Rozestwinski said. He was assured that improvements could be expected as soon as couple of months, while the traffic light request is expected to take a little longer, Rozestwinski told The Equinox.

"I have met personally with Thomas Sullivan and his assistant," he said. "They started the long process and promised to expedite it."

The relocation of the bus stop at the River Road crosswalk is to be the first change, Rozestwinski said.

He was told that it would be relocated to a position 46 feet north

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News

Dean Mills Dishes on Retirement

Editor Wins Presigious Internship



Dean Patti Mills has announced her retirement, effective August.
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By Theresa King
Managing Editor

(TEANECK) - The university community will bid farewell to University College Dean Patti Mills in August after almost nine years of serving the position.

Dr. Patti Mills came to FDU in Sept. 2008 after holding academic and administrative positions in the Pennsylvania State University system. She holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Rochester, a M.A.S. in accounting from the University of Illinois and a B.A. in history from the State University of New York College at Fredonia.

According to Mills, her favorite moment every year is commencement. The first one she attended took place at the Izod Center in 2009, where she had a small speaking role.

"The first one was particularly memorable," she said. "I had never attended one that was that large. When I stepped to the podium, the students just let loose, in terms of joy. It was

absolutely thrilling."

Mills also said that she feels her top achievement during her time at the university was seeing students move through their academic careers and into their professional lives.

"To see that trajectory - that is the kind of thing that is a top achievement."

On the subject of University College and its biggest challenges, Dean Mills said she felt that many of its struggles are not unique.

"Affordability, access, infrastructure that needs to be rebuilt - although FDU has done an outstanding job of making facilities improvements," she said of hardships still facing the school. "I don't think our challenges are unique. We are faced with what the university is faced with, which is what all colleges face."

Associate Director of the Peter Sammartino School of Education Teresa Montani has worked alongside Mills in University College, and looked back on how Mills has impacted her time at the university.

"I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to personally watch Dean Mills in action over the past seven years," Dr. Montani said. "As a mentor, she has always made herself available to answer my never-ending questions and to listen to my problem solving options as I grew into the role of Associate Dean."

"Patti also demonstrated a rare ability to strike an effective balance between towing the line and esprit de corps in order to bring high-level projects in on time. I will remember her for these things as well as for her kindness, patience, and generosity."

During Mills' time here, she said she enjoyed a view of the Hackensack River from her office, occasionally catching a glimpse of bald eagles soaring by. Looking out the same window, she reflected on her favorite parts of the Metropolitan Campus.

"It's the people who make a place, and that's true of FDU," she said. "We have such a fine staff and faculty in so many areas."

Mills' next chapter is retirement, as she said she does not see herself taking on any more academic positions in the future. And while she will likely not be involved on campus, she said she plans to keep in contact with the people she's encountered during her nine years at the university. "I've made many friends here and I plan to remain in touch with them," she said.

Dr. Vicki Cohen, director of the Peter Sammartino School of Education, reflected on Dean Mills' time at the university.

"Dean Mills has been a dedicated and hardworking Dean of University College for the years of her tenure here at Fairleigh Dickinson University," Cohen said. "She has been a champion of faculty rights and strongly supported policies to enhance the educational quality at FDU. I wish her the best of luck in her retirement and future plans."

Reflecting on her time spent at FDU, Mills thought fondly of what she has done during her tenure.

"I truly consider it an honor that this university was my last academic achievement," she said.



Theresa King, managing editor of The Equinox.
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River Road Accident

Trump on Higher Education

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of the crosswalk so that motorists will be able to distinguish pedestrians crossing the street from people using the bus stop.

"However this does not solve the vision obstruction danger created by the stopping busses," said.

Rozestwinski said he attended the Bergen County Freeholders board meeting on Jan. 25, the same day Clarke was struck in the River Road crosswalk. He said that he repeated the petition requests for a traffic light, rapid-fire rectangular beacon (R.F.R.B.) signals, speed reduction, sheltered bus stops and increased visibility at night.

Rozestwinski said Sullivan told him that they are currently working on necessary traffic safety adjustments on River Road, and that Rozestwinski's input and proposal would be passed on to the Planning & Engineering Department.

One of the greatest challenges with Clarke's situation is that although cyclists use the River Road crosswalk to get to and from FDU, they do not have the same protections as pedestrians.

"The laws in NJ about auto collisions also seem to apply to collisions with cyclists, namely - my health insurance does not cover accidents with vehicles," Clarke said. "Because of this, a biker is dependent on either his own auto insurance or the insurance of the other party in the accident. As I do not own auto insurance, my medical bills will be paid

at the discretion of the other party's auto insurance."

Rozestwinski said it's important that the FDU works together to solve the issue.

"In order to be successful with the initiative of safety improvements on River Road," he said, "we have to stay united and persistent proceeding forward."

Rozestwinski said the petition drive has been a learning experience for him.

"This petition campaign has helped in a way to identify gaps in currently available communication channels on our campus," he said, "and has emphasized the need for a more holistic platform which will allow the notifications to have a broader, more interconnected and immediate reach."

Clarke, who is in the five-year program for a combined Electrical Engineering Bachelor's and Computer Engineering Master's, said that during his five years at FDU, he'd often remarked about the dangers of crossing River Road.

"With badly positioned bus stops, badly timed lights, and heavy traffic I welcome any change to the road that would help pedestrians and cyclists have a safe and guaranteed opportunity to cross River Road," Clarke said. "Clearly more than a crosswalk and a law that requires vehicles to stop for pedestrians showing intent to cross the road are required on this road which has been plagued with accidents."

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

(TEANECK) - President Trump's stance on higher education may come as a good surprise to American college students, although Trump had less to say about college education when compared to Hillary Clinton.

Most of his website is dedicated to k-12 education but he did have some proposals that might excite America's youth.

Trump is planning on making changes to the way students pay for college, according to Time.

One of their aims is privatization, which would remove the federal government from making student loans, according to Sam Clovis, the national co-chair and policy director of Trump's campaign. Instead, other lenders, banks and credit unions would be in charge of loaning to students.

Trump supporters have also called for colleges to bear more of the financial risks that come with student loans.

Trump talked about redoing the loan repayment process in a speech in October.

Trump said "you graduate from college and you're starting out with like an anchor around your neck. No good," according to Time.

He proposed that college graduates would pay 12.5 percent of their income for 15 years, with any remaining debt forgiven.

The Obama administration

made loan repayment plans that were 10 percent of income and forgiveness after 20 years.

Trump also mentioned in his speech last October that he might want to get rid of Public Service Loan Forgiveness, which "forgives the debt of government and nonprofit workers after just 10 years of payments," according to Time.

College tuition costs were also mentioned by Trump in his speech. He said that he would encourage colleges to cut tuition costs.

Trump claimed that he would scale down federal regulations on colleges. This, in turn, would save them money. As they wouldn't have to spend as much on compliance, those savings could be passed on to their students.

"We have a lot of power over the colleges, and they're not doing the job of cost-cutting because they don't have the incentive to cut," he said.

Trump also said that colleges that don't make degrees more affordable could face penalties "including possibly losing tax-exempt status for large endowments."

Trump also promised to get rid of the Department of Education, a common Republican campaign line.

Experts conclude that this idea is troublesome and far fetched, as some of Trump's other policies need oversight from some sort of government agency.

Only time will tell the full extent of Trump's influence on college education.

Opinion

Editor's Desk:

Accidents Raise Safety Questions



Melanie Perez, editor-in-chief

Two students have been hit by cars in the same crosswalk on River Road right in front of the FDU campus less than two months apart from one another. The most recent accident was last Wednesday, when Daniel Clarke was hit and injured. Luckily, he survived. Weiqi Wang was not so fortunate. She was struck on Nov. 21, 2016, and later died. Her parents had to fly from China to take her body home.

Five students have been hit by cars on River Road in the last four years. Four of them have been hit in the crosswalk in front of the Giovatto Library. One other was hit in the crosswalk over Lone Pine Road near Public Safety.

As we have reported, so far the stance of the university has been that River Road is a county road and that the university does not have jurisdiction over it. But certainly, as a major economic factor in Bergen County, it can bring influence to bear on what is done.

How many more people need to be injured and killed before the safety of FDU students feels like a priority?

Cognitively, students can see and are aware that we are pretty safe on campus – we see the presence of Public Safety on campus, we see the security at Metro Knight, we see the emergency buttons around corners and cameras around campus. The issue is that while we can know that we are safer than the average person in Teaneck, it really

doesn't feel that way.

The Clery Report on campus crime statistics really opened my eyes about a lot of things with regards to campus safety. Comparatively, our school is pretty safe (when strictly talking about the major categories in the report), but even one instance of rape, burglary, robbery, or domestic violence – all of which had at least one reported incident – chisels away at students' perceptions of campus safety.

The unfortunate truth of the matter is that many do not feel safe, and that's not necessarily something the administration can know if students aren't willing to speak up about it. Every year the Dean of Students Office sends out a survey about student perceptions of campus safety. Many people are of the mindset that "numbers don't lie," but I beg to differ.

Students have different motivations for filling out polls and surveys and some answer questions based on whom they think will be the recipient of the information, their perceptions of anonymity,

repercussions, etc.

I'm interested to see how many students are truly forthright when they answer the annual safety survey, and I think it would be beneficial for the administration to have a less filtered view of student perceptions.

The point is that the only way the administration can start to address student safety concerns is if students are actually voicing them. That's why I will continue to write editorials about how I see things, regardless of the repercussions. At the end of the day, this paper is a forum for FDU community dialogue, and our goal is to be the eyes and ears of the Metro campus.

Students and administration need to be working together on this issue until it's resolved. When will enough be enough?

That crosswalk is a hazard for everyone in the Metro campus community and we all need to be addressing the issue.

David Miles on Crisis Safety



Director of Public Safety David Miles

As I started to write my article, I was once again startled to read about a tragic shooting that occurred in the world. Innocent lives were again taken by gunmen. While the exact motive of this shooting is still unknown, in many active shooter incidents it is because the gunmen either has a prejudice or some type of mental illness.

Active shooter incidents or reports of gunman have become far too common in our society. These continuing incidents over the years demonstrate that it can happen anywhere, and in many cases innocent people are the victims. The answers and reasons for these events may never be fully known.

It seems as if no area is immune from an active shooter situation. Over the past few years, there have been shootings at malls, churches, airports, movie theaters, restaurants and schools. Unfortunately, it is going on 10 years since the senseless tragedy at Virginia Tech where 32 individuals lost their lives and we are still having these types of incidents on a much too frequent and alarming rate.

While these incidents are hard to predict and in many cases almost impossible to prevent, we want you to

be aware of what you can do to keep yourself safe.

A number of years ago, a presentation was offered on Active shooters and the presenters were members of the Teaneck Police Department; Dr. Kenny, Professor of Criminal Justice and I.

The presentation gave valuable information which could help you if you ever find yourself in that type of situation, but also information on pre-incident indicators of violence.

The PowerPoint presentation is available on the University website.

In addition to the Powerpoint presentation, we also showed a six-minute video which is titled Run, Hide, Fight. The video can be obtained on YouTube. In this day and age and with Active Shooter incidents continuing, I urge you to view the video.

It is so important that you not only know what to do if you are

ever in an active shooter situation, but also the type of behavior that should be reported. Reporting is key and you may never know if the information you report may stop one of these incidents from occurring.

While our hope is that no one is ever involved in any active shooter situation, I recommend that everyone take the time to view both the PowerPoint presentation and the video. This is information that can greatly assist you and hopefully keep you safe.

As always, if you have any concerns about Public Safety or crime prevention, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember to like the Department of Public Safety on Facebook at FDU Metro Department of Public Safety or follow us on Twitter @FDUMetroPS.

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Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

I have enjoyed reading The Equinox since I began teaching at FDU fifteen years ago. I have been especially impressed by The Equinox over the past couple years, during which it has tackled important and controversial issues on campus and far beyond it. In the Fall semester alone, The Equinox published reporting on sexual assault, Zika, Brexit, the Federal Reserve's monetary policy, the protest at Standing Rock, and, of course, the presidential campaign. In an era in which newspapers and serious journalism are steadily losing ground to social media, infotainment, and even fake news, The Equinox has become a model of thoughtful and engaged journalism. This gives me hope for the future.

Chris Rasmussen
History

Remembrance of Dr. Anastasia

By Michelle Maria Oliver
Guest Writer

It is hard to believe our lovely Anatomy professor has passed away. Time passed, but seemed not to phase her. Strong, bold, and elegant as a pearl, she would be the first one in Dickinson Hall, pulling her Vera Bradley bags with wheels; of course she had the lunch box and smaller bags to match the same print.

No matter what weather, or perhaps how ill she was, she would always be there in class ready to teach early in the morning. Not once did she demonstrate her exhaustion.

She had her microphone to ensure her voice was being projected properly and would call in Leslie who would rush in to help with the projector.

She would ensure the students were able to follow what she was saying and, yes, she would call out students during the lectures to ensure they were paying attention.

Sitting across her desk, her generous hospitality was soothing. She would offer hazelnuts, a high energy and beneficial snack that would help you feel at ease with your class, programs or the future choices being discussed in the meeting.

Although her shell was sturdy, it would gleam to students who expressed their strategies and ideas. She appreciated hard work, a trait that seems so difficult to find in an educator today.

Anastasia's admiration of work ethic and respect for diligence is rare yet it came naturally to her. The most endearing trait about Anastasia was her ability to laugh with students



Dr. Anastasia (center) at a recent FDU commencement.

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and share personal experiences that would motivate them in turn. At times, this humility and honesty was needed from our mentors.

Often, as students, we measure professors on a polarized spectrum as either perfect or not. As students, especially from the Biology department, we are overzealous about study material, we often forget that our educators are also human beings.

Anastasia embodied the values of perseverance with her everyday actions. She gave early lectures and kept up to date with the latest resources, including online labs to aid with comprehension.

Despite her age, she would commute alone at least an hour a day to get to the university and still managed

to put on aesthetically floral attire. She was pro-student, encouraging each student with tough love, and she truly wanted to see them succeed.

Anastasia was an emblem as a strong woman because she had dedicated her whole life to study, motivate and transfer her knowledge to others in hopes of a better future. Although tears can't bring you back, you will continue to live on in the hearts of all you students, shining like a beautiful pearl stone.

Those of us that were lucky enough to sit across from you in your office are blessed because we are the ones that are moving forward with the what you taught us; applying your principles of strength, boldness, and elegance each day.

Trump's Cabinet Picks

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

"You are only going to be as good as the people you surround yourself with."

Apparently Donald Trump did not keep this in mind when choosing his cabinet nominees.

Some of Trump's cabinet nominees have been a source of controversy over the last few weeks.

Trump's secretary of state was confirmed to be Rex Tillerson, who was formerly CEO of ExxonMobil. According to ABC, Tillerson will be the first person to hold this position without any government or military experience.

Trump said in a statement that "Rex knows how to manage a global enterprise, which is crucial to running a successful State Department and his relationships with leaders all over the world are second to none."

Some of these international connections are concerning, especially his business relationship with Vladimir Putin, the current President of Russia.

It is concerning that Trump feels that this man could successfully fulfill the duties of Secretary of State, having absolutely no experience.

According to the U.S. Department of State website, the Secretary of State is someone who "carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department

and the Foreign Service of the United States."

It is suspected that Tillerson was chosen for his ties with Putin and Russia, as Trump intends to strengthen the United States' ties with the Kremlin.

The appointment of Tillerson has also caused controversy because of the nature of his company and his views on climate change.

ExxonMobil is America's largest oil company and therefore has had a role in contributing to global warming.

In addition, Time reported that ExxonMobil is still under investigation for "allegedly misinforming investors about the risks of global warming while simultaneously conducting research on that topic."

As mentioned by The Washington Post, ExxonMobil rejected proposals that would have pushed the company toward renewable energy.

Tillerson has stated that he believes climate change is a problem, but he "questioned scientists' ability to project future global warming, calling that capability 'very limited.'"

Tillerson has also dismissed climate change in the past as an "engineering problem", according to Time.

It is scientifically accepted that climate change poses a huge threat to the world.

It is also alarming that Trump owned ExxonMobil stock, as "his 2015 financial filing lists \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of assets in ExxonMobil," according to ABC.

Rex Tillerson's appointment to secretary of state should be concerning to all Americans.

Not only does he have no experience related to fulfilling the duties of secretary of state, but his company ExxonMobil is a contributor to global warming.

Tillerson is skeptical of proven scientific evidence, and is not fond on commenting on the shares Trump has in the company.

In addition, this nomination goes directly against Trump's campaign promises to "drain the swamp." Appointing the former CEO of the largest oil company in the country isn't in the best interests of the middle class. Another surprising appointee is Mike Pompeo, who was confirmed CIA director on Jan. 23.

According to Politico, during Pompeo's Senate hearing the debate "laid bare some of the key flashpoints in Congress over the role of the intelligence community in domestic surveillance and his expressed views on Islam."

United States Senator Ron Wyden demonstrated at the hearing that Pompeo often flipped between stances and took multiple positions. This is concerning because no one quite

know where he stands on these key issues.

"[Trump's] changing positions on all of these matters suggest that the rare moment when the American people actually have an opportunity to know who it is we are entrusting with some of the most important, weighty and secret positions in government, they're going to be denied that chance," said Wyden.

The Oregon Senator also pointed out that Pompeo's views on Russia and their involvement in the election "seem to shift with those of the president."

This is despite the fact that three intelligence agencies found evidence of "a multifaceted attempt to influence the 2016 presidential election" by Russia, according to The New York Times.

Pompeo's views towards Muslims have also caused controversy.

According to Politico, Pompeo stated that he believes that Muslims are "contentiously complicit in acts of terrorism if they don't condemn it."

Pompeo's confirmation to become CIA Director is alarming because of his denial of Russian involvement and his views on Muslims.

As more and more nominations are confirmed, it will be interesting to see who is confirmed to Trump's cabinet and what they will bring to the table.

— Student Lifestyle —

Thoughts on the Immigration Ban

By Armand Butera



Michael Vacarro
Junior Art Major

“The immigration ban is one of the most ridiculous things I’ve ever heard of. I can’t even put it into words how stupid it is, just sheer logic and common sense alone should tell you all you need to know.”



Samuel Durnham
Junior Biology Major

“It has been proven time and time again that the immigration ban is discriminatory and unconstitutional. This goes directly against what minorities in America and other countries have been fighting against for so long. I think that this is outrageous and is in fact taking away what makes America great.”



Ivonne Viddes
Sophomore Psychology Major

“I think it’s borderline ridiculous, and also I think it’s repeating a lot of mistakes that have been done in the past. We’re supposed to learn from history, and what he’s doing right now is something multiple people have done before and failed. It really goes against everything America stood for. People came here because it gave them hope, and it is a country that was built on immigrants.”



Daniel Bordenca
Sophomore Political Science Major

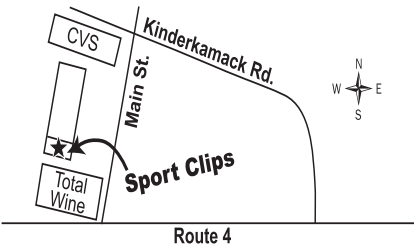
“It’s a fairly racist move and I don’t think it’ll be a very effective in fighting terrorism. Since terrorists are essentially global, I don’t think just targeting countries that represent what Americans feel are ‘the other’ is not going to be very effective. It’s just a racist action.”

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John Cleese at the NJPAC

By Daniel Clarke
Opinion Editor

“Forgive my walk if it seemed a little bit silly,” John Cleese said as he came on stage at FDU’s New Jersey Speaker Series at NJPAC on Jan. 26 at 8p.m.

“Cleese as in Cheese,” Cleese corrected the facilitator before telling the story of his embarrassed father who decided to change his name before enlisting in the army during the First World War.

Taking the notes from the facilitator, unable to hold his laughter, Cleese threw them to the floor with little effect on the organization of the rest of the discussion. Cleese answered questions and elaborated his thoughts in the way he felt most comfortable—through jokes.

The discussion remained productive, inspiring and thoroughly hilarious throughout. He spoke about his childhood, his career, and asserted some of his political views. He had the audience engaged and roaring with laughter, pointing out people in the audience who got up to leave or fell asleep.

His mother lived through many major world events and eventually died at age 101. Cleese said, “She lived through it all without really noticing any of it.”

Cleese noted that his mother was a very anxious person who often worried about everything. “She had so many worries; she used to write her worries down so that she would not forget them,” he said.

“You don’t want your mother depressed because well, it’s depressing,” Cleese said.

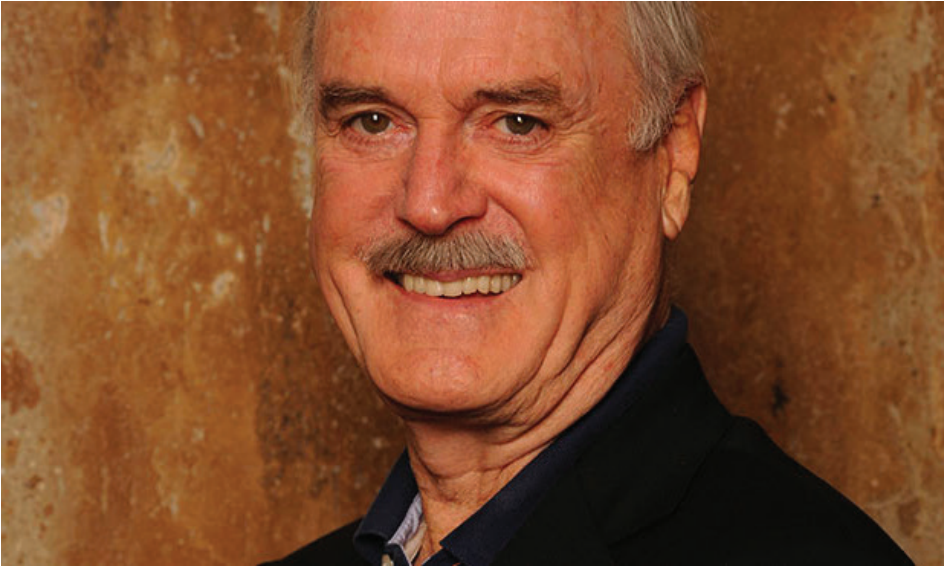
Despite struggling alongside his mother, Cleese eventually found his own way to overcome the struggles in life.

As a child, Cleese liked jokes but not attention; one teacher wrote

and performer.

Cleese was offered work as a writer with BBC Radio and worked on several successful programs before beginning Monty Python’s Flying Circus with a comedic group that wrote and performed each episode on a whim.

Tired of doing the same old



John Cleese spoke on Jan. 26 at the NJPAC for the FDU Speaker Series.

Photo Credit: Google Images

about him: “He indulges in subversive activities at the back of the room.”

With great respect for great American comedians, Cleese grew up exercising his creativity through comedy and eventually made a career out of it.

Cleese won a place at Downing College, Cambridge to read law. He joined the Cambridge Footlights theatrical club and soon made a name for himself as a comedic script writer

stuff, Cleese left at the third season of the show. He would continue to seek new avenues for creativity and comedy.

“You can always get money for things you’ve done in the past but never for anything new,” Cleese said.

Cleese explained what it is he likes about comedy and what he believes is the difference between jokes that we can all laugh at and malicious jokes. He expressed his strong belief in the goodness of comedy. While making

fun of imperfections, it should do so in an affectionate way that allows people to relax and ultimately become able to express their creativity.

“A laugh is the shortest distance between two people,” Cleese said. “What I love about laughter is it lets people have second thoughts.”

With little discretion, Cleese commented on the current political environment several times throughout the talk.

Cleese said, “I think what’s going on in America you can either cry or laugh; I choose to laugh.”

He suggested that like all smart people, President Trump never forgets to remind us of his own intelligence, Cleese supported his argument with examples of great scholars like Plato who wrote essays describing their aptitude.

When asked about Brexit, Cleese sought to describe his own discontent with the European Union which could only truly be understood by people in Europe. While not opposed to the idea of a European Union, he suggested that the current implementation has a number of issues including, most specifically, the burden of economic ties with other European nations.

Still performing in movies, speaking publicly, writing books, and with a presence on twitter, Cleese continues to do what he loves and move right along.

“I’m happier than ever now that I realized that most things don’t really matter,” Cleese said.

Trump and the End of the Western Establishment



Photo Credit: FDU Knights

By David Bokumabi
Guest Writer

Donald Trump is the 45th President of the United States of America, despite the fact that both parties, the majority of international media and politicians all over the world were against him.

How is this possible? What does it say about the country and what is the message to other countries in the western world?

Trump’s election was not an accident. It was the decision of millions of American citizens. But most of the people who significantly helped him to win the White House do not show their faces, give TV-interviews, or participate in various polls.

Trump predicted in many of his speeches that the silent majority was going to take its country back on election night, and this is exactly what happened.

The silent majority is the strongest opponent of liberal and established policies, not only in the U.S., but in other western countries as well.

The far-right movement in Europe is becoming stronger because of issues in domestic policies, the war in Syria and mass immigration. Brexit was the beginning, Trump’s victory the next critical step, and now it seems inevitable that politics in Germany, France, Austria and Holland will also change.

The message that this election sent to populist parties is that any country, with its strong silent majority, can fight the establishment and change its policies.

Norbert Hofer, the leader of the nationalist and anti-immigration Freedom Party in Austria, campaigned on “strengthening the country’s borders and its army, limiting benefits for immigrants and favoring Austrians in the job market” - blatantly scapegoating immigrants to present a solution for the difficult issue of unemployment.

Hofer’s party holds 40 percent of the 183 seats in the National Council and is the second strongest party in Austria.

The same is happening in France. Marine Le Pen, who preaches populist policies, is expected to have

a solid chance at a win in the French presidential election in 2017.

She wants France to re-establish its own currency and get out of the European Union (EU).

“It would be very different. It would be the comeback of France, of the France that you like, of the France that hundreds of millions inhabitants of the earth love,” Le Pen said in an interview with CNN.

“There would be no place for multiculturalism under a Le Pen presidency,” she said.

Far-right movements are also strong in Germany and the Netherlands. Frauke Petry, the leader of the anti-immigration Alternative for Germany (AFD), might win the presidency, especially since people are currently unhappy with the immigration policies of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Germany is the most powerful country in the EU, and the impact on Europe as a whole would be even more dangerous if the AFD would set the tone in Germany.

It does not take a political scientist to guess whether or not right wing politicians in Europe were satisfied about the results on election night. The U.S. is in many ways a role model for European countries.

“It’s a sign of hope for those who cannot bear wild globalization. They cannot bear the political life led by the elites,” Le Pen said about the outcome of the U.S. election.

Geert Wilders, the leader of the populist movement in Holland

and a loyal Trump supporter, wrote on his Twitter account: “The people are taking their country back, so we will #MakeNetherlandsGreatAgain.”

Right-wing party leaders are thrilled with the American elections because now they can use the U.S. as a tested example.

“Look, the situation in the U.S. is similar to here. The media and all the other parties don’t like us, but in America, you see that the true will of the people is on Trump’s side, and in Germany, the true people’s will is on our side,” Petry, of Germany, said.

The media and established politicians have to find a way to deal with these new movements. It is apparent that all populist parties use similar patterns of communication not just to influence, but also to provoke people.

Donald Trump’s victory is also a hint for a changing culture. It seems like the West has not been as liberal and open-minded as we thought we had been in the last couple of decades. “First food, then morals,” Berhold Brecht said in one of his famous quotes. People who vote for Trump or support populist parties in Europe are not necessarily evil or racist, but it is easy to manipulate people if they do not feel safe.

Trump, Petry and Le Pen are emotional, not ethical decisions.

Entertainment

Controversy Surrounds ‘A Dog’s Purpose’

By Theresa King
Managing Editor

Films with animal leads are meant to attract animal lovers, so when the mistreatment of them is accused during production of the film, it leads to controversy.

On Jan. 18, TMZ leaked footage from on-set during the filming of “A Dog’s Purpose,” based on W. Bruce Cameron’s best-selling novel, showing a dog appearing to nearly drown during a stunt. In the video, the German Shepherd, supplied and handled by Birds & Animals Unlimited, is allegedly forced into raging waters and later submerged underwater, apparently struggling.

Almost immediately, filmmakers claimed the clip was edited to make it appear that the animal was in more danger than it truly was. The film’s producer, Gavin Polone, said in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter that he reviewed all footage from the incident and determined that it was not the water that frightened the dog, but a change in position.

“In footage of the rehearsal for the scene, you can see the dog not only unafraid of the water but desperate to jump in,” Polone said. “The dog did the scene in rehearsal without problem, though it was from the left side of the pool, not the right side, which is where

the dog is in the TMZ video.

“Before the first real take, the handlers were asked to change the start point of the dog from the left side, where he had rehearsed, to the right side. That, evidentially, is what caused him to be spooked. When the dog didn’t want to do the scene from the new position, they cut, though not soon enough, and then went back to the original position. The dog was comfortable and went in on his own and they shot the scene.”

However, animal rights groups have since protested the film’s release and have called for a boycott of the movie. The distributor of the movie, Universal Pictures, canceled the film’s red carpet premiere and promotional press junket, but still released “A Dog’s Purpose” in theaters across the country this past week.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals protested the film in front of theaters from New York to Los Angeles, holding signs reading “For dog’s sake, don’t see ‘A Dog’s Purpose’” and “A dog’s purpose isn’t to be a prop.”

“This film was made to appeal to dog lovers,” Lisa Lange, SVP of PETA told The Los Angeles Times. “None of us enjoy seeing a dog tormented the way this dog was in this scene. You can feel and see the dog’s fear and imagine his terror when he was submerged

underwater. There is no excuse for this abuse or for the filmmakers defending it.”

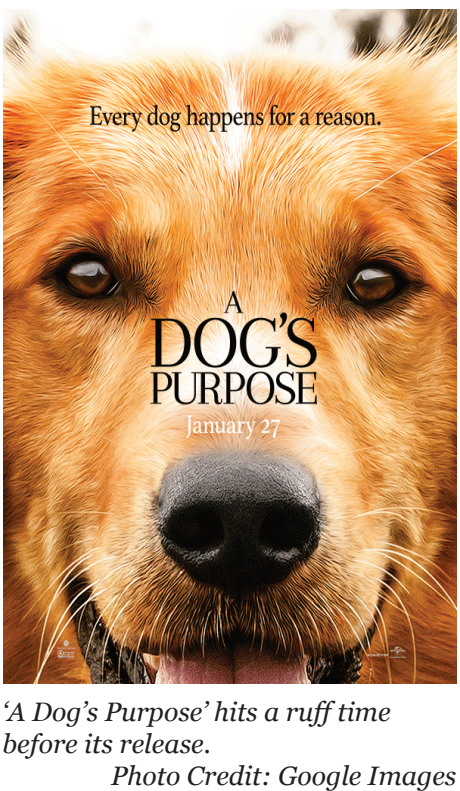
Universal Pictures said they maintained “an ethical and safe environment for the animals” during the filming. In an interview before the video was released, Swedish director Lasse Hallstrom said he relied entirely on animal trainers to handle the dogs during filming.

“I can’t really even get involved with the dog because then I interfere with what the trainers are up to,” Hallstrom said. “These dogs and trainers were really smart. They rehearsed for five minutes and could do the most amazing things on short notice.”

Nevertheless, American Humane is investigating the incident caught on video, and the safety representative was placed on leave.

According to Forbes, the film “still screened for critics, with mixed reviews, and now the film itself is headed for an \$18.7 million opening weekend after a \$5.2 million Friday.”

However, the controversy did affect the film’s box office run so far. According to Yahoo Movies, “The film was estimated to make around \$19 million dollars for its opening weekend. Before the controversy, it was estimated that A Dog’s Purpose would bring in closer to \$25 million,



‘A Dog’s Purpose’ hits a ruff time before its release.
Photo Credit: Google Images

which was decreased to \$18 million after the set video was leaked.”

With investigations still ongoing and the film’s release happening in theaters across the U.S. and Canada, only time will tell if the movie will be a hit for animal lovers or if the producers barked up the wrong tree.

Valentine’s Day Ideas for You and Your Sweetheart

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

Valentine’s Day is coming up, and with it the onslaught of mushy couples parading around in public to their various typical Valentine’s Day date ideas. Dinner and a movie? Too easy. Walk in the park? Boring. What can you and your special someone do that hasn’t been done before? That’s just as unique as you two special little snowflakes? Well have no fear, because there are some ways you can celebrate the holiday of romance without worrying you’ll meet your ex taking their new fling to the same place you two went to last year.

If your girl is your princess, why not take her to a castle? That’s right gents, it’s really possible to take your girl to a castle, buy her a nice dinner, and still get an eye roll at the end of the night. Because that castle is White Castle. Yes, it’s true, your local White Castle is currently taking reservations for their Valentine’s Day dinner, during which the fast food chain says “tables will be served, cravers will be treated like royalty, memories will be cherished forever (so don’t forget your camera).” The number for reservations in the New York/New Jersey area is (908) 753-0822 Ext. 101. Seating is limited and reservations are required, so call fast, because for Pete’s sake these seats must be going quickly.

But what if you are of the vegetarian variety? Or what if you actually want a second date? Perhaps



White Castle hosts a special Valentine’s Day event for its fans.
Photo Credit: Google Images

you’re still desperately clinging to that “get healthy” New Year’s Resolution?

It’s February dude, you don’t have to stick to that. But if you really want to, why don’t you let your girl show you how she’s better than you at yet another thing and take her on a 5k? Yep, this is also a real thing that really happens, it’s called the Cupid’s Chase 5k in New York City. This actually takes places the Saturday before V-Day on Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in Riverside Park. While you might feel bad about your physique, at least you’ll feel better about your spending habits, as the \$30 it takes to register (as long as you do it before race day) will go

towards charities helping people with disabilities.

Now what if you’re somewhere in between these two suggestions? Perhaps you’re saying “I’m definitely too good to go to White Castle on Valentine’s Day” but also “I go to White Castle too much on the other days of the year to do the second option.” Well, quiet your eager heart, because there is still hope for you and your lovebird yet. If you don’t like exercise, then hopefully you like art. Because just across the George Washington Bridge on 96th Street is Art Studio NY, which is hosting a Valentine’s Day Couples Painting Class. For just \$48 each, you

and that girl with the weird haircut you met while waiting in line at Starbucks can sip wine, relax, and create a painting that you can both try to push on the other person after the class is over. Because no one has room in their dorm for a 16” x 20” canvas. The class is over 21, BYOB, and you either have to bring your own canvas or pay for one. But everything else is included!

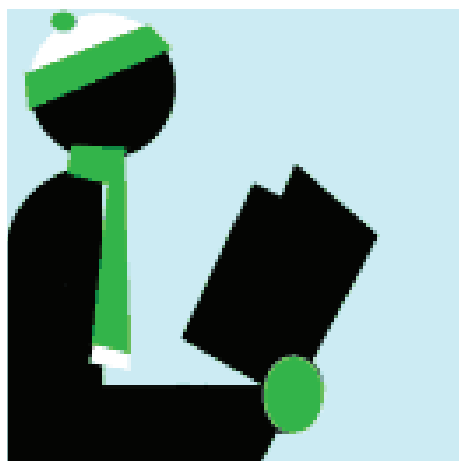
Perhaps you just want to listen to some tunes this Valentine’s Day? But you also don’t want to seem uncultured to that weird-haircut Starbucks girl, so maybe the Death Grips cover band concert is out of the question. Well, maybe try the “Love in the Parlours: A Valentine in Concert” event put on by the NYC Parks Division at the Merchant House Museum on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.

This concert is performed by The Bond Street Euterpean Singing Society, and features pieces by all the famous dead guys: Beethoven, Schubert and many others. Admission is \$40, but what else are you going to do with the rest of your Christmas money? Take your girl on a nice date. Your mother is calling and she still wants to know why you’re not married yet.



Campus Corner

Periodically Speaking - News from Giovatto Library



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

English Language Table
Thursday, Feb. 1 @ 1 p.m.
Library Café

Giovatto Library Student Advisory Board
Monday, Feb. 6 @ 1 p.m.
Ruth Schwartz Reading Room

Library Basics
An Introduction to Academic Library Research

Friday, Jan. 27, @ 11:00 a.m. -- Kathy
Wednesday, Feb. 1, @ 4:00 p.m. -- Dirk

Thursday, Feb. 2, @ 10:00 a.m. -- Pat
Monday, Feb. 6, @ 8:00 p.m. -- Sian
Tuesday, Feb. 7, @ 3:00 p.m. -- Paul
Thursday, Feb. 9, @ 7:00 p.m. -- Michael

Students will meet the librarian at the

reference desk. Session will include a brief walk-through/tour of the Library followed by an orientation to online Library research in the Library Instruction Room.

FDU students, faculty, staff, and alumni are welcome.

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New Books This Week

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- Between Humanities and the Digital
- Black Wind, White Snow: The Rise of Russia's New Nationalism
- Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy

- China's Crony Capitalism
- Climate Change and the Health of Nations: Famines, Fevers, and the Fate of Populations
- Criminal Investigation: The Art and the Science
- Discovering the Humanities
- Digital Literacy: A Primer on Media, Identity, and the Evolution of Technology
- Expatriate Management
- The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars
- Guilty Thing: A Life of Thomas De Quincey
- Issues and Ethics in the Helping Professions
- The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living
- Manual of the Legislature of New Jersey, 2016
- Next Gen PhD: A Guide to Career Paths in Science
- Physicians' Desk Reference: PDR, 2017
- Report on the World Social Situation, 2016
- Secondhand Time: The Last of the Soviets
- Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy
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Winning With Relationships



Coach Justin McKay
Photo Credit: FDU Knights

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

“Beat people to sleep.” It’s not a line from “Goodfellas.” It’s Assistant Coach Justin McKay’s motto for the 2017 Knights baseball team.

McKay said wants to get far out in front early with an aggressive offense to take pressure off of pitching later in games.

McKay has had a profound impact on the baseball team since his start at FDU in 2012. As

assistant coach, he is in charge of the offense and also of recruiting.

The Knights’ offensive performance in 2016 increased in key stats across the board,, including batting average, runs scored, hits, home runs and in stolen bases, in which they were seventh in the nation in stolen bases per game.

McKay also wants to place an emphasis on driving the ball into the outfield for extra-base hits. He knows how to make his point - the season’s first practice was a home run derby.

McKay loves the work ethic of this team.

“Those guys are crazy workers,” he said. “Our best guys are our hardest workers.”

The coaches trust their players to follow the plan, letting them run their own batting practice before games.

Successful programs show the results on the field, but they are built through recruiting. And in the 2016 season, McCay was the best in the NEC, and was recognized by his peers by being named NEC Recruiter of the Year.

He places an emphasis on relationships and uses camps to attract great players that he’s worked with to FDU’s program. So far, he’s brought on 11 players that came from FDU’s youth camps.

One of McKay’s longest relationships is with Head Baseball Coach Gary Puccio. McKay originally met Coach Puccio in 2006 when he was a McKay played for him at Briarcliffe College on Long Island. His knowledge of Puccio’s style and expertise brought him back to FDU after building a high-level travel team that sent 12 players to the MLB draft, including a first-rounder. Pro scouts have expressed interest in shortstop Matt McCann, Left Fielder Ryan Brennan, and pitcher Logan Frati.

Puccio earned his own accolades in 2016. On April 13 he won his 100th game with FDU, and on April 30, he won his 400th as a collegiate baseball coach.

The first event of the 2017 baseball season is the First Pitch Dinner at the Park Ridge Marriott on Feb. 11, which McKay called “incredible.” The event had more than 220 attendees last year, including more than 45 alumni. The event honors a decade of players each year, inducts Hall of Famers, functions as fundraiser for the program, and ends with a ceremony that names the player who will throw the first pitch of the season.

McKay said this season’s schedule is tough, but he likes it that way.

“Playing tough competition outside the conference makes you

better inside the conference,” McKay said.

McKay has set his goals high for the season and wants to win the NEC Championship.

“I tell Coach Puccio that he’s not allowed to retire until we do,” McKay said.

McKay had a simple prediction for the 2017 Knights.

“We’re gonna be dangerous.”



Coach Puccio and Coach McKay on the field during a game last year at FDU.
Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

Men’s Basketball Puts Away LIU Brooklyn

By Dustin Niles
Layout & Design Editor

Darian Anderson led the Knights to an 83-66 win over the LIU Brooklyn Blackbirds on Jan. 21 with a 25-point effort. The Knights took a 17-11 lead eight minutes into the first half and never looked back. The game was marked by strong individual performances from Anderson and junior guard Stephan Jiggetts, who contributed 14 points, six assists and four rebounds.

The game was also a remarkable defensive effort by the Knights, who only allowed the Blackbirds 20 points in the paint and only four in the first half. The Knights forced 18 turnovers this game, and averaged 17 per game in the five previous games. For this one, the Knights scored 15 points off of those forced turnovers.

With the game, the Knights moved into a first-place NEC tie with Mount Saint Mary’s with a 7-1 record. After a win against St. Francis College Brooklyn on Jan. 26 and a close OT loss to Bryant on Jan. 28, FDU is second in the NEC standings with an 8-2 NEC record and a 10-11 overall record.

The game against LIU Brooklyn started fast, as Mike Holloway raced down the court to score the game’s first points off a layup. Soon, the Knights built up a 17-11 lead eight minutes into the first half. A series of shots by LIU’s Jashaun Agosto, Julian Batts and Jerome Frink brought LIU within four points, making the score 20-17 with 9:10 left in the first half. Then



Darian Anderson put forth a 25-point effort in the Knights’ win over the LIU Blackbirds.

Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

the Knights battled for 10 unanswered points over four minutes. A layup by Stephan Jiggetts brought the score to 40-28 going into the half.

The Knights started the second half with a three-pointer by Nadi Beciri. The Knights played with a consistent offense and a strong defense all throughout the second half. The lead grew, and after a three pointer by Ghassan Nehme, the Knights led the Blackbirds 57-43 with 10 minutes to

go in the game. The Knights scored 12 straight points off of free throws during the second half. It was not a surprise, as the Knights were hot from the foul line, sinking 21 of 25. The Knights are the NEC’s top team from the foul line.

After the 12 straight points for of free throws, the Knights ended their day the way it began - with a layup by Mike Holloway. The Knights walked away with comfortable 83-66 win over the Blackbirds.

After their win against St. Francis College Brooklyn and their loss to Bryant, the Knights begin a three-game home stand on Feb. 2 against NEC opponent Sacred Heart. The Knights will then play a huge game against Wagner on Feb. 4 and finish the home stand against Central Connecticut State University on Feb. 9. Their coming home stand is good news for the Knights, since they’re 6-1 when playing at home, compared to 3-9 on the road.

At this point in the season, all games have playoff implications. FDU is chasing Mount St. Mary’s, who leads the NEC with a 9-1 conference record.

LIU Brooklyn follows FDU closely with a 7-3 record. The Knights will go head-to-head with LIU Brooklyn in Brooklyn on Feb. 11 and will face Mount St. Mary’s at home on Feb. 18, the Knights’ last home game of the season. The Knights dropped their last game against Mount St. Mary’s, a 70-77 loss on Jan. 12 on Mount St. Mary’s turf.

FDU has just eight games left to go in their season. If the Knights continue with their strong defense, their consistency from the free throw line and their strong individual performances, they will be competing for a high seed in the NEC Tournament. That high seed is important, as having home court has proven to be a huge advantage for almost every team across the NEC, including FDU. If all goes right, we may be look at a repeat championship for the Knights.

Sports

Knights Balling in the NEC



Photo Credit: FDU Knights

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

(HACKENSACK) - The FDU Men’s Basketball Team sits second in the Northeast Conference with a 8-2 conference record. Fourth-year Knights Head Coach Greg Herenda says discipline and consistency are the keys to his team’s success.

“I directly attribute it to our practices during the break,” Herenda said. “After a very difficult loss at Ohio State, we went home for Christmas, enjoyed the holidays with our families, and then we just came back and went

to work.”

Despite their scintillating NEC record, the Knights have struggled in non-conference play, accumulating a 2-8 record outside of the comfort zone of conference play, but some of those losses came against top competition. In December, they lost to the Cincinnati Bearcats (17-2) who are currently ranked first in the American Athletic Conference. They gave Ohio State all they wanted and more in Columbus, before falling to the Buckeyes 70-62. In his usual upbeat style, Coach Herenda took the positive from those tough losses.

Herenda wants his team to become NEC champions two years in a row for the first time in FDU history.

“We really took a hard look at our defense and our rebounding,” Herenda said, “and we just said we had to improve on both of those things. We’ve just been grinding it out every day, so all of our success goes to the players, but not only being good players, but the way they’ve practiced and handled our early season adversity.”

Last season, the Knights became NEC Tournament champions and made their first NCAA Championship appearance since 2005. They accomplished this despite losing 15 games, finishing their 2015-2016 season 18-15 while remaining the second-ranked team in the Northeast Conference. This season, the Knights are No. 1. And they’re doing so, despite

some key injuries.

“We were playing without Earl Potts and Ghassan Nehme,” Herenda said, “and our players that were playing were banged up. So we were not a healthy group or a deep group.”

Herenda said the quality of the opponents was also a factor.

“We were playing against high level competition, so losing those games hurt, but it wasn’t surprising because we didn’t have everyone healthy,” Herenda said. “Once we got through the Christmas break, we got everybody back, we were relatively healthy, and we were prepared to atone for our sins.”

One player in particular is a rising star on Herenda’s team who has averaged a strong 19 points per game in the NEC. Junior guard Darian Anderson was just declared the NEC Player of the Week for the second time this season. Anderson, who also played dominant basketball last season with the Knights, averaged 28 points in last year’s tournament. Herenda is especially proud of Anderson and believes that he deserves all of the attention he’s getting.

“He’s maturing,” Herenda said of Anderson. “He’s a junior now and he was thrown into a tough situation as a freshman and he had a tough freshman year. We lost 15 straight games his freshman year, but now he’s just growing physically stronger, mentally he’s tougher, and his greatest quality is that he’s a winner.”

Herenda said winning is nothing new for Anderson.

“He’s won his entire life,” Herenda said, “and I think that’s what jumps off the page as far as Darian Anderson. He does everything for us: he rebounds, he guards, he scores the ball, he passes the ball. He helps us win and he’s our alpha dog.”

Herenda will continue to rely on Anderson’s explosive game play to lead his team as the NEC tournament nears. The junior guard is not the only weapon the Knights have in their artillery. Power forward Mike Holloway is an effective blocker, rebounder, and jump shooter, and scored a career-high 25 points in a non-conference game.

But in the NCAA, athletes have to succeed not only on the court, but in the classroom. And Herenda is proud of his team’s performance in both arenas.

“We had a strong academic semester in the fall , but I think our players are very in-tune,” Herenda said. “You can tell when individual players don’t take care of their business off the floor; it creeps onto the floor. Right now, we’re kind of playing the way we’re studying. All of our players are eligible [under NCAA rules], and our grade point average was a 3.02 in the fall semester. So the’re punching the clock at both ends.”

Women’s Basketball Falls to St. Francis

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

(HACKENSACK) - The FDU Women’s basketball team fell to St. Francis Brooklyn 66-59 on a home Monday night game on January 23, when they were unable to overcome a 15-point halftime deficit.

The Knights secured a 3-2 lead early on after Madelynn Comly made a three-pointer good from downtown, but this lead was short-lived after St. Francis Brooklyn managed to put up the next five points. Once the Terriers took a 7-3 lead, FDU trailed for the remainder of the contest.

St. Francis Brooklyn (6-13, 4-4 NEC) led 23-14 after the first quarter and 38-23 at the half. The Terriers got 10 points in the first half from Maria Palarino, and another 10 from Olivia Levey. Fairleigh Dickinson (4-15, 2-6 NEC) shot 41 percent (9-22) from the



Madison Comley put up a career high 19 points in FDU’s loss to St. Francis Brooklyn on Jan. 23.

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

field in the first half, compared to 42 percent in the final two quarters.

The Knights were able to make it a 7-point game during the third period, trailing the Terriers 40-47. They scored 15 points off turnovers, out-scoring the Terriers 20-12 for the period.

During the fourth with the game at 50-43, the Knights cut the lead to 9, 55-46 off, a 3-pointer made by Kiana Brown with 5:42 remaining, but the Terriers held them at bay for the duration to come away with a 66-59 victory.

For the game, St. Francis Brooklyn shot 43 percent with a 41-29 advantage on the glass. The Terriers were paced by Alex Delany who had 15 points, and went 5-of-8 from the 3-point line. Kat Phipps scored 10 points and went a perfect 6-of-6 on free throws.

SCORE BOX

Women’s Bowling			
1/22	Maryland Eastern Shore - Away	W	4-1
1/22	Mckendree - Away	W	4-2

Men’s Basketball			
1/26	St. Francis Brooklyn - Away	W	79-73
1/28	Bryant - Away	L	72-73

Women’s Basketball			
1/23	St.Francis Brooklyn - Away	L	59-66
1/28	St. Francis - Away	W	59-58