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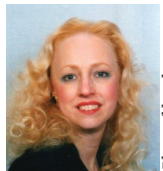
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University College Seizes Faculty Senate

*100% turnout ensures majority;
Kapur & Denning in runoff*



Tarika Kapur,
University
College



Karen Denning,
Silberman
College

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

A 100-percent turnout from University College faculty members led to a sweep of all contested seats in the election that ended on Sunday, bringing to an end the control of the chamber by faculty from Becton College on the Florham campus.

Candidates who campaigned

as the "UC Candidate Team" reported a historic 100 percent turnout of University College faculty for the election – 86 of out of 86, with three faculty members on leave. Many attributed that turnout to a proposed reorganization of the university that focuses on the Metro campus, particularly University College.

University College has roughly one and a half times as many faculty as Becton College, which often votes as a bloc.

Metro Campus election results distributed at the Faculty Senate meeting on Wednesday in Alumni Hall were as follows:

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Wroxton to Offer Master's In Hospitality



Photo: LinkedIn

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

(TEANECK) - A Master of Science in Hospitality Management Studies is now being offered at FDU's Wroxton College in Wroxton, England.

"The Master of Science in Hospitality Management Studies increases students' analytical, managerial and leadership competencies and will provide graduates with the requisite preparation for career advancement in various hospitality professional areas," the director of the school Dr. Joseph Tormey, said.

The hospitality master's degree is made up of 33 credits and is the first full-degree program to be offered at Wroxton College.

"The program is designed to provide a hospitality management education with an academically rigorous, yet flexible, program of study that meets the requirements for a professional master's degree," according to FDU's website.

The new degree is part of the International School of

U.K. campus to offer 33-credit graduate degree

Hospitality and Management, which was "ranked sixth among top hospitality programs in the U.S. by thebestschools.org and ranked 11th by CEOWorld," according to FDU's website.

"FDU's International School of Hospitality and Tourism Management is one of the oldest and highest ranked hospitality schools in the United States," President Capuano said, "and we are thrilled to continue our commitment to global education by offering a graduate program in such close proximity to the leading hospitality centers as well as the historic cities in Europe, allowing students to make valuable professional connections worldwide."

The International School of Hospitality and Tourism management master's graduates "have a 90 percent job placement rate upon completion of the program and join a hospitality alumni network of nearly 3,000 graduates worldwide," according to FDU's website.

'Dry' vs. 'Wet'

What policy is best for Metro?



Photo: Facebook

While the Metro campus is an alcoholic desert, Florham is an oasis. Why the difference?

By Theresa King
Managing Editor

(TEANECK) - The Metro campus touts itself as a dry campus, where possessing or consuming alcohol is prohibited on university property - even if the student is 21.

But FDU's other New Jersey location, Florham, is a wet campus, complete with an on-campus bar, the Bottle Hill Pub.

However, the reasons as to why these differences in policy exist are hard for some students to swallow.

"Student A," an anonymous Metro student, was fined for a violation of the campus' alcohol rules.

"I was fined the first time during room inspections," Student A said. "The RA's found an empty bottle of vodka on top of my dresser. The second time I was fined because my roommate posted a picture of a bottle, which had no label on it, on social media. That picture somehow ended up in the hands of Residence Life."

The price to pay for violating campus rules comes out of pocket.

"The first time I was fined \$200," they said. "The second time was \$250."

But for another Metro resident, "Student B," the consequences were more severe.

"I was only fined once my sophomore year," Student B said. "It was for

underage possession and/or consumption of alcohol, public intoxication, possession and/or consumption in a dry area, and another alcohol incident. The bottles were never on me, I was simply on campus drunk and they had to call the ambulance. I had community service and had to take an alcohol awareness class."

According to the Office of Residence Life, a student's first alcohol violation results in a \$200 fine and Alcohol Tutorial Level 1. The second violation results in a \$250 fine, Alcohol Tutorial Level 2 and residence hall probation. For the third violation, a student pays a \$300 fine, takes Alcohol Tutorial Level 3 and is removed from the residence halls.

While Metro wasn't always a dry campus, Director of Public Safety David Miles said that alcohol was never allowed in residence halls, even when alcohol was not banned.

"Alcohol was never allowed in any of the Linden or University Courts Residence Halls," Miles said. "Back when the university owned the apartments on Cedar Lane, alcohol was allowed in those if the students living in the apartment were over the legal age."

Metro also had a full service bar where the Knight Club is now, which closed in the late 1980s/early 1990s, according to Miles.

"The reasons were simple," he said. "The drinking age was

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Metro vs. Florham: ‘Dry’ vs. ‘Wet’

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21, so less students were legally allowed to drink. In addition, there were many on campus incidents that occurred due to alcohol and we also received many complaints from area residents as individuals leaving late night/early morning were fighting, making noise and leaving trash on the streets. The potential for a serious incident occurring assisted in the decision of going dry.”

According to the Sept. 28, 1995 issue of The Equinox, the director of Student Life at the time the Knight Club closed, Wes Lucas, did not believe selling alcohol in the establishment was working out.

“We’ve been operating in the red for years,” Lucas said. “We just did not have the support of those 21 years and older.” He added that most resident students are under 21. “The Knight Club is in a bad location (in the Student Union Building). Perhaps if it was in the North Lot we would be able to draw in more commuters. Unfortunately, that is not the case.”

At Florham, alcohol is not permitted in the Florence and Hamilton Twombly Halls and the Village area. However, residents of Park Avenue and Rutherford Hall who are of legal drinking age may do so in their dormitories.

As for drinking outside of the

dormitory and quantity limits, “Alcohol is not permitted in common areas unless everyone assigned to the suite is 21 or over,” the handbook states. “The quantity of alcohol is as follows: one bottle of no more than 750 ml. of distilled spirits or one bottle of no more than 750 ml. of wine or 12 12-oz. bottles or cans of beer.”

Miles said it’s a question of location.

“Florham is a gated campus and they do not empty out right on to area streets so they would not get the complaints from area residents like they would here,” Miles said. “The issues that were faced here could also be occurring at the Florham campus, but since each campus can have some differences in policies, the Florham campus administration has made a decision to allow alcohol in certain Residence Halls as well as having a bar.”

Public Safety Officer Paul Griffin was not employed by the Metropolitan campus when it was “wet,” but has responded to 15 complaints involving alcohol in two years of being at the campus. Having seen alcohol-related incidents as a police officer, Griffin views Metro’s policies as beneficial for safety.

“As a police officer, I responded to many incidents of violence that were escalated

by alcohol consumption,” he said. “Also, I had to respond to deaths by auto accidents caused by drunk drivers.”

However, Miles said that the number of the Metro campus’ alcohol-related incidents are much smaller in comparison to Florham, and issues Metro faced in the past with alcohol are almost nonexistent.

“The issues that we dealt with back in the 1980s to the 1990s with alcohol have almost been eliminated once we became a dry campus,” he said. “The numbers of reportable incidents that we are required to report on a yearly basis shows the big difference between the two campuses. We must report any alcohol referrals we make for disciplinary reasons that are violations of the law, such as underage drinking. For calendar year 2015, Metro had 31 referrals and Florham had 104.”

According to FDU’s fact sheet, there are fewer than 700 resident students on the Metro campus, while at Florham there are about 1,500.

As for looking specifically for alcohol in dorms, Miles said that it is not done unless there are special circumstances.

“We are not naïve and we know that there is alcohol on this campus,” he said, “and occasionally we do come across it in the Residence Halls

and students are sanctioned. We do not go into rooms and search unless we are called due to noise complaints, unregistered guests, etc.”

Miles was asked about the possibility of Metro becoming a wet campus again.

“I have not been any part of any discussions regarding any policy change at the Metro

campus,” Miles said. “What everyone has to remember is that the legal drinking age is 21, and since the majority of students are under the legal age, the change would only affect a small part of the student population.”



Photo: Facebook

The Bottle Hill Pub, the alcohol-serving bar on FDU’s wet Florham campus, is open, despite most of the student population being under the legal drinking age.

Faculty Senate Elects New Representatives

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Vice President:

Minerva Guttman, UC, defeated Patty Keefe Durso, Petrocelli, 135-79.

APRC:

Teresa Montani, UC (unopposed)

At-large APRC:

Francis Ingledew, UC, defeated Chris Caldiero, Becton, 116-103

FHC:

Alex Casti, UC (unopposed)

FHC:

Fernando Alonso, Petrocelli defeated Robyn Lubisco, Petrocelli, 89-29

At-large FHC:

Tarika Kapur, UC – Karen Denning, SCB Metro, TIE

FRW:

Hong Zhao, UC (unopposed)

At-large FRW:

Sameh Abdelazim, UC defeated Jordan Nowotny, Becton, 115-103

PBC:

Alfredo Tan, UC, defeated Anthony Adrignolo, Petrocelli, 99-28

At-large PBC:

Giri Nandikotkur, UC (99), defeated Kiron Sharma, Becton (84) and Diedre Collier, SCB Florham (41)

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Dr. Cohen Takes the Reins of University College

Veteran FDU Faculty Member Hopes to Be Effective in University College Interim Dean Position



Dr. Vicki Cohen, pictured at the FDU convocation in 2012, is the incoming dean of University College.

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

Dr. Vicki Cohen, the current director of the Peter Sammartino School of Education, will be the interim University College Dean for the 2017-2018 academic school year. She explained that her plans are to usher FDU through the changes that are coming in the future, including the possible restructuring of the university. “My main purpose is to

serve Fairleigh Dickinson University and to make us a better institution on all campuses, not just this one, which I think is really important because we are one university,” Cohen said. Cohen hopes that she can hold things together and be as effective as she can be for a year. “I’d like to see Fairleigh Dickinson University continue functioning as a very effective university for the students we serve,” she said. Cohen explained that the position is one she never expected to get, and that she is both excited and nervous to be the next University College Dean. She feels the new position will have a steep learning curve, but she’s planning on taking the new role with stride. “I like challenges a lot and I’m very good at problem solving,” Cohen said. “There are going to be a lot of problems to solve.” “I hope that I’m a good

leader and that I can be very fair and transparent to the faculty and the students,” Cohen said. Cohen hopes that the students and faculty will think that she is a good fit for the role. “I come from a good, broad background in terms of education which I hope I can apply to the university as a whole,” Cohen said. Cohen has been at FDU for 25 years. She came to the university in 1991 as an assistant professor in education and worked her way up, becoming the assistant director to the school of education and then being promoted to her current position, director of the school of education. “The best part of my job in any capacity is really working with the students because I think that the students at FDU are terrific on both campuses,” Cohen said. “We have excellent students. Our students are hardworking and serious and

they’re really here to learn.” Cohen also served on the Faculty Senate, including co-chairing one of the committees. Her area of specialty is literacy. “I teach the beginning reading course for certification of elementary education teachers,” she said. Cohen is also a published author. She uses her book “Literacy for Children in an Information Age: Teaching Reading, Writing, and Thinking” to teach her students. “I respect the students a great deal and that’s really what pushes me forward,” Cohen said. She said that the hardest part will be leaving her current position as director of the school of education. “I don’t feel like I’m leaving, I’m just kind of having a sabbatical for a year and then coming back,” Cohen said. “But any problems that arise, guaranteed that I’ll be here to solve them.” Cohen said that she will

miss everything about the Sammartino school while she’s dean because she has been in the education department for 25 years and loves it. “There are a lot of changes going down in terms of what you need to do to become a teacher, a lot of new regulations,” Cohen said. “We have a lot of challenges within the school of education that we need to face in the next couple of years, including accreditation.” Cohen hopes to take the Sammartino School through all of these changes within the next few years. Cohen will also place a strong emphasis on the interconnectedness of all of FDU’s campuses. “It’s really important that all the disparate elements of the university are kind of pulled together so that we look upon each other and serve each other as one university,” Cohen said.

U.K. Economy Mixed After Brexit

Pound Falls, but Prime Minister May Encourages Optimism

By Mariuxi Mansfield
Staff Writer



It has been ten months since the referendum where the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union and many economists forecasted a major economic shock for the U.K. economy. “There were predictions about what would happen to the economy if the United Kingdom voted to leave,” Prime Minister Theresa May told Parliament on March 29 when she signed the letter formally initiating Brexit. “Those predictions have not proved to be correct. We see a strong economy.” However, the U.K. has two years before Brexit will actually take effect. Although the U.K.’s economy grew in the final three months of 2016 due the manufacturing industry, the Office of National Statistics (ONS) said business investment has slowed down and is expected to drop to 1.6 percent in 2017. The pound also suffered a dramatic fall after the Brexit vote last year. The pound has been 15 percent lower compared to the dollar and 12

percent lower compared to the euro before the referendum. Dyson, the British company that manufactures high-end vacuum cleaners and household items, said they are “optimistic” and actually reported an increase of their profits after the vote. Exporters have also done well due the decline of the pound. Since the market is cheaper, they reported stronger earnings. Small companies have increased their international sales, luxury cars are looking cheaper to foreign buyers and alcohol companies are booming. Ipsos Mori, the lead research market in U.K., surveyed 114 of the 500 Britain’s biggest businesses and 58 percent of them expressed that they believe Brexit will have a negative impact on their businesses. 84 percent of them think that if the government gets the Brexit negotiations right then the economy will be okay. Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, presented “draft Brexit negotiation guidelines” to the 27 remaining members of the E.U. after Article 50 was triggered.

The agreement on future deals between the U.K. and the E.U. “can only be concluded once the U.K. is not part of E.U.” The guideline also adds that, during the transition, the U.K. will still follow regulations, budget, supervision and the overall structure of the E.U. Protection of the single E.U. market is based on “sector to sector approach.” The time frame UK has to complete the process is 2 years. After that period of time, if no extension is agreed, the U.K. automatically leaves the E.U. and all existing agreements. Brexit Day is Friday, March 29, 2019.



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Opinion

Students Plead for Gourmet Dining Replacement

By John Fruhman, Evan Ochner, Laura Atehortua & Gritt Broening
Guest Writers

In response to the informative article by Theresa King in the March Equinox “FDU Food Services: Separate and Unequal,” four students from the Metropolitan Campus have created a proposal with the purpose to replace Gourmet Dining, the current company providing food services, with Fresh Foods, which provides food services at the University of Scranton.

The University of Scranton is like FDU, a private university with similar enrollment, however, students report a much higher satisfactory rate with the food services, while at the same time paying around \$1,300 less.

Since the current contract with Gourmet Dining does not expire until 2022, we suggest putting the replacement in place by the expiration of the contract.

The replacement is necessary since currently 72.3 percent of students surveyed by King are at least somewhat dissatisfied with food services. Also, the commuter options are not supportive enough of commuter students’ needs.

We would like to appeal to the campus administration to rethink the current food situation at the Metropolitan Campus, and to start negotiations with Fresh Food Company.

Satisfaction of students should be the number one goal of any university administration, and the food services are an important factor – one that’s currently lacking.



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How to Get Through Finals

By Kayla Macaalay
Guest Writer

Final exams are fast approaching, and let’s face it: this is the most painful time for all of us. But this is not the time to slack off. Here are some useful tips for finals week:

1. Know the content and format of your exams. You need to clarify what materials are going to be included. Is the final only going to include materials covered since the midterm or is it going to be cumulative? Also, ask your professor what the format is – multiple choice, short answers, or true/false and modify your study technique according to the exam format.

2. Create a study schedule. Do this to maximize your study time for each subject. This will also help avoid cramming the last minute. Don’t just make a study schedule – follow it too.

3. Learn how you study best. Everyone learns differently. Visual learners use pictures, maps and graphic organizers to better understand new information. Verbal learners have a strong reading/writing preference and they learn quickly

through words. Auditory learners best retain new information through listening and speaking, such as lectures and group discussions. Kinesthetic learners are hands-on learners and learn better through figuring things out by hand. Know which learning style works best for you and use it.

4. Quiz yourself. Gather all the questions/problems that might be included on the exam, and try to answer/solve all of them correctly. If your textbook has some practice tests available online, take advantage of this opportunity. Similar questions might appear on the exam. Also, try to refrain from peeking through the answer sheet while doing practice tests. Just practice until you get everything right.

5. Study with a group. Some students learn faster when working within a group, and they also have the opportunity to exchange ideas and ask questions. However, remember to stay focused. Studying with a group may be effective sometimes, but it can also be unproductive if you get distracted easily.

6. Get a good night’s sleep. Although most college students mistakenly think

that studying all night will help them learn more for an exam, studies prove that pulling an all-nighter does more harm than good. Well-rested students are more calm and alert when it comes to taking exams. Make sure to get a good night’s sleep – you’ll thank yourself later.

7. Eat breakfast. Taking the exam with an empty stomach is a bad idea. It will be more difficult for you to focus on the exam. Eat something before you take your exam, this will help you concentrate more.

8. Know when to stop studying. Only study lightly for the few hours before your final exam, and don’t attempt to retain new information. You will only stress yourself out – and even worse – confuse yourself. Flashcards can be a good resource if you want to study lightly before an exam.

9. Relax. We all know that finals week are extremely stressful, but try to relax. Stressing out will drive you crazy and prevent you from doing well on the exam. Remind yourself that you’ve been studying a lot and you are more than ready to take the exam. Good luck!

Frank Feelings on Finals

By Frank Pellino
Guest Writer

“Great, I can’t wait for finals week to finally start!” said no one ever.

That is the most accurate quote I have ever written. But what is it that is so bad about finals?

“We all have to do things we don’t want to.”

“It’s part of college so you should just suck it up.”

“Life isn’t supposed to be easy.”

It’s not that finals are too “hard” or that students simply don’t want to take the tests. It’s about all of the stress and pressure that comes with finals week and how that negatively affects us. Studying for 5-7 finals takes a lot of time and energy, and that’s if you don’t have any final papers to hand in, which only take up more time.

And student’s struggles are noticed. All the psychiatrist appointments, sleepless nights, and aderall addictions

show up in the form of statistics that eventually land on professors/administrators desks just to be forgotten about as fast as chapters 7-20 were crammed into some poor bio major’s brain last Tuesday night.

But I’m here to take a stand. To say what every other student is thinking but won’t say for the fear of seeming scared or “lazy,” which is worse than paying \$55 an hour to see a psychiatrist.

Don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying that finals should stop, unless that’s okay with all the professors at FDU. What I want to say is that finals week doesn’t have to be so stressful and hectic. Simple things like not making finals cumulative or assigning a presentation rather than a test can make all the difference. And before any professor reading this writes a very angry letter to the editor I understand that isn’t realistic for every class. Some subjects simply require more studying and have to have a test at the

end of the course. And for classes like those there simply is no compromise (Apologies to all the students in those classes). But for all the other courses changes need to be made.

During the crazy time that is finals week students don’t just get a lot of work and stress, they also get worse grades. It’s so much harder to study for a big psychology exam when you also have to study for your law final... and your creative writing test... and your philosophy exam... the list goes on.

Somewhere in the course of human history someone decided that the best time to give students their biggest work load of the semester is at the most crucial time as well. Finals, for most classes, are the biggest part of one’s grade. So why is that when students are given the most work? It only leads to worse performance.



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Frank Pellino is back with another critique of college culture.

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By: L. A. Bonté



Opinion



From the Editorial Desk



Looking Forward to the Future

Eight months ago, The Equinox staff challenged itself to take a new direction with the campus newspaper. What may have seemed like a typical rag twelve issues ago has evolved into something entirely new. But we wouldn't be where we are now without the support of our readers.

The newfound interest from students and faculty at FDU is flattering, but it's also kept our writers determined to provide the campus with the content it deserves. The Equinox has evolved over the past semester, and with this change comes even more challenges that we are eager to take on.

By the start of this coming Fall semester, we are determined to produce one

of our finest "Back to School" issues in recent years, led by our new Editor-in-Chief Theresa King and Managing Editor Elizabeth White.

Equinox. The newspaper is an outlet for the students' voices to be heard, and we encourage everyone interested to come forward in the next academic

in October, and will be flying to Texas to talk about the journalism process with fellow writers and editors. We look forward to applying what we

local businesses and events in the Teaneck/Hackensack area. At FDU, we are fortunate to have a community that extends beyond the campus, and we would love to keep that sentiment going.

The Equinox doesn't wish to ruminate on the past, but rather look towards the future with the rest of the community. The 2016-2017 school year was just a glimpse of what The Equinox can offer, and we look forward to showing the community what we can accomplish in the coming months.

“The newspaper is an outlet for the students’ voices to be heard, and we encourage everyone interested to come forward in the next academic year.”

We look forward to moving the paper in an exciting direction, and encourage more FDU students to join The

Equinox. The newspaper is an outlet for the students' voices to be heard, and we encourage everyone interested to come forward in the next academic

learn from that trip to our newspaper. The Equinox also hopes to feature more content from

The Editorial Board of
The Equinox

David Miles Talks End of Year



Director of Public Safety
David Miles

As this is the last issue of the year and we have almost reached the end of the academic year, most students are looking forward to enjoying some time off away from studying and the pressures that go with college.

While summer is a time where many of us relax, we have to make sure that we do not take a break from any safety or security.

We have to remain vigilant wherever or whatever we do.

The world is changing and we continue to see random and selfish acts of violence across the country. Unfortunately, there continues to be violence on college campuses.

It is important that you always think about your safety and security. The following are some tips to always follow:

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings by limiting distractions such as cell phones.
- Walk in groups on well-lit pathways.
- If you must travel alone, walk, drive, or bike in well-lit areas. Also be sure to alert someone of your whereabouts.
- Protect your personal information. Be sure to log off before leaving when using public computers.
- Park in well-lit areas

and lock all items in your trunk.

- Report any suspicious activity to emergency services.

These basic tips should always be followed anywhere that you go.

In this day and age, security should be on everyone's mind and you must always be alert so you do not become a victim.

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

On behalf of the members of the Department of Public Safety, I want to congratulate all the graduates and I want to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Public Safety Blotter

4/11/17 – Staff member reported damage to her vehicle while parked in Field House parking lot

4/13/17 – Student reported invasion of privacy issue

4/15/17 – Two vehicles belonging to non-campus individuals were found driving erratically in Edward Williams parking lot

4/17/17 – Odor of marijuana reported in Linden 1

4/18/17 – Individual observed smoking inside a room by window in Linden 6

4/22/17 – Student reported inappropriate contact by another student

Letter to the Editor



Margaret Campo,
Administrative
Assistant - Natural
Sciences

Dear Editor,
Thank you for your article about RBARI in the April 13, 2017 edition of The Equinox.

Our dog, Tasha, was a resident of RBARI for three years before we adopted her.

The staff and volunteers at RBARI are wonderful! They loved and cared for Tasha while she waited for her forever home. It is so nice to see their kind efforts and hard work noted in print.

Thank you for writing such a great story.

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Student Lifestyle

Senior Send-Off

What are your plans after graduation?




“My plans for after graduation consist of traveling and possibly working as an Uber driver to get the funds to travel. I plan on traveling to Las Vegas, New Orleans, Barbados, Spain, France, London, Rome, Trinidad and Canada. I was also offered a full-time management position from Gourmet Dining.”

- **Ashley Hinkson**
B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management



“My plans for after graduation are to work at my summer job at Chelsea Piers as a camp counselor and then start graduate school at FDU in the Fall for criminal justice. My favorite part about FDU was meeting my best friends here and going to the Wroxtton campus in England for a semester last spring.”

- **Kimberleigh Velez**
B.S. in Forensic Psychology, Minor in Criminal Justice



“After graduation, I plan on starting at a CPA firm while studying for my CPA exam. After I pass all of the parts, I plan on going back to grad school. My favorite part of FDU would have to be being a part of the track team. I’ve developed lifelong bonds with people I know I can call on.”

- **Emmanuel Atilola**
B.S. in Accounting

Man On The Street

How are you spending your summer vacation?



“My plans are to make the best out of every experience and adventure that I may encounter. I also hope to obtain a summer internship with a television network.”

- **Lisbeth Minaya**
Sophomore • Communications and Broadcasting



“My plans for summer break is to spend time with family and hopefully find an internship.”

- **Daniella Ortiz**
Junior • Psychology and Social Work



“Over this summer, I plan to intern at Montefiore Hospital while also working toward becoming a chef. A vacation outside the U.S. is in the plans as well as visiting various water parks for some fun.”

- **Mahamadou Fofana**
Senior • Science

Community

Campus Calendar

April 27:
Personal Development Workshop, “Relaxation 101,”
Instruction Room 4, Lower Level, Giovatto Library,
noon–1 p.m., free.

April 27:
School of Natural Sciences Student Presentations; Room
4468, Dickinson Hall, 5:30–6:20 p.m., free, refreshments
served.

April 28:
Puffin Poetry Night, feat. Toney Jackson, 08:00 pm,
Puffin Cultural Forum, 20 Puffin Way, Teaneck NJ, \$5
suggested donation.

April 29:
All That Jazz, The Harlem and Poland Connection,
8:00pm, Puffin Cultural Forum, \$10 suggested donation

May 2:
Cinco De Mayo Event, 8:30pm, Metropolitan Campus,
Student Union Building, Knight Club, Alpha Epsilon Phi

May 3:
Bus Trip, Broadway Show, “Wicked”; bus departs Student
Union Building Circle 5 p.m., \$25 faculty and staff, \$20
students (ticket sales begin 4/12 Wed. for students, 4/13
Thu. for faculty/staff)

May 4:
School of Natural Sciences Student Presentations; Room
4468, Dickinson Hall, 5:30–6:20 p.m., free.

May 5:
Baseball Game, 3pm, Metropolitan Campus, Baseball
Field, FDU baseball vs Wagner

May 6:
Explore: The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y.;
bus departs Student Union Building Circle noon, \$10
faculty, staff and students (ticket sales begin 4/26 Wed.
for students, 4/27 Thu. for faculty/staff)

May 8–13:
Final Examinations

May 9:
Late Knight Breakfast; Dining Hall, Student Union
Building, 9 p.m., free.

Periodically Speaking:
News from
Giovatto Library



Congratulations to the Class of 2017 and Best Wishes to All for a Pleasant Summer from all of Us @ the Library

Coming Soon!
Extended Library Hours for Finals
May 5 – 7

Extended Study Hall Hours
May 7 – 11
Courtesy of Public Safety

Examtime Mini Stress Lab
May 1 – 5
Sponsored by the Wellness Committee and the Library
Refreshments Courtesy of Gourmet Dining

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Student Lifestyle

Villa De Colombia Dishes Up

By Elizabeth White
News Editor

Hidden in the back streets of downtown Hackensack is Villa De Colombia, an authentic Colombian restaurant serving classic dishes with style.

The scent of tostones greets diners as they walk in and transports them to the streets of Colombia.

The restaurant is beautifully decorated in hues of gold and red. Artwork dons many of

the walls. Upon first glance, it would appear to be an upscale place, but the prices are very reasonable for the quality.

As an appetizer, I ordered the tostones villacol, which are crispy green plantains served with guacamole, sour cream and pico de gallo.

The dish was superb. It was the perfect introduction to Colombian cuisine. The tostones were crunchy on the outside, but the inside had the consistency of soft french

fries. Paired with guacamole, sour cream and pico de gallo, flavors blended together wonderfully. The guacamole was fresh, with a hint of lime and crunchy tomatoes mixed in. I could have eaten three plates of tostones villacol.

My main dish was the chuleta caleña. It was deep fried pork steak with caramelized onions on top, served with tostones, sweet plantains and yuca fries.

The pork steak had an awesome crispy layer to it that made it extra crunchy and delicious. The meat was tender and juicy. It was the perfect combination of meat and crunchy breading. The caramelized onions added an extra kick and paired nicely with the pork steak.

The tostones, sweet plantains and yuca fries on the side were too much in addition to the pork steak. Although they each had their own individual taste, the three paired together were too similar. It would have been better if only one of the three had been served in a larger portion with the pork steak.

The portion sizes were huge, but that was not a problem. They were tasty leftovers for lunch the next day!

For dessert, I got the caramel cheese flan, a typical Colombian dessert. It was served with extra



Photo: Elizabeth White



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Villa de Colombia provides authentic Cloumbian food on Mercer Street in the heart of Hackensack.

caramel, whipped cream, and a chocolate sauce. I am not usually a flan fan, but I loved this dish. Since it was cheese flan and not the typical flan, it had a similar taste to cheesecake.

The staff was friendly and attentive, always offering us more food and drinks. Overall, the experience was delightful.

Villa De Colombia uses traditional seasonings to keep the traditional Colombian taste alive, and eating just a few of their dishes proves that.

The owners of Villa De Colombia have been in

the restaurant business for more than 10 years. In addition to the restaurant, there is a Colombian bakery on premises. It features a variety of Colombia baked goods, including empanadas, bunuelos, arepas, chorizos, chicharron, and more.

Villa De Colombia is located at 12 Marcer St. in Hackensack, New Jersey. Interested customers can contact them at (201) 343-3399.

“The Flow of My Motifs” Student



Photo: Mohammad Aldahlawi

The art department of University College allows art students to showcase their talent through a weeklong exhibition. Sarah Gumgumji, a graduating senior, showcased her art from April 17-21 in University Hall.

Her exhibit, “The Flow of My Motifs,” was inspired by her 2015 trip to Turkey. The main theme of her show was about the domes and minarets (peaks) found in Islamic architecture.

She also served traditional Arabic food like Arabic coffe, baklava, fatayer and manakish.



Photos: Sarah Gumgumji

— Student Lifestyle —

Campus Movie Fest Finale



Ray White, winner of the Best Performance Award, with his trophy.



Anna Braun (left) and Betsy Regus, winners of the Jury Award for their film "Dream Interrupted."



Ashli Weems (left) and Jobelle Gulian enjoy the red carpet event Tuesday night.



By Daniel Clarke
Opinion Editor

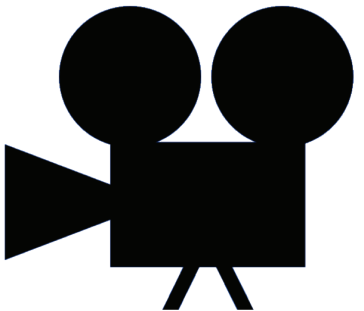
The Campus MovieFest (CMF) held FDU’s biggest 10th Anniversary Red Carpet Finale on April 25 in the Wilson Auditorium. The top 16 movies of 47 entries were screened at the event. A Best Performance Award and 4 Jury Award winners were selected to move on to the next round.


With something unique to offer at every moment of the night, it was packed with students, movies and prizes. Movies ranged from the dark end about living from paycheck to paycheck, drugs and consequences, love lost and suicide. More uplifting themes of FDU athletes’ thirst for success and dedication. A number of them also tackled real world issues as documentaries using the stories of fellow students.

“Campus MovieFest was founded in 2001 by four then-students at Emory University. Over the last 15 years, CMF has grown to give more than

one million students access to all of the equipment and training they need to make a five-minute film in one week, including Apple laptops loaded with Adobe Creative Cloud, Panasonic HD Cameras, state-of-the-art sound equipment from Sennheiser, and external hard drives—all for free,” CMF writes on their website.

“The 4 Jury Award winners will advance to the national competition at TERMINUS, receive a one-year subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud and have their films considered for screening at the 2017 Cannes International Film Festival in France,” according to CMF. “TERMINUS is the final stop on the Campus MovieFest 2016-2017 tour, and a giant celebration of all things CMF.”





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Student Lifestyle

5 Cheap Summer Travel Destinations

By Emily Deschamps
Staff Writer

At last, the semester is over and it's time to put your wanderlust gear on. Whether you're working this summer or not, these five destinations won't burn a hole in your pocket. If you're looking for a fun local weekend experience, we've got you covered with the hacks you need to escape, even if it's only for a weekend.

1. Tulum, Mexico:

Ever wanted to feel like you're in the middle of a high-end jungle? If so, Tulum is the place for you. Only 90 minutes from Cancun, this little town will help you escape the Cancun party scene in no time. With Airbnb rentals starting at just \$36 a night, you'll be able to afford the tacos at "La Eufemia." According to Forbes travel writer Emily Siegel, La Eufemia lets you hang out on their beach all day - simply order a drink every hour and avoid paying the lounge chair rental fees at nearby hotels.

2. London, UK

If London has always been on your bucket list, now is the time to book. According to Refinery29.com, there are \$400 flights available departing from U.S cities Boston, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Los Angeles, New York (JFK and Newark), and Philadelphia. Check out Google flights for the deal and sync it to your handy Google calendar.

3. Iceland

I'm sure you've seen the Blue Lagoon pictures on Instagram, and ever since the Kardashians made it a thing, traveling to Iceland is cheaper than you think. Farecompare.com did a study on the best time to book a flight, and found that Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m EST is the optimal time to book. Set your alarm to 3 p.m. and let your cheap flight search begin.



Photo: Google Images

Cheap flights to Iceland are best found on Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

4. Cuba

Get ready to step into a time warp as the Cuba travel boom is at an all-time high. Ever since U.S citizens have been able to visit, Cuba has become one of the hottest affordable places to visit in 2017. Flights out of JFK start at \$218 in June. But hurry, now is the perfect time to swipe that card as prices change in July.

5. New York City

If you didn't get the chance to escape to the city during the semester, the summer is definitely the time to take PATH over. Hop on a Citi Bike and explore the Brooklyn bridge. Once you've got your work out in, be sure to check out Sweet Chick in Williamsburg. The chicken and waffle is a serious force to be reckoned with. If you decide

to go bar hopping afterwards and forget to make it home, apps like hoteltonight.com offer rooms in the city for as little as \$50 a night.



— Student Lifestyle —

Pet Therapy: Where'd it Go?

By Emily Weikl
Staff Writer

It's Week 13.
Two more weeks until final exams, and the end of the academic year.
It's stress-time.
We need puppies.
There are many ways of alleviating stress, from yoga to meditation. One of them is includes having dogs around. Two years ago, dogs from the Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge came to the Fitness Center to help students cope.
It worked.
It's a chemical thing.
"Cortisol is a hormone activated by stress, and studies have found that being around animals can decrease cortisol levels" the website DogTime said.
Fairleigh Dickinson's Florham campus has pet therapy, and the dogs even have their own page online. Metro had the same program for about a decade, according to Dean of Students Michelle McCroy.
However, there were not dogs in the Puppy Room in the

Fitness Center during "Stress Less Week" this year. A change in management at the shelter led to the interruption of the program.
The Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refugee, a non-profit and no-kill shelter in Oakland, New Jersey, had brought 10 to 12 puppies to the university in past years. Scott Fisher, the Director of the Fitness Center, usually schedules the Puppy Room program for the last week in March or the first week in April. But not this year.
"Scott [Fisher] and I are co-chairs of the Wellness Committee," said Alice Mills, co-director of Student Counseling and Psychological Services. "Unfortunately due to a change in leadership of the animal shelter he has utilized in the past, Scott was unable to supply puppies this year."
Although the program has not been canceled, it's future is uncertain.
"While I hope to continue this on a regular basis, I can't confirm at this time that the event will happen next year," Fisher said, "but we will certainly try."



Studies show that being around animals can decrease cortisol levels, which is why FDU used to incorporate a puppy room into "Stress Less Week."



Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge staff, and students from Fordam unwind with pet therapy dogs.

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Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge used to bring dogs to FDU to help students, faculty and staff de-stress during finals week.

Best NYC Food on the Cheap

By Carly Edelman
Staff Writer

Life in New York tends to be expensive. But luckily, cheap food can be found – and it doesn't always equate to bad. Here are my top picks:

Uncle Ted's: Uncle Ted's is an establishment geared toward Asian cuisine. It is probably the priciest place on the list, with meals costing about \$12. The portions are large enough for two meals, the

food is filling, the atmosphere is cozy yet casual and the food is killer!

Joe's Pizza: You can't visit NYC without grabbing an authentic N.Y. slice, and there is no better place than Joe's. Established in 1975, the pizzeria on the West End has become a staple for New Yorkers grabbing a slice or a whole pie.

Levain Bakery: If you have a sweet tooth, Levain's is

the place to go. While cookies run for \$4, you get what you pay for. The cookies are the size of small rolls and can feed at least two people. They also have cheaper items on the menu, like large \$3 chocolate rolls or \$1 walnut raisin rolls. Beware the wait, though - there are typically lines out the door!

The Halal Guys: If you ask any New Yorker where they go to get halal food, Halal Guys will be the answer. For \$7, you get huge portions of amazing food - enough for a full meal and leftovers!

Mimi Cheng's Dumplings: If you are looking for a SoHo-based dumpling place that is cheap and delicious, visit Mimi Cheng's. With a wide range of fillings and dumplings made to order, customers are guaranteed to leave happy and full.



Entertainment

‘DAMN’ Tells Powerful Stories



By Ray White
Staff Writer

The title of of Kendrick Lamar’s fourth studio album may just be properly named for the reaction it evokes in those who have the chance to listen to it. Fusing his unique hypnotic wordplay with tracks of varying intensity

and carefully placed smiles, Lamar creates yet another album that must be listened to repeatedly to fully grasp what he is trying to convey.

On April 14, Lamar released his fourth studio album titled “DAMN,” just a year after releasing his critically acclaimed album “Untitled Unmastered.”

The hype following this album was at an all-time high, especially after Lamar released one of the songs from the album by the name of “Humble” with a video, and weeks before that released a track called “The Heart Part IV.” And in pure Lamar fashion, he neglected making an album about the luxuries of being a Grammy winning/nominated artist, and one of the most successful rappers of this generation.

He instead focused on racial injustice in America, the struggles and outcomes of growing up in impoverished areas, and the wants and needs we all either strive for or try to overcome. Upon first listening, the album entices its listeners with smooth beats, melodious monologues/ballads and just raw hip-hop flows and beats. Yet the album really begins to show its magic once it is continuously listened to.

The whole album is actually one story about Lamar and his struggles, which he conveys by utilizing tracks named after emotions

or feelings then connects them to experiences in his life or events in society. In many cases these struggles and feelings correlate on a larger scale connecting every track to its audience.

Each track on the album is named after a single word, and the lyrics highlight each word amazingly while also dissecting complex emotions with ease. Then, by the time you arrive to the last track of the album, “DUCKWORTH,” you realize the character you had been following throughout the album (Lamar) is killed and the album reverses and restarts. Detailing how even in death things always come full-circle and occur again.

There are only 3 people featured on the album, those being Rhianna, U2 and Zacari, but that does not take away from this album in slightest. Not only is this album extremely quotable, but it is also applicable to life itself, and that relatability is what makes it so great.

This album proves Lamar is an artist that continuously

gets better with age, which is rare, especially nowadays when hip-hop artists are rated on relevancy and popularity rather than skill. This album will prove to those who are fans of hip-hop that substance will always trump rap clichés, and those who are not huge fans of rap should give this album a try and truly listen to what it tells its audience.

This album gets 4 “DAMN’s” out of 4 and will most definitely become a hip-hop classic.

Kendrick Lamar's DAMN. Tracklist

1. "Blood"
2. "DNA"
3. "Yah"
4. "Element"
5. "Feel"
6. "Loyalty" Feat. Rihanna
7. "Pride"
8. "Humble"
9. "Lust"
10. "Love"
11. "xxx" Feat. U2
12. "Fear"
13. "God"
14. "Duckworth"

‘13 Reasons Why’ - Worth the Questions

By Emily Weikl
Staff Writer

Many stories, regardless of medium, begin with an inciting action that moves it forward. The hero learns their secret origins, or a sister volunteer to take the other’s place in a dystopian spectacle, for example. This story, though, begins with an end - the end of a life.

The narrator, Hannah Baker, committed suicide recently when “13 Reasons Why” opens. Baker leaves cassette tapes to those people she considered reasons for taking her life, totaling to be 13 reasons. The majority of the people were friends, love interests and classmates. And one was a close friend of Baker’s, Clay Jensen, who was also in love with her.

The thirteen-episode series chronicles Jensen’s experience going through each of the tapes while an elusive figure and friend of Jensen’s, Tony Padilla, keeps tabs on him to make sure he’s listening.

The present day intermingles with the past as Baker’s voice shows viewers what her life was like in the months prior to her death. Jensen imagines her frequently while listening, all the while getting more and more emotional as he forgets she is really gone. Artistically, this effect was well done on



the part of those involved in “13 Reasons” production. It shows how she lingers and how she still affects the lives of those she cared about after death.

“All of them [the directors] found interesting ways to show the merging of the past and the present, like Clay reaching

out to feel Hannah feeling her heartbeat outside Tyler’s window in the fourth episode,” entertainment website Uproxx reported. “Every scene felt intimate and honest and real, even the ones that were clearly dream sequences like the first time we see Clay and Hannah dance together at the winter

formal at the start of episode five.”

A main conflict in this involves a group of who are on the tapes that think Baker is lying on the tapes and want to stop Jensen from finishing them and spreading what is on them. But the truth always comes out and dramatically alters the lives of the those in the tapes as the story continues to unfold.

Jensen was unsettled knowing that he was on the tapes since he and Baker knew each other well. Their friendship blossoms into more through the flashbacks leading up to his tape. This makes it all the more heartbreaking being a reason she killed herself. The episode in which he learns what he actually did is perhaps the one that elicits the most emotion in the series.

There are viewer warnings in the episodes 9, 12 and 13 for the content in them. Viewers should watch these episodes with caution and consider if watching certain scenes will be traumatic for them. “13 Reasons” does not shy away from the world as it is by any means. Baker’s suicide is one of those scenes. It cannot be stressed enough that the scene is graphically shown and should be skipped for those who feel they cannot watch it.

As a whole, “13 Reasons” is far from a perfect show, due to some forays into melodrama and its handling

of some subplots, yet these drawbacks don’t eclipse the show’s strengths.

“But even its flaws help to mimic the show’s ultimate goal: to paint a gorgeous, and terrible tapestry of what it means to live on this planet – and what it means for those that stay behind when we leave it,” according to Collider.

Some conflicts are unresolved by the thirteenth episode’s close, and a second season is uncertain. As the credits role, a viewer might feel dejected or disheartened at how cruel people can be. They might think that justice was left unserved to certain characters. They possibly could reflect on what they have said, what they have done, and how both can affect people that they know or have known.

What Jensen says to guidance counselor Mr. Porter at one point during the last episode serves as a lesson for the viewer. It is also a hope for the future, a hope that more people know that there is someone who cares about them.

“It has to get better. The way we treat each other, and look out for each other. It has to get better somehow.”

“13 Reasons Why” is now streaming on Netflix.

Sports

Knights Edged by Delaware State

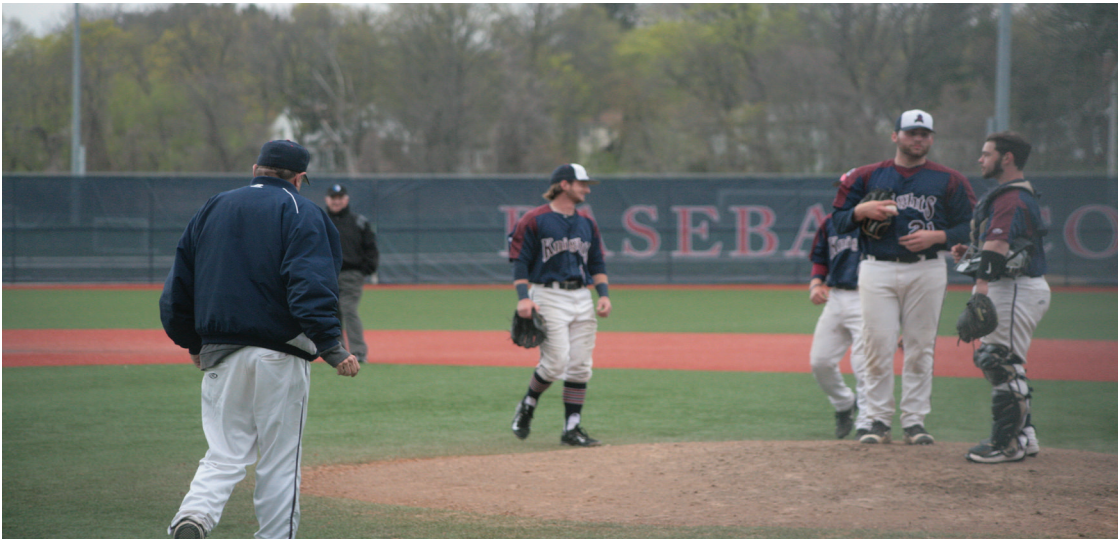
By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

The men’s baseball team came up short on April 18 against Delaware State, despite a last- minute comeback attempt. The Knights almost overcame a five-run deficit late in the contest, but the Hornets won 8-7.

The game started slowly, with a both teams scoreless through two. The Knights (10-20, 7-4 NEC) took an early 2-0 lead after senior shortstop Matt McCann hit a single to center in the bottom of the third, scoring freshman outfielder James Donlon and junior first baseman Jason Fatzinger on the play.

McCann was explosive, accounting for three of FDU’s seven hits. He also stole his 15th base of the season, which ties him for third in school history with 68, according to Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Communications Bryan Jackson.

The Hornets (14-19, 7-9 NEC) finally responded in the fifth inning after a scoreless fourth for both teams. Freshman catcher Ciaran



Coach Puccio walks to the mound against St. Peter’s University during the Knights’ April 18-19 homestand.

Devenney hit a sacrifice fly and junior infielder Devin Beverly scored from third, pulling them within one.

FDU sophomore southpaw Evan Layne pitched for five innings before being replaced by Jake Sciarotta. Layne allowed only two hits and struck out five batters before the Hornets launched their offensive assault in the sixth.

The Knights scored again in the bottom of the fifth after senior outfielder Ryan Brenann reached home on a fielding error. James Donlon

then scored an unearned run after Matt McCann advanced to second base. Donlon scored twice on the day, bringing his total to 12 for the season. FDU was up 3-1 by the end of the inning.

The Hornets made their comeback at the start of the sixth inning and never looked back. Junior outfielder Austin Bentley knocked in a pair of runs on a hit to left center, tying the game at 3-3. The game turned after Ciarran Devenney was hit by a wild pitch. With the bases loaded,

Bentley scored and the Hornets took control 4-3.

After a scoreless seventh, DSU romped throughout the eighth inning, scoring three runs with no response from the struggling Knights. Freshman third baseman Jared Gillis led off the scoring drive with a single to right field. Devenney advanced to second base and senior infielder Kwestin Smith went to third. Senior catcher Evan Regez scored on the play.

Sophomore infielder Todd Henry flied out to right field as Devenney advanced to

third, and Smith scored. Next, senior outfielder Jaylen Zielecki sealed the game for the Hornets after he was awarded a walk and teammate Devenney scored on a wild pitch, putting them up 8-3.

The Knights kept fighting, though, scoring four runs in the final inning. McCann scored from second base on a Hornets throwing error. Then, junior third baseman Bobby Romano advanced to third, while freshman catcher Joe O’Rourke walked.

With the game at 8-4 in the bottom of the ninth, the pressure was on and the Knights went to work. The bases were loaded and freshman infielder Hunter Reeser went up to bat. Reeser was fired up and hit a double down the left line. The bases were cleared, which put the game at 8-7. But FDU’s last-minute efforts weren’t enough to top Delaware State as they were able to strike out junior outfielder Jason Fatzinger.

The Knights prepare for a four-game series against Bryant in Smithfield, R.I. starting on April 28.

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Sports

Women’s Softball Swept in Doubleheader

By Julian Bell
Sports Writer

The women’s softball team fell short against Robert Morris in both of their home games on April 22. The Knights lost 9-5 in their first game and fell to 5-0 in their second that afternoon. FDU let go of an early lead in Game 1 and had the opportunity to come back in Game 2, but the Colonials were able to come away with both victories.

Robert Morris (17-27, 7-3 NEC) was able to score numerous runs in the latter innings of both games, which allowed them to win over the Knights. Fairleigh Dickinson (4-30, 1-11 NEC) took an early lead in the first game, but was overwhelmed by the Colonials’ offensive onslaught. In the second game, Robert Morris shut-out the Knights.

FDU scored the first run in Game 1 after sophomore first baseman Kellie Natham hit a single to centerfield. This allowed sophomore utility player Reanna Cervantes to score on the play, giving The Knights a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Natham finished with two RBI on the afternoon and leads the team with 19 this season. Cervantes leads the team in total runs with 16.

The Knights were able to



Sophomore infielder Kellie Natham steps up to the plate against the Knights doubleheader against Robert Morris on April 22.

secure the lead again after Robert Morris tied the game 1-1 by scoring on a throwing error. A bunt from sophomore middle infielder Serena Meehan put junior outfielder Kassidy Neptune in position to score. Meehan reached first and Neptune stole second base, advanced to third, and made it all the way home before the Colonial infielders had realized what happened. This put the Knights up 2-1 in the bottom of the second inning. Meehan then advanced to second base.

FDU prolonged their aggressive scoring after sophomore outfielder Holly

Mercier delivered a sacrifice bunt, which moved Meehan to third base. Freshman catcher Ana Hayes hit an RBI groundout, scoring Meehan on the play, making it a 3-1 game in the second.

Strong pitching from both teams muted the scoring until the sixth inning. Freshman right-handed pitcher Madison Emerson started for the Knights and pitched for five innings, allowing four walks and five runs on nine hits. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Kaitlin Ellzy pitched for seven innings and allowed five runs on seven hits with two walks.

Robert Morris scored eight runs in the top of the sixth, despite the Knights changing pitchers twice. The Colonials were able to secure a 9-3 lead after a three-run home run and two RBI singles.

FDU responded with some runs of their own. Natham hit her first homerun of the season to center field. Then, Neptune advanced to second base after an uncaught third strike. Mercier went up for bat and hit a double over to left field. Neptune scored on the play, which gave Mercier her third RBI of the season. The Knights’ efforts to make a comeback were not enough to

overcome the Colonials. The scoring ceased after the sixth inning in Robert Morris’s 9-5 victory over the Knights. Emerson started off strong, but struggled against the Colonials in the sixth inning, allowing nine hits and five runs on the day.

The Knights struggled even more in their second game. Robert Morris poured on the scoring in the first and sixth innings, which allowed them to trample FDU 5-0.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Erica Johnson pitched four shutout innings in her first five and only allowed a single baserunner between the fourth and fifth innings.

The Colonials managed to score three insurance runs in the sixth. Two of them were scored on back-to-back hits. The final run was scored on an RBI groundout by sophomore outfielder Abrielle McCartney. Junior third baseman Olivia Lorusso advanced to second base, while senior infielder Stacey Capp moved to third. Senior outfielder Jordan Gurganus scored on the play, securing the game for Robert Morris.

The Knights prepare for another home doubleheader against Stony Brook on April 28.

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Grateful for the Past, Playing in the Present, Focused on the Future

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Matt McCann is all baseball. “Anyone who wants to be good at something,” McCann said, “usually gets kind of lonely to be good at something, and you gotta sacrifice things and give up a lot of time, you gotta put a lot of time into it.”

McCann has been busy lately. The baseball team has been hot at home, going 7-2, and 7-4 in the NEC overall. But in addition, he’s starting to think about playing baseball at the next level.

“Well, along with my teammates Logan Frati and Ryan Brennan, we were on Baseball America’s top prospect list for the Northeast Conference,” McCann said. “It’s humbling, because it’s something that you obviously want to pursue, and being a senior, you don’t know how much longer you’re going to get to play because it’s your senior year and college is coming to an end. So it’s just nice to know that you might have a shot to keep playing the game that you really love.”

McCann has been working out for a couple of pro teams. He won’t say who (“There are some teams.”), but it’s happening, and fast.

And so is McCann.

“Yeah, my 60-yard time at some of the workouts I’ve been to has been as fast as like 6.3 seconds, which is considered a carrying tool, a very good tool,” he said.

In addition to physical workouts, McCann has been taking psychological profiling tests to determine his coachability for potential pro teams. It’s not his first time

he’s taken them.

“Pooch (Head Coach Gary Puccio) has got players when they come in, you take a test and it matches your personality with how coachable you are, things like that,” McCann said. “And so I took one for him when I first got here, everyone does, and then it’s kind of the same way with professional teams.”

McCann is a speed player. He’s not a huge guy at 5’9” and 170 pounds. Fast on the field, he’s relaxed off of it. He relaxes into the back and arms of the chair he’s sitting in, and his words are clear but not calculated. Just easy. He’s a specialist, and excels in stealing bases, a vital component of Assistant Coach Justin McKay’s offense. He’s no power hitter, but he can get around the bases in the blink of an eye.

“I’ve actually never hit a college home run,” McCann said. “Because I’m a smaller guy, it’s just not something that I do. But speed is something that I can do, something I take a lot of pride in. I can steal bases and use it to get on base, get around the bases.”

McCann’s speed comes naturally, but like anything else it takes refining to reach its full potential.

“I work out at the Parisi Speed School, and I have a trainer there that helps me work on my speed,” he said.

As of April 23, McCann leads the team with 47 hits and 29 runs, and also leads the team with an on-base percentage of .468.

“I’ve been fortunate enough to stay healthy, to start, and to just keep it simple and put the barrel of the bat on the

ball, and the ball just finds holes and you just keep it simple and get on base for the big guys like Ryan Brennan, Bobby Romano,” McCann said. “Those guys deserve a ton of credit for my personal successes as a base stealer,

“I definitely came to college with nothing in mind but baseball, and I’m still very, very baseball-only, with that tunnel vision,” he said. “But it’s definitely helped me grow outside of baseball, helped me see some things

times where his commitment to baseball has kept him from helping others as much as he would have liked

“Well always, as an athlete, as a committed athlete the way that I am, you’re gonna give up a lot of opportunities that other students get to have,” McCann said. “I would have like to do a little more for the community I guess. I was part of SAC last year, and they do a lot of really good things. But because I’m very committed to making this happen for me and to get a chance to play at the next level, I haven’t been able to do some of those things. Which is a little selfish but, sometimes you have to be. But, if there is one thing, it would be to get more involved in the community.”

McCann credits his success to his teammates and coaches.

“Knowing that they believe in me, and when Pooch named me captain too, believing that I could lead the team, it’s just cool because you always think you can do it,” McCann said. “And when someone else kind of confirms it for you too, it makes it easy to just go with whatever ideas you have, it just builds your confidence.”

Nearing the end of a stellar college baseball career, with major league baseball calling, McCann is filled with gratitude.

“My former teammates, my current teammates, everyone deserves credit,” he said, “because they’ve all laid a role in helping me become a better player.”



Photo: Dustin Niles

Matt McCann walks up to bat during FDU’s 13-6 win against St. Peter’s on April 19.

because it’s real easy for me to get the opportunities to run on breaking balls when you’ve got guys who mash fastballs. So, they definitely deserve a lot of credit in terms of my personal success. Evan McDonald too, those guys all contribute. And then from a defensive standpoint, I just try to play good defense behind the pitching staff, they make good pitches, throw strikes, and I try to give them all the help that they need by making plays for them.”

In terms of his college experience, FDU has opened McCann up to new experiences through his studies.

that I didn’t really know were in me, in terms of my interest in my major, which is communications.

“I found something else that I’m kinda interested in,” McCann said. “I’m not a huge school person, but ever since late in my sophomore year when I determined I was going to be a communications major, it’s actually been a little better. It makes it easier to get up and go to class with a professor like Dr. Battistoli, Dr. Sun, Dr. Buzzard, she’s the head of the department, they’re all great really.”

But like anyone committed to his craft, there have been

SCORE BOX

Women’s Tennis

4/21	Wagner - Away	W	4-0
4/21	Bryant - Away	W	4-3
4/23	LIU Brooklyn - Away	L	4-0

Women’s Track & Field

4/15	Towson Invitational - Away	11th
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Softball

4/22	Robert Morris (DH) - Home	L	9-5, 5-0
4/23	LIU Brooklyn (DH) - Home	W, L	4-3, 19-3

Men’s Tennis

4/21	Mount St. Mary’s - Away	W	4-1
4/22	Bryant - Away	L	4-2

Men’s Track & Field

4/15	Towson Invitational - Away	3rd
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Baseball

4/19	St. Peter’s University - Home	W	13-6
4/22	#22 St. John’s University - Away	L	0-9
4/23	#23 St. John’s University - Away	L	8-15