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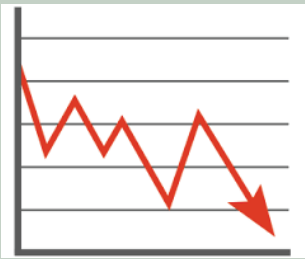


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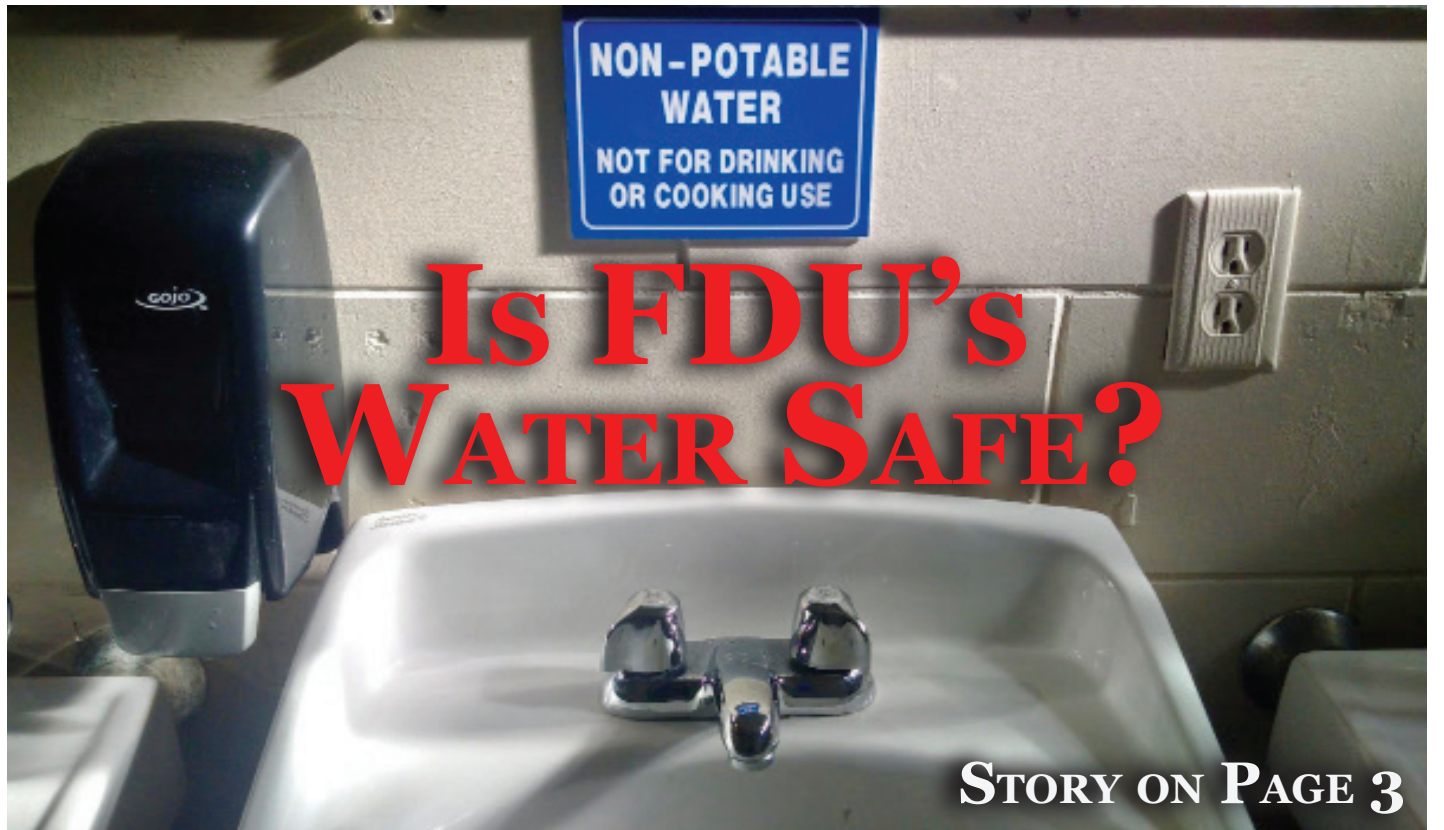
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A sign in a Robison Hall men's room warns users not to drink or cook with the water, which exceeds the EPA's standard for lead.

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University Provost Shatters Glass Ceiling

By Daniel Clarke

(TEANECK) - Dr. Gillian Small was appointed university provost and senior vice president for academic affairs on Aug. 1. She made it through an extensive search involving a number of selection committees and interviews with faculty, staff and students. She now holds the university's second-highest position.

"Not only is she an exceptionally accomplished academic, researcher and administrator - she's genuinely a nice person," said Metro Provost Robert F. Vodde at a recent Town Hall meeting. "She's personable, wholly unpretentious, easy to talk to, someone who you quickly come to appreciate and respect."

Citing her involvement as a woman in science, she was asked to talk about her goals at the university with that in mind. Not discounting salary discrepancies in many sectors, she spoke about a more broad-reaching "leaky pipeline" of women through the educational system that the entire system needs to tackle. One where plenty of women enter, but not enough find themselves on the other end in

high paying jobs or as accomplished academics.

"I'm not saying it's just men that have a bias," Small said. "Women have a bias against women as well, and it's not intentional. Almost always it's subliminal, so we have to work on that."

Roadblocks, both experienced and anticipated, were discussed. She praised the many individuals at the university she spoke with whom she felt showed a genuine interest and excitement in truly improving FDU.

While the university found what it was looking for, Small also had a say in her appointment. One of her reasons for choosing FDU was the value she saw in its strategic plans, including those for the budget and facilities.

"Most institutions will have a strategic plan that they write and put on the shelf, but it's not endeared to [them] in the same way that it is here," she said.

Impressed with the progress already made with the plan, Small expressed her excitement and support. She highlighted the pharmacy program started on the Florham campus, which she feels is truly on its way to becoming

a center of excellence.

By focusing on the university's strengths and continuing to build excellent programs like these, she believes the university can distinguish itself and eventually become known for excellence in general.



New University Provost Gillian Small sees a bright future for FDU.

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News

Enrollment Numbers Down

By Tyler Williams

(TEANECK) - Enrollment of freshman and transfer students at FDU’s Metro campus declined by 221 – from 873 to 652 - students in the past year, according to FDU’s enrollment records.

“We are in a transition; there have been a lot of changes in leadership,” said Metro Campus Provost Robert Vodde.

Traci Banks, associate vice president of Admissions and Financial Aid is now overseeing the enrollment process on both FDU campuses – a job John Wexler, former vice president of enrollment had been doing.

Vodde also mentioned that the university is under scrutiny over its new pharmacy program and that they’re working with outside consulting on the issue.

Another aspect of FDU’s enrollment issue is a transition to new leadership as well as independent factors regarding students.

“There’s a new president and new university provost, fewer students, changing demographics, and changing factors,” said Vodde.

When asked if tuition is increasing due to declining enrollment, Vodde said that the budget determines

the tuition, rather than enrollment determining it.

Vodde explained how the University Planning and Budgeting Committee establishes tuition.

“It’s a very deliberate process,” Vodde said.

Another factor in tuition is financial aid, which comes in the form of grants and scholarships.

“Affordability is really sensitive,” he said, stating how faculty and the Administration try to cater to the needs to students and parents.

“I know, as a parent, what it’s like to put children through college,” Vodde said.

According to FDU’s Financial Aid office, 2,722 total undergraduates received, on average, \$20,324 in grant aid.

“We prepare our students on financial aid because we [FDU] care,” Vodde said.

According to the College Board in a comparison between the tuitions of FDU, Felician, and Georgian Court universities, FDU’s tuition is at least five thousand dollars more expensive than each of them.

“We want to make sure that FDU is accessible without compromising the quality of education,” Vodde said.

There is also an issue with declining foreign enrollment.

“Many international students can’t go to FDU because of visas in their home countries. This usually happens with Indian students.”

There has been some speculation about visa citizenship scams in foreign countries. This is the assumption that was made for international students being unable to come to college in the United States.

Usually, one of the top reasons why the international students are unable to come to college in the United States is because the individual does not have all of the information required to determine if the applicant is eligible to receive a visa. Another reason is because the applicant does not qualify for the visa category for which he or she applied.

Also, it could be that the information reviewed indicates the applicant falls within the scope of one of the inadmissibility or ineligibility grounds of the law. An applicant’s current and/or past actions, such as drug or criminal activities, as examples, may make the applicant ineligible for a visa, according to the U.S. Department of State and Bureau of Consular Affairs.

In countries like India, there

are citizenship scams that are present in forging visas. One of the fraud cases was a report where 10 Indian-Americans among 21 were arrested for visa fraud in the U.S.

“These defendants arranged to obtain visas by having individuals enroll to a fake university. Unfortunately for them, that fake university was run by undercover agents of the Department of Homeland Security,” said Paul J Fishman, US attorney of New Jersey, according to Economic Times.

However, an article on Slate.com said the United States’ Program for selling citizenship is a scam.

“If you want to find a real scam involving a country that sells citizenship to foreigners, you don’t need to look overseas,” Slate said.

“Here at home [United States] we do just that with a ludicrous program for ‘immigrant investors’,” they said.

“It’s the worst combination of bad economics, political cronyism, and unfairness—and it has been endorsed by saints of capitalism Warren Buffett and Bill Gates”, according to Slate.

Great Debate Series Kicks Off With Broken Constitutional System

By Melanie Perez

(TEANECK) - The Network for Responsible Policy had its first debate of the season on Sept. 22 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on whether or not the US constitutional system is broken.

The format was a discussion-debate between Lisa L. Miller, professor of political science (specifically, constitutional law) at Rutgers University, and Earl M. Maltz, constitutional scholar and distinguished professor at Rutgers University School of Law who has authored 9 books.

Peter Coy, the economic editor for Bloomberg Businessweek, moderated the debate. He took his first question off the advertisement for the debate: “Given our political dynamics, many believe features of the Constitution have been lost, compromised or ignored. Is that really the case?”

Miller said that the Constitution is being ignored, but that the dynamic of the world is different.

“The world has changed – it’s not the 18th century – in a way that the Constitution was not set up to address,” she said.

Miller also asserted that the Constitution inhibits governmental capacity.

“There is a democratic deficit in the United States,” she said.

Maltz agreed with Miller’s comments on a changed world.

“What we have not is a fundamental transformation from what the Constitution was to what the federal government is today,” he said.

Coy followed up with a question on whether or not the Constitution is endangered. Neither Miller nor Maltz directly answered the question, but

they did each discuss their opinions on what the Constitution was designed to do.

Maltz said that the Constitution was established “to make it difficult for federal government to do things.”

“I don’t agree that the purpose of the Constitution is to constrain power. I think it was to empower. The Articles of Confederation were just a disaster,” Miller said.

Both Miller and Maltz did

His example was Anthony Kennedy.

“If he [Kennedy] had not changed his mind, all affirmative action would be gone,” Maltz said.

Miller said that the system of judicial review in the U.S. is essentially saying, “we can’t be trusted to run our own democracy.”

When asked what form the Constitution (and consequently, judicial review) should take –

of law and order mainstream in a way that hasn’t been done since Nixon and asked the debaters to comment.

Miller’s most recent book, “The Myth of Mob Rule: Violent Crime and Democratic Politics,” dissected whether or not that statement was accurate.

“A lot of Liberals worry that Trump will have a violent effect, but I think people are more aware of their situation than other people think,” Miller said.

Regarding Trump, Maltz said, “For those of you who are upset about Donald Trump: the problem is the primary system.”

Maltz did not refute Miller’s statements about violence, but did give his opinion on guns.

“I think every gun should be taken away from every person,” Maltz said.

He also said that he thinks it should be legal to enter people’s homes in order to confiscate their guns, but acknowledged the impracticality of his statements.

At the end of the program, the debaters left time for audience questions, which they debated on.

One audience member asked if the Constitution would be necessary if there were no judicial review. Maltz responded that the Constitution was necessary to establish branches and structures of government.

“Some judiciary power would be needed to say what powers are executive and what powers are legislative,” Maltz said.

The next debate in the series is “What’s Gender Got to Do with It? Women and Electoral Politics Today.” It will be on Thursday, Oct. 6 in Wilson Auditorium from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.



From the left: Lisa Miller, Earl Maltz and Peter Coy. Photo Credit: Melanie Perez

agree, however different their views on the purpose of the Constitution are, that judicial review is a big problem in the U.S.

“I would get rid of judicial review (courts can change rule of law by overriding it apply different rule of law),” Maltz said. “It imposes additional rigidity costs on the system.”

fundamentalist or “living document” – Maltz said, “Either the Constitution is law or is not law. Nobody says that we ought to have ‘living statutes’.”

He further described himself as “an originalist with a strong deference for judicial review.”

Moderator Coy asserted that Donald Trump is making the issues

Lead in Campus Water

Disconnected fountains, warning signs on taps and continued testing raise questions about FDU’s water supply

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) – Unplugged water fountains with hand-written “Out of Order” signs. Sinks with permanent plastic signs warning not to drink the water. Water testing in academic buildings, dormitories and food service facilities.

“In early September, testing at Rowan University showed elevated lead levels in various buildings on its main campus in Glassboro, according to NJ.com. As a result, the school sent the campus community an email with information regarding the water quality and provided bottled water in dorms, in addition to disconnecting affected water fountains.”

What is going on with FDU’s water supply?

The Equinox reached out to FDU’s Vice President for Facilities and Auxillary Services Richard Frick for answers. Frick said his department began testing for lead out of concern for the safety of the campus community. He said the school is not required by any agency or law code to perform testing.

“We undertook this process because we were concerned about the wellbeing of our community,” Frick said. “That is our number one priority.”

Any water fixtures that were above the EPA level for lead were taken out of service or had signage posted above it alerting the community of their status, Frick said.

“For those devices, we would replace that particular device and make a decision as to whether we would post signage or take it out of service,” Frick said. “For example, we would replace the faucet and retest it. If it was below the EPA level, we removed the signage or turned the fixture back on.”

Frick said the food service areas on campus have been tested and that the situation has had no effect on Gourmet Dining services, but one sink in the Jeepers kitchen was taken out of service. The samples were taken in weekly increments, he said.

FDU’s website first posted water quality reports on July 6, and posted updates through Aug. 29. The water quality reports list which samples were taken from buildings across campus, as well as which were above the threshold established by the EPA, which is 15 parts per billion (ppb).

According to Frick, as of Sept. 20, there were 18 buildings that had fixtures (water fountains, sinks, spigots and showers) that exceeded the EPA standard for lead.

While updates were posted periodically on the university website, no email was sent out to the campus community to alert and inform students, staff and faculty of the problem.

Larry Hajna, a spokesman for New Jersey’s Department of Environmental Protection, told Philly.

com that the “DEP does not have any regulatory program” for colleges and universities.

“Most colleges are connected to public water supplies, which are required to conduct some testing that may include campus buildings,” Philly.com reported. “But they are not required to test campuses specifically,

and colleges are not required to do their own testing.”

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Moreover, the university installed filters in its water bottle filling stations in dorms, which is said to remove 99 percent of lead, according to Philly.com.

With the recent water crisis in Flint, Michigan, testing has been performed across the country to ensure tap water is safe to use.

The first round of FDU’s testing, performed in June, was on two of the oldest buildings on the Metropolitan Campus, the website said.

“Two initial buildings were identified and tested in June. These were the River House and the Student Counseling and Psychological Services building on the Metropolitan Campus,” according to the FDU water quality report from July 6.

“Unfortunately we weren’t told about this,” Jasmine Monroe, resident assistant of Linden 5 said when The Equinox asked her about it. “This is actually my first time hearing about this.”

“They were selected first because they are among the older buildings on the Metropolitan Campus and they were the most recent acquisitions. Preliminary results received last night indicate that both

buildings exceeded the EPA actionable level for lead in drinking water.”

In the Aug. 29 update, the report says that sources with levels that are not to standard will be returned to service for drinking once they are retested and brought back to normal levels.

“The initial round of water testing has been completed,” the update said. “Primary samples have been taken from all buildings with drinking sources on the two New Jersey campuses.

“We are continuing now to remediate and test those sources where the lead levels were above the action level established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Once tests confirm that a source is no longer above the EPA standard, it will be returned to service for drinking.”

The water situation can be a problem for students.

“I have class in Robison and it’s been a major inconvenience that every time I want to get a drink, I have to either worry about health concerns or go to another building,” junior computer science major David Benson said.

As for the dormitories, many sinks and water fountains have been declared safe, and those that are not have been either taken out of service or equipped with signage warning residents not to consume or cook with the water.

However, it appears that Residence Life staff were unaware of the lead problem with the water.

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When The Equinox reached out to Residence Life for comment, staff was directed to Dick Frick and the Facilities Department.

All of FDU’s water comes from Suez North America, which is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection and the federal government, according to Frick.

In a call with an emergency service representative from Suez North America, The Equinox was told that when samples are taken and levels are above the EPA standard, it is an internal issue, rather than an issue with the source of water.

“When they take those samples, they are internal,” the representative said. “It depends, but it’s usually internal. If you tested the source of the water, which is from us, you would see that the levels are different.”

Lead is a harmful pollutant of water that can appear as a result of old piping carrying the source. Until the 1980s, lead piping was used because of its ability to resist pinhole leaks, according to Plumbing Manufacturers International.

As a result, homes and buildings constructed prior to the 1980s still have lead solder connecting copper pipes. When these pipes begin to erode, lead can seep into tap water.

“Lead has long been used in the plumbing materials and solder



An unplugged water fountain in Robison Annex.

Photo Credit: Staff

that are in contact with drinking water as it is transported from its source into homes,” according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Lead leaches into tap water through the corrosion of plumbing materials that contain lead. The

“Lead also causes long-term harm in adults, including increased risk of high blood pressure and kidney damage.”

greater the concentration of lead in drinking water and the greater amount of lead-contaminated drinking water consumed, the greater the exposure to lead.”

According to World Health Organization, there is no level of lead exposure that is considered safe for humans.

“Lead is a cumulative toxicant that affects multiple body systems and is particularly harmful to young children,” according to WHO’s website.

“Young children are particularly vulnerable to the toxic effects of lead and can suffer profound and permanent adverse health effects, particularly affecting the development of the brain and nervous system. Lead also causes long-term harm in adults, including increased risk of high blood pressure and kidney damage. Exposure of pregnant women to high levels of lead can cause miscarriage, stillbirth, premature birth and low birth weight, as well as minor malformations.”

As of the date of publication, several water fountains and other fixtures across campus are out of service until the lead levels are brought back below EPA standard.

A new round of testing occurred throughout September, according to Frick. He said there are other options for drinking water in buildings other than the few fixtures affected. Once the sources on campus are below the EPA level for lead, they will be returned to service, he said.

— News

New University Provost

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When asked about the differences between FDU and CUNY, her workplace for the last 15 years and a school much larger than FDU, she said that perhaps the primary difference is that CUNY is a public university. As a public university, she believes it receives a substantially higher number of low-income students, but doesn't discount the programs FDU has that serve a similar population. In various ways, she suggested that many

of CUNY's colleges were not so different from FDU and are also similarly sized. "In the end, working with students, you have the same goal," she said. "You work with students to get the best possible education they can and provide them with the types of experiences that will help them either go into higher education or succeed in the job market." With her strong involvement in research, including a \$2 billion initiative for CUNY's science research and education and a \$3.7 million grant

from NSF, she values research as a necessity in an academic environment. "By the time, in my field, a textbook is published, it's out of date," she said. "If you're not keeping up with that, you're, at best, teaching out-of-date information." She plans to take a careful look at the programs the university offers and will consider where resources should be allocated. This may involve both the addition of new programs as well as shrinking existing ones that are too weak, she said.

Another potential roadblock is the rift between the Metro and Florham campus. Small said she hopes to unite the different campuses to help the university branding effort, while also preserving the identities of the campuses. "I don't think the campuses should be competing with each other," she said. "They should be combining and collaborating for the university."

Tebow Takes On Baseball

By Dustin Niles

(TEANECK) - Tim Tebow is back on the field. However, it's not the field he's famous for. On Sept. 8, Tim Tebow, former Heisman winner and former Florida Gators, Denver Broncos and New York Jets quarterback, signed to the New York Mets as an outfielder, according to ESPN. The Mets signed Tebow after he worked out publicly in front of multiple MLB scouts. Tebow's first appearance as a Met was Sept. 19 in a fall instructional league in Port St. Lucie, Florida. According to ESPN, Tebow hasn't played organized baseball since his junior year of high school in 2005. Tebow has been working out with former catcher Chad Moeller since Memorial Day. Tebow achieved fame and notoriety as an athlete after winning the Heisman Trophy with the Florida Gators in 2007, also winning two national championships with the team. The Denver Broncos drafted him before being picked up by the New York Jets. He was also a member of the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles for training camps, but never

played during the regular season, according to ESPN. Tebow has also made a career for himself at ESPN's college football show "SEC Nation" working as an analyst. According to ESPN, Tebow will get days off from the fall instructional league in order to fulfill his obligations as an analyst. Many view the move to sign Tebow as a publicity stunt by the Mets, but general manager Sandy Anderson rejected that view, saying that the Mets "are extremely intrigued with the potential that Tim has." He has demonstrated over his athletic career that he is a tremendous athlete, has got character, a competitive spirit. Aside from the age (29), this is a classic player-development opportunity for us. As an organization, we're going to provide that development opportunity for Tim," said Anderson. However, according to ESPN, Alderson and chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon, and not the team's "baseball-operations personnel," made the decision. After Tebow's time in the instructional league, which ESPN says "primarily is for teenage prospects," Alderson said he might be sent to the

minors, in either the Arizona League or a winter league. Mets fans may be eager to snatch up a Tebow jersey to add to their closets, but according to ESPN, Tebow was supposed to be signed to the Major League 40-man roster and sign the group licensing agreement. MLB.com was even rejecting fan attempts to add Tebow's name to custom jerseys. But later, an agreement was worked out between Major League Baseball's licensing arm, Majestic - Major League Baseball's official equipment manufacturer - and Tebow's representatives to allow New York Mets jerseys bearing Tebow's name to be sold, according to The New York Times. And it's no surprise that his jersey was a "hot seller on the Mets' online store" on the day of his workout in Port St. Lucie, according to The New York Times. On Monday Sept. 26, Tebow played his first intrasquad game, facing off against his team's pitchers. According to Newsday, he struck out swinging on both of his at-bats. In the Mets' instructional league, pitchers are limited to throwing just fastballs and changeups. Some may wonder what Tebow's answer would be if a football

team came calling for him, considering many quarterbacks have been injured in the early weeks of the season. One notable one is the New England Patriots' Jimmy Garoppolo, who went down with a shoulder injury and leaving the Patriots with rookie third-string quarterback Jacoby Brissett. When asked about if he would possibly sign with the Patriots, Tebow responded, "No, sir, I'm part of the Mets family," according to the New York Daily News.



Tim Tebow is moving from the football field to the baseball diamond.
Photo Credit: Jeremiah Wilson

Recent Shootings in the U.S.



Terence Crutcher is one of multiple fatalities in recent months as a result of police shootings.
Photo Credit: Heavy.com

By Reginald Tauscher

(TEANECK) - Recent shootings between police and civilians have risen around the country this past month. The first of which was Sept. 14, with the shooting of a teenager in Columbus, OH who was holding a BB gun, according to The New York Times. Police were called to a robbery that had taken place minutes before the shooting. Upon arrival, 13-year-old

Tyre King pulled out a BB gun from his waistband and was shot several times by a police officer, reports said. On Sept. 16, another shooting of an unarmed man in Tulsa, OK occurred. According to The New York Times, the man had his hands up in the air before being shot by a police officer. Forty-year-old Terence Crutcher's SUV had stalled and he attempted to get help as Officer Betty Shelby was en route to a domestic violence call and encountered Crutcher, according to CNN News. Crutcher had his hands in his pockets and was ask to remove them. He then put his hands up over his head while walking back to his SUV when officer Shelby opened fire, shooting Crutcher who later died at the scene, according to CNN News. Officer Shelby has been charged with first-degree manslaughter and is currently on a \$50,000 bond, according to Fox News. On Sept. 20, Keith Scott was shot and killed by a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer. He was waiting for one of his children to return from school, according to The New York Times. Police were serving a warrant for another suspect when they saw Keith Scott standing next to his

Ford. Police said he had a gun in his possession and demanded him to drop it, according to The New York Times. Keith Scott's wife, Rakeyia Scott, went back to their apartment to get a phone charger. She returned as the police surrounded Keith Scott's ford. She recorded the altercation leading up to the shooting on her smartphone, according to CNN. Rakeyia Scott kept recording the altercation between Keith Scott and the police while trying to get him to comply with the police officers' commands to surrender. "He doesn't have a gun," Rakeyia Scott said in the video. "He has TBI (traumatic brain injury). Don't shoot him." The officer who shot Keith Scott was identified as 26-year-old Bentley Vison, a black officer who has been with the force since 2014, according to The New York Times. Keith Scott had a police record that included aggravated assault, check fraud and carrying a concealed weapon, according to The New York Times. Protests and riots have been taking place since Sept. 21 throughout Charlotte since the shooting of Keith Scott, according to The New York Times.

On Sept. 21, Justin Carr was shot and killed by 21-year-old Rayquan Borum while protesting the shooting of Keith Scott in Charlotte. Borum was arrested on Sept. 23 and charged with murder, according to Fox News. In another shooting on Sept. 23, 20-year-old Arcan Cetin walked into Macy's at the Cascade Mall in Seattle, W.A. with an assault rifle and opened fire, according to The New York Times. He killed four women and critically injured a man who would later die at the hospital, reports said. A manhunt was put out for Cetin after being identified through surveillance cameras. He was apprehended at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 without an incident, according to The New York Times. Lt. Michael Hawley of the Island County Sheriff Office said he had received a report of Cetin's car parked less than a mile away from the sheriff's office, according to The New York Times. Lt. Hawley then headed that way and found Cetin walking on the sidewalk. Cetin listed his hometown as Adana, Turkey on Facebook, according to The New York Times. Charges are still pending and the motive is still under investigation.

A Witness to History

Equinox reporter on hand for first presidential debate of 2016

By Theresa King

(HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.) - Latino food staff workers for the media reception of the first presidential debate at Hofstra University on Sept. 26 looked up at a large television screen displaying Sen. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

“Our jobs are fleeing the country,” Trump said. “They are going to Mexico.”

The workers shook their heads and whispered to each other, their faces reflecting dismay. They were working just a few yards from the debate stage.

Earlier in the day, the feeling in the air was charged at Hofstra University. The campus was a frenzy of students, media and politicians. But this was nothing new for Hofstra.

Hofstra is the only university to ever host three consecutive debates, and is known for its political courses and majors. In 2015, Hofstra opened the Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs. Its focus on politics makes it the perfect place for a debate between the presidential nominees. And for the members of the campus community, it’s an absolute blast.

“It’s like a carnival,” sophomore Hofstra student Bethany Foster said. “We never get free stuff like this!”

Hofstra’s student center has many places to eat, similar to a mall food court, and on debate day it was filled to the brim with students, radio network personnel and anyone looking for the center of all the campus action (aside from the debate hall).

Outside the student center it was bustling, too. Every major news organization set up there. Some gave away free novelties, while others were interviewing students.

“I just got interviewed by CNN!” screamed one student as he ran to his friends in a crowd gathered in front of the FOX News stage.

Wearing “Hofstra 2016 Debate” T-shirts, students went around to advertise debate watch-parties going on that night, with “tons of free food,” as one student emphasized.

Green Party presidential nominee Jill Stein stopped to greet students on campus and take selfies with them, leaving shortly after.

It was time for me to get to work.

With only a campus credential, allowing its possessor to go anywhere “outside the debate perimeter,” I had to find out how far I could push the limits of access.

Heading away from the student festivities to the north, the parking lot was blocked off by barriers, with the exception of a white tent. Underneath it was something like an airport security point, guarded by the Secret Service, complete with baggage check and metal detectors.

A student volunteer held a scanner, normally seen in supermarkets, to scan the barcode on media passes to allow entry. However, my campus credential did not have a barcode, an indicator of the limited access it afforded me. As a result, it only made sense to do the most logical thing: act as if I belonged there.

There was another white tent at the end of the tunnel, filled with a bountiful lunch display, complete with sandwiches, wraps, reusable water bottles, chips, soup and even beer. After watching it for a minute or two, I realized that this food was for media personnel, who were scattered across the elegantly decorated picnic tables



The debate hall at Hofstra University on Sept. 26, site of the first presidential debate. Photo Credit: Theresa King

enjoying their free time before the real fun began.

I had a quick cup of soup and then resumed my exploration. I followed a crowd of people heading into the David S. Mack Fitness Center. It looked much like a high school gymnasium, and had been plastered with signs reading, “Hofstra Debate 2016” everywhere. A closer look and some helpful signs, however, revealed that this was the designated “Media Filing Center,” otherwise known as Spin Alley.

News networks had set up various cubicle-like areas surrounding the outskirts of the large room, while long call center-type tables rested in the middle, complete with power strips and ethernet plugs for reporters to

heels were killing me as I traveled back and forth between the food tent and Spin Alley. I received some curious looks, perhaps due in part to the fact that I appeared to be one of the only media personnel under 25, and maybe because my shoes had me walking like a baby bird.

This was my reality until dinner in the food tent at 5 p.m. The menu for the buffet-style dinner was salad, bread, garlic knots, stuffed peppers, lasagna and brownies. Sitting in a room of many well-known and professional journalists is extremely humbling, and a reminder that they’re all just normal people, and that they also like to eat.

I decided to make one more attempt to enter the debate hall, flashing

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catch up on work. Each row had TV’s mounted displaying FOX News, CNN, FOX Business and MSNBC all day. With plenty of time left before the debate, members of the news organizations utilized it to record segments, type up stories and charge their phones.

At one point, a small crowd formed behind CNN’s tiny makeshift stage. On it sat Wolf Blitzer, reporting live and chatting with an on-air guest. The television monitors close by showed him talking, and by glancing back and forth from live Blitzer and real-life Blitzer, the seconds difference in live TV was noticeable.

Soon thereafter, an even larger crowd formed at another makeshift stage. With a closer look and some eavesdropping, it dawned on me that the white-haired man sitting in one of two chairs being interviewed and protected by Secret Service was Trump’s running mate, Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana. Reporters stood waiting for the chance to get a quote from him after he was finished.

By this time my excruciatingly painful yet professional-looking high

my dainty media lanyard as if I were a famous journalist. Unsurprisingly, the attempt failed because of the missing barcode. At this point, the only thing left to do was report, charge devices and talk to people.

While walking back to Spin Alley, a group of men watched my high-heeled drama.

“We’ve all been saying that looks very painful,” one in a blue shirt said. “You’ve been walking around all day, and you’re a tough reporter. I give you props.”

After a brief chat, he introduced himself as Cameron Blattner, director of operations for StarCom Communications Services, who worked on the debate hall.

He offered me his pass to enter the debate hall, however he realized that upon scanning the barcode a picture pops up on the scanner of the pass holder, so this would not work.

Blattner and his colleagues stood outside Spin Alley for hours, chatting, smoking electronic cigarettes and discussing the candidates.

The start of the debate was

approaching, and since the TVs in Spin Alley had no volume, I decided to view the debate from the media food tent. This proved difficult, though, as every journalist who did not make their way into the debate hall also came here to watch the event unfold. As a result, seats were limited, and the picnic tables became packed with reporters eager for the debate to start.

Food was still out for consumption at the time the debate started. The staff, with matching T-shirts, gladly scooped lasagna onto the plates of those hungry for more. Reporters occasionally walked up to the table with brownies, eyes still glued to TV mounted on the tent and ears perked for the start of the long-awaited event.

Once Lester Holt walked on stage, the room fell silent, and it remained so throughout the debate, with the exception of a few boos or claps from several tables. While the journalists in the room were generally professional in their demeanor, their responses to the candidates’ statements said otherwise. With several of Trump’s responses, one look around the room showed responses including giggles, sighs and head-shakes from reporters.

During Trump’s statements on Mexico and China, the staff watched intently. Some turned away from the TV, focusing their attention on cleaning up tables, rather than his comments.

Blattner appeared toward the end of the debate, wielding a beer and brownie, to sit and discuss the candidates.

“I tend to lean more toward the Republican side,” he said, “but I was really feelin’ Bernie.”

After a brief time chatting and watching the debate, Blattner exited the tent for the night.

“I’m looking forward to seeing you on TV someday,” he said as he grabbed his beer and left.

As the debate went on, some reporters went back to Spin Alley, some stayed in the tent - frantically typing quotes as they were spoken on the TV, reporting history in the making - and others simply went home.

After the debate’s conclusion, a steady wave of reporters moved back toward the student center, where the media shuttle would pick them up and return them to their vehicles. The buzz had ended, and lugging camera equipment, bags and notebooks, the reporters left in anticipation of the next news day.

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What’s Gender Got to Do with It? Women and Electoral Politics Today

Farleigh Dickinson University,
140 University Plaza Dr Wilson
Auditorium/Dickinson Hall
Hackensack, NJ 07601
7:30 PM
- Oct. 8

Nightmare on River Road

Behind Brookchester Stores,
854 River Rd. Entrance in Rear.
New Milford, NJ 07646
6:00 PM
- Oct. 15

Walk Together Against Domestic Violence

216 Forest Ave,
Paramus, NJ 07652
10:00 a.m.
- Oct. 18

The Medicine of Laughter

20 Puffin Way
Teaneck NJ
7 p.m.
- Oct. 21

And Then There Were None

Church of The Good Shepherd
1576 Palisade Ave. Fort Lee NJ
8 p.m.
- Oct. 25

Adult Cooking Classes at Cooktique

9 W Railroad Ave, Teanaffly NJ
6:00 p.m.

Samsung Feeling The Burn

By Dustin Niles

(TEANECK) - “A United States government safety agency urged all consumers to stop using Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones, which are prone to catch fire,” according to Reuters after a series of incidents involving overheating cell phones.

This includes one case involving a 6-year-old boy from Brooklyn, according to CNET. Samsung has voluntarily issued a recall on the phones in 10 markets, including the U.S., according to Reuters.

Reuters also reported that some analysts suggest that Samsung may lose \$5 billion in revenue. Two and a half million of the devices have been sold worldwide, and users in the U.S. can trade the phones in for one of several models and a \$25 gift card, according to Reuters.

U.S. government officials expressed criticism on how Samsung handled the recall and how they went out on their own to recollect the phones.

“I will say as a general matter that it’s not a recipe for a successful recall for a company to go out on its own,” Consumer Product Safety Commission chairman Elliot F. Kaye said, according to The New York Times.

Jennifer Shecter, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit Consumer Reports, said her company found that some stores were still selling the defective phones “days after Samsung’s announcement,” according to The New York Times.

Samsung’s stocks and market value have dropped significantly since the announcements made by the C.P.S.C. and Samsung. The debacle endangers South Korea’s economy in general, as Samsung accounts for one fifth of the country’s exports, according to The New York Times.

In addition to the voluntary recall and the warning by the U.S. government, airlines have also made statements related to the phones.

“Travelers should not use or charge them while in the air, or stow them in checked luggage,” the U.S. Federal Aviation Association said.

when it was set aflame by a Samsung Galaxy Note 7 just days after the recall was announced, according to TIME magazine.

“Not the barbecue I wanted on my day off,” said Dornacher on Facebook.

Since Sept. 16, Samsung has received 92 reports of batteries overheating, including 26 reports of burns and 55 reports of property damage, according to The Wall Street Journal.

But the recall hasn’t fixed all the problems with the new phones. In South Korea, there have been reports of the replacement phones having the same issues as the old ones, and in the new phones the batteries are non-removable, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Samsung acknowledged on Sept. 23 that there have been complaints about the new phones, and South Korean television network YTN began reporting incidents with new phones on Sept 22, according to The Wall Street Journal. These reports have so far only been filed in South Korea as of Sept. 25.

According to BGR.com, a Samsung Galaxy S7 Edge phone also exploded in the Philippines. This is not a similar situation necessarily, as the phone has been on sale for months without a problem.

However, another Galaxy S7 Edge gave a New Jersey man second and third-degree burns after it exploded in his shirt pocket, according to BGR.com.

The Samsung Note 7 was released ten days earlier than its predecessor this year, as a plan to establish the product before its rival, the Apple iPhone 7, released a month later.



Photo Credit: Google Images

The three largest airlines, United, Delta and American, began telling customers to turn off the phones before boarding and keep them off until the get off the plane, according to Reuters.

Reports of the danger surrounding the Samsung phones surfaced when phones were occasionally overheating at extreme levels, and in some cases catching fire or exploding. In addition to the burns sustained by the 6-year-old boy in Brooklyn, a Florida man named Nathan Dornacher lost his car

The FDU optometry community is coming together to help a three-year-old cancer patient in Chile.

Photo Credit: Constanza Valenzuela

Students Rally for a Good Cause

By Melanie Perez

Sofia Nocetti, a three-year-old from Valparaiso, Chile, has suffered from cataracts since she was born.

Last year, her family took her for what was supposed to be a routine eye exam.

Now, she is fighting for her life, suffering from a common cancer that plagues young children known as retinoblastoma – cancer of the retina in the eye.

Sofia Nocetti has sporadic (non-hereditary) retinoblastoma, which is not present at birth and develops in one eye. As with any other cancer, retinoblastoma is the result of cells (in this case, eye cells known as retinoblasts) that continue to divide and grow out of control, according to Cancer.org.

Sofia Nocetti’s right eye was removed soon after her diagnosis and since then she has undergone chemotherapy, which has contributed to liver and heart problems.

One FDU student, Carla Granda, reached out to her professor in hopes of finding an organization to help fundraise for Sofia Nocetti’s medical expenses. Granda is a close friend of Constanza Valenzuela, an

FDU alumnus and Sofia Nocetti’s cousin – although Sofia Nocetti refers to her as an aunt – and said she felt compelled to help.

“She’s a good friend of mine, and Sofia’s story made an impact,” said Granda, a sophomore at FDU’s Metropolitan Campus. “I have kids myself, so I felt her story needed to go viral.”

“I commented to Carla about the situation and she contacted Dr. McClary out of the kindness of her heart, and both of them have been nothing other than extremely helpful with this,” Sofia Nocetti’s cousin said.

Granda first reached out to Dr. Marion McClary, associate professor of biological sciences, co-director of the School of Natural Sciences and the faculty advisor of the Pre-Optometry club, because of her professional relationship with him. She hoped that she could find space to hold a fundraiser for Sophia.

“I asked Dr. McClary because I am always in contact with him and I know he is a good hearted person,” Grande said.

“I knew he would direct me to the right person or lead me the right path. I originally just wanted to know if we could use a space to do a fundraiser

but he forwarded my email to Daniel and it worked out perfectly.”

Daniel Gomez is a senior and president of the Pre-Optometry Club at FDU’s Metro campus. He agreed to help with Sofia Nocetti’s cause by creating a GoFundMe account in her name (available at <https://www.gofundme.com/2restfg>). Gomez also reached out to The Equinox to spread awareness of their fundraising efforts.

“We want to collect as much as possible, but we have set a goal of collecting \$10,000, which is about a year’s worth of expenses,” Gomez said.

Jean Pierre Nocetti and Marcela Covarrubias, Sofia’s Nocetti’s parents, have to travel to two separate hospitals in order to address all of their daughter’s needs – one of which is two hours away from their home in Valparaiso, Chile. The family’s travel expenses, hospital bills, medications and chemotherapy infections cost around \$4,000 every six months.

Her parents have been fundraising in Valparaiso since her diagnoses, selling food and asking for donations.

Gomez said that doctors have also been urging the family to get a prosthetic eye for Sofia Nocetti to give her a sense of normalcy, but the eye

costs about \$800.

“I chose to help pay for her treatment because this will give her a better chance to fight against cancer,” Gomez said. “She is just three years old. Sofia deserves a shot at life and I’m willing to do anything to help her fight.”



The FDU optometry community is coming together to help a three-year-old cancer patient in Chile.

Student Lifestyle




Photo Credit: Theresa King

By Theresa King

Let's Talk About Sex was held in the Rutherford Room of the Student Union Building on Sept. 27 at 9 p.m. The event was held by Omega Phi Chi,

Omega Phi Phi and Zeta Beta Tau. It commenced with a quiz testing participant's knowledge of sex facts and was followed by a presentation from Student Health Services. The program also included a

presentation on sexual health, a brief video and a discussion on topics related to sexual health and taboos. The event finished with the raffling of various gift bags containing sex-related prizes.



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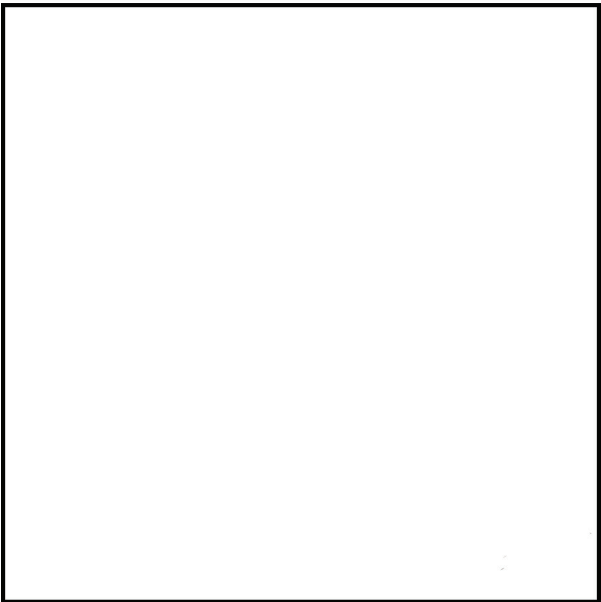
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- Oct. 7**
Sands of Time Trip to Carnegie Hall
Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela
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- Oct. 8**
Six Flags Fright Fest Trip
Bus leaves SUB at 5 p.m.
- Oct. 13**
Jack O' Lantern Blaze at Croton on Hudson
Bus leaves at SUB at 5 p.m
- Oct. 13**
Fundraising Gala Puerta al Futuro, Latino Promise, HACER
Tickets at Puerta's office, Petrocelli College
- Oct. 14**
Fall Harvest
In front of SUB at 12 p.m.
- Oct. 16**
Overnight Trip to Washington DC
Bus leaves SUB at 8 a.m.
- Breast Cancer Walk**
Bus leaves SUB at 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 20**
Dumbo (Brooklyn)
Ticket Sales Begin 1 p.m. in SUB
- Oct. 21**
Sands of Time Trip to Cirque du Soleil, at Randall's Island
Bus leaves MC at 5 p.m.
- Oct. 24**
Spectrum Fair
12-4 p.m. SUB Lobby
- Oct. 26**
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8 p.m. SUB

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News

North Korea is Nuclear Testing Again

By Nishi Naik

(TEANECK) - It seems banning the internet, alcohol and blue jeans weren't enough for North Korea to create chaos. On Sept. 9, North Korea also conducted its fifth underground nuclear test - the second one of the year - which raised high tensions and concerns across the world.

North Korea has previously tested nuclear weapons in Jan of this year, Feb. 2013, May 2009 and Oct. 2006. The latest nuclear test not only raised many doubts and questions, but also indicated that the country is trying to build up its nuclear weaponry.

The recent test, shows North Korea's progress towards a building a "functional nuclear warhead," as the underground test created a "5.3 magnitude earthquake, northwest of North Korea's Punggye-ri nuclear testing site," South Korea's military officials said.

One official said this nuclear test was the "most powerful detonating test conducted by North Korea," and that "the blast itself was larger than the blast of the fourth test conducted in Jan. 2016."

According to the South Korean Meteorological Agency (SKMA), this nuclear test suggested a "10 kiloton blast, which would be the isolated nation's largest ever" nuclear bomb, compared to the January test, "which

resulted in a blast of six to nine kilotons".

However, Jeffrey Lewis of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies believes this test produced a seismic activity of 20-30 kilotons, and if right, this test would be "larger than the nuclear bomb the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima in World War II, and possibly even larger than the one dropped on Nagasaki soon after," he told Reuters.

The test was conducted on Sept. 9 in honor of North Korea's Foundation Day. North Korea's first test coincided with Kim Jong-un's birthday.

In addition to the continuation of the nuclear test, the country has also been involved in launching a series of ballistic missiles. According to South Korean and U.S. officials, the missiles were intended to carry nuclear warheads, small and sturdy enough to travel a long distance through Earth's atmosphere.

On Sept. 23, North Korea boasted that "they have successfully demonstrated country's preparation for retaliation against its enemies, chiefly the United States of America."

North Korea's foreign minister, Ri Yong Ho, justified North Korea's nuclear test as a self-defending strategy against the other "hostile" nuclear countries. He later also "warned the United States of unimaginable



Location of North Korean nuclear testing.

Photo Credit: CNN

consequences in response to the deployment of U.S. B-1B bombers to South Korea this week."

This so-called patriotic action by North Korea created conflict with many other countries. The fifth nuclear test is still being "condemned universally and has prompted the United States, Japan and South Korea to call for tougher sanctions at the U.N. Security Council", South Korean news agency Yonhap reported.

Feared by the country's new testing advances and constant nuclear threats, North Korea's neighbor Japan feels highly threatened, as "at least two

missiles tests have been launched in Japan's direction in recent months," Japan's Defense Minister Tomomi Inada said.

Along with Japan, South Korea has also demonstrated fear from the events and expressed condemnation to North Korea's nuclear tests of all sorts.

According to South Korean President Park Geun-hye, who described the North's actions as "maniacal recklessness," he held an unscheduled phone call with Barack Obama to discuss the issue and to gain support from the United States.

Continued Calls for Catalan Independence

By Gabriel Perez

(TEANECK) - On Sept. 11, the National Day of Catalonia, about 540,000 people rallied in Barcelona for a referendum for Catalonia's independence from Spain, according to the BBC.

Catalonia is a region that in many ways feels very different to the rest of Spain. They were a separate state from Spain until the Spanish unification in 1492, and have a regional language known as Catalan that they speak as a way of holding a sense of identity, according to the Washington Post.

Rallies for independence have been happening more often in recent years due to the dire economic situation in Spain, where according to EU surveys, 20 percent of the general population is unemployed and youth

unemployment is at a steep 45.5 percent.

Catalan separatists said that their region, which is considered affluent despite unemployment rates of 17.49 percent, according to 2015 EU data, gives plenty to Spain and receives little for it.

What the Catalan government is looking for is the permission to do what Scotland was able to do back in 2014, when David Cameron allowed Scotland to hold a referendum on its independence. In many ways, the Catalans liken their movement to the Scottish call for independence.

Raül Romeva, the unofficial foreign minister of Catalonia, is one of the loudest voices in the Catalan independence movement.

In an interview with The Guardian, he said that he would support a "Scottish-type scenario,

where we could negotiate with the state and hold a coordinated and democratic referendum," he said.

In that same interview, Romeva also mentioned that the Spanish Government's reluctance to allow a referendum on Catalan independence would not be wise.

"Every action they take serves only to rearm us and give us greater legitimacy for what we're doing," Romeva said.

El País reported in July that 48 percent of Catalans support the separatist movement, making them a plurality, but not a majority within the region.

The current prime minister of Spain, Mariano Rajoy, opposes the separatist movement, praising the decision of the Spanish constitutional court to strike down legislation in Catalonia that would have started the process for secession.

"This makes the majority of Spaniards who believe in Spain, in national sovereignty and in the equality of all very happy," he said in an interview with The Guardian.

Another voice of opposition is Jaime Domínguez Buj, the Spanish army's chief of staff who compared events in Catalonia to Spain's situation at the end of the Spanish-American War, according to the Washington Post.

"When the metropolis is weak, the collapse happens," Buj said in an interview with Público.

A spokesman from the Partido Popular (Popular Party) criticized Buj as "difficult to understand," according to the Washington Post.

Not everyone within the Spanish government is in agreement with the idea that Catalonia should not be allowed to have a referendum. Pablo Iglesias, leader of the far-left party Podemos ("We can" in English), has stated his support for a referendum on Catalan independence, promising to grant the "right to decide," although he wants to see Catalonia stay within Spain, according to Al Jazeera.

Catalonia accounts for 20 percent of Spanish GDP and 25 percent of Spain's exports according to Politico.

A succession could potentially devastate the Spanish economy and make a noticeable dent in the world economy as well, according to Yale Economic Review.

The region head, Charles Puigdemont, said on Sept. 28 that Catalonia would hold a referendum on independence from Spain next year whether or not the central government in Madrid agrees to one.

"If by July there has been no positive response [from the central government,] we will be prepared to climb the last step and call a referendum for the second fortnight of September next year," he said.

Puigdemont's government held a vote of confidence on Sept. 29 to test whether he still has the support of an anti-capitalist party, which had rejected an annual budget bill in June.

He won by 72 votes to 63 in the 135-seat regional parliament.

Puigdemont received the support of his own Junts pel Sí (Together for Yes) coalition, as well as that of the anti-capitalist Popular Unity Candidacy (CUP), according to the Irish Times.



Catalonians rally in Barcelona for independence from Spain.

Photo Credit: Occupy.com

—Opinion



Editor’s Desk



Melanie Perez, editor-in-chief

Sexual assault, or at least the fear of it, is an unfortunate reality that comes with life. We’ve all seen the news (most recently with Brock Turner) and we’ve all heard horror stories from friends, family and acquaintances. FDU is part of the “Shatter the Silence” campaign – offering free counseling from SCAPS, as well as phone numbers and other tools to help students work through their horrifying experience. SCAPS offers free counseling to all FDU students, not just sexual assault victims.

But is it enough? The university offers a free New York Times all digital access subscription – which is arguably a necessary aspect of becoming an informed individual. So why don’t they offer students a free subscription to safety apps, such as SafeTrek? It’s only \$2.99 per month or \$29.99 per year per person. Statistics on the SafeTrek website report that the average cost of 45g (1.5oz) of pepper spray is \$28,

which is arguably less value per dollar than a subscription to the app. “We’ve had users over the last couple of years mention owning pepper spray of all sizes,” said Aaron Kunneman from SafeTrek. “To reach our average price, we searched 10 brands of similar quality and size and pulled an average price.” The company recently launched it’s app in both the Android and Apple app stores after its beta testing phase. The app is easy to use, and while most users may not need the police every time they feel unsafe, it offers a faster alternative to dialing 911 in an emergency. “SafeTrek is a mobile personal safety app that bridges the gap between doing nothing and calling 911 in an unsafe situation,” their website describes. “SafeTrek allows you to proactively protect yourself without the heavy commitment of calling 911.” When a user feels unsafe, all they have to do is open the app and keep their thumb on the safe button. If the person removes his/her finger from the safe button, then they are prompted to enter their four-digit code (which they create upon downloading the app). If the code is not properly entered within 10 seconds, SafeTrek’s safety advisors will reach out through text and a phone call. “If they’re unable to verify your safety they will notify your local police department providing them with your full name, phone number and current location,” said Kunnemann. “In addition, our safety advisers will provide them real-time location updates and continue to assist you until help arrives.”

Interestingly enough, SafeTrek was developed by college students at the University of Missouri, specifically for other college students, according to their website. A group of students decided to develop this app after constantly hearing about crime reports and traumatic campus incidents from their friends. “We decided to tackle the problem that the campus blue light system was failing to solve,” said SafeTrek creator Zach Winkler on their website. The stats listed on their website report that in the past 30 days, there have been 18,436 active button uses, 659 emergency responses, and 11,132 miles trekked safely. The reviews in the Apple app store are overwhelmingly positive – with a four out of five star average rating. One user, Marie Connelly, said that she’s a college student who can’t afford to have a credit card. She said that when she found out about the monthly fee, she was disheartened because she does feel unsafe sometimes. “When I opened it I saw that you need a subscription and I couldn’t buy one through the App Store since they don’t accept PayPal as a paying option,” Connelly said. “I voiced this to an administrator at SafeTrek, he said he looked into other options.” “Today I got a text message saying that SafeTrek had purchased me a year-long subscription,” she said. “He said that no one should be unsafe even if they can’t afford the small monthly fee for SafeTrek. “I’ll never feel unsafe again and I hope that one day I’ll be able to help

and brighten people’s days as much as Safetrek does,” said Connelly. A downside to SafeTrek, especially with iPhones, is when a person hits the top button to lock their screen. “What we’ve done is make it so SafeTrek does not start your 10-second timer if that happens, the same will happen if you receive a call, you’ll return to a button inside the app and not a countdown,” said Kunnemann. “Apple does not allow us to reach back out to and help explain this to users, unfortunately.” SafeTrek works anywhere in the US and is available on both iOS and Android. Their website says that they’re working on making SafeTrek available globally. For more information, visit <http://www.safetrekapp.com>.



Cartoon depiction of SafeTrek. Photo Credit: SafeTrek

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— Opinion —

Brighton Beach, England v. Jersey Shore

By Elizabeth White

(WROXTON, ENGLAND) - Last weekend we visited Brighton, which is a sea town located on the southern coast of England. This was my favorite trip so far, but it also made me extremely homesick.

Growing up on the Jersey Shore has made me into a beach lover. I've worked on the beach as a beach badge checker on Long Beach Island for three summers, and I never get tired of the shore.

Being near the beach again made me long for home, but at the same time it was nice to finally be by the ocean again. The salty breeze instantly brought me happiness.

I was surprised at how many similarities there were between Brighton and the shore that I grew up on. There was a pier that jutted out into the ocean that contained an arcade, rides, and various places to eat. It reminded me of the Seaside Boardwalk.

The pier itself seemed very American to me, with the fast food, rides and American music blasting. It made me feel at home again, even though I was across the Atlantic.

I also realized that feisty seagulls must be an international horror. A friend's ice cream was stolen by a seagull that hit him in the back of the head and then proceeded to steal his cone.

One difference I noticed about Brighton compared to the Jersey Shore was that the beach was all rocks. It wasn't sand like I am used to at home. This made it nearly impossible and very painful to walk on the beach or even really sit down.

One of my favorite parts was the noise that the waves made crashing on the rocks. It was so unusual but also soothing at the same time.

Halfway through the trip I stopped feeling sad about not being at my beach and began to really appreciate the fact that I got to spend a day at the sea. It was a great experience and I'm planning on returning to Brighton before the end of the semester with some friends.



Teaching 9/11 To Gen. Z Poses a Challenge

By Emily Weikl

It was a Tuesday in the second week of Sept. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. That day ended in smoke, ash, and thousands of lives lost.

Everyone old enough at the time remembers the events of 9/11.

They know where they were or what they were doing when they heard about a plane crashing into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, then another hitting the South Tower shortly after. Then one hitting the Pentagon. Then another plane crashing in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

It has been 15 years, but the memories of that day remain. It's

unforgettable for those who lived through it.

For the first time, many incoming high school freshman were not alive at the time of the attacks. 9/11 will be taught as a history lesson and referenced in courses about current events.

Teaching it will be no easy feat, since those same teachers remember the tragedy well. Those facts should come into serious consideration when the time comes for it to be taught in history classes for future generations.

It is likely that students will have family that were affected by the attack. Schools in regions most directly effected by the attack should take that

into account that when the time comes, they should begin teaching the events of 9/11 in a classroom. The feelings of people effected by the attack should be considered.

Teachers should exercise caution when discussing the perpetrators, who were identified as Islamic extremists. In a Washington Post and ABC News Poll taken in 2010, 31 percent of respondents said that conventional Islam encourages violence against non-Muslims among those who practice it. Educators should strive to remove this stigma.

A full scale attack in Paris, a mass shooting in Orlando and now a bombing in New York City has only exacerbated the problem despite knowledge of ties to a terrorist organization. Ultimately, a clear distinction should be made between Islam and terrorist organizations when teaching about 9/11.

To quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt, "Dec. 7, 1941 is a date which will live in infamy." Perhaps the same can be said of 9/11.

Both were aerial attacks that occurred in the early morning hours and killed thousands. Each also prompted the US to deploy military

forces and brought people together.

The number people alive today that have memories of Pearl Harbor are those who are in their eighties or older. Some day that will be people who lived through 9/11.

It is important to have firsthand accounts cataloged for future generations. Instead of teaching 9/11 objectively, first hand accounts should be shared to give students a better sense of the tragedy.

The teaching of 9/11 should be to both inform and affirm. To inform new generations so they don't live in ignorance, and affirm that despite the immeasurable loss we came together as a nation. Because the attack was both violent and devastating, it shouldn't be taught in the early years of a student's education.

At the end of the day it is a school district's call on how they should teach 9/11. They should keep this in mind above all: new generations don't have any personal memories of the day. What is taught can affect how they view 9/11 for the rest of their lives.



Teaching 9/11 as a historical event to those who were not alive to witness poses some questions as to how to go about it.

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Eastwood Jazzes up ‘Sully’ with NTSB Fight

By Reginald Tauscher

“Sully” opens with Captain Chelsey “Sully” Sullenberger having a nightmare of a plane crash, with the excitement only building from there.

Sully is portrayed by Tom Hanks, alongside other actors including Aaron Eckhart, who plays journalist Jeffrey Zaslow, both of whom have stunning performances.

“Sully,” directed and produced by Clint Eastwood, is an extraordinary movie that will have viewers hooked from the start.

“Sully’s” first week opened with a \$35.5 million according to Forbes.com, and has continued to receive lots of praise from movie critics.

The movie is about the event of U.S. Airways flight 1549, which was en route to Charlotte, N.C. before it landed in the Hudson River on Jan. 20, 2009 after encountering a bird strike during takeoff from LaGuardia Airport. All passengers survived the crash and were accounted for.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said the left engine was still running at idle during the first interview, and that the plane would have been able to land at LaGuardia Airport or Teterboro Airport, rather than the Hudson. The computer simulator also showed multiple scenarios in which the plane could have flown back to the airport.

Sully and Zaslow knew this was not true, sure that both engines were down after the bird strike.

Sully realized the NTSB was trying to end his career of 42 years by saying it was pilot error that brought the plane down instead of mechanical error.

He did not have enough speed, altitude and time to fly Flight 1549 back to the airport safely, he explains in the movie. He believed landing the plane in the Hudson was the best and safest choice. If the plane was to fly back to the airport, he believed it could have ended with all 155 lives lost.

In parts of the movie, Sully has nightmares and flashbacks of the crash and the media lashing out on him.

Sulenberger's wife Lorraine, who is played by Laura Linney, offers moral support throughout the film, while also keying him in to the constant media coverage going on back at home.

The ending of the movie acknowledges the actual Pilot Sully and the passengers of Flight 1549. They all gather in front of the plane at the Carolinas Aviation Museum in Charlotte, N.C. The movie concludes with the fact that the passengers have all stayed in touch and keep in contact with Sully and Lorraine.

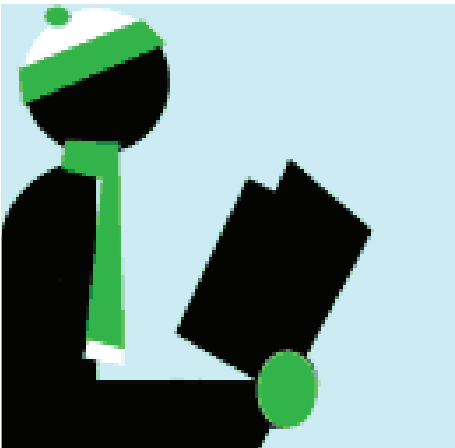


‘Sully’ tells the story of Captain Chelsey “Sully” Sullenberger, who piloted the plane that landed in the Hudson River in 2009.

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Periodically Speaking - News from Giovatto Library



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

Extended Hours for Midterms
Friday, Oct. 7, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Volunteers Needed
If you would like to host a Library Language Table, please contact Paul or Kathy

NEW! The Browsing Collection – located in the Reference Reading Room, books selected for you by the Giovatto librarians and staff

Kathy’s Picks

The Classic Books You Haven’t Read
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-classic-books-you-havent-read-1474991552>

College Health
<https://medlineplus.gov/collegehealth.html>

9 Awesome Study Tips for College Students
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/09/08/study-tips-for-college-_n_709096.html

10 Tips to Stay Healthy in College
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/uloop/10-tips-to-stay-healthy-i_b_859195.html

Tips for College Health and Safety <http://www.cdc.gov/features/collegehealth/>

Independent Self-Directed Learning @ the Library

The Great Courses @ Giovatto Library – It is always a wonderful time to enjoy a “Great Course. The Giovatto Library collection includes many of “The Great Courses” on DVD and/or CD! A complete list is available @ <http://view2.fdu.edu/metropolitan-campus/libraries/giovatto-library/the-great-courses/>

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For Alumni Only – Welcome May 2016 Graduates!

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Giovatto Library Hours Spring Semester 2016
Monday – Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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Closed Nov. 23-25 For Thanksgiving

New Books This Week

Alton Brown: Everyday Cook
Atlas Obscura: An Explorer’s Guide to the World’s Hidden Wonders
Beautiful: All-American Decorating and Timeless Style
Beyond Competitive Advantage
Children’s Literature in the Reading Program: Engaging Young Readers in the 21st Century
Clean Air Handbook
Counseling the Culturally Diverse
Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment, 2017
The Dream of Enlightenment: The Rise of Modern Philosophy
Germany: Memories of a Nation
The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate
Killing the Rising Sun: How America Vanquished World War II Japan
Lingo: Around Europe in Sixty Languages
The Nix
The O. Henry Prize Stories, 2016
The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from My Life – John Le Carre
The Power of When: Discover Your Chronotype
Radical Beauty: How to Transform Yourself from the Inside Out
Razor Girl, a novel
Ten Restaurants That Changed America
Unholy Alliance
When In France

New DVDs This Week

Time Management Essentials

New Video Games This Week

FIFA 17

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From the Desk of David Miles



Director of Public Safety David Miles

Last issue I wrote about the reporting of suspicious persons or objects. I stated that it is important for any individual to report anything

suspicious as that can assist with the overall security of people and places.
When I wrote that article, little did I know that events in the country would show just how important reporting of suspicious persons or objects would be.
Over the past few weeks, we, as a nation, have had to deal with an individual who planted bombs in neighboring areas of Seaside Heights, N.J., Elizabeth, N.J. and New York.
After having to deal with the anxiety that was faced until the individual who was responsible for the bombs was caught, we also had a shooting at a mall in Washington State that left five people dead.

These incidents highlighted the need for all persons to report suspicious persons, behavior and objects.
It is fortunate that in the cases of the bombs being planted, no one was killed and because of individuals making calls to law enforcement the bombs were found before they detonated.
Public Safety has an anonymous reporting system called Silent Knight. Silent Knight can be found on the university website under the Metropolitan Campus Department of Public Safety section. There is a form that can be easily filled out and the person submitting the information can remain anonymous.

The national campaign of “See Something, Say Something” was never more apparent than it was over the past week. If more individuals would take the time to make reports of suspicious people or objects, it would help to make the country a much safer place for all. By reporting anything and everything on the campus, we can continue to be one of the safest campuses.
If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding safety on the campus, 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.

Public Safety Blotter

9/20/16 – Verbal dispute between a roommate and a roommate’s friend in Northpointe.

9/21/16 – Student in University Court reported an unwanted visitor in her room.

9/24/16 – Student reported a suspicious male by Becton Hall.

9/24/16 – RA called regarding noise complaint in Northpointe.

9/25/16 – Students in Linden 1 stated a male threw paintballs at their window.

Sports

Women’s Volleyball Triumphant As Losing Streak Ends



FDU junior Carly O’Sullivan (left) and teammate Rebecca Sabol celebrate after a 3-2 victory over St. Francis.
Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

By Julian Bell

The FDU Women’s Volleyball team has endured a season marked by frustration and disappointment. Unable to secure key victories during crucial moments in some of their previous matches, the Knights entered their 20th match of the season with more aggressive offensive tactics. After the Knights swept St. Peters 3-0 in their second home game of season on Sept. 28, FDU’s losing streak came to a screeching halt as momentum slowly shifted in their favor. Though the Knights suffered a tough loss against Robert Morris on Oct. 1, the women’s volleyball team made the necessary offensive and defensive adjustments that would earn them their second win of the season

against St. Francis. In the first set of the match, a kill made by junior middle hitter Taylor Wyckoff, earned the Knights their first point of the game. The Colonials immediately answered back with a kill of their own made by senior opposite hitter April Krivoniak. Throughout the set, the Colonials relentlessly scored against the Knights. At one point, the Colonials scored six consecutive points, leaving the Knights unable to respond. Robert Morris won the first set 25-15. The second set of the match proved to be just as bleak for the Knights, who were already off to a slow start. Similar to the first set, the Knights were the first to put points on the scoreboard. After a kill by Colonial senior middle blocker Leah Dunivan was made, everything spiraled downward for FDU. After the play, RMU managed to score 10 unanswered points on the Knights, who still seemed to be adjusting to the fast-paced Colonials. Robert Morris won the second set 25-17. The Knights, with one more opportunity to make their presence known in the match, were unable to conjure up any strength to win the third set. As the third set of the match ended in yet another 25-17 victory by Robert Morris, the Knights desperately needed more strategic offensive tactics. After they were swept by the Colonials 3-0, the hurting, but determined Knights would rely on some younger players to step up and lead their team to a victory over St. Francis. In that match, the FDU Women’s Volleyball team made an incredible comeback, one that will surely be remembered. Desperate to learn from their mistakes from the previous match against RMU, the Knights played with patience and aggression that they had rarely

showcased before. The Knights were relaxed, but focused; they were also confident, but intentional. St. Francis was in for a heart wrenching surprise. As the Knights continued trading points with the Red Flash, the St. Francis offensive slowly began to fall apart. In fact, the Knights managed to score five unanswered points against the Red flash in the first set. Though the Knights came up short in the opening set 20-25, they had put up an incredible fight and it was this same fighting spirit that would cause them triumph by the end of the match. As the second set commenced, the Knights were still off to a slow start. However, considerable plays were still made. FDU freshman Erika Sullivan made a tremendous kill early in the second set, which was just one of many successful scoring drives that the Knights managed to put together.

together a four point scoring drive leaving St. Francis unable to respond. St. Francis fought fervently against the Knights, but their efforts simply were not enough against the highly determined Knights. The third set ended in victory for the Knights as they beat St. Francis 26-24. This time, the match would go the distance. During the fourth set, the Knights played relentlessly on offense and defense. A block made by FDU junior outside hitter Carly O’Sullivan at the beginning of the set, contributed to the Knights’ strong defensive strategy. In offensive terms, FDU freshman Emma Liller made an outstanding kill towards the opening of the fourth set. The Knights won the fourth set 25-23 went on to win the final set 15-7. In a truly inspirational 3-2 victory over St. Francis, the Knights

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St. Francis began to dominate the remainder of the set as they managed to score nine consecutive unanswered points against the Knights. SFU junior Sophia Esposito contributed to this scoring drive with a kill and a block. St. Francis was victorious over the Knights in the second set 25-11. However, as the Red Flash had already begun celebrating, the Knights had other plans. The Knights, hurt but not defeated, engaged in a motivational team chant prior to the start of the third set. Then, all of a sudden, the momentum began to shift. Immediately, the Knights put

managed to score a total of 66 points with 54 kills and three aces. Some key players that led to FDU’s victory over the Red Flash include FDU junior Taylor Wyckoff and freshman Emma Liller who each scored 11 kills in the match. FDU freshman Kirstin Trabert had an astounding 31 assists and also helped lead the Knights in aces. Carly O’Sullivan made 31 digs in the match against St. Francis. The Knights, with their second win of the season, seek to win their first away game at Central Connecticut on Oct. 8.

Women’s Soccer Victorious In Close Game vs. Stony Brook

By Dustin Niles

The Knights came out and fought hard to beat Stony Brook 3-2 in the Knights home opener on Sept. 22, their 11th straight win at home. Stony Brook stunned the Knights early, with Raven Edwards scoring the first goal of the game within the first minute of action off an assist by Christen Cahill. The Knights settled in and held tough, with Dara Battistoni converting a penalty kick in the eighth minute and assisting Jessi Reinhardt in giving the Knights a one-goal lead. FDU’s goalkeeper Julie Prentice put work in all game, both mentally and physically. The Seawolves had multiple chances to tie towards the end of the first half, including a

header by Manuela Corcho in the final seconds, which only went high or wide. Stony Brook took 12 shots on the goal in the second half, with Prentice making four saves on the shots inside the goal line, including one that she just tipped over the crossbar. At times, the shots were so close that they elicited gasps and yells from the crowd. In the final two minutes, one shot bounced off the crossbar, while the final seconds of the game were marked by a close shot that went over the net with just 11 seconds to go. The Knights later lost 1-7 at Florida Gulf Coast on Sept. 25, lost vs. Monmouth 0-2 on Sept. 28, and beat NEC opponent Saint Francis University 3-2 in double overtime on Oct. 2. The Knights head to Staten Island to face



FDU junior Kristina Neri battles Stony Brook sophomore Julie Johnstonbaugh in FDU’s 2-1 home win.
Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

SCORE BOX

9/24

Ted Owen Invitational - Away

9th

9/24

Ted Owen Invitational - Away

9th

9/25

Florida Gulf Coast - Away

L 1-7

9/28

Monmouth - Home

L 0-2

10/2

St. Francis - Home

W 3-2 (2 OT)

Men's Cross Country

Women's Cross Country

Women's Soccer

9/24

Princeton - Away

L 1-3

9/27

Lafayette - Home

L 0-1

9/25

St. Francis Brooklyn - Away

L 2-3

9/28

St. Peter's - Home

W 3-0

10/1

Robert Morris - Home

L 0-3

10/2

St. Francis - Home

W 3-2

Men's Soccer

Women's Volleyball