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Greeks Seek Rock Garden

By Chris Carlson

(TEANECK) - If students get the chance, they should take a walk along the Commencement and admire the solitary rock that sits on its grass. It is known as the Greek Rock. It has been decorated with the names of the Greek organizations that are, and were, on this campus.

It was recently announced to the current organizations on the Metropolitan campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University that they are getting their own individual rock and flag. The Greek Advisor, Mathew Cecere, is more than delighted at this prospect.

"I am ecstatic that each organization will now have something to be proud of and use them as another opportunity to display themselves," he said. "Although it comes with a lot of responsibility and respect, the Flags and Rocks are a great chance to help Greek life continue to grow in the right direction."

While it's still considered a work-in-progress, Cecere has mentioned that a process like this involves a lot of people to see it through.

"Once it's completed," he said, "you can come ask me again and we can also start to thank all the people who made these projects successful."

By having these new rocks, it calls into question the future of the current Greek rock. Will it be removed?

"There are a couple ideas being tossed around," Cecere said. "The hope is to paint the current rock with a Greek Unity type saying or design, but it could also be turned into a calendar for Greek events. Only time will tell."

When asked if the organizations will see anything more like this in the future, Cecere said, "It really depends, but I definitely hope Greek life will continue to positively impact the student community and grow. For now, I think we need to be extremely thankful and treasure this opportunity."



Photo Credit: David Thoreson

The "Ocean Watch" plies arctic waters with explorer David Thoreson aboard. Thoreson regaled a Wilson Auditorium audience with tales of vanishing arctic ice on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Northwest Passage Open for Business

By Melanie Perez and Elizabeth White

(TEANECK) – The first American to cross the Northwest Passage spoke in Wilson Auditorium Sept. 30, on his historic voyages and witnessing of the changing Arctic due to climate change.

Iowa native David Thoreson, an avid photographer and traveler, told stories and showed pictures of his travels in the arctic. Thoreson, along with several scientists, crossed the Northwest Passage in 2007, making them part of a small group of people who could say they survived the treacherous journey. Their journey lasted 73 days and covered 6,340 miles.

Their expedition in 2007 was not their

first attempt to cross the passage. Their previous attempt in 1994 juttet to a stop when they were met with impenetrable pack ice, forcing them to retreat 3,000 miles to get back to the Arctic where their journey had begun.

Thirteen years later, they reattempted the crossing of the Northwest Passage but this time with an unlikely assistant: Mother Nature. In the 13 years between their attempts, the pack ice that had once hindered their voyage disappeared.

"Finally getting up to exactly where we were... this time, though, there was no northern pack; there was no middle pack ice; there was no ice," Thoreson said.

"In a short 13 years of sailing the Northwest Passage, I personally witnessed a 40 percent loss of ice to our ice cap," he said.

"That is not natural."

As Thoreson began crossing the Northwest Passage for the second time, he made a shocking discovery about the ice caps. The pure white of the ice was now just folklore because micro-particles in the Earth's atmosphere caused by carbon had left black residue on the ice, diminishing its picturesque quality. The black carbon caused by the burning of fossil fuels, which extended droughts, fires, and industrial development, acted as a trigger mechanism that was melting the ice. "You don't believe in climate change because it's happening," Thoreson said.

After seeing the damaging effects of the black carbon pollution, Thoreson decided to dedicate his life to climate change, he said. h "We were all profound-

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News

Fiorina Shines in GOP Debate

By Melanie Perez

(TEANECK) — Carly Fiorina, former CEO of Hewlett-Packard, had a chance to prove her tenacity, amid attacks, during the second Republican debate on Sept. 16 in the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California.

The Ronald Reagan Library debate was the second in a series of debates for the 2016 presidential election to see who will be the next U.S. head of government and commander-in-chief. CNN broadcasted the debate live, featuring a “happy hour” debate at 6 p.m. for the bottom four candidates, followed by the prime time debate at 8 p.m. for the top 11 candidates. Fiorina joined the stage with the top candidates after moving up in the polls following her powerful performance during the first Republican secondary debate.

Fiorina showed tact amid opportunities to embarrass billionaire real estate developer, Donald Trump, and gave specific strategies in demonstrating power in the face of adversaries.

Primary moderator for the debate was Jake Tapper, was joined with Salem Radio Network talk show host Hugh Hewitt and CNN’s chief political correspondent Dana Bash.

The first question of the evening, posed by Tapper, was on whether or not she would feel comfortable with Trump’s fingers on the nuclear codes.

“That’s not for me to answer; it’s for the voters of this country to answer, and I have a lot of faith in the common sense and good judgment of the voters of the United States of America,” Fiorina said.

Fiorina did not take that opportunity to negatively comment on Trump, though historically, he has made negative

and demeaning comments towards her.

“The character and capability, judgment at temperament of every single one of us is revealed over time and under pressure,” she said.

Later in the evening, Fiorina once again did not bash Trump after he had made negative remarks on her looks. Moderators repeated Trump’s comments during the debate in search of a response from Fiorina.

“Look at that face; would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?” Trump said in an interview the week before the debate.

Fiorina responded to Trump’s insult with a direct and poignant remark: “I think women all over this country heard very clearly what Mr. Trump said.”

Trump later said that he was referring to her persona rather than her actual features. When asked to remark about Trump’s persona, Fiorina did not directly insult him, but rather allowed the public to judge Trump’s character without bias.

One phenomenon in the race, Tapper noted, is that the political outsiders hold majority support within the party. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, all have political backgrounds, but majority support lies with Trump, Fiorina, and retired pediatric neurosurgeon, Ben Carson.

Carson claims that campaigning is easier for him because he is not a politician, claiming that politicians “have their finger in the air to see and do what is politically expedient.”

“I’ll tell you why people are supporting outsiders,” Fiorina said. “It’s because you know what happens when someone has been in the system their whole life, they don’t know how broken the system is. A fish swims in water, it doesn’t know it’s water.”

Moderators note that Trump has repeatedly stated that the money politicians raise makes them puppets to their donors.

Former Florida Gov., Jeb Bush, disagreed with Trump’s assertion, stating that people support him for his proven record of conservative leadership, not because donors want him to do certain things.

“The one guy that had some special interests—that was generous and gave me money—was Donald Trump,” Bush said. “He wanted casino gambling in Florida.”

Trump denied the accusation.

On getting the Russians out of Syria, Trump said the U.S. should not fight ISIS in Syria, but should let them fight each other and then pick up the remnants.

“I would talk to him [Putin],” Trump said. “I would get along with him.”

Trump has never met Vladimir Putin, the president of Russia, but Fiorina has. She suggested rebuilding the Sixth Fleet, sending troops to Germany, rebuilding the missile defense program in Poland, and conducting aggressive military exercises in the Baltic states, stating that Putin would eventually get the message.

She said, “Having met Vladimir Putin, I wouldn’t talk to him at all,” Fiorina said. “We’ve talked way too much to him.”

Continuing the talk on foreign policy, candidates discussed President Obama’s Iran deal and the imminent visit of President Xi of China.

Walker feels President Obama should cancel the state dinner with President Xi, but Paul looked back to President Reagan whom the end of the Cold War is attributed to.

“Carly Fiorina also said we’re not going to talk with Putin, think if Reagan had said that during the Cold War? We continued to talk to the Russians throughout the Cold War, which is more significant,” Paul said. “Should we continue to talk with Iran? Yes.”

Walker took the opportunity to comment on President Obama. “I’d love to play cards with this guy because Barack Obama folds on everything with Iran,” he said. “We need a leader who’s going to stand up.”

Bush does not think canceling the dinner with President Xi would be an effective way to send a signal to China. Instead, he suggests using offensive tactics as it relates to cyber security. Bush also advocates establishing commitment with Israel to show Iran that the U.S. has Israel’s back.

Huckabee agrees with the destruction of the Iran deal. “We must make it very clear that the next president, one of us on this stage, will absolutely not honor that agreement, and will destroy it and will be tough with Iran,” he said.

Fiorina connected the issue with Iran with the issue of Planned Parenthood’s federal funding. She said, “One has to do with the defense of the security of this nation and the other has something to do with the defense of the character of this nation.”

Ocean Watch

ly affected by what we saw, and I can tell you, even the polar bears were confused,” he said. “I needed to dedicate my life to what I was so profoundly affected by, and that was this changing Arctic environment.”

Thoreson teamed up with the “Around the Americas Expedition” soon after. Traveling on a 64-foot vessel with a team of scientists, they traveled 28,000 miles around North and South America on over 400 days. From this expedition, they gathered even more knowledge about the changing climate.

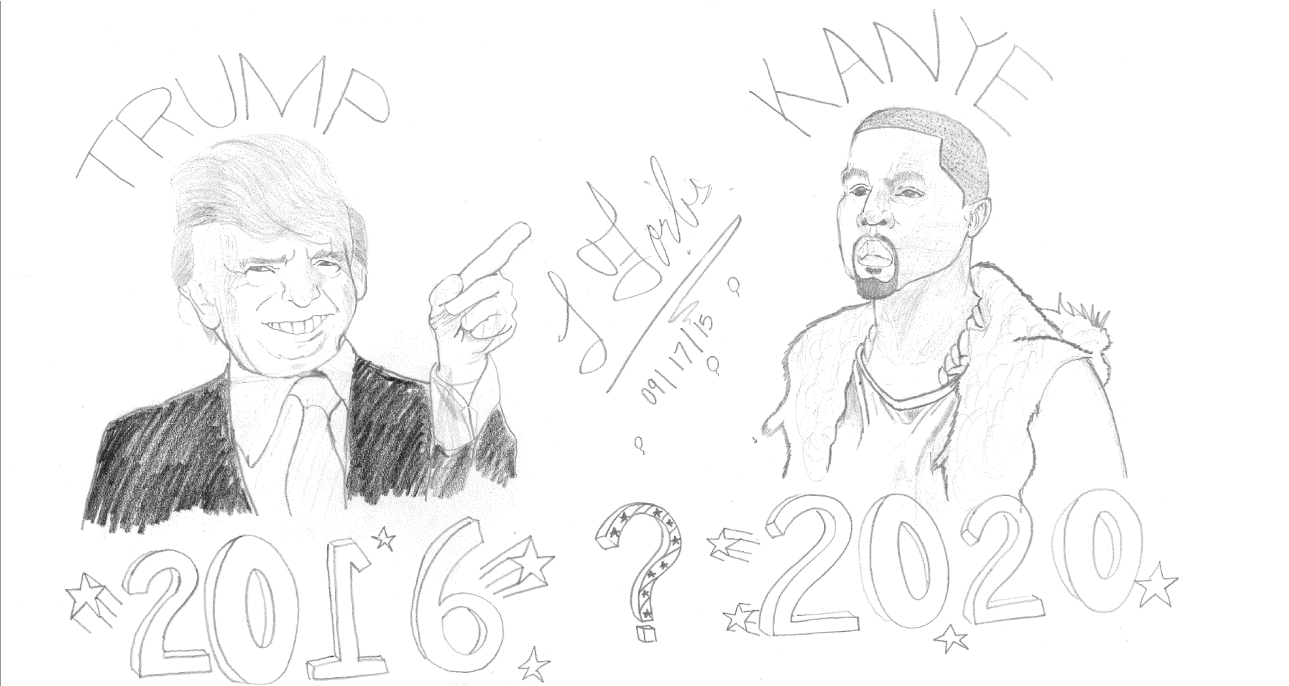
Thoreson’s love for the water started with his mother because she taught him how to sail. Later, Thoreson’s love for exploration began when an unlikely man changed his life.

“I met a southern Minnesota hay farmer and the rest is history,” he said.

He was talking about his friend and mentor Rodger Swanson, a retired Navy seaman and America’s finest offshore voyager, Thoreson said.

According to Cruising World, Swanson completed three circumnavigations on his boat, Cloud Nine. He was also inducted into Cruising World’s hall

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of fame and was the recipient of both the Cruising Club of America’s Blue Water Medal and the Royal Cruising Club’s Tilman Medal. Swanson passed away on Christmas day in 2012 at the age of 81 due to cancer. The obituary in Minnesota’s “StarTribune” described Rodger as “an unlikely global adventurer,” outlining his legacy as the first skipper of an American sailboat to sail the Northwest Passage.

When they completed the Norhtwest Passage in 2007, Thoreson blogged, “Roger Swanson deserves whatever recognition he receives for being one of the finest captains and mentors in the profession. He’s the best, and never stops, even at 76 years young.”

Thoreson recently published a book, titled “One Island, One Ocean”, and his latest television documentary was

nominated for an Emmy in 2011. FDU was the fifth and final stop of his current presentation tour, but he said he hopes to return again.

Thoreson shared a valuable piece of advice at the end of his lecture to his fellow pioneers: “To be a true explorer, make sure you’re doing it the right way and tread lightly.”

Two FDU Students Hit on River Road

By **Natasha Ashby**

(TEANECK) – On Sept. 23, at 5:15 p.m. two of FDU’s international graduate students of Computer Science were struck by a vehicle as they were crossing River Road via the crosswalk connecting Giovatto Library to the park across the street. They were on their way to class to take an exam.

The side of the vehicle first hit Brijesh Tangi and then Ankita Lather. According to Public Safety’s report, both students required medical assistance. Teaneck police and an ambulance responded to the accident, and they were transported to Hackensack University Medical Center.

“I got nine staples in my head,” Lather told the Equinox. “My ankle was swollen so I was on crutches for the first 4-5 days, but now I’m okay.”

According to the Teaneck Police De-

partment’s report, the driver of the vehicle reported that she was traveling north on River Road and struck both students because she did not see them.

“The worst part is that the lady was yelling at my friend while I was lying on the road,” Lather said.

A friend of the victims, Purni Anjaria, witnessed the accident and its aftermath, including the reaction of the driver.

“It was disgusting that the lady came out and cursed my friends who were walking on a crosswalk and abiding by the rules,” Anjaria said.

There are eight bus stops along River Road, starting from Cedar Lane and leading up to Route 4 East. Traveling south on River Road, there is a 35 mph speed limit sign and two yield for crossing pedestrians signs, including one that states ‘stop for pedestrians’ and has two blinking lights at Suffern Road.

When passing the University Circle by the flags, there is another 35 mph sign. Once at University Hall, there is a ‘300 feet pedestrian crossing’ sign. At the Library circle, there are multiple markers indicating cars must yield to pedestrians.

In terms of safety, Lather does not feel as safe as she did before near FDU.

“Now I’m scared to cross the road,” she said. “Even today, I was scared.”

After the accident, Lather said the University’s response was good, and that her professors were understanding of her experience.

Lather said that in India, people often do not follow traffic rules, so accidents aren’t uncommon.

“But I never got in an accident there,” she said. “In the U.S., I thought people followed traffic rules and everything. I never expected this. Near the college, never.”



Accident scene on River Road.

Photo Credit: Chris Carlson

Silva Named New Catholic Campus Minister

By **Molly Holt**

(TEANECK) - The Metropolitan Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson welcomes Breanna Silva as their new Catholic Campus Minister. She brings passion and enthusiasm to the campus ministry and is ready to share her faith with the students at FDU Metro.

She is currently finishing her teaching certification by student teaching in Bergen County Technical High School. She recently graduated from Ramapo

College of New Jersey with a Degree in Math and a Minor in Economics.

During her years at Ramapo, Silva was a member of the Catholic Club, Newman Catholic, present on campus. She became very involved in the club and found it to be a new home for her. “My faith is very personal, and I have a very personal relationship with God, where my entire life revolves around this relationship,” she said.

During her senior year, she was offered a job with the Archdiocese of New-

ark to be a college campus minister. Once she graduated, she was placed at FDU for the upcoming year. As the current Catholic Campus Minister, Breanna Silva has many responsibilities on campus.

“I help provide spiritual, social, formational, and community service programming for the students on campus, regardless of their faith,” she said.

This includes planning formational and social events for the growing Catholic Club on campus, leading a bible study, and inviting students to mass. She

hopes to establish an official Catholic Club on campus, as Fairleigh Dickinson has never had one before, and help students grow in their faith.

Silva is very excited to be a part of the FDU’s unique community and looks forward to “working with college students and watching them have similar encounters with the faith [and] giving them the same chance that I once had, a chance that I am forever grateful for,” she said.

FDU Seeks Haze-Free Campus

By **Chris Carlson**

(TEANECK)- If one organization provides for an ample opportunity to give back to the community and that is a Greek org. Whether it’s cleaning up the campus or providing hot chocolate on cold winter days, the Greek community cares for all.

But underneath all this giving back to the community, there comes the issue of hazing. For some, it is a rite of passage, while for others, well, the stories speak for themselves.

The video of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon racist chant brought back to light the issue of how Greek organizations induct their members has given the public reason to think critically of Greek organizations.

Alpha Phi Alpha alumni Jason L. Meriwether discussed with the Greeks of Fairleigh Dickinson University. New Jersey has some of the strictest anti-hazing laws. Under what is known as the “Pledges Bill of Rights,” if convicted of hazing, offenders are looking at committing a felony.

Meriwether asked the Greek organization what they think it meant to be Greek. A variety of answers were offered ranging from brotherhood to philanthropy.

Meriwether also discussed how the realm of technology is affecting several Greek organizations. With the advent of Facebook, SnapChat, and even Instagram, one wrong move and organizations can easily find themselves shut down.

Meriwether took the time to share a video that one sorority made in reference to hazing. Titled, “These Hands Don’t Haze,” it was a message with the undertone that Greeks will never rely on their hands to hurt others.

But, with all the seriousness of the subject of hazing, Meriwether would be quick to lighten the atmosphere with jokes and stories of his life after college. He jokingly mentioned his children were ready to be Greek, and that he wouldn’t pay for anything that wasn’t Alpha Phi Alpha.



Features

Dorm of The Week



By Molly Holt

The theme of Ivonne Vides’ dorm room is pink and sparkles. Her beautifully adorned walls to bring the room to life. Although Vides create a sophisticated atmosphere by displaying both original and acquired artwork, the room also contains many adorable elements such as a giant, pink stuffed bunny and cute, kitten notepads. She brings a taste of home to the room by displaying pictures of her mom.

Vides said her inspiration behind her decorating was her love for the color pink, and her favorite part of the room is the beaded curtain hanging above the bed. Vides ordered most of her items through FDU and received her smaller items as gifts from her friends and family.

Photo credit: Molly Holt

Recipe of the Week

By Melanie Perez

(TEANECK) – Spaghetti squash is extremely healthy and easier to flavor than tofu. It can absorb the flavor of whatever you choose to add and is a great carb substitute. The best part: for a cup of plain spaghetti squash, it’s only 31 calories!

Ingredients:

- 1 – Spaghetti squash
- Butter
- Parmesan cheese



Directions:

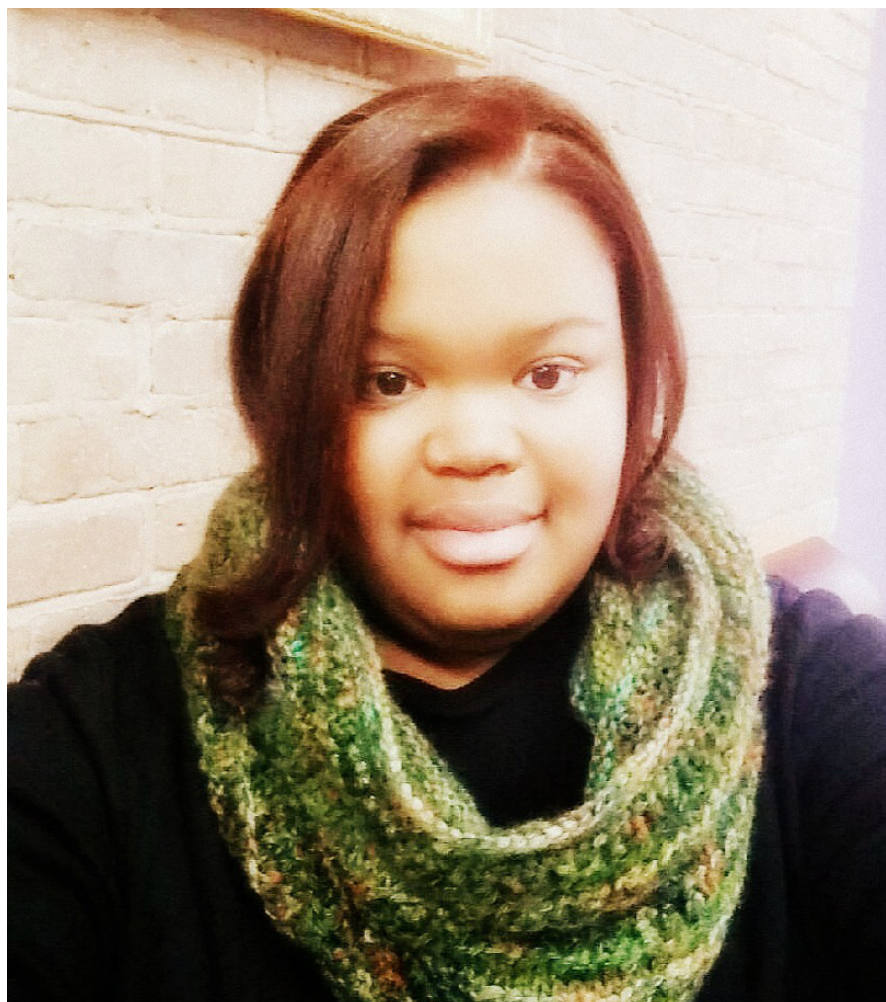
With a knife, pierce squash multiple times. Microwave on high for 5-6 minutes, rotate, and microwave again for the same amount of time. With oven gloves or potholder, remove squash from microwave and cut the squash in half. The inside should be soft enough to easily pierce with a fork (If the squash is undercooked, place face down in a bowl, add ¼ cup of water and microwave for 5 more minutes). With a spoon, remove and discard the seeds. Then, with a fork, scrape the inside of the squash until it is completely hollow. The squash should look like spaghetti. Add butter and Parmesan cheese to taste, or eat plain.

Photo credit: Google Images

Features

Faces of FDU

What is Your Favorite Fall Tradition?



Donyae Deloni Johnson
Sophomore
International Studies

“My fall tradition consists of spending quality time with loved ones and eating sweet potato pies.”



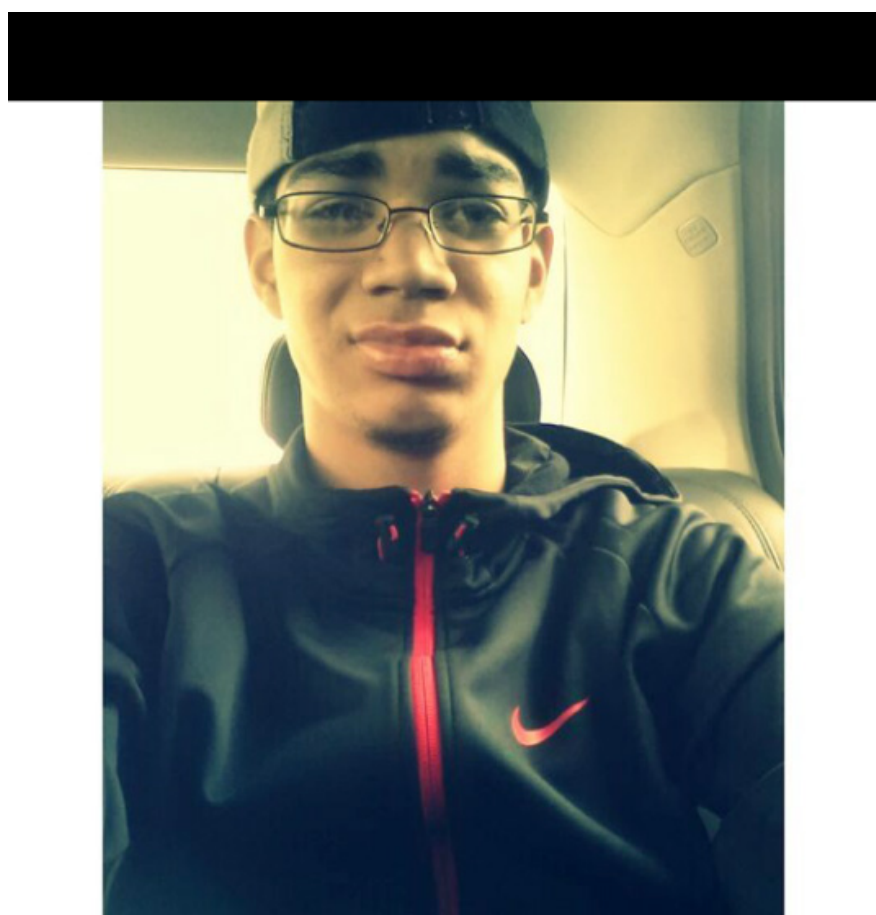
Julissa Ardolino
Freshman
Psychology

“My favorite fall tradition is going pumpkin picking with a group of close friends. It’s a great opportunity for all of us to meet up and catch up with one another while spending quality time together during the fall season.”



So Young Park
Sophomore
International Relations

“I like the change in all of the colors. Also, I sometimes take leaves and put them between books so they can dry.”



Waldy Cepeda
Freshman
Criminal Justice

“I like preparing my house with all the decorations as soon as October starts. I’ve never been pumpkin picking, though. Halloween is always fun, something new every year. And I always go out to a football game at Metlife.”

News

CSI: The End of an Era

By Molly Holt

Sunday marked the end of a television era when CBS’s hit television show, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, aired its final episode after fifteen years of production. The show first aired on October 6, 2000 following the members of the Las Vegas Crime Lab as they solved case after case through use of forensic science.

CSI quickly became one of the most watched shows on television, known for its many fascinating murderers such as “The Miniature Killer.” Although fans were disappointed to hear that the show would not be renewed for a 16th season, the two-hour TV movie finale, Immortality brought fans an unexpected joy they had been awaiting for years.

When lead actor William Petersen left the show in 2009, fans were in uproar. Many characters came and left the show, such as Ray Langston, Catherine Willows, and Warrick Brown, but nothing upset the fans quite like the departure of Gil Grissom. Facebook groups, Twitter hashtags, and online petitions have been

circling the Internet for years in attempts to convince Petersen to return to the show. In Immortality, fans witnessed the long awaited return of Gil Grissom to CSI. The finale also included the surprise returns of characters such as Catherine and

Lady Heather appears to be involved, the crime lab decides to call in Gil Grissom, the ex-lab director and a friend of Heather’s, to help solve the case. Through classic elaborate experiments and Grissom’s metaphors between animal life and hu-

man nature, the case is solved.

The television crime-drama takes a romantic turn as the audience is faced with the final resolution of the Grissom and Sara epic love story. Ultimately, the crime lab is left in familiar hands as Ted Danson’s character, D.B. Russell, leaves Las Vegas to continue the CSI legacy in New York in the new franchise spin-off CSI Cyber. The show’s cliché ending leaves everyone happy, successful, and riding off into the sunset.

CSI was not just another crime show. According to the Nielsen Ratings, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation was consistently ranked in the top 10 for its first 11 seasons. It won the International Television Audience Award for the most watched television show in the world five times. CSI was so popular that it became its own franchise. The franchise introduced multiple spinoffs including CSI: Miami in 2002, CSI: New York in 2004, and CSI Cyber in 2015.

There have been numerous videogames, apps, and children’s toys based on the CSI world. This show sparked the crime-drama revolution that led to an era of shows including NCIS and Criminal Minds. Viewers around the world will miss CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, but its legacy will live on in the empire it created forever.



Lindsay Willows, Captain Jim Brass, and Lady Heather.

Immortality brought the new cast of the show in union with the original crew. When a bombing takes place in one of Catherine’s casinos, and the infamous

Public Safety Blotter

- 9/21/15 – Vehicle became stuck in a ditch near Becton Hall and had to be towed out.
- 9/21/15 – Dispute in Fitness Center between students during basketball game.
- 9/27/15 – Three students found smoking marijuana while walking near Student Union Building.
- 9/27/15 – Two non-students found on campus and refused to produce ID. Police checked and both had outstanding warrants and were arrested.
- 9/27/15 – Student reported plant she had outside her room in Northpointe was missing. Plant was recovered and returned to student.
- 9/30/15 – Student reported being harassed by another student.
- 10/1/15 – Student found with drugs in Northpointe.

WFDU Cranks Up the Power to Reach Bigger Audience

By Tyonna Goweh

(TEANECK) – For over 40 years, WFDU has been broadcasting from FDU’s Metro campus. They are introducing two new improvements to the station, including a new power upgrade.

“We are licensed [for up] to 650 watts and then I became aware that could be raised up to 3000 watts,” said WFDU Director Duff Sheffield in reference to the upgrade of power.

The power upgrade will increase their potential to gain new listeners of the station, especially regarding their on-line presence via an app available for iPhone and android and online streaming through iHeartradio.

“We are going to increase our potential listeners from 3.8 million to 8.2 million,” Sheffield said.

The upgrade will allow the station to broadcast to all five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, and even to the shore of Connecticut. It will also enhance the quality of listening areas for

new listeners and those who already listen.

The radio station is also going to add two more channels within their digital signal: HD2/HD3. HD stands for Hy-

brid Digital, which means that the digital signal is being increased, along with having HD1, which will include what’s usually played on WFDU, called “The Essential FDU.” HD2 will be called “Jazz and

what’s more.” It will play primarily Jazz along with other styles of music. HD3 will be called “Masterworks” and will solely play Classical music.

“We can take our digital signal and split it into 3 different channels,” Sheffield said.

These new additions were pushed back a week due to the possible threat of Hurricane Joaquin.

“Hopefully by the end of next week we will be at our higher power,” Sheffield said.

Sheffield has many hopes for what’s to come for WFDU, including having a student presence within the station.

“I’m hoping as we become more popular that the students at FDU will be able to see the value in coming here,” he said. “It’s a fun place to work and people are enthusiastic about what they do here.”



WFDU radio director Duff Sheffield shows the station’s new digital presence.

Photo Credit: Tyonna Goweh

Opinion

Editor’s Desk

On Sept. 27, our world experienced an astronomically rare phenomenon that goes by many names, including the red moon, super blood moon or super moon. At this point, the moon was closest to Earth in its orbit and it coincided with a lunar eclipse. The last time we were graced with its presence was 33 years ago and the next time we will see it is in 2033—18 years from now. The total eclipse lasted about 72 minutes.

It was quite a beautiful sight, especially if you watched it from the start of the lunar eclipse, where the moon was left in the Earth’s shadow. The moon turned red due to Rayleigh scattering, which is also the reason we have a blue sky, colorful sunrises and sunsets. According to Dr.

Sarah Noble, a program scientist at NASA, looking at the red moon allowed us to see all of the sunrises and sunsets, across the world, simultaneously being reflected off the surface of the moon.

All over the world, from the U.S. to Western Europe, to Africa and parts of Antarctica, the red moon could be seen, connecting us to the universe in a way that we don’t experience very often. If you think about it, our lives are always so chaotic. We’re constantly moving and doing things that we may never take the chance to appreciate each breath that we take.

But doesn’t experiencing the red moon make you question what else is out there? Even the way we view our everyday lives isn’t rock solid. Do you ever think that

our very own consciousness can create what we perceive as real? Because if that is the case, with the way we see the world through our thoughts and intentions, we can ultimately shape and create our own reality in the manner to which we choose. Gautama Buddha said, “We are what we think we are. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make the world.”

When you emit positive frequencies, you receive positive frequencies. Each person carries unique qualities, which makes us all interestingly different. I truly believe God created each individual on Earth with perfection, but we only see our imperfections because of societal norms. But we’re lucky enough to have the special



Natasha Ashby

opportunity to experience life to the fullest and experience whatever the universe gives to us, so we should take full advantage.

Meal Ploy ‘E’

By Melanie Perez

Last issue, The Equinox printed an article about Gourmet Dining’s “new” meal plan E; the plan that everyone initially thought was created specifically for commuters. After some research and the publication of the article, I realized that meal plan E was a ploy to reach a group of students who did not previously have meal plans: commuter international students.

Plan E costs the same amount as Plan A, the unlimited plan most residents

partake in. E supposedly offers more flexibility with meals than A, where swipes can only be redeemed in the SUB dining hall. While it is great to finally be able to use meal swipes at Jeepers and in the Dickinson Café, the description for Plan E is extremely confusing and does not seem at all user or budget friendly.

Instead of having a single plan where flexibility is exclusive, why not add the ability to use meal swipes at Jeepers and Dickinson Café to the preexisting meal plans? Furthermore, Gourmet Din-

ing created this new meal plan without addressing the colossal issue that there is not a commuter-friendly meal plan offered on campus. If they’re trying to reach a group of previously unreached students, why make having a meal plan beneficial for commuters? Exponentially, Gourmet Dining would make more money with a significantly less expensive meal plan for commuters than they are going to make with Plan E as it stands, because commuters will not want to pay the hefty price. Since Plan A and Plan E cost the same

amount of money, the only people who would consider Plan E are residents who are already forced to have a meal plan, even if they would rather have no meal plan and cook for themselves.

I actually thought Gourmet Dining had improved since last year because of their healthier food choices and improvements to Jeepers, but this meal plan shattered whatever progress they had made. Meal Plan E feels like a betrayal. College is already expensive, so paying \$3,000 for subpar food is even more ridiculous.

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Sports

Two Games, Two W's

Lady Knights Hot from the Get-Go



Felicia Burr makes a save.

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By Christina Martinez

(TEANECK) - The FDU Women's Soccer team started off their NEC season with two wins over the weekend. The Knights beat Mount Saint Mary's 3 - 0 at home on Friday, and won 4 - 2 against Sacred Heart at Campus Field on Sunday.

FDU's win on Friday is their fifth straight win at home; the longest in their program history. FDU currently have a 2 - 0 record in the NEC conference, and overall have an 8 - 5 record.

On a rainy Friday night, FDU opened up scoring in the 24th minute, through a rebounded shot on goal by Amanda Goulet. Rachel Hoekstra scored again in the 38th minute off of a pass from Katey Arathoon. Carly Tice finished off the game in the 82nd minute with her 8th goal of the season, from a pass from Ether Rochon. Goalie Felicia Burr earned her fourth shutout this season, making five saves to ensure the clean sheet.

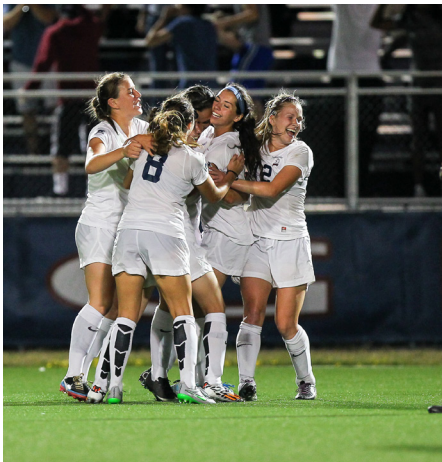
Head Coach Eric Teepe was pleased with the win.

"We played a pretty complete game and I never felt we were chasing the game. Halfway through the second

half we were able to rest some players and hopefully that pays dividends on Sunday," Teepe said on FDU Athletic website.

On Sunday, the Knights scored three goals within four minutes to secure a 4-2 win against Sacred Heart at Campus Field. The Pioneers opened scoring within 2 minutes with a goal from Alexis Parlato from an assist by Melanie DeSilva.

The Knights equalized through Elma Kolenovic after she rebounded a Rachel Hoekstra shot at goal in the 13th minute. Hoekstra ended up getting her goal in the 15th minute from an assist from Carly Tice. Jessi Reinhardt scored shortly after in the 17th minute. Hoekstra rounded off the half with a second



Women's soccer celebrate after scoring a goal.

goal of the game in the 27 minute, her tenth of the season.

Dana Cosmedy managed to pull back a goal for the Pioneers in the 56th minute through an assist from Lindsey Corallo. After this goal, FDU started becoming more defensive.

Coach Teepe said via the FDU Athletic website that "Defensively, we were all hands on deck after it became 4-2." Burr made a crucial save in the 78th minute to prevent a goal from Lindsey Corallo, and stopped a ball on the line preventing another goal a couple minutes later. Overall, Burr made five saves to help secure the win.

FDU play their next game against the Blue Devil of Central Connecticut at University Stadium on Oct. 11.



Rachel Hoekstra scored three goals in two games.

Athletes UKnight for Equality

By Natasha Ashby

(TEANECK) – FDU's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has launched a new campaign titled "UKnighted for Acceptance."

SAAC is encouraging everyone to stand together and be leaders. Senior Esther Rochon said she suggested the "UKnighted for Acceptance" campaign because the committee has a voice that they want to use in a positive light.

"It's about making people aware that there are prejudices happening on campus" she said. "A lot of people close their eyes on college campuses in general. I've noticed that racist comments were made towards like Black people, Mexicans, and stuff like that. People don't say anything about it and by me, in Canada, no one does that stuff."

She began to discuss the matter with her teammates and fellow SAAC members. She said she understood she couldn't change anything but she could make people aware.

"Sometimes someone can make a racist comment or a comment about sexual orientation and stuff like that we don't say anything," she said.

"If we're more aware we could be like 'dude it's not okay to say that.'"

Currently, the video is still in production. Each athletic team picked part of the script to say and the plan is to mash-up the lines within the video to show a great sense of community.

"We tried to give more of an athletic feel to show the camaraderie," Rochon said. "We're talking about staying together as a community and I thought it was important to show footage of camaraderie. If you can respect your teammate than why aren't you respecting and accepting other people and their differences."

FDU prides itself in its diversity and being the leader in global education. People from all over the world attend the University and Senior Skyler Speed

said, "It's a diverse group of people within the athletic department that we have here."

Rochon added, "We're hoping that the video will showing how the athletic community does care about making people accept one another."

SAAC does have a budget but they are hopeful to print merchandise in the future to spread the word.

"We want to print t-shirts that we can distribute at the basketball games so we can reach more of the student body," Rochon said. "It's a long-term project and right now we're focusing on the video and starting it the right way."

Speed said they are trying to build a leadership role by starting the project here.

"By showing you that this is what were doing and then challenging others to do the same, this is why David Langford wants it to be taken to the other campus," Speed said.

The release date for the campaign video is to be determined, but the goal is to get other universities involved as well as NEC teams but after the video is released on the web. "With social media, if you make a video it can spread out more easily than before," Rochon said.

