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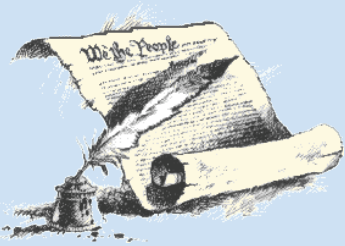
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Capuano Wants Less Talk, More Action



President Chris Capuano speaks at the Town Hall meeting in Wilson Auditorium on Sept. 21.

Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

By Daniel Clarke

(TEANECK) – On Wednesday, a Town Hall meeting was held for Metropolitan Campus faculty and staff, in Wilson Auditorium, Dickinson Hall at 2 p.m. The meeting introduced the new University leadership team including President, Christopher Capuano, University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Gillian Small and Campus Provost Robert Vodde.

Vodde initiated the meeting with introductions. “During my very brief tenure of campus provost, I’ve acquired a much greater degree of knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the many individuals and units that contribute to the success of our university,” he said.

Before introducing Capuano, Small and Braverman, he named and acknowledged many different units, ranging from SGA President Melanie Arokiaswamy to Director of Public Safety Dave Miles.

Vodde singled out Athletic Director David Langford and his programs for praise. Beyond individual team achievements, Vodde said, “Our athletes are scholars first. This past year cumulative grade point average of all of our athletes was 3.4.”

Dean of Petrocelli School of Continuing Studies Dr. Lisa Braverman offered her praise for the existing college. “The college has a multi-decade legacy of extending educational

access and programs to audiences who are diverse, nontraditional, and underserved,” she said.

She outlined four goals she has for the college - growth, quality, excellence, and student centeredness - and she said she looks forward to working toward these goals with the rest of the university.

University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Gillian Small briefly described her path from her birthplace in Great Britain to where she is now and then spoke of her goals here.

“It seems to me it’s a university that can offer all things to all students,” Small said, “and I think FDU is well on the way to becoming an excellent university.”

“We want to make sure that our graduates are competitive, and I would argue that that means more than offering them just a degree,” she said. “We need to offer them experiential opportunities and research opportunities.”

Small also emphasized the importance of research in keeping faculty abreast of developments in their field.

President Christopher Capuano presented the facility master plan that accompanies the strategic plan he presented to the board of trustees.

“It’s really one in a series of strategic plans that we will develop and execute,” he said. “And it will be necessary to achieve our ultimate goal to

transform this university.

“One of the things this university is known for is that it’s the largest private University in New Jersey,” he said. “I don’t dispute that that’s a point of distinction, but to me it’s not a terribly important one.” He said he hoped that soon FDU would be referred to as “one of the better universities in New Jersey.”

Capuano outlined three areas that guide the plan and the way people see the campus: Unite, Define, and Inspire. With the majority of buildings constructed more than 50 years ago, he said the campus is overdue for a new image.

Uniting the two sides of campus on both Metro and Florham, defining the perimeter and path for moving people throughout the campus, and inspiring visitors with beautiful buildings and landscaping were among the topics discussed in the plan that will be released publicly.

Capuano is very committed to the effort and ready to take on the challenges.

“Almost 90 percent of my time is on this project – this project alone,” Capuano said. “It’s very important to me because I grew up on this campus,” he said. “It’s going to take time, but we need to stop talking about it and start doing it – that’s what this strategic plan is about.”

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News

Iconic Flag Returns to Ground Zero

By Armand Butera

(TEANECK) - There are various images and memories associated with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, one of which is the iconic photograph of three firefighters raising the American flag amidst the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

While fear and dread were prevalent that day, that image, along with the undeniable symbolism of the nation's flag, reminded the American people that they could overcome and still have hope, even in light of the attack.

The image gained an iconic status, but the actual flag in the photograph had disappeared shortly afterward. It was only recently that the flag resurfaced in Everett Washington in 2014, according to CNN.

The flag was recovered by a retired Marine referred to only as "Brian" and was dropped off to the nearest fire station in his area. Brian stated that he had been given the flag in 2007 on Veterans Day from a man who received the flag from a widow of one of the firefighters who lost their life on Sept. 11.

The Everett Deputy Police department seemed skeptical of how authentic the flag was, however. The real flag had disappeared just hours after it was raised 15 years ago, and any flags that were seen flying at subsequent events were not the same one.

When an official was selected to retrieve it a week or so after the events of the attack, they had received a flag that was larger than the one featured in the image, it was reported by

CNN. The skepticism of the employees of the Everett Deputy Police department remained, yet it was the events prior to getting the flag that led to the belief that it was the genuine article.

William Schneck, a forensic scientist at the Washington State Patrol Laboratory, played a large role in determining the authenticity of the flag. Schneck spent weeks analyzing photos, fibers and dust particles.

Schneck found that the flag was exposed to the same dust that was found after the events of 9/11, and even more tests were run to confirm the findings.

"We wanted to be thorough and complete and be able to have the investigation stand independently," Everett Detective Jim Massingale said in a CNN interview.

A particularly moving moment occurred when a retired New York Department officer examined the flag before it shipped out later that day.

"He actually grabbed onto that flag, held it up to his face and smelled it, and turned and looked at me and said, 'That's the smell that I remember from that day,'" Detective Michael Atwood said in an interview.

The American flag will now be displayed at the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum.



The iconic photo, taken by Thomas E. Franklin of The Bergen County Record. Photo Credit: Google Images

Apple's New Releases

By Reginald Tauscher

(TEANECK) - On Sept. 7, Apple announced the upcoming release of the iPhone 7, iPhone 7 Plus, Apple Watch 2 and AirPods, along with their new Operating system called iOS10.

The iPhone 7 has new features such as immersive stereo speakers, wide color system from camera to display, new colors, and a new home but-

ton, according to Apple. The iPhone 7's rear camera is also now 12 MP, with 7 MP for the front-facing camera. The iPhone 7 will also be the first water and dust resistant iPhone to be released.

Both the 7 and 7 plus' storage capacity starts at 32 GB, with prices starting at \$649.00 for the 32 GB model.

The 7 plus now has a dual-camera system on the back of the iP-

hone 7 Plus that lets its users zoom in two times better to take videos and six times better to take pictures, according to Apple. The retina display has also been improved to make the screen 25% brighter and have the A10 chip that makes the phone two times faster. Moreover, it will have a better battery life than the iPhone 6.

The new iOS10 operating system features a redesigned iMessage

setup that offers emojis to replace certain words when texting, as well as a paint feature that allows the user to scribble lines and send motion pictures. iOS10 also give its users more options such as ordering a Lyft from the maps to a bigger display to respond to text messages.

Gaining perhaps the most attention, the headphone jack has been removed and replaced with the arrival of AirPods, Apple's first-ever wireless headphones, costing \$159. For users who wish to use traditional headphone, the new phones will come with an adapter that plugs in to the charging port in order.

"Most people will feel the absent headphone jack the most in two situations. First, if you're listening to music on your iPhone and you'd like to plug into some non-iDevice with a 3.5mm jack but no lightning port, including but not limited to your Mac, you're out of luck" said Andrew Cunningham, writing for Ars Technica.

"iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus dramatically improve every aspect of the iPhone experience, reaching a new level of innovation and precision to make this the best iPhone we have ever made," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Marketing.



The new iPhone 7 and 7 Plus, two of the products Apple release at their Sept. 7 keynote event. Photo Credit: Apple

Obama’s Final Asia Trip



By Tyler Williams

Obama steps out of the rear of Air Force One in China.
Photo Credit: Google Images

(TEANECK) - Obama’s trip to Asia - to discuss foreign policies with the presidents of China and the Philippines - at the end of Aug. sparked international controversy after President Xi Jinping of the Philippines publicly insulted him.

Obama’s trip objective was to strengthen the trade pact that is already in place – the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). He visited Rodrigo Duterte, president of the Philippines, Xi Jinping, president of China, and other G20 leaders, according to CNN.

This trade pact is significant because China is a potential future member of the TPP, possibly creating a vast free trade zone, diminished tariffs and harmonized regulation with North America, South America, East Asia and

Oceania, which makes up 40 percent of the world’s economy, according to CNN.

Obama first met with Xi Jinping in Hangzhou to discuss increasing the cooperation of coal trade sanctions of coal because 90 percent of North Korea’s trade is with China, according to National Public Radio (NPR).

The New York Times reported an inappropriate verbal outburst from President Duterte regarding recent extrajudicial killings of drug dealers in the Philippines. Duterte also called him a “son of a whore.”

Consequently, he had to cancel the meeting to remove the possibility of ruining the foreign relations between the Philippines and the United States. Obama “laughed-off” the slur,

according to NPR.

Duterte said he had overreacted to reports that Obama planned to lecture him in their meeting about his unorthodox methods in combating the drug trade, according top the CNN.

“We look forward to ironing out differences arising out of national priorities and perceptions,” Duterte said, “and working in mutually responsible ways for both countries.”

President Obama’s trip lasted for six days and he said that the trip was “extraordinarily productive.”

Obama said that he and China’s President Xi Jinping have “continued their landmark collaboration of climate change,” according to The New York Times.

Because of the Chinese trade relationship with North Korea, the status of the sanctions of coal are very important because if the sanctions were actually enforced, 30 percent of North Korea’s GDP would decrease. As a result, the trade with North Korea and China will not change because of one of those major factors, according to NPR.

Obama has slightly over 100 days left in his presidency to impact policy. His trip to Asia resulted in stable foreign relationships in parts of Asia but no results as far as the trade pact is concerned. China and Philippines are still independent parties and not part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

First Muslim is Nominated by Obama to Become Federal Judge

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - On Sept. 7, President Obama nominated Washington lawyer Abid Riaz Qureshi for the US District Court for the District of Columbia. If confirmed, Mr. Qureshi would become the country’s first Muslim-American federal judge in history.

According to the White House, Mr. Qureshi is a lawyer at the Latham & Watkins law firm in Washington, and specializes in health care fraud and securities violations.

“I am confident he will serve the American people with integrity and a steadfast commitment to justice,” Obama said in a statement.

Mr. Qureshi received a bachelor’s degree from Cornell University in 1993, along with a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1997.

Activists for the Muslim-American community view the nomination as a step towards inclusion for its members in the United States.

“The nomination of Abid Qureshi to fill a seat on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia sends a message of inclusion that is welcomed by the American Muslim community and by all Americans who value diversity and mutual respect at

a time when some seek division and discord,” said Nihad Awad, the National Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

This nomination of a member of a minority group is not uncommon for Obama, though.

According to Pew Research Center, the current 114th United States Congress is the most diverse in history. Approximately one in five members are a racial or ethnic minority. Nevertheless, Congress is still disproportionately white when compared to the entire U.S. population.

“Overall, non-whites (including blacks, Hispanics, Asian/Pacific Islanders and Native Americans) make up 17% of the new Congress,” according to Pew Research Center, “but that is below these groups’ 38% share of the nation’s population.”

Nevertheless, Obama has made various efforts throughout his time in office to broaden the diversity of the government. According to CNN, he has “appointed more women, African-Americans and Hispanics to the federal bench than his predecessors, and also worked to name judges with a wider array of work experience.”

However, the Senate has stopped any progress on judicial nom-

inations until Obama’s term officially concludes in January. As a result, it is hard to tell if Mr. Qureshi will be confirmed during the last months of Obama’s presidency.



Abid Qureshi, the first Muslim judge ever appointed to a federal court.
Photo Credit: Google Images

Opinion



Editor's Desk



Melanie Perez, editor-in-chief

The food in the SUB cafeteria served by Gourmet Dining has been surprisingly good lately. I left for Wroxton, and when I came back, it seemed like everything had changed for the better with Gourmet Dining – with a wider range of foods and a new meal plan.

There is a more balanced array of options that cater to a wider range of diets than they’ve had in previous semesters. In any given day, Gourmet Dining offers burgers, pasta and pizza – on the “less-healthy” spectrum – in addition to more food options that fall on the “healthy” spectrum.

There is a permanent “World’s Fare” section – ironically positioned between the pizza and ice cream stations – that for the first two weeks of school dedicated to Mediterranean foods like baba ghanoush (eggplant dip), hummus (chickpea dip), and tabbouleh (tomatoes, parsley, mint, etc.). They have also had a selection of chips and salsas, as well as cheeses and meats. The World’s Fare selection changes on a cycle.

This is especially nice for students who are either completely vegetarian or have dietary restrictions regarding certain meats.

Gourmet Dining has also implemented a way for students to text the chefs anonymously, thus allowing them to give honest feedback without fear of repercussions.

The new meal plan for commuters was long overdue. The new commuter meal plan is \$99 and allows 10 swipes per week in the SUB cafeteria, as well as 5 snack swipes – each swipe allows a choice of any 20oz bottled Pepsi beverage or Grande drip coffee from an on-campus Starbucks, as well as any bakery item, granola bar, piece of hand fruit, or bag of chips – at either Jeepers or the Dickinson Hall Café, and \$25 in Flex.

The Equinox, as a collective, has written many articles regarding issues we have with Gourmet Dining. There have been issues with opening times, food quality, lack of nutrition labels, lack of vegetarian options, lack of varied meal plan options, etc.

Hopefully this semester will bring about new changes like food allergy warning labels and vegetarian “meats”.

Students shouldn’t have to ask if certain foods contain certain allergens. Some students are new to their allergies and don’t know that some of their favorite foods might contain allergens (like Pad Thai, which contains peanuts).

And the tofu in the SUB cafeteria isn’t cutting it. Maybe try vegetarian “meats” like those found in the Gardein brand – it tastes way better than tofu. Gourmet Dining is by no means perfect, but they’ve come a long way, especially within the last year. It’s nice to see that they’re listening to the students’ feedback and doing something about it.

Public Safety Blotter

8/31/16 – Student reported a bicycle was taken from bike rack in front of Northpointe

9/5/16 – Professor reported receiving threats from a non-student

9/9/16 – Student reported one of the fraternity rocks by Commencement Green was vandalized.

9/11/16 – Roommates in Northpointe had a dispute

From the Desk of David Miles



Director of Public Safety David Miles

The University and the Department of Public Safety are always looking for ways to prevent incidents and to make the campus as safe as possible.

This is not always an easy task and not something that can be done by one department alone. As a member of the campus community, we are asking for your assistance in making the campus safe for all that come on to the campus.

The following are some general guidelines on suspicious behavior or objects that if seen, should be reported immediately to Public Safety at 201 692-2222.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

Race, gender or religious affiliations are not indicators of suspicious behavior. Don’t be afraid to report any of the following:

- A person trying to enter a residence without the proper access card.
- A person running and looking about furtively, as if he or she were being watched or chased.

- A stranger carrying property at an unusual hour or location, especially if the items are a computer or other equipment, office machinery, or a locked bicycle.
- A person going door-to-door in an office building or residential area.
- Any person forcibly entering a locked vehicle or building.
- One or more persons sitting in a parked car closely scanning the area.
- A person (especially a juvenile or female) being forced into a vehicle.
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms.
- Unusual noises, including, screaming, sounds of fighting, barking dogs, or anything suggesting foul play, danger, or illegal activity.

SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS

A suspicious item is defined as anything, which is out of place and cannot be accounted for.

Unattended briefcases or bags may simply be forgotten or discarded items – but it’s better to be safe than sorry.

We are asking all members of the campus community to report anything to the Department of Public Safety that you feel may be of a suspicious nature in a timely manner.

If at any time you have any questions regarding safety or security, 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 @ FDU MetroPS.

President's Corner



SGA President Melanie K. Arokiaswamy

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Student Government Association President of your 2016 and 2017 academic year. I’d also like to introduce the new SGA respectively.

My name is Melanie K. Arokiaswamy and I am from central Jersey, I am currently a junior and I am majoring in accounting while pursuing my M.B.A. in management in the Silberman College of business.

On the flip side, I am a digital, ceramic, and craft artist, I dance, I am a food enthusiast, I love animals, the environment, astronomy, I play video games, and I even watch a little something called anime.

I regress, because the Student Government Association is not consisted of just myself.

The SGA houses 22 undergraduate students, who all become campus leaders and further faces of Fairleigh Dickinson University if they aren’t already.

The SGA’s purpose is to maintain and cater to the overall campus well being through serving the com-

munity as a whole - especially the organizations that it funds.

The 2016/17 SGA ultimate goal is to re-establish that SGA was created to facilitate to all organizations that a sense of community is a virtue that we will infinitely work towards.

We are one month into the fall semester, and your Student Government Association has already been working diligently to serve one need at a time.

First Annual E-board Joint Meeting: For the first time ever, the SGA is inviting all executive boards on campus to attend a joint meeting. Here is an opportunity to meet all of your new and fellow e-boards who work hard to enrich our campus. The purpose of this event is to inspire new relationships between different organizations, SGA included. This event is on Nov. 3, at 8:30 p.m. in the Rutherford Room in the SUB.

The Org Support Program: The FDU Metropolitan campus houses an array of clubs and organizations, all who plan events available to every student at FDU. It is not uncommon for clubs to have unsuccessful events due to a cluster or reasons. This developing program aims to resolve this prominent and ongoing issue.

SGA Open Meetings: We are working towards making our weekly meetings more comfortable, involved, and informative every week. Your attendance is one of the key factors to achieving that.

All inquiries, concerns, and questions can be addressed to sgafdumetro@gmail.com

What Can Polls Prove?

By Armand Butera

The American public, and the world at large, has been standing in the eye of a violent political storm for some time. The 2016 Presidential Race has been anything but uneventful in the eyes of the media and the 24-hour news cycle. Yet just like someone stuck in the middle of a raging twister, the American people are subject to a real lack of clarity.

While it is clear that the two major candidates for the position of President of the United States are Secretary Hillary Clinton and “business man” Donald Trump, the media is none too reliable when it comes to showing who may have the upper hand. While bias can be the reason for some political networks’ inability to properly report political news, another reason is simply the vast amount of varying news and changes that surround one of the most hectic presidential races to date.

Polls are a supposed accurate representation of what is going on during the election, but are in a constant state of flux. A prime example can be seen in the online reporting made by political network CNN, which has habitually posted about the state of polls

over the past few weeks. Statements as recent as Sept. 4 have put Clinton in a marginally superior two-point lead over Trump, with the final results being 42 and 40 percent respectively.

But what the American public must ask, aside from who is winning in the polls, is where the information about the polls is coming from. When it comes to political information and news, source is just as important as substance. Where the information is derived from gives it a certain measure of credibility, and the most recent polls reported by CNN are no exception.

In a recent article posted by CNN journalist Daniel Politi, the writer cited a recent FOX poll as one of the main sources of data for the article. FOX is not only an opposing network, but is known for its political bias and is almost constantly being questioned by other media outlets for shoddy reporting and false information.

Such information can raise more questions than it does answers, one of which being the question of where voters and students can find accurate polling information. For people in need of such information, they need not look any further than FiveThirtyEight, a website devoted to delivering accurate polls and political news.

FiveThirtyEight is a website created by famed statistician and political analyst Nate Silver, and was founded on Mar. 7, 2008. Since its debut, the website has been one of the main sources for accurate polling. While its content is not limited solely to politics, many of its recent articles have understandably focused on the 2016 Presidential Election.

One of the many features FiveThirtyEight has is its Pollster Rating, which is a compilation of well known polls and individual assessments on each one’s credibility and passed success or failure on accurately reporting election news. Each poll is broken up into categories, including poll accuracy, races called correctly and their predictive nature. There are some polls, such as the ones from Quinnipiac and Monmouth University, that have been graded highly by the site, while other polls, such as Millersville University, fall short.

As of Sept. 4, the website places Clinton at a 4.2% lead in national polls, having 47.5% of the collective polls in her favor, and Trump having 43.3%. FiveThirtyEight consistently reports new data on the ever-convoluted subject of polls, as they vowed to do so every day through Nov. 8.

That is the refreshing aspect of the website. The subject of the Presidential Race, however, is undoubtedly confusing. Silver, as well as all those involved in the project, is determined to chip away at it in search of the truth. At times, it may not be what the public wants to hear, yet the site continues to take pride in its work in delivering the truth to the public.

Such is the case in Silver’s June article entitled, “The State Of The Polls, 2016”. In it, the analyst says “the evidence is somewhat mixed” when addressing whether the state of polls is as damaged as the public believes. However, in the article Silver does address the “methodological standards” all clear and accurate polls go through, consisting of thorough research efforts and multiple screenings of information.

Early into the article, Silver stays, “We’d encourage you to explore the data for yourself,” which coincidentally sums up this article as well. In a day and age where there’s an overabundance of information and not all of it is correct, it’s imperative to seek out actual answers. This election year may be wrought with confusion and misinformation, but it does not mean we, as voters, have to remain ignorant.

Brock Turner: Rapist, Not Swimmer

By Theresa King

Brock Turner. That name has been plastered across social media for months, and for good reason. 21-year-old Turner, a former swimmer at Stanford University, was found guilty of three counts of sexual assault in March after raping an unnamed victim behind a dumpster, until he was stopped by two Swedish bicyclists.

One aspect of the case that has been controversial, aside from the case itself, has been the media portrayal of Turner throughout the trial. Praise and sympathy have been common in news articles about Turner, because he was a college swimmer, which have included his swim times and formal athletic photos rather than his mug shot. This biased coverage of Turner’s case has displayed detrimental issues in media

and society, including double standards, rape culture and victimization.

Decision-making is vital in journalism. Reporters are responsible for choosing which information in a story is most important, where to place it, how to word it and, more importantly, how to remain objective. The latter has proved difficult for various media outlets in Turner’s case.

Often for news stories, mug shots or normal photos of the alleged criminals are chosen as the main graphic for the articles. For Turner, an upper class white athlete, a university-taken photo was chosen, where he is shown smiling and chipper. Moreover, the headlines often included his status as a swimmer and athlete, rather than identity as a convicted rapist.

One Washington Post article was headlined, “All-American swim-

mer found guilty of sexually assaulting unconscious woman on Stanford campus.” The choice of describing Turner as an “All-American swimmer,” as well as avoiding the use of the word ‘rape’ emphasizes that he is a swimmer first and convicted sexual predator last, which should not be the case.

When The Washington Post reports on other sexual assault cases, such as ones with an African-American suspect, the headlines read, “Man is sentenced to three life terms for Prince William County rape” and “Montgomery County beer-pong rape case ends in 150-year sentence.” Even more, those stories included mug shots of the convicted rapists, not yearbook photos, calling Turner “baby-faced” and the sexual assault “a stunning fall from grace.”

The Washington Post is not

the only source with double standards, though. According to Fusion, NBC, BBC and CNN all used a mug shot from a previous, unrelated arrest to attach to reports of Sam DuBose, an unarmed black man who was fatally shot by University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing at a traffic stop in 2015.

Turner’s swimming times, hobbies or future in athleticism are not excuses for the crime he committed, and the media is partially responsible to make that clear. Unfortunately, double standards are evident, and because Turner is an upper class white male, he is viewed differently. Turner is not an athlete who made a mistake, he assaulted and took advantage of a woman behind a dumpster.

Gary’s Gamble at Politics

By Sonal Tulsyani

The clock is ticking for Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson, and with Election Day around the corner, he only has so much time to sway enough voters to win the White House. Clearly, Johnson’s campaign will need all the help it can get, especially considering Johnson has less than 10% of votes in the national polls when he needs 15%, which keeps him from participating in the presidential debate, according to USA Today.

If his campaign isn’t weak enough already, it will be weakened further by the fact that, according to OnTheIssues, Gary Johnson is against student loans because they cause the

cost of the tuition to increase. If college tuition goes down after eliminating student loans, the number of students who can even go to college will go down as well. Preventing students from getting student loans limits the number of options they have to finance their education, which also limits their ability to actually get one.

A decrease of students with college degrees leads to a decrease in the number of people who can fill the jobs that require degrees. If part of Johnson’s plan to bring down the national debt involves creating a skills deficit on top of the job deficit this country already has, he might not be the ideal presidential candidate that the voters against Trump and Clinton

were hoping for.

The deficiencies in Gary Johnson’s campaign don’t end there. Not only does his campaign cause damage to the college students who are depending on him to win the election, it affects everyone who isn’t already in retirement.

According to OnTheIssues, Johnson wants to raise the retirement age to 75. He clearly has put no thought into this considering that at the age of 75, if people aren’t already weakened by illness or age, they will be weakened by injuries that have occurred during the countless number of years they will have worked by then.

Unless Johnson has a fountain of youth up his sleeve, it is highly

unlikely that people would sign up for what will be at least 57 years of work before being able to retire by voting for him.

So far, the list of reasons to vote for Gary Johnson isn’t quite as long as any presidential candidate would like, and with the odds against him from the very start, he needs a major game changer in order to have a shot at winning the election. While he is ahead of Independent candidate Jill Stein, Johnson has a long way to go before catching up to Trump and Clinton and he only has so much time to do so before it’s too late.

— Student Lifestyle —

Teaneck Ticker

Walk for Brain Injury Awareness

- Participation supports vital Alliance programs and services critical to thousands of individuals living with brain injury.
- Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9:00 a.m.
- Saddle River County Park, 760 Saddle River Road Dunkerhook Area Paramus, NJ
- \$25
- For more information, visit: <http://bianj.org/walk/>

Adelphi Chamber Ensemble

- The Adelphi Orchestra opens its 63rd season of music for all with a chamber concert with the Adelphi Chamber Ensemble. The Program includes: Brahms's Sextet for Strings no1 in B flat major Op. 18, and Gershwin's Lullaby for Strings
- Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2:00 p.m.
- Fort Lee Public Library, 320 Main St Fort Lee, NJ 07024
- Free
- For more information, visit <http://bccls.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=93907&lib=39&back-To=Calendar&startDate=2016/09/08>

Red Cross Braille Transcription

- The American Red Cross New Jersey Region Jane Bente Braille Center is currently seeking volunteer Braille transcribers and is offering a free training course this September. The 20-week training course involves a two-hour class and twelve hours of homework weekly.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 1:00 p.m.
- Free
- For more information, contact: Barbara.Pietruszewski@redcross.org

Russian Grand Ballet – Swan Lake

- Full-length classic production of the world's most famous ballet - Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, featuring Russia's brightest ballet stars
- Thursday, Sept. 22 at 8:00 p.m.
- Bergen Performing Arts Center - 30 North Van Brunt Street, Englewood, NJ 07631
- \$29-\$69
- For more information, visit: <http://russiagrandballet.com/>

The Whipping Man

- Three men grapple with their shared past in the Civil War as a confederate officer and his family's former slaves sit down to celebrate Passover
- Black Box Performing Arts Center
- Friday, Sept. 23 at 8:00 p.m. & Sunday, Sept. 25 at 8:00 p.m.
- \$18
- For more information, email matt@blackboxnynj.com

Evil Dead: The Musical

- A modern horror musical where a group of college friends decide to go camping in the woods as demons and evil spirits unleash.
- Black Box Performing Arts Center
- Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11:30 p.m. & Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11:30 p.m.
- \$18
- For more information, email matt@blackboxnynj.com

9/11 Vigil



Students gather with candles for the 9/11 Vigil Ceremony behind the Student Union Building. The ceremony was held in memory of those who lost their lives in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 and sought to promote unity between different cultures and nationalities.

Photo Credit: Office of Student Life

Wings for a Cause



Participants of Man vs. Food eat chicken wings for charity.

Photo Credit: Gabriel Perez

By Gabriel Perez

Did anyone ever think that the act of people gulping down a plate of spicy chicken wings could help anyone? While most would probably answer with a resounding no, Tuesday's annual Man vs. Food event mixed the ever-popular wing-eating contest with a great cause. The event was run by Spectrum, the university's LGBTQ organization, with the proceeds made from the event going to charity.

The rules were simple: whoever could finish their five chicken wings first won their round, with their time then placed on a whiteboard behind them, a symbol of glory if there ever was one. Spectrum's leaders took part in the first round, with their treasurer putting up a seemingly tough time of one minute and 21 seconds.

However, when volunteers decided to try their hand at the competition for the second round, the trea

surer's time was torn to shreds, with volunteer, William Henry, putting up a fast time of 54 seconds.

It wasn't all just eating, though. DJ 1-Up (Aaron Paul) provided plenty of music for everyone to enjoy as the wings were being eaten throughout the event. Spectrum has meetings every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Student Union Building's Multipurpose Room.

Student Lifestyle



Campus Calendar



Sept. 26

- Great Debate Series – 7:00 p.m., RR
- Slime a Tau – 8:30 p.m., MPR

Sept. 27

- Let’s Talk About Sex – 9:00 p.m., RR
- Price is Right – 9:00 p.m., KC



Sept. 28

- Greek BBQ – 12:00-4:00 p.m., BC

Sept. 29

- Dance Marathon – 8:00 p.m., MPR



Oct. 3

- Suicide Awareness Panel – 9:00 p.m., RR

Oct. 4

- Great Debate Series – 7:00 p.m., RR



Constitution Day: It’s the Law

By Mariuxi Mansfield

The observance of Constitution Day is required for any school that receives federal funding.

In 2004, due to the persistence of the Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, Congress passed a law designating Sept. 17 as “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day.” Why? Because he was frustrated by “a huge ignorance on the part of many Americans about history,” according to an article by NBC

The Department of Stu-

dent Life organized the Constitution Day event on Sept. 16.

“For a lot of people, Constitution Day is important because it is such a big part of what makes America what it is,” said Tyler Kay, a member of the

Publicity Team, “Basically, The Constitution is the entire back bone of the country.”

For Jocelyn Moses, assistant director of Student Life, Constitution Day is especially important in light of the upcoming presidential election.

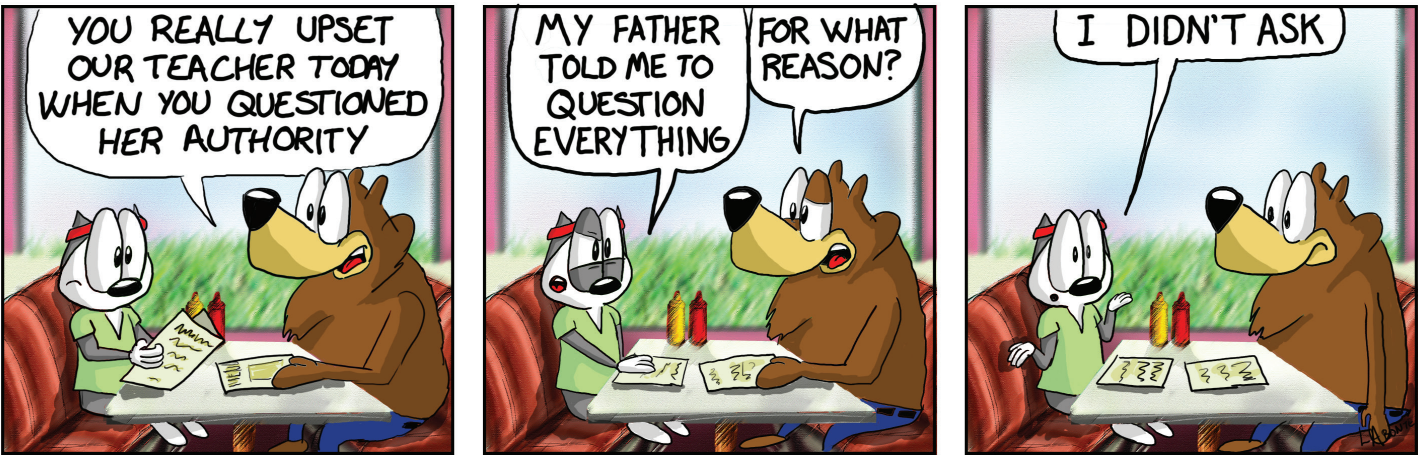
“It is important for our students to know about our history. We have a really important election coming up that would decide a lot of things for our student body and it is important that they know the history of where American came from and the values that was founded on,” she said.



From left to right: Miranda Dworak, Publicity Team, Student Life, Amanda Salazar, Student Coordinator for Special Events & Projects, Tyler Kay, Publicity Team, Student Life.

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— Student Lifestyle —

Rony’s Rockin’ Grill

By Angelo Drago

Looking for a new place to eat? Looking for a local restaurant with food you can’t get anywhere else? A fan of rock and roll music? Then Rony’s Rockin’ Grill may be the right place.

Located at 83 N. Washington Ave, Bergenfield, N.J., Rony’s Rockin’ Grill is a rock and roll themed restaurant that specializes in burgers and other grilled foods such as hot dogs and chicken. The restaurant is owned by Rony Alvarado, who is also the chef. He once had a location in Glenn Rock, N.J. called Rony’s Rock Burger which opened in 2010 and was in business for 2-and-a-half years.

After Rock Burger closed down, Rony took a year off and opened the current Bergenfield location in May 2014. Since then, Rony’s Rockin’ Grill has gained some acclaim, as it has been said to have “the best burgers in Bergen County from 201 Magazine two times in 2015,” according to its website.

First walking into the restaurant, the whole rock and roll aesthetic becomes very noticeable. There are posters and albums of many rock and roll artists plastered all over the wall. Rock music is always playing from the

speakers. Even the bathrooms contain bulletin boards with tickets to rock concerts posted on them. The floor has a slick black carpet and the ceiling is just as black as the carpet. There are several booths and tables to sit at, with four seats at the fine wood contain. From these seats, you can get a good glimpse at Rony cooking the customer’s meals behind the counter and smell the fine cooked meat. The restaurant has a very appealing atmosphere where the customers can eat comfortably at, especially if they’re fans of Rock and Roll.

Upon walking into the restaurant, customers will be immediately greeted by Rony or the waitress, and be asked to take a seat. The restaurant’s owner and chef, Rony, immediately make the customer feel welcome. Both him and the waitresses of them are very friendly, and customers at the counter can even have a conversation with Rony as he prepares their meal. Anyone who decides to eat here can be assured that they will have good service and be treated kindly.

The menu offers a wide choice of burgers, named after various rock artists and song, which appeal to different tastes. Those looking for a plain burger with nothing special added will

find it at the top of the menu, those looking for something sweet can enjoy a “Stevie” which is topped with a pineapple and a sweet teriyaki sauce, or those looking for something spicy can enjoy a “Red Hot Chili Pepper” with jalapenos, hot sauce, and a Cajun seasoning.

If beef isn’t one’s fancy, Rony’s offers a decent selection of chicken and turkey burgers and a selection between two veggie burgers for vegetarian customers. Aside from burgers they offer chicken nuggets, hot dogs, and salads. As sides, Rony’s Rockin’ Grill offers fries, sweet potato fries, beer battered onion rings.

All the ingredients used are 100 percent fresh, and nothing is ever frozen. Their beef is special as it is made from brisket, chuck steak, porterhouse tips and loins, and the bread is gotten straight from the Bergenfield Farmer’s Market.

If there is one criticism to give to the food, it’s that the shakes, floats, and deserts are expensive. The shakes and floats cost \$5.25 each and the deserts can cost up to \$5.95. So if one goes there to eat, they may want to pass on the desert.



A burger from Rony’s Rockin’ Grill, made with 100 percent fresh beef.
Photo Credit: Yelp

While Rony’s Rockin’ Grill is not walking distance from campus, if one has a car or a friend who can drive them there, they will not be disappointed.

This October, Rony’s will be having an event called Rocktober where there’s live music every Friday and Saturday during that month. For more information, check out the restaurant’s official website at <http://www.ronysrockingrill.com/> or contact them at (201) 665-4755.

Show Me the... Sugar?

By Nishi Naik

With college tuition on the rise nationwide, millions of college students across the United States have found an alternative way to pay off their bulky college education costs. Along with being enrolled in private or public institutions, many students are also enlisting themselves as “Sugar Babies” across the nation. These students are paying off their college loans and college tuition with the help of “Sugar Daddies” and “Sugar Mommas”.

According to SeekingArrangement.com, “Sugar Daddies and Sugar Mommas” are wealthy individuals who are willing to pay for student debts and loans, usually in the return for companionship and sexual favors”. Students are interested in this profession, as they are often being crushed by student loans and the scarce amount of financial help from their families and the colleges and/or universities these students are enrolled in.

Based on the statistic from News Channel 3, there has been a 1200 percent increase in the number of Sugar Babies and Sugar Daddies registering on the website since 2013. There are currently about 2.6 million people registered on Seeking Arrangement, among which 44 percent being college students, according to The Village Voice. Seeking Arrangement also advertises itself as a dating website, which “provides symbiotic relationships”, thus leading itself as one of the largest and oldest underground economies, with estimated annual income of \$2 trillion dollars.

Most students, both male and female, who are Sugar Babies are comfortable with the concept of Sugar Daddies, as the Daddies often provide the Babies with a expeditious way of making money as well as “the finer

things in life,” such as fancy dinners, extravagant vacations, or monthly allowances, reports The Atlantic. Along with the short-term benefits, Sugar Daddies also provide the Babies, with “financial and emotional rewards”, claims Norma Jean Almodovar, a former sex worker who forged long lasting bonds with her once clients. However, Max, another sex worker of NYU Tisch of Arts, had a different opinion.

Max is one of the thousands of Sugar Babies, who are unable to lead romantic personal lives, due to their harsh experiences, which not only drifted them in debt of millions, but also caused an imbalance in their personal life.

“I occasionally struggled with bouts of shame and guilt and being a sex worker in the past still affects my personal life”, Max told The Village Voice.



College students are turning to alternatives to help pay off tuition, including becoming escorts and “Sugar Babies.”
Photo Credit: The Village Voice

Unplanned Trip to Prague



By Elizabeth White

(WROXTON) - Amid the whirlwind of classes and weekend trips, I was told early last week that I was in England illegally. As I mentioned in my last post, I traveled to Ireland with my family the week before being dropped off at Wroxtton.

After we flew from Dublin to London, my family and I did not go through customs, so I did not get my passport stamped upon my arrival in England because I was already in the UK.

This turned out to be a problem, because the short term stamp I had from Ireland was only good for 30 days. If I didn’t have the correct stamp, I could have been deported once that time was up.

The school, which had contacted customs about the issue, told me that the only way I could fix the problem was to leave the United Kingdom and re-enter to get the correct stamp.

I found out on Wednesday, and on Thursday night I flew to Prague. Prague was the cheapest city

to fly to on such a short notice, so why not? My friend Rachel Kleinwaks and I spent 15 hours in Prague before boarding another plane the next day to return to the UK.

This was the first time I planned, paid, and traveled by myself without a parent or adult. It was learning experience, as we had to navigate a foreign country in a city we had never been to before where the people don’t speak English.

By the time we returned to Wroxtton we had been on two planes, several trains, two buses, many subways and a cab.

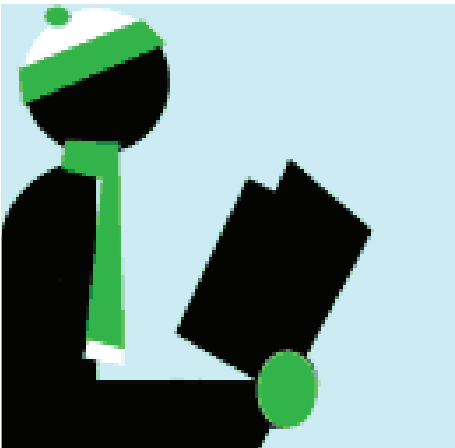
Getting around was a challenge because of the language barrier; English is spoken in the Czech Republic, but most signs are in Czech.

Luckily, I was able to re-enter the United Kingdom successfully, despite some intense interrogation by the customs officers.

Despite the grueling amount of time we spent traveling in just barely 24 hours, we got to see the beautiful city of Prague and experience a little bit of what Eastern Europe is like.

— Library —

Periodically Speaking - News from Giovatto Library



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

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Getting Exercise in College
<http://kidshealth.org/en/teens/exercise.html#>

How to Be Healthy in College
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Spring Semester 2016**
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Sunday – 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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- Power Density: A Key to Understanding Energy Sources and Uses
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- New DVDs This Week**
- Angry Birds
 - Leverage, season 4
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 - Mystic River

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Career Development

By **Donna J. Robertson, director of Career Development**

Students are often asked, “What’s your major?” This is then followed by “What are you going to do with that?”

Many students are not really sure – and it is OK. They don’t know that Career Development can help them explore their options for choosing a major and a career.

We’re more than just the resume and interview people. Our role is to help inform students about what’s out there and how they can take the skills and things that they enjoy, and transfer those into a career they didn’t even know existed.

This why having the Core class “Preparing for Professional Life,” is so important. All freshmen, regardless of major, will have an opportunity to take a career assessment, develop a professional resume and learn how to conduct an informational interview. The UNIV 1002 course is taken by sec-

ond-semester freshmen and is part of the interdisciplinary University Core curriculum.

By collaborating with faculty, campus departments and student

can schedule an appointment online, <http://view2.fdu.edu/metropolitan-campus/career-development/our-team/>

However, in the end it is up to

a long-term investment. You assess, gather information, make a decision, execute, review and then assess again. It’s a continuous process.

There are a variety of workshops and events planned for the year. There is a greater emphasis on smaller, informal, niche events such as classroom presentations, walk-ins and info sessions.

The formal larger career events still play a role but they can be overwhelming for some. Smaller venues also allow career advisors to work more closely with faculty, employers and alumni.

Career Development also just launched CareerQuest which replaces the old job database. We were able to upload all the students so everyone automatically has an account. Also this database has a free app (Careers by Symplicity) so students can check out new opportunities and upcoming events on their phones. Employers are posting new jobs everyday so students should check the database on a regular



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organizations, Career Development hopes to reach students early and build relationships that will help them transition from college into their professional lives.

Students should come early and come often. In order to help students meet with a career adviser, Career Development has aligned the staff by academic areas and students

the student to take initiative to manage his/her own career development. Integrating career development into your student life – we can show you how that works – but you have to step up and ask.

Career Development is a process and not a transaction. This is not like buying something Online; this is

Internships and Jobs

Information provided by CareerQuest

Internships

Fall Writing Intern – Creative Expansions, Inc., New York, NY

- Looking for an enthusiastic writer who wants to make a difference in the lives of women. Internship involves writing/researching articles and helping to expand the reach of the website.
- This is not a virtual placement; person must be in NYC 1-2 days a week.
- Applicants must be at least in their second year of college
- To apply: need cover letter, writing sample, and references. Send material to administrator@womenworking.com
- Applications accepted until Sept. 30, 2016

Fall Marketing Intern – Creative Expansions, Inc., New York, NY

- Looking for a social media enthusiast to get hands-on experience promoting the website’s content, expanding digital presence on social media channels, and researching emerging social media networks
- Applicants must have knowledge of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, and preferably Adobe Photoshop
- Time commitment is 1 day a week
- This position is unpaid, but there is a stipend for local transportation
- To apply: send cover letter, references and relevant work samples to administrator@womenworking.com

Interdepartmental Associate – Chemetall, New Providence, NJ

- Interns will perform routine laboratory testing under close supervision or by following detailed work instructions
- Applicants must be at least a sophomore and have at least one year of college chemistry with lab experiences with a basic understanding of lab methods and techniques
- Salary is dependent on prior relevant work experience
- Applications accepted until Sept. 30, 2016

Part-Time

Nurse Practitioner – Saddle River Medical Group, Saddle River, NJ

- NP/PA will be trained by the physician on the routines and tasks and is expected to be able to monitor patients out of the physician’s presence. The NP/PA and the physician will correlate care at least once per week for each patient.
 - 10-30 hours per week
 - Contact: Ghazaleh Hadji, Business Manager, srmg.kasper@gmail.com, (210) 825-3933
 - Applications accepted until Oct. 12, 2016
- Assistant Instructor – Little Ivy Academy, Ridgewood, NJ**
- Looking for assistant instructors with a passion for hands-on education to help K-* students in LEGO, Robotics, Mobile App-Making, Videogame-Making, and Electronics enrichment labs.

- Previous experience not needed – training provided
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- Competitive hourly rate
- Applications accepted until Sept. 29, 2016

Instructor – Mathnasium, Englewood, NJ

- Seeking instructor to tutor students in math up to pre-calculus, work closely with students to help them achieve goals, communicate progress with parents, and learn and utilize Mathnasium Method to work with students to strengthen skills.
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- Accepting all collegiate class levels
- Applications accepted until Jan. 31, 2017

Full-Time

School Psychologist – Eagle Hill School, Greenwich, CT

- Seeks full-time certified school psychologist (MS) with training and/or experience in working with children with language-based learning disabilities, ADD or ADHD
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- Salary is competitive with regards to experience
- Applications accepted until Oct. 31, 2016

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- Applicants need to be bilingual, NJ residents, and have a BA from an accredited college or university, or have an acceptable substitution.
- Minimum salary is \$43,703
- To apply: email cover letter, current resume, announcement number, day and evening phone numbers, and email address to MRSSSXHRSA.mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us
- Applications accepted until March 17, 2017

Wealth Management Advisor – TFS Wealth Management, Lincroft, NJ

- Seeking a college senior for a position to become an advisor who will coordinate a professional resource team of CPA’s, CFA’s, estate attorneys, investment managers and insurance professionals to create and implement a detailed wealth management plan.
- For more information contact William Roberts, wroberts@tfsweb.com
- Applications accepted until Jan. 1, 2017

—Entertainment—

Asteroid Named for Freddie Mercury

By Armand Butera

Freddie Mercury had rightfully cemented his status as music legend long ago as a part of the band Queen, so it's only fitting that the former front man was awarded a very stellar gift. As of Sept. 4, Mercury was honored with an asteroid named after him by the Southwest Research Institute.

Mercury passed away roughly two decades ago due to complications with the AIDs virus in 1991. However, Asteroid 17473 was discovered that same year.

The asteroid sits right between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars, and, as a special tribute, was dubbed Asteroid Freddiemercury. It measures about two miles, and, according to Queen guitarist Brian May, is a fitting tribute to his old friend.

"Freddie Mercury sang, 'I'm a shooting star leaping through the sky' - and now that is even more true than ever before," said May, "But even if you can't see Freddie Mercury leaping through the sky, you can be sure he's there - 'floating around in ecstasy', as he might sing - for millennia to come."

May, who was tapped to reveal the special surprise at the Montreux Casino in Switzerland, recently earned his doctorate in Astrophysics at London's Imperial College. He mentioned at the event that the asteroid itself is somewhat faint when seen with the naked eye, but its dark hue can be admired with a strong telescope.

The special treatment did not end there, however. Mercury's "outstanding influence in the world" was not overlooked by May or any of the attendees. To truly honor the singer, the unveiling of the English Heritage plaque that accompanied the naming of the asteroid was held in the childhood home of Mercury's in Feltham, London. It was announced that Mercury would receive his own asteroid on his birthday, Sept. 4.

Mercury would have been 70 this year, but even with his early death at the age of 45 the British singer had a profound effect on music and entertainment. An energetic and eccentric performer, Asteroid Freddiemercury is a thoughtful gift to one of music's biggest stars.



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Frank Ocean Wows Fans After Four Years

By Emily Weikl

Frank Ocean's "Blond" is worth the four-year wait. Ever since the highly praised "channel ORANGE" was released in 2012, fans of R&B artist Frank Ocean wondered when he would make another album. Recording hints and details over the years were realized when "Endless," a 45-minute visual album, was streamed on Ocean's website in August 2016. "Blond" followed a day later on Apple Music.

A few of Ocean's songs in "Blond" have a direct message about an issue in society. One of those songs is "Nikes," and it brings materialism to task with lines like "Said she need a ring like Carmelo/Must be on that white like Othello." There is also quick reference to Trayvon Martin, who was shot and killed in July 2012, with Ocean saying that Martin looked "just like me". Musically the song steady rhythm underneath the lyrics for about three minutes, a note on beat then off. After it stops, the song is more mellow in tone only for that beat to be used again at the very end. Both of those aspects combined make "Nikes" a well done opening song to "Blonde".

Two songs, "Be Yourself" and "Facebook Story" on the album are spoken word skits performed by family friend Rosie Watson and French producer Sebastian, respectively. Those tracks stand out not only because they are spoken instead of sung but for the messages of self-esteem and real world vs technological relationships in each. On the surface "Facebook Story" seems

just like a fictional skit recorded for the album. But according to an interview with the website Pitchfork, "Facebook Story" was something that had happened to Sebastian in a previous rela-

tionship. flammable paper on the film that's my life?" The last line could be seen as a metaphor for how fragile life is and to spend time on Earth doing meaningful things.

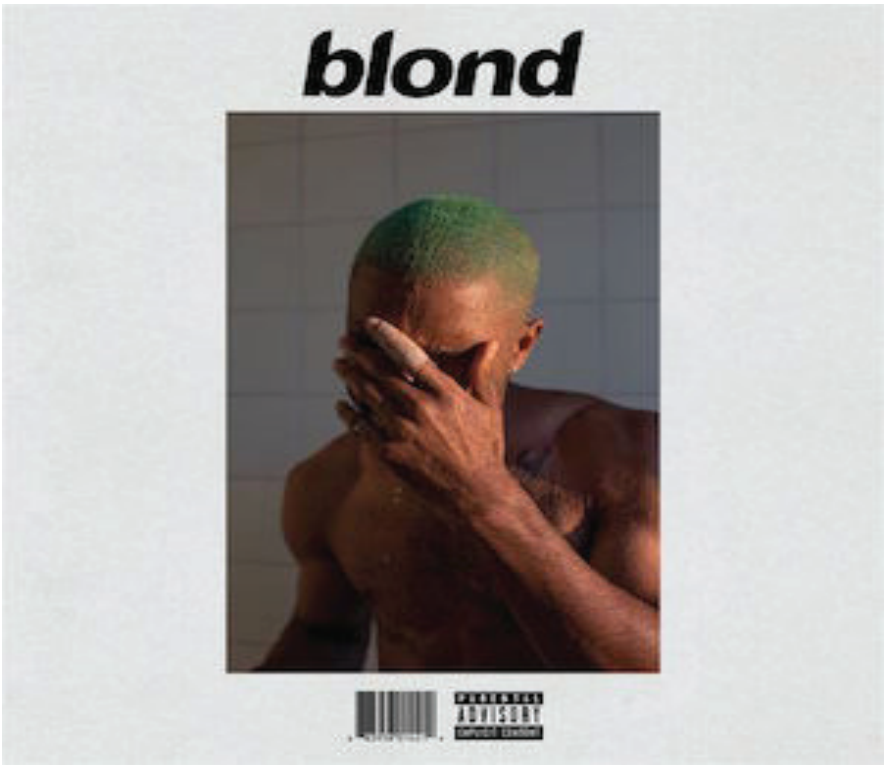


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the band Outkast, with whom Ocean has collaborated with before on "channel ORANGE". And in going with the spoken word style of two prior songs, the second section of "Futura Free" features Ocean's younger brother Ryan Breaux in an interview clip. Breaux is a professional skater and Illegal Civilization member Sage Elesser. Beyoncé's vocals are in the outro to "Pink and White" and they add a layer of ambience to the track. Ocean worked with Beyoncé before, alongside Andre 3000 on the song "Superpower" from her titular album in 2014.

If another four years go by without Ocean releasing another album, hopefully his latest output will be enough to hold his fans over for a while. After "channel ORANGE" was released fans clamored for more.

An album was teased to come out during April 2015 for release in July. The month came and went and left some fans to think that the Ocean was deceiving them. It a little more than a year, to fully complete "Blond." Judging from the depth of lyrics and detail of the music behind them, it makes sense that Ocean needed that time. He wanted to make something that listeners would truly feel connected to, like they did with his former album.

As a whole, "Blond" is a strong R&B offering by Ocean that resembles his previous album and was most definitely worth waiting for.

tionship. "Seigfried" deals with aspects of Ocean's inner and love life and is the backbone of the song. The fifteenth track of "Blond" has a poetic and lyrical quality to it and is rife with metaphor and imagery.

One example is, "Less morose and more present/Dwell on my gifts for a second/A moment one solar flare we're consumed/So why not spend this

The song's title is possibly a reference to the mythical Norse hero Siegfried. Ocean repeats the words "I'm not brave" multiple times in "Seigfried," a definable trait of a hero is bravery.

Besides Watson and Sebastian, Ocean has other guests on the album and their contributions do not go unnoticed. The fast paced "Solo (Reprise)" is sung solely by Andre 3000 of

Sports

Women’s Volleyball Falls Short Despite Heroic Performance

By Julian Bell

The FDU women’s volleyball team has had a rough season so far. Currently experiencing a 14-game losing streak, the Knights are desperate to win their first match of the season. However, their performance against La Salle (8-4) on Wednesday was impressive, considering La Salle dominated in the first two sets of the match. If FDU were expected to win any match this season, it would have been the one against La Salle at home. Although the Explorers were triumphant in a 3-2 victory over FDU, the Knights persevered towards the end of the match.

Once the first match began, La Salle was on a roll. Play after play was executed successfully with still no answer from FDU. La Salle was up 3-0 during the first few moments of the game. Then, the Knights slowly found their rhythm. FDU senior middle hitter Caroline Laton scored the first point for the Knights with her first kill of the game. The Knights scored again soon afterward still leaving La Salle in the lead 3-2.

La Salle then scored three straight times during the first set then leading 6-2. La Salle’s Jennifer Edwards scored a successful kill which

began their second short scoring streak of the first set. La Salle won the first set 25-23 while the Knights prepared for the second game.

The second set began with another kill by Laton. However, La Salle quickly responded with a kill by Madison Kuch. La Salle still proved formidable in the second game as they managed to score six straight times before FDU responded. Likewise, FDU



Women’s Volleyball team strategizes to combat defeat.
Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

scored four straight times on two separate occasions before the Explorers managed to score again. The second match quickly became an all-out war, and La Salle came out on top this time, 25-22.

Once the third set began, the

Knights played with an effective game plan. It was still a somewhat slow start as La Salle quickly began accumulating points. However, the Knights, still undeterred, won the third set of the night 25-23 over La Salle. The set ended with a kill by FDU sophomore Rebecca Sabol. The Knights had hope.

FDU completely dominated the fourth set, winning over La Salle by an astounding 25-12. FDU freshman

The fifth set would determine who won the match and La Salle quickly gathered a second wind. The Knights desperately held on and scored whenever an opportunity arose. But, the Explorers were too methodical and were victorious over the Knights in the in fifth set 15-13. FDU fans were heartbroken, but still impressed by the Knights’ gutsy home performance. As a team, the Knights had 61 kills while La Salle made 56. FDU scored 69 points while La Salle scored 65. Caroline Laton and Rebecca Sabol led the Knights in kills, each with 15. FDU junior outside hitter Carly O’Sullivan made 34 digs that night against La Salle.

As the women’s volleyball team prepares for their match against Rider University, the team must focus on securing their first win while leaving the losses behind them. FDU had a high scoring game against La Salle but the Knights were unable to secure a victory in the final crucial moments of the game. The Knights still have 18 matches ahead of them, nine of which will be played at home. If the Knights play with the determination they played with against La Salle in their next upcoming games, a few minor adjustments will send them to the NEC tournament.

Knights Lose in Humbling Defeat

By Julian Bell

The FDU Men’s soccer team hosted their sixth game of the season against Lehigh on Sept. 13. The Knights, currently 2-2 at home after their loss to Lehigh, were victorious in their match against Iona on Sept. 10 in which the Knights won 2-1.

However, the Knights struggled against Lehigh’s formidable offense and aggressive defensive tactics which led to their 0-1 loss. Despite Lehigh’s aggressive shooting attempts, FDU was able to formulate a strong enough defensive strategy to prevent Lehigh from accumulating additional points towards the end of the match. Much of this credit should go to the men’s soccer goalie, Sebastian Ferreira, who was just declared the NEC Rookie of the Week, prior to the match against Lehigh.

The first period of the match was marked by a slow start as neither team scored a goal. Though, both FDU and Lehigh aggressively attacked the goals at critical points in the half, nei-

ther team was successful. 28 minutes, 44 seconds into the game, FDU senior forward Enver Caymaz executed a shot attempt which was blocked by Lehigh goalie, Jacob Gotwald. Later in the half, a header shot by Lehigh’s Jack Miskel was saved by Ferreira, who made six saves that night against Lehigh. The first period came to a frustrating close for the Knights who, like Lehigh, were unable to put points on the scoreboard.

The second period of the match would mark the official downswing of FDU as Lehigh effectively applied the necessary pressure in order to score a crucial goal.

As the second half commenced, Lehigh gradually became more aggressive in attacking the goal, something that FDU was simply unable to do on offense. 49 minutes, 19 seconds into the second half, a shot by Lehigh’s Doyle Tuveson was saved by Sabastian Ferreira; another close call for FDU fans who diligently cheered on the Knights throughout the course of the match.

However, despite all of Ferreira’s and the team’s efforts, Lehigh midfielder Mark Forrest scored the first and last goal of the entire the game. Ferreira seemed to have been in position to make another save, but Forrest was able to kick the ball right past him into the goal. FDU fans fell silent and the game dragged on leaving FDU unable to respond with a play of their own.

Perhaps FDU struggled the most with setting up situations that would allow the team to score. Consistent ball control also proved to be a challenge for the Knights. As a team, FDU only made two shots on the goal while Lehigh made seven. Although FDU shot 15 times during the course of the match, Lehigh took more accurate shots towards the goal. Thus, Lehigh’s 14 total shots were more crucial in the game. The Knights also committed 11 fouls while Lehigh committed nine.

The Knights, unable to show pressure or take advantage of crucial scoring opportunities, were simply

outplayed by Lehigh. The overuse of longball tactics also proved detrimental to the Knights.

It appeared that the reality that FDU was losing did not dawn on them until it was too late. In other words, there appeared to be a lack of incentive despite the fact that FDU was down by one goal.

Their performance against Lehigh can be considered enduring since FDU’s defence proved to be strong most of the time. With a few adjustments to the team’s offensive strategy, perhaps the Knights will be able to better position their strikers to attack the goals more precisely and aggressively.

Committing less fouls would also help the Knights better maintain possession. However, with their upcoming match against Princeton on Sep. 24 in plain view despite another loss against Bucknell, the Knights seek to redeem themselves in hopes to play in the NEC tournament in Nov.

SCORE BOX					
Men’s Cross Country			Women’s Soccer		
9/10	Fordham Fiasco	6th	9/14	Hofstra	L 1-2 (OT)
	Men’s Soccer		9/4	Army	L 1-4
9/10	Iona	W 2-1	Women’s Volleyball – Mercer University Tournament		
9/13	Lehigh	L 0-1	9/16	USC	L 1-3
9/17	Bucknell	L 0-1	9/17	Towson	L 0-3