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Covering the days and knights...

at FDU's Metropolitan Campus

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Student Center Planned for the Green *FDU Seeks Trustee Approval and Funding for \$231 Million Master Plan*



Architect's rendering of the new Student Center as presented in the town hall meeting held in the Rutherford Room last Tuesday.

Photo Credit: Perkins Eastman Architects

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - Out of the goose manure of the Commencement Green, a new Student Center will rise.

Maybe.

Perkins Eastman, one of the largest architecture and planning firms

in New York City, presented a draft master plan at a town hall meeting in the Rutherford Room of the SUB on Tuesday night, featuring a \$38 million Student Center to replace the SUB.

"[The Student Center] will unite residential and commuter students," said Keith Binnie of Perkins Eastman. "We see this as really trans-

formational."

The new Student Center is the focal point of the plan. It will feature a main dining hall, lounge/recreational room, meeting rooms, a welcome center, and merchandising. The new building will be elevated, due to its proximity to the Hackensack River.

But there's one problem.

"Where are we going to get the money for this?" asked Provost Joe Kiernan in his introduction.

Christine Albright of Perkins Eastman later responded to Kiernan, saying, "We've been working with the various funding sources," and "outside funds are required."

"We spent a lot of time doing this analysis, putting things together," Albright said. "Money needed is still being adjusted. Every time we adjust it, it keeps going up!"

The plan includes many new projects for the campus, including the creation of a new Student Center on the current Commencement Green, as well as the complete renovation of the footbridge, which will be turned into a "spirit" bridge.

Costing an estimated \$2.1 million, the bridge and structural "stepping-stone" will celebrate FDU pride and "engage the Hackensack River."

A main goal of the plan is "embracing the river," said David Levo of the firm. "[The river] is not visible from the buildings.

"There's a massive sea of asphalt and cars people have to navigate through," he continued. "There's amazing potential on this campus from a physical standpoint."

The improvements on the Metropolitan campus are budgeted at \$120 million, while the improvements at the Florham campus will come in around \$111 million, for a total project cost of \$231 million. The project is set to start around 2017, with most of it being completed by 2022, including the new Student Center.

Additional elements of the project include a new Hotel and Hospitality building, renovation of the field house, Linden housing upgrades, Dickinson Hall nursing expansions and

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BEAST MODE!



Freshman Mike Holloway and the Knights look to rebound from 3-game skid as they enter the NEC tournament.

*Photo Credit: Larry Levanti
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News

Got Consent?

By Rebecca Fischer

(HACKENSACK) - Rutgers University's SCREAM Theater and SCREAM Athletes performed "Consent is Sexy" to the FDU campus community for the second year in a row on Wed., Feb. 10 in the Wilson Auditorium.

SCREAM, Students Challenging Realities and Educating Against Myths, is a nationally noted interactive theater program built around educating people about interpersonal violence, such as sexual assault, dating violence, same-sex violence, stalking, bullying, and peer harassment.

"What you see here tonight is very well thought out," said Brady Root, the program facilitator. "It's something that we've worked on again and again to do our best to address all of the different pieces of this issue and how they impact people differently," Root said.

The performance included an improvised skit involving eight different characters that took place from one night to the next morning. They went

to a college party where one of the girls, Jess, and one of the guys, Ryan, stayed behind. Ryan's forcefulness with Jess progressed through the night and he eventually sexually assaulted her, before sending her home crying. Each of the eight characters had a different reaction to the situation, from questioning, to denial, to wanting to control the situation, to not wanting be a part of it at all.

The actors stayed in character for the Q&A session with the audience. This portion allowed viewers to ask questions and gain a better understanding of how each character's reaction affected the situation.

"When we look at sexual assault as something that happens only between a victim and a perpetrator, then it's never going to change," Root said. "So the idea of bystander intervention is what could happen at any point that could change the possible outcome of the situation."

The concept that a bystander, someone who is not directly involved in a given situation, could intervene and change the course of a situation is



SCREAM performed Consent Is Sexy on Feb.10 at the SCREAM Theater.
Photo Credit: Google Images

what SCREAM has built its program around.

"We really believe that [the bystanders] have an important role to play," Root said.

Free t-shirts and sexual assault pamphlets were given out to students before and after the program.

"They were able to go up there and do something that most people couldn't and that takes a lot of guts,"

said FDU sophomore Katelyn LaRocca. "I'll definitely wear the t-shirt knowing that I'm helping raise awareness on such an overlooked topic."

Brady said, "We just want to take away some of the stigma around this issue and make this a topic that we can talk about more, so I hope that all of you will join in that conversation with us as we move forward."

Help From Out of the Blue

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - Emergency blue lights are a staple at many different college campuses. These special buttons alert police officers or campus Public Safety of your location and allow you to talk with them through the phone. Over ten years ago, FDU had its very own blue lights installed. However, according to Public Safety director David Miles, the lights are "hardly ever used," possibly due to the lack of students informed on the whereabouts of these emergency devices. The following is a list of all blue light locations, which can also be found on Public Safety's website:

1. Main Parking Lot Grass Area (2)
2. Rear of Muscarelle
3. Front of Muscarelle
4. Side of Kron Administration
5. Front of Alumni Hall
6. Front of Becton Hall
7. Side of Becton Hall
8. Front of Field House
9. Front of Edward Williams
10. Rear of Northpointe
11. Front of Rothman Center
12. Loading Dock of Dickinson Hall
13. Front of Dickinson Hall (Emergency/Entry Phone)
14. All Linden Entrances have an Entry Phone and some also have Emergency Button.
15. Linden 2, 4 and 6 rear entrances have Emergency/Entry Phones.
16. University Court Buildings have Emergency/Entry Phones at the entrance to one section.
17. Northpointe has an Emergency Entry Phone at the front entrance.

"For the emergency telephones with the blue light on top, when an individual pushes the button, it rings directly to Public Safety. For the entry telephones, the emergency

button when pushed will connect you with Public Safety. The call button will allow you to dial a four digit university number," Miles said. "Public Safety does test the emergency telephones on a monthly basis to make sure they work."

The blue light service is not known by many students around campus, however it is an important resource for any student in possible danger. In case of emergency, Public Safety will come to your location or notify the police, if necessary. Students who familiarize themselves with the system can have peace of mind knowing they are never far from a way to contact an emergency service in the event that their cell phone dies.

When asked on any upcoming updates to the blue lights, Miles said, "There are no plans to update them or add more to the campus and the reason is simple: most everyone nowadays has a cell phone and they use the cell phone to contact Public Safety. Many universities are removing them to save line costs and repairs. We will not be removing any of our emergency telephones as they may come in need for the few individuals that do not have a cell phone or cell phone is not charged, etc."

In addition to the blue light service, students should also be aware of Public Safety's escort service. Available from dusk to dawn, students can call Public Safety or use one of the blue lights to do so in order to be provided with a walking escort anywhere on campus. However, riding escorts can be sent under certain circumstances. According to their website, Public Safety only requires your name, exact location, and destination in order to receive the service.

These safety services are important for both residents and commuters. Any dangers a student faces can be easily reported and taken care of in a timely manner, relating closely to Public Safety's motto: "To serve and protect."

New Student Center

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science laboratories, baseball field enhancements, and a revamp of the current Student Union Building.

The plan is subject to the approval of the university trustees and obtaining funding for the project.

For the architects, the biggest challenge is renovating a campus divided by a river.

"A key question for designers is how we can capture the spirit of the Metropolitan campus," Binnie said of the plans. "It's something that sort of ties and knits together the two sides of campus."

Have something to say?

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All letters must include a full name, university affiliation, and phone number for verification (phone number will not be published).

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Photo of Becton's Emergency Blue Light.
Photo Credit: Theresa King

Editor's Desk



Natasha Ashby

I remember the feeling in the pit of my stomach when I was elected Editor-in-Chief. So many ideas flowing through my head with a little bit

of anxiety on how I would compare to previous editors. But here I am putting out my second issue of the semester.

This issue is a little more special to my team and I. Why? Because we really gave 110 percent of effort into making sure our stories are clean, our cut lines are in the right tense and our layout is top notch. Last year we won two awards for layout and an investigative story.

I don't even remember the last time The Equinox was credited with state awards. All the hard work we put in last year paid off and that's all I want for my team this year. We put ourselves in position to have our hard work recognized.

So, take the time to really look through our issue. We want to know if we are connecting with our community. We care about what you guys think.

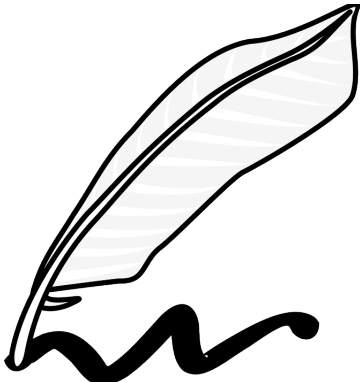
We want to give you the content you want to read. We put in a lot of hours in order to produce our

bi-weekly paper, inside and outside the office. Angie, Terry, Liz and Dr. Battistoli just spent last weekend in Los Angeles. They attended the Associate Collegiate Press Journalism Conference. They gained valuable knowledge on layout designs, interview strategies, how to gain more readership from our community, and so much more. They asked questions and came up with an assortment of ideas so that we can continue to take our newspaper in the right direction.

People talk about how little there is to do at FDU and how it doesn't provide the 'typically expected' college experience. But we just sent three students to L.A., so that they could network and learn more about how to become better writers, editors, and journalists.

We have had opportunities to experience conferences and workshops so that we can improve in our field of choice. The newspaper opens doors, offers leadership opportunities and truly adds some extra -umph

to our resumes. I'm grateful. We're all grateful to be apart of this. We're growing, our ears are open and our pens are ready to go. We're here for the FDU community!



SGA President's Corner



Michelle Seepersaud

One question I am constantly asked is "what is your favorite part of being the Student Government Association President?" I usually respond

something along the lines of, "being able to help members of the organization accomplish the goals they have set for themselves."

In the past few weeks the SGA has managed to accomplish quite a few tasks. I am proud to say that last week we launched the first ever SGA website, which students can see at www.sgafdu-metro.com. Through the course of the semester, and even after my term ends we will continue to add to the website.

My hopes for this website is that it will serve as another outlet for the student body to reach out to the SGA, to learn more about all of the SGA funded organizations, how to start an organization, and to see what events are happening on campus. Additionally, this website will always have the meeting minutes on it. I believe that this will help students who are unable to come to SGA meetings stay up to date on what's happening on campus.

I want to personally thank Melanie K. Arokiaswamy (Secretary), Sedona Hill (Academic Affairs, David Graham (Creative Arts and Media), Quashon Stokes (Residence Affairs), and Abdulrahman Alsaiddi (Technology Senator) who all coordinated together to develop the website.

Additionally, on the website we are releasing the new Student Government Association logo, which was developed by David Graham and approved by all members of the SGA. Although we have made several changes in SGA this year, the essence of SGA remains the same, which reflects the thinking behind the logo. The knight, representing our relation to the Metropolitan Campus, and gavel, which represents our governing affairs over the student body, remain in tact. However, we have changed the logo to a circle to represent unity. The preamble of our Constitution states that the SGA "pro-

vides recourse between the student body and University administration." We regularly act as a liaison between administration and students to create solutions that both parties can agree on. Also, we decided to utilize the school colors of burgundy and blue because, typically, SGA plays a role in promoting school spirit.

As always, I encourage all members of the student body to come and be part of the change. SGA meets Wednesday's at 2:30 in the Student Union Building, with the exception of a closed meeting that takes place the first week of every month. If you have any questions, comments or concerns you can always e-mail us at sgafdumetro@gmail.com. I also encourage the student body to talk to me whenever you see. Your insights continually inspire and motivate me. There are no words to describe how honored I am to hold this position. Hope to see you all soon.

From the Desk of David Miles



Director of Public Safety, David Miles

One of the problems that we face on the campus is parking.

There is plenty of parking on the campus but it may not always be convenient.

In order to make sure that all members of the Campus Community are aware of where to park, the following is basic information regarding parking on campus.

All vehicles must be registered with the Department of Public Safe-

ty and must display a decal or a temporary parking permit. Decals will be placed facing out on the back of the interior rearview mirror.

Spaces with signage or ground marking of reserved are reserved 24 hours a day. Faculty and Staff areas are designated with yellow lines and student areas are designated with white lines.

Failure to comply with the parking policy on campus will result in your vehicle being issued campus parking violations. Any vehicle that receives one (1) or more campus violations will be subject to having a parking immobilizer placed on the vehicle. There is a cost to have the immobilizer removed. Excessive violations will result in the vehicle being towed off campus at the owner's expense.

If you feel that you have been issued a violation in error you must appeal the violation using the online appeals process within one week of issu-

ance. Appeals are not accepted on Fire Zone and Handicapped violations.

Owners and operators of vehicles park at their own risk on University property. The University does not assume responsibility for theft, loss or damage to any motor vehicle parked or operated on its premises.

For insurance purposes, any owner who has suffered a loss is encouraged to fill out a report with the Department of Public Safety. Accidents must be reported to the local law enforcement agencies, as required by New Jersey law (39:4-159 et. Seq.).

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

If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding Public Safety, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Public Safety Blotter

2/8/16 – Student reported money missing from locker in Fitness Center

2/12/16 – Two students got into a dispute while playing basketball in Fitness Center

2/17/16 – Student reported money was withdrawn illegally from her bank account by non student.

Student Lifestyle

It's All About the Children

By Armand Butera

Yondra Ciriaco moves silently to each station in Jeepers, giving warm coffee and food to students in between classes.

While students may have noticed her presence over the past four years at FDU, their relationship does not go beyond a student and a worker for Gourmet Dining. She worries that her broken English and shy demeanor will keep her from connecting with people, but she has a story that is as unique as her accent.

Ciriaco grew up in the Dominican Republic before moving to the U.S., where she lived with Julie, her grandmother, and spent most of her time with her extended family, including aunts and nieces. Julie passed away a year ago.

Ciriaco's life revolves around her two sons, Daniel Jr., 12, and Esai, 8. She and her husband, Daniel, have been married for 18 years, and spent their early years in the Bronx, where they struggled to provide their children with the education and environment they wanted for them.

"All places in New York, their schools have many kids in one class-



Yondra Ciriaco of Gourmet Dining at the Jeepers Cafe.
Photo Credit: Armand Butera

room," Ciriaco said, "and maybe one teacher for 27, 30 kids. It's too much."

And the Ciriacos had a special challenge - young Esai was handicapped. The overcrowded schools and negative influences of the environment were especially hard on him. Finally, five years ago, the family was able to move to Ridgefield Park.

"I feel safer here," Ciriaco said and she loves Esai's new school.

"Esai spent three years in Special Education Pre- K," Ciriaco said. "They have one teacher and three assistants in the classroom for only 12 kids. I think it's better for the kids."

Ciriaco said that every student in the classroom was appreciated and received attention, rather than being pushed to the side.

The Ciriacos have made religion an integral part of their family life. Although she sometimes work double shifts from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., she manages to take her two boys to church every Sunday.

"I try to teach them everything about [the church]...about Jesus, about all that because I think it is the truth," she said with a piercing smile, like sunlight pushing its way through a layer of clouds.

Ambassador in Charge of Fun

By Elizabeth White

The Student Ambassador program, known for giving prospective students tours of campus, is filled with more than just giving tours to prospective students: it's also about networking, becoming involved, and honing professional skills necessary for any career.

"I became an ambassador when I was a freshman because I was looking for ways to get involved," said Olivia Ford, a current Student Ambassador and English major.

Student Ambassadors have daily shifts in the admissions office in Dickinson Hall's lobby. It is a paid job that requires students to take prospective students on tours, package admissions packets, organize events like Admitted Students Day, coordinate financial aid sessions, and help out in other offices on campus.

"It's a lot of being very professional, respectful, and kind of being a face of the admissions office and FDU in general," Ford said.

Olivia went on to say that she personally got involved in the Student Ambassador Program because of her love and pride for FDU.

"I want to tell other people about this, I want them to know why FDU is so great," she said. "As an ambassador, I think it's really important



Olivia Ford, FDU Student Ambassador.
Photo Credit: Olivia Ford

to meet people who want to come because you get to show what you love about coming here," said Ford.

Being in the Student Ambassadors Program provides experience a student won't get anywhere else, as well as a the opportunity to have fun time with new people.

"I think it's a really good stepping stone for other organizations and for other jobs on campus," Ford said. "I'm always telling people about it. It's definitely a lot of fun."

Ford believes that being a Student Ambassador helps students to learn important lessons for professional life, including public speaking, time management and dealing with difficult people.

"You just kind of learn how to handle stressful situations or handle irritated people," Ford said.

Overall, Ford loves being a Student Ambassador and said that anyone, even people who are shy, should give it a try.

"If you're shy it's okay because it also kind of helps you get out of your shell a little," she said.

If you're interested in joining the Student Ambassador Program, more information and the application is located on FDU's website.

"We're always looking for more ambassadors!" Ford said.

The Merc with a Movie

By Chris Carlson

Fox's *Deadpool* has turned the superhero genre on its head, shocking audiences with its gritty violence, crude humor, and amazing choreography. While Sony and Disney have been playing safe with their own respective franchises, Fox decided that enough was enough, and gave Deadpool fans the movie they've always wanted.

This is not the screen debut of the Merc With a Mouth. He was seen in *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, where Ryan Reynolds played a lackluster Wade Wilson to the disappointment of the audience. His character was thrown against the wall and literally buried underneath tons of concrete.

Despite his reemergence in the secret ending of *X-Men Origins*, many figured Fox ruined Deadpool.

But that's not the case here, and in fact, Fox has redeemed itself. Giving director Tim Miller a chance to shine, the *Deadpool* solo movie was a success. Staying true to his standoffish personality, Miller breathed new life into Wade Wilson, with Reynolds reprising his role and delivering a remarkable performance.

Deadpool alternates between the past and present in way that isn't seen in the other superhero movies. Rather than having the plot explained in a third person perspective, Deadpool takes it upon himself to tell the story in his own humorous fashion, although he tends to divulge some unnecessary

information.

The story begins with the hero tracking down someone named Francis, a man who turned him into the person he was now.

The film then flashes back to Deadpool's life before his transformation. He doesn't delve much into his past as a Special Forces soldier, but he does explain his life in the private sector.

As a gun-for-hire, Wilson was involved in a variety of jobs. A specific job had him dealing with a stalker that wouldn't leave a young girl alone. His life takes a turn when he falls in love with a call girl named Vanessa Carlyse, and a few perfect months, Wilson discovers he has late stage cancer.

While undergoing experimen-

tal illegal treatment, an accident forces a mutation within Wilson, thus solidifying his role as Deadpool.

X-Men characters Colossus and Negasonic Teenage Warhead appear as brief sidekicks in helping Deadpool accomplish his mission.

There's also an end-credits scene that reveals plans for a second X-men movie. At the same time, Deadpool pokes a lot of fun at the *Green Lantern*, X-Men as an organization, Fox Studios, and Ryan Reynolds himself.

Deadpool is certainly worth watching several times for the many hints towards future Marvel projects. It's a hilarious mix, but certainly don't bring the kids.



Deadpool meets critical acclaim after flipping into theaters February 12.

Photo Credit: Google Images

No Mercy for the Innocent

By Christina Martinez

On Oct. 21, 2014, Bryan Stevenson released his memoir *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Stevenson details his legal work at the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Alabama. The organization is dedicated to providing legal representation to those previously denied proper counsel. The memoir focuses on the story of Walter McMillian, a man put on death row for a crime he did not commit.

Walter McMillian was arrested for the murder of a female college student in 1986. Throughout the memoir, Stevenson writes about the Monroeville police corruption and their

measures to keep McMillan in jail even though the evidence did not support their case. On March 2, 1993, McMillan was freed from prison after the prosecutor dismissed his charges.

A segment of the book details the story of Marsha Colbey. Colbey gave birth to a stillborn in her bathroom, and buried it in her backyard. Suspicious neighbors called the police and Colbey was arrested. A medical examiner claimed that her stillborn child was actually alive, and she was put on trial and sentenced to life in prison. The medical examiner was later proved to be a fraud, which allowed her to get released.

There were also unsuccessful cases. Jimmy Dill was arrested for the

murder of Leon Shaw. Stevenson advocated for a stay for Dill, as he was not given a proper attorney at his trial. On April 16, 2009, Dill was executed by the State of Alabama. The memoir also shows how much change still needs to be done.

Stevenson also wrote about how he was a victim of racial profiling outside his house just after law school. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and founded EJI in 1989 in Alabama.

Last July, it was announced that *Just Mercy* would be made into a movie. The movie will feature Michael B. Jordan, who starred in *Creed*.



Bryan Stevenson talks about his extensive law experience in his new memoir, *Just Mercy*.
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Student Lifestyle

10 Things We Learned in L.A.

By Angela Calvo, Theresa King, and Elizabeth White

Three staff members from *The Equinox* attended the National Collegiate Press conference in Los Angeles, California on Feb. 18 through Feb. 21. Here are a few valuable lessons they learned throughout their many adventures:

1. People are a lot friendlier on the West Coast.

We noticed as soon as we left the East Coast that everyone was generally nicer. They actually cared about your day!

2. Californians don't believe in butter on their bagels.

At LAX, we ordered bagels with butter. Immediately, the cashier looked confused and asked if we would like cream cheese with that. After declining, she then asked if we would like it on the side. While we saw our bagels being prepared, we overheard the cooks ask each other, "Do they want cream cheese on the side?" We finally received our bagels, but with nothing on them at all.

3. In-N-Out Burger is delicious...

except for their fries. They tasted like cardboard!

4. People who appear crazy can actually be geniuses.

We met a very eccentric man at the conference. He wore strange military uniforms and jackets with Sharpie writing all over them. He turned out to be a brilliant speaker who taught us a ton of valuable things!

5. Things are a lot cheaper than NYC.



Theresa King, Elizabeth White and Angela Calvo of The Equinox visit Universal Studios.

A combo meal at In-N-Out Burger was only \$6!

6. Palm trees are everywhere.

The movies are true. L.A. is scattered with palm trees.

7. Don't talk to creepy guys with moustaches in the Jacuzzi.

Just don't do it.

8. The subway and streets are cleaner.

It was so refreshing compared

9. You can't travel on the freeway. Ever.

The traffic is ridiculous at any point of the day.

10. Californians sleep in, even on weekdays.

It was so difficult trying to find a place to eat breakfast! We finally found a deli, although they didn't serve eggs. Regardless, it was delicious!"



David Bowie's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. All Photo Credit: Theresa King

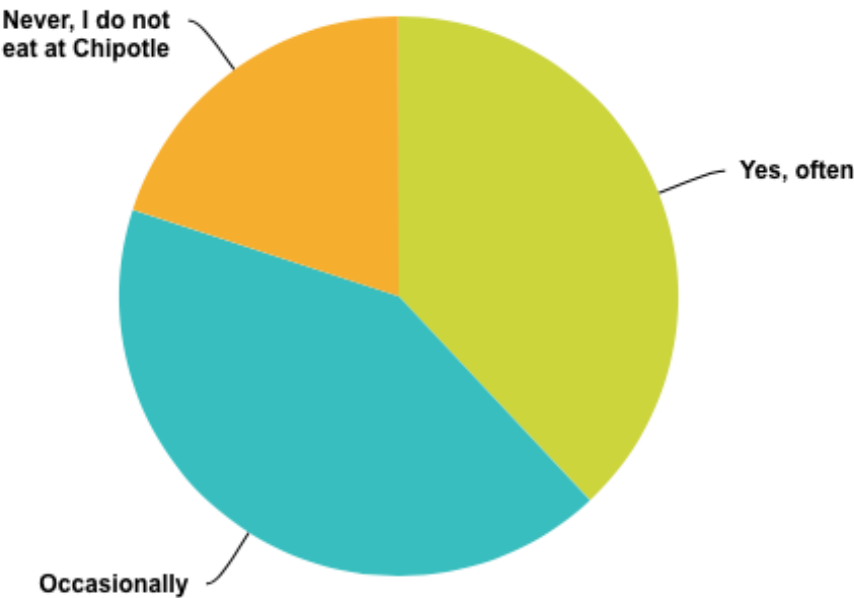
Students React to Chipotle E. coli Outbreak

By Rebecca Fischer

The Equinox conducted an anonymous survey asking the FDU community about their Chipotle eating habits following the Mexican restaurant's recent E. coli outbreak. The following is data we gathered, as well as various anonymous comments on the subject.

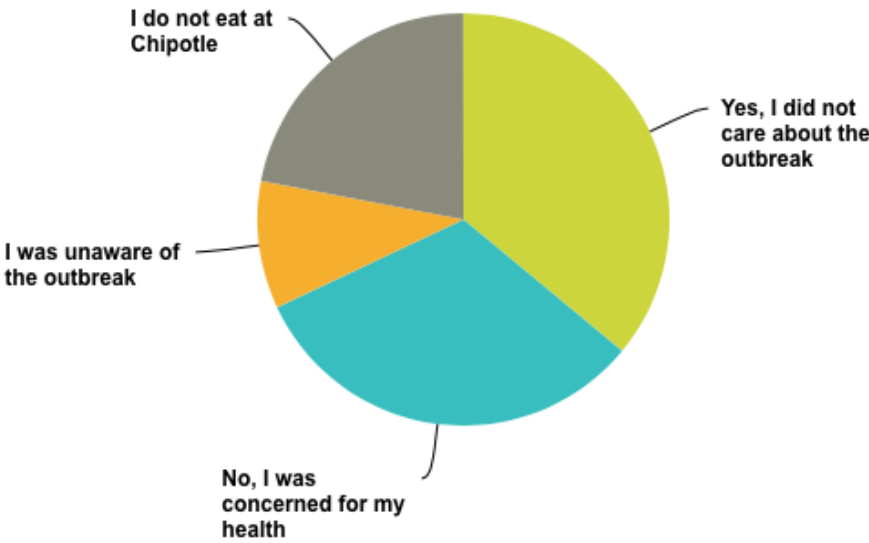
Before the E.coli outbreak, did you eat at Chipotle?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



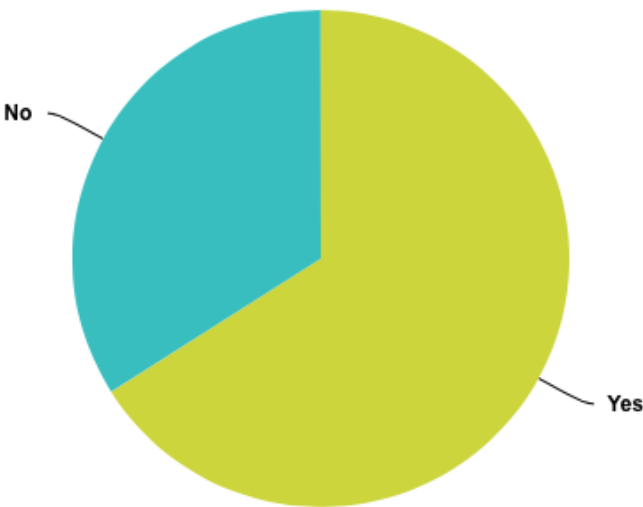
During the E.coli outbreak, did you eat at Chipotle?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



Now that the E.coli outbreak has officially been declared over, will you eat at Chipotle?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



- I don't like chipotle, I think the chicken tastes disgusting.

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- In a recent article I have read, it discussed what was talked about in the meeting when chipotle closed all of its stores for several hours and what the measures the company was taking to prevent further outbreaks of any type of infectious disease. It seems that they are pretty on top of things which is good for a company of its size.

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- Our team eats some of our meals at Chipotle so I have no option but to eat there. Otherwise, I would not choose to eat at Chipotle.

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- Just went back for the first time in months. It was noticeably less busy than it used to be.

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- In regards to question 3, I would prefer an "idk" option because I was under the impression that Chipotle was closing all of its stores on Feb 8 for a period of time for "clean up". After the "clean up", I would probably consider eating Chipotle again. I was unaware the E.coli outbreak was officially declared over.

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Mel’s Meanderings



By Melanie Perez

(WROXTON, ENGLAND) - Weekends at Wroxton leave little time for school-work, forcing students to keep on top of their work during the week. That’s great in theory until students find themselves distracted in the library by a hidden rabbit and note that says, “Congratulations, you’ve found the hidden rabbit of Wroxton Abbey. I bet you feel special now.”

I have to admit, I felt pretty special.

This past weekend we visited Stratford Upon Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, Kenilworth Castle ruins, and a Premiere League game of Aston Villa v. Liverpool.

Stratford-upon-Avon is by far the quaintest town we’ve visited. There’s little to do besides visit Shakespeare’s homes, the theatre and shopping, but the town is so adorable that it can’t be faulted.

For those who aren’t into

Shakespeare, the town can seem a bit boring, but it was interesting to learn things about Shakespeare that aren’t commonly known. Apparently he owned his own glove-making business and was an excellent entrepreneur.

The best trip of the weekend was Kenilworth Castle. It was completely ruined, but added to the experience. We explored all of the nooks and crannies of the grounds and speculated which rooms were dungeons and which rooms were for the Royal Family. Most of the rooms were dark and dreary, so I pretended that the entire castle was a dungeon.

On Valentine’s Day, I went to my first professional soccer game, or “Premier League football game,” as the Brits say. Wroxton students were instructed to root for Aston Villa or risk an automatic fail by Dean Baldwin (whether or not he was joking, I’ll never know).

I sincerely wished that we had gotten Liverpool tickets because Aston

Villa had to be the worst soccer team on earth. Apparently they never practiced passing the ball and whenever they had possession, they lost it in seconds. Liverpool scored two goals within the first 20 minutes and in the end, won 6-0. With each goal after that, more and more Villa fans started leaving.

Being that it was my first game ever, I didn’t know what the norms were, besides being excited for goals. I certainly did not expect chanting from the Liverpool fans. As much as the English pride themselves on being the only ones to speak the English language properly, none of the words were distinguishable.

Next weekend is a trip to Stonehenge, or as one student put it, “a pile of old rocks.” I happen to believe that Stonehenge was put there by Aliens, making that pile of old rocks infinitely more interesting.

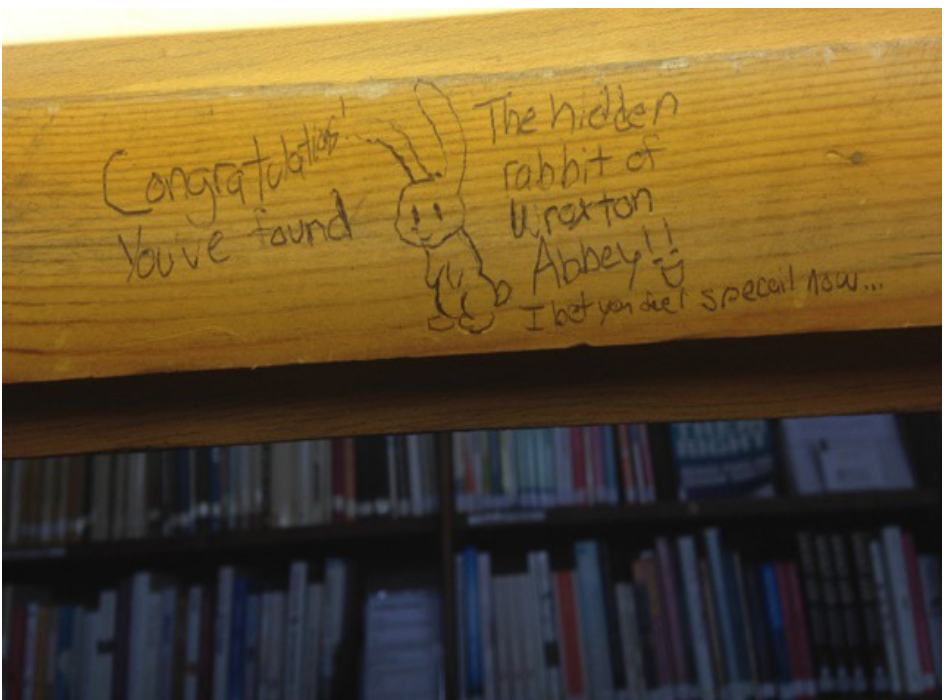
Cheers!



Melanie Perez in Kenilworth Castle, England.



An Aston Villa v. Liverpool soccer game on Feb. 14. was attended by Wroxton students.



The hidden rabbit in the Wroxton library.

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Recipe of the Week

5-Minute Vegetarian Burrito Bowl



Recipe from Healthy-Liv.com

Ingredients:

1 cup cooked brown rice

1/2 cup black beans, drained and rinsed

2-3 tablespoons salsa, or to taste

1 tablespoon plain Greek yogurt

1 tablespoon shredded cheddar or Mexican-blend cheese

Diced avocado, optional

Directions: Prepare brown rice according to package instructions.

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine rice, black beans, salsa, plain Greek yogurt, and shredded cheese. Microwave on high for 30-60 seconds, or until heated through.

Top with diced avocado, diced tomato, guacamole, pico de gallo, crushed tortilla chips, or other desired toppings.

Calories: 343

Carbs: 63g

Fat: 4g

Protein: 15g

Fiber: 9g

Sodium: 240

Sugar: 2g



Photo Credit: Healthy-Liv

Opinion

No Flip Flops Allowed

By Dustin Niles

According to a Real Clear Politics average of seven polls, 63.2% of people believe that the United States is headed in the wrong direction. Even so, this election cycle, like many, has been touted as one of the most important in recent history.

Many people carry the belief that politicians cannot be trusted during this election cycle. Which candidates have been the most steadfast on their policies?

Hillary Clinton has been the target of a large amount of negative ads that question her accountability. As it turns out, the concerns about Clinton's accountability may be valid.

She has been outspoken in her support for marriage equality this election cycle, but in a 2008 presidential questionnaire released by the Human Rights Campaign Clinton said, "I believe gay and lesbian couples should have the same rights and responsibilities as all Americans and that civil unions are the best way to achieve this goal."

On the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a controversial trade deal, Clinton has also flopped on her position.

On Nov. 15, 2012, Clinton said in a press release, "This TPP sets the gold standard in trade agreements to open free, transparent, fair trade, the kind of environment that has the rule of law and a level playing field."

However, in an interview with PBS on Oct. 8, 2015, Clinton said, "As of today, I am not in favor of what I have learned about it," adding "I don't believe it's going to meet the high bar I



Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

have set."

On the Republican side, Donald Trump has been the front-runner thus far, and he is certainly no stranger to controversy.

"The War in Iraq — I was the one that said, 'Don't go, don't do it, you're going to destabilize the Middle East,'" Trump said at the New Hampshire GOP Presidential Debate on Feb. 6, 2016.

But according to politifact.com, there are no records of Trump saying anything publicly about the war

before it started, with the early opposing comments coming from him in Aug. 2004, more than a year after the U.S. invaded Iraq.

Trump hasn't been the most trustworthy in giving advice to the American people either. In the same New Hampshire debate, he said America was "the highest taxed country in the world."

The United States is far from the top regarding tax levels compared to nations with comparable economic situations, far from the top. It turns out

that though Trump may be business savvy, it does not mean everything he says about money is true.

Part of Bernie Sanders' campaign has been his consistency with his platform throughout his political career.

One of Sanders' supporters' biggest pieces of evidence for his consistency comes from a compiled video of speeches on YouTube called "30 Years of Speeches by #BernieSanders," which shows Bernie preaching the same values, initiatives, and policies that he's still campaigning for today.

While Sanders is generally consistent and truthful in his claims, Hillary Clinton has pointed out one chink in Sanders' armor.

In 2005 he voted for a measure that would provide "broad liability exclusions for gunmakers and sellers," according to politifact.com.

Now in 2015, Sanders said before a crowd in Iowa, "I think we should take another look at that legislation and get rid of those provisions which allow gun manufacturers to act irresponsibly."

Sanders seems to have changed his mind on a former initiative, though he seems to own up to the fact that he once supported it.

A politician shouldn't just be judged on who they are now, but who they have been in the past too. Our generation now has the responsibility to elect politicians into office that will help the American people. It's our duty to be meticulous in who we support, and we need to research the claims that our candidates make, as it is too easy to believe what they say at face value.

The Call For a Party Revolution

By Chris Madden

The race for the next President of the United States is on, and it is a race to the bottom.

If Americans are serious about political change, then the way real change will take place is if Americans vote for the Libertarian Party, the most popular of the third parties in America. As a political party that values fiscal responsibility and social liberalism, the Libertarian platform proposes ending the war on drugs, cutting military spending, protecting civil liberties, reducing government bureaucracy, and improving economic conditions through simpler taxes and welfare reform.

Democrats and Republicans have destroyed the middle class, started needless and expensive wars, violated the civil liberties of millions of American citizens, and bankrupted the country. Neither party offers real solutions to very real problems.

The only way for a true political revolution to occur is to vote against Democrats and Republicans. They do not have the country's best interests in mind.

Republicans wants the government intruding on the personal lives of American citizens, while Democrats believe higher taxes are a cure for all ills.



The Libertarian Party carries values and policies not seen in the other two main American political parties.

Photo Credit: Google Images

The Republican nominees, whittled down from a whopping seventeen candidates since May 2015, demonstrate what happens when the far-right opens its mouth and wields significant political power.

The Republican field consists of a loudmouth blowhard (Trump), a pathological liar and freshman senator from Texas (Cruz), a malfunctioning

robot (Rubio), and an undead former neurosurgeon who thinks the pyramids were built to store grain (Carson).

This election cycle may contain the worst candidates running for office in recent memory, a feat almost impossible to overtake given that Mitt Romney, John Kerry, and Pat Buchanan once sought to occupy the Oval Office.

With the exception of John Kasich, the current crop of Republican candidates consist of religious fanatics, anti-government zealots, science-deniers, and shills for the military-industrial complex, who would love nothing more than to send other peoples' children to die.

The Democrats do not fare well either. With only two nominees, the Democratic candidates are forcing their primary voters to choose between a dishonest and untrustworthy former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Senator Bernie Sanders from Vermont who lives in an economic fantasy land. While neither Clinton nor Bernie are fit to lead the Free World, they are leagues better than their Republican opponents.

However, a vote for the lesser of two evils is not sufficient any longer. Bernie Sanders calls for a revolution in politics. He is right. But the revolution has to occur by voting against Democrats and Republicans.

Bernie’s Baby-Faced Best Friends

By Armand Butera

It’s undeniable that Senator Bernie Sanders has gained the attention of young people during his 2016 presidential campaign. Weeks earlier, he had gained 84% of the youth vote at the Iowa caucus, despite Hillary Clinton claiming victory, and on Feb. 9 he won the New Hampshire primary.

Sanders has a wide audience of supporters, but what seems to get media attention is the amount of college students and young adults who are rallying for the presidential hopeful. Many of the issues he has presented during his campaign pertain to college education and entry level jobs, which is important for upcoming college graduates. These issues hold importance

not only to current and future college students, but for graduates and parents who wish for a brighter educational future for their children.

While the sound of “free college” and an increase in minimum wage are good enough to send many young adults to the voting booths in Sanders’ name, it’s important to know the facts about the proposed plans. Sander’s website (berniesanders.com) offers condensed versions of his more prominent plans.

College debt has become increasingly intimidating in recent years. According to Forbes, the national student debt has passed \$1.2 trillion. “The Sanders plan” wants to give college attendees and families the ability to re-finance loans and cut back interest on student loans from 4.29% to 2.37%.

Sanders has mentioned in past political discussions and on his website the idea of free college in the United States, mentioning how it isn’t a foreign concept. Numerous colleges from the ‘60s through the ‘80s were tuition free such as The University of California and the City University of New York. While some may argue that much has changed financially, many other countries currently offer free college including Germany, England, Finland, Norway, Sweden and soon Chile.

Sanders also introduced a national minimum wage bill which intends to increase the current federal minimum wage from \$7 to \$15. While he is not without the support of other progressive members of Congress and believes “if you work 40 hours a week, you have a right not to live in poverty,”

it still requires time and even more supporters. For example, fellow Democratic candidate and campaign rival Hillary Clinton agrees with the idea of an increase in highly populated urban areas, yet does not feel it must be implemented nationwide.

Sanders has so far managed to revitalize the political race through the attention of young adults and college age students. Continuing to encourage the younger demographic to analyze today’s political opponents and to reach their own conclusions is important for the future of politics and for the country. Sanders has delivered a much needed surge of energy back into politics, extending his concerns to younger and eager voters who will play a hand in shaping the nation for years to come.



Sanders is capturing the hearts of America’s youth this election season.

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Live Theatre

PASSING STRANGE in Concert
at Black Box Performing Arts Center
200 Walraven Drive, Teaneck, NJ 07666

PASSING STRANGE is a blues-rock musical that tells the story of a young, black musician growing up in 1970s Los Angeles, who flees to Europe to find himself. It is a ground-breaking, Tony-winning musical that ran on Broadway only briefly in 2008, but with heart and soul like nothing you’ve seen or heard before.

The New York Times said of PASSING STRANGE, “[D]on’t call it a Broadway musical, you could scare away... people who might actually enjoy it... call it a rock concert with a story to tell... a sprawling work of performance art....”

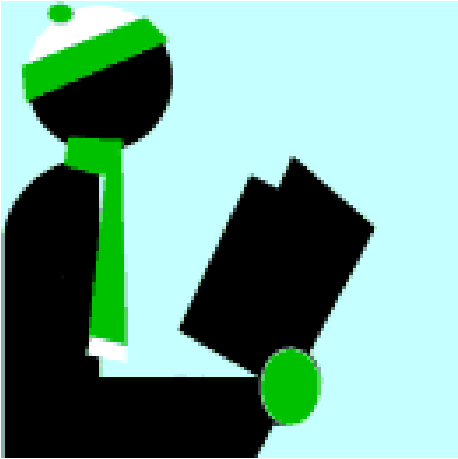
The Daily News added, “It’s rhythms and sounds go from hard-thumping rock and groovy blues to funk, punk and gospel...”

Showtimes:
Thurs. Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 27 at 8 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.

Tickets:
Students - \$18
General Admission - \$30
Couples - \$50
VIP - \$50

www.blackboxnynj.com

News from Giovatto Library



Kathy Stein Smith, Director of Public Services, Giovatto Library

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Michael Liss
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Kathy’s Picks

5 Tried and True Tips for Making It through Midterms
(<http://college.usatoday.com/2014/10/14/5-tried-and-true-tips-for-making-it-through-mid-terms/>)

Harper Lee, Author of “To Kill a Mockingbird,” Dies at 89
(http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/20/arts/harper-lee-dies.html?_r=0)

Organizing for Test Taking
(<http://www.studygs.net/tstprp6.htm>)

PW Picks: Books of the Week, February 22, 2016
(<http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/tip-sheet/article/69440-pw-picks-books-of-the-week-february-22-2016.html>)

Top 10 Study Tips for College Midterms and Final Exams
(<http://www.cengagebrain.com/blog/2012/10/top-10-study-tips-for-college-midterms-and-final-exams/>)

Upcoming Library Events

Food for Thought -- “Dave Holland, a Miles Davis Disciple” -- Michael Liss
-- Tuesday, February 23rd @ 1 PM --
Ruth Schwartz Reading Room

Musical Afternoons – Paul Dunphy --
Wednesday, February 24th @ 3:30 –
Giovatto Library Theatre & Auditorium

Self-Directed Independent Learning @ the Library

The Great Courses @ Giovatto Library
– It is always a wonderful time to enjoy a “Great Course. The Giovatto Library collection includes many of “The Great Courses” on DVD and/or CD!

Giovatto Library Reader’s Advisory Service -- If you would like to develop

a plan for independent self-directed learning, please contact the reference librarians for assistance. We will be happy to help you to find the best reading and research materials for your needs.

For Alumni Only – Welcome December 2015 Graduates!

FDU Alumni Library Privileges -- As an FDU Alumnus/a, you are entitled to lifetime Library privileges. Borrow books, magazines, DVDs, language CDs, and more from the Library. Attend Library events and programs. Use Library spaces.

To get your Library card, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations @ fdualumni@fd�.edu or at 201-692-7013.

If you would like more involvement with the Library, consider joining the Giovatto Library Alumni Advisory Board.

Giovatto Library Hours Spring Semester 2016

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Friday – 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday – 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Extended Library Hours for Midterms

March 4th – 6th

Closed March 17th and 18th for Spring Break

Closed March 27th, Easter Sunday

New Books This Week

- Bulfinch’s Mythology
- Career Directions: New Paths to Your Ideal Career
- The College Blue Book
- Conn’s Current Therapy, 2016
- Creating Albert Camus: Foundations and Explorations of His Philosophy of Communication
- Encyclopaedia of Criminal Justice Ethics
- The Expatriates, a novel
- Finding Winnie
- Forensic and Legal Psychology: Psychological Science Applied to Law
- Gaming at the Edge: Sexuality and Gender at the Margins of Gamer Culture
- George Washington Carver, a life
- The High Mountains of Portugal, a novel
- I’ll See You in Paris, a novel
- The Importance of Being Little: What Preschoolers Really Need from Grownups In Other Words
- The Industries of the Future
- Infinite Awareness: The Awakening of a Scientific Mind
- Low-Carb Essentials: Every Day Low-Carb Recipes You’ll Love to Cook and Eat
- Professionalism: Skills for Workplace Success
- Readings in Ritual Studies
- Road-Tripping the South Atlantic League: A Guide to the Teams, Ballparks, and Cities
- The Soundscape: Our Sonic Environment and the Tuning of the world
- Transnational Cooperation
- Transnational Organized Crime
- Violent Crimes, a novel
- The Wolves, a novel

New DVDs This Week

- (Dis)honesty: The Truth about Lies
- Essentials of Tai Chi and Qigong (The Great Courses)
- March of the Penguins
- Sinatra: All or Nothing at All
- Spectre
- Wartorn: 1861-2010

Super Bowl Commercials Get Serious

By Molly Holt

1. NO MORE’s “Text Talk”
Over the past few years NO MORE has become famous for its dramatic commercials. This time the company used its time slot to raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual abuse. This year’s commercial depicted a text conversation between two friends, one of which was in an abusive relationship. The advertisement warned of the many signs of domestic and sexual abuse.



Colgate’s Super Bowl commercial encourages people to fight water waste by turning off the faucet when they brush their teeth.

2. Colgate’s “Save Water”
Colgate, a popular toothpaste brand, aired a commercial this year that encouraged its customers to save water by turning off the faucet while brushing their teeth. The commercial showed different ways wasted gallons of water could be put to good use.

3. Budweiser’s “Simply Put”
This year Budweiser released a commercial to discourage people from driving while intoxicated. Featuring British actress Helen Mirren, its somewhat comical tone still managed to criticize drunk driving.

The Super Bowl is famous for its hilarious commercials, causing even non-football fans to tune in for a laugh. However, there were a number of serious commercials during Super Bowl 50. Taking a step back from comedy, advertisers in this year’s Super Bowl shifted the tone of the commercial breaks to educate viewers, promote positive behaviors, and bring attention to different causes. Here are five of the more serious commercials that aired this year.

4. Mini’s “Defy Labels”
In the new Mini Clubman commercial, the concept of defying labels was spread to the audience. The phrases “chick car” and “gay car” were used to describe the Mini. It ended by saying “this car doesn’t care what you call it.” Though the ad contained comic elements, it still presented a serious message about stereotyping and labels.



Helen Mirren tells viewers of the dangers of drinking and driving.

5. Weather Tech’s “Resources”
Weather Tech’s Super Bowl commercial conveyed the pride the company has. The commercial emphasized the importance of American-made products. The phrase “making something in America means so much to so many,” served as the focal point of the ad. Weather Tech says their best resource is American workers. The advertisement promoted a greater economic effort to encourage American industry.



Weather Tech wants to bring pride back to American industry.
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FDU Hillel Presents

Middle East Myths:
10 Things about Israel You
Thought Were True

Dr. Eric Mandel, CEO of Middle East Political Information
Network, will share his expertise and dispel the most common
myths about Israel.

Wilson Auditorium
Wed. March 2, 7:30 p.m.

The background of the entire poster is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the Israeli flag, showing the white and blue stripes and the Star of David in the center.

Sports

Swooning Knights Dive into Tournament

By Jeremy Gaitan

(TEANECK) – Fresh from a 3-game skid, the Knights are trying to rebound in the NEC Tournament. The Knights lost to the Sacred Heart Pioneers, 91-86, in their last home game of the season on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Stratis Arena. The loss dropped them to a tie for fourth place in the conference. Coach Greg Herenda wasn't happy with his team's play. "I'm really not surprised by the outcome [of the last game]," he said. "I'm just surprised that at our last three home games, we haven't guarded, rebounded, or taken care of the ball and that's really why we've lost three games in a row." The Knights offense took control early, going on a 12-4 run during the first five minutes of the first half against the Pioneers. The Pioneers with an 11-4 run in two minutes, pulled to within one. The Pioneers were up by five with just a couple of minutes left in the first half, but a downtown shot from freshman Ghassan Nehmi put



Sophomore Stephan Jiggetts lead the Knights with 27 points against the Pioneers.
Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

the Knights within one. After Jiggetts, made two free throws, the Knights trailed at the half 45-44. The teams traded the lead back and forth in the second half, and they tied the game, 54-54, with about 15 minutes remaining. The Knights then took a five-point lead on a three pointer from Anderson, but the Pioneers answered back and rallied to within one. The Knights then exploded, going up 74-64 with nine minutes left on key shots from Jiggetts and Anderson. The Pioneers were not done, though, and with four minutes left they went on a 7-0 run, taking the lead, 83-81 and pulled away to win 91-86. Jiggetts led the Knights with 27 points and grabbed five rebounds, while Anderson and Townes scored 18 and 14 respectively. The Knights shot 45 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free-throw line. Coach Herenda is keen on ending the regular season on a positive note, with two more road games left. "We just have to do better and get back to how we were playing," Herenda said. "We have to rebound, defend, and take care of the ball."

SCORE BOX

Women's Basketball

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| 2/6/16 | Wagner | W | 73-57 |
| 2/8/16 | St. Francis BK | L | 77-88 |
| 2/13/16 | Robert Morris | W | 60-52 |
| 2/15/16 | Mount St. Mary's | L | 55-71 |
| 2/20/16 | Sacred Heart | L | 65-80 |
| 2/22/16 | Wagner | W | 75-67 |
| 2/27/16 | Central Connecticut | TBA | TBA |
| 2/29/16 | Bryant | TBA | TBA |

Men's Basketball

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| 2/4/16 | Wagner | W | 82-79 |
| 2/6/16 | St. Francis BK | L | 71-85 |
| 2/11/16 | Bryant | W | 91-77 |
| 2/13/16 | Robert Morris | L | 70-72 |
| 2/18/16 | Wagner | L | 74-94 |
| 2/20/16 | Sacred Heart | L | 86-91 |
| 2/25/16 | Mount St. Mary's | TBA | TBA |
| 2/27/16 | CCSU | TBA | TBA |

Krier Craves to Crack Conference Top 5



"FDU has given me the freedom to find out who I really want to be."

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

By Rebecca Fischer

(TEANECK) - It takes a certain personality type to be friends with everybody in some way. The kind of person who offers a friendly, "hello," to anyone he

passes on the sidewalk and can hold a conversation about anything. At FDU, his name is Steve Krier. "The only thing that's really easy for me is making friends," he said when asked about the easiest part of being a student-athlete. As a junior marketing major and javelin thrower on the Track and Field team, Steve knows all too well that there is nothing simple about being a full-time student-athlete. On top of academics and athletics, he is also a Student Ambassador and the active vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. How does he manage to nail friendliness along with all of his more demanding priorities? "It's just easy to become close to the people you've been around for so long," he said. He was raised in South Brunswick, N.J. as the middle child between an older brother and a younger sister. In high school, he ran track and was on the bowling team, but he didn't start throwing the javelin until his senior year. "After experiencing some knee problems, I decided I wanted to throw

since both of my siblings did it," he said. And before long, his abilities scored him a spot on the FDU track and field team where he has only continued to improve since. During his freshman season, he placed 20th in the Northeast Conference and his sophomore season, he surged all the way up to eighth. "Hopefully I can get in the top 5 of NEC this year," he said, one of his goals before graduation next spring. He also hopes to achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher and become voted in as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president. From the outside looking in it seems he has it all together, however he admitted maintaining everything all at once can have its difficulties. "There are so many time demands," he said. "Time management is the key." But, during his down time he enjoys bowling, watching comedies and action movies, building model cars, and participating in campus activities. "My advice for incoming freshmen: find out what's happening on

campus and do it" he said. "Go out and meet people. Get involved. It's important to have a good time." Krier described himself as easy-going. He lives by Thomas Huxley's phrase, "Know something about everything and everything about something." It is important to him to be able to hold basic conversations about all different types of subjects so he can relate to people. At the same time, it is just as important to him to be an expert at one thing. "I want my expertise to be in marketing," he said. "I want to know everything about it so that I can set myself up for success in the business world." From his achievements in the classroom and on the field to his leadership roles within the campus community, Krier has been nothing short of a success story at FDU. His reasoning? "FDU has given me the freedom to do what I want to do, the freedom to expand my horizons, and the freedom to find out who I really want to be," he said.