

The Equinox

Covering the days and knights...

at FDU's Metropolitan Campus

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First Dance is the Last Dance



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Darian Anderson makes a pass during FDU's "First Four" loss to Florida Gulf Coast University in Dayton, Ohio on Tuesday, March 15.

Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

Back-to-Back Award Winners

FDU Professor Shares Memories of Scalia



Issues IV and IX collect third place in the Layout and Design category.

By The Equinox staff

(TEANECK) - The New Jersey Collegiate Press Association announced on March 21 that The Equinox, the student newspaper of the Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus, has won three awards in its 2016 journalism competition — first and second place for column/opinion writing, and third place for design and layout.

Freshman Theresa King won first place for her column, "Government calls womanhood a luxury," and fellow freshman Elizabeth White won

second place for her column, "Trump in the doghouse." Graduate student Timothy Yu won third place for design and layout for the Feb. 25 Issue IX front page, "Student Center Planned for the Green." All three award-winners are communications majors at the Metropolitan Campus.

This is the second consecutive year that The Equinox has won awards in the Press Association contest, competing against other New Jersey colleges and universities, including Princeton, Rutgers, Seton Hall, Rider, Kean and Rowan universities.

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English faculty member Professor Thomas Stavola (left) attended Xavier High School with Antonin Scalia (right).

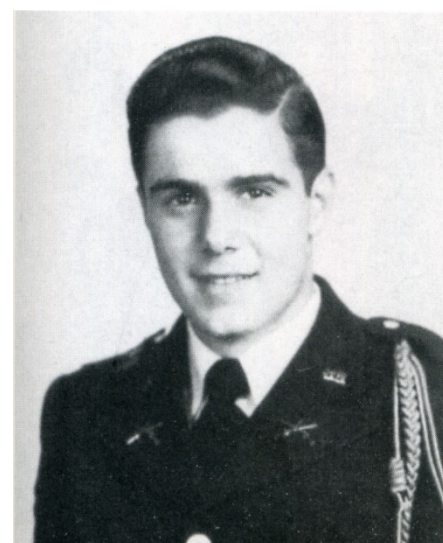


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By Chris Madden

(TEANECK) - The United States Supreme Court justices occupy some of the most important positions in the American political system. As the highest court in the nation, the members try to ensure "that the changing views of a majority do not undermine the fundamental values common to all Americans, i.e. freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and due process of law," according to www.uscourts.gov.

In the last quarter century, Antonin Scalia dominated American jurisprudence at the highest levels.

Professor Thomas Stavola, a longstanding and respected member of FDU's English department, was fortunate enough to have been classmates

with Scalia at Xavier High School and shared a senior prom.

"Academically at Xavier, we didn't even know he had a scholarship," Professor Stavola said. "We didn't know until the very end when we graduated that he graduated first in the class. The standards for everyone was very high, you know you had to take exams to get in and it was a very rigorous program."

Xavier High School is located in the New York City neighborhood of Chelsea on 16th Street.

"It's a Jesuit, military school, and when I mentioned military, its junior ROTC," Stavola said. "We wore uniforms five days a week."

"Scalia and I were in the strong liberal arts, which meant for the years

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FDU Professor Shares Memories of Scalia



Scalia acting in Macbeth at his high school in Chelsea.

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at Xavier, four years of Latin, three years of Greek-classical Greek, two years of either French or German, and then of course you had four years of English,” Stavola said.

As a student, Scalia was active in many extracurricular activities, particularly theater.

“He played the lead in Macbeth,” Stavola said. “He was also an exceptional debater. He was on the de-

bate team. He also played the French horn.”

Yet despite his many talents and his rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Scalia was regarded as a highly humble and modest individual. Stavola remembered him as a “very unpretentious person.”

It was also not especially apparent that Scalia would go on to pursue a career in law or occupy a position

in government.

“Some people had said ‘we knew from the very beginning that he was conservative,’” Stavola said. “I knew him fairly well. “I wasn’t his closest of friends but I don’t think anyone ever talked about that fact that ‘oh, he’s a conservative.’”

Future career paths were never really discussed between the two.

“We never talked much about what we were heading towards, but we knew that the school was built around becoming a professional,” Stavola said.

According to Stavola, Scalia’s intellectual prowess did not cause animosity between classmates.

“He stood out, but no one ever resented it because it was expected of everyone,” Stavola said. “We sort of hoped that we could know it as well as he did.”

Stavola said he was very talented and a very likeable person.

“I can’t even remember anyone saying that he was narcissistic or basically full of himself or anything like that,” he said. “He was very helpful if anyone ever asked him ‘How do you do this?’ or ‘How do you do that?’”

When Scalia passed away in February, “naturally I was shocked,” Stavola said.

He was 79 years old when he passed and his cause of death was determined to be a heart attack, Judge Cinderella Guevara informed WFAA, a local Dallas news station.

Scalia was “the intellectual cornerstone of the court’s modern conservative wing, whose elegant and acidic opinions inspired a movement of legal thinkers and ignited liberal critics,” said Robert Barnes of The Los Angeles Times.

First appointed to the bench by President Ronald Reagan in 1986, Justice Scalia quickly established himself as a conservative crusader. He was a fervent opponent of gay rights, abortion, and affirmative action.

Justice Scalia championed a constitutional philosophy of originalism, or the concept that the text of the U.S. Constitution should be interpreted to reflect the age in which it was written.

Yet despite his strong opinions, he maintained a strong friendship with his fellow Supreme Court colleague and ideological opponent, Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

“We were best buddies,” Justice Ginsburg wrote after her friend’s death.

With Scalia’s death, the Supreme Court is split 4-4 on ideological lines.

President Barack Obama has recently nominated Merrick Garland to the bench, but the Republican dominated Senate is adamant that a new Supreme Court appointment should not be made until the next president is inaugurated next year.

Lush Bars Grow Plants in Customers’ Showers

By Angela Calvo

(TEANECK) - A few Lush customers woke up to a surprise in their bathroom when they spotted a plant sprouting from their shower and sink drains.

The Wicky Magic Muscles massage bar sells for \$11.95 and is a combination of moisturizing oils and bumpy texture intended to soothe sore muscles. But because the product contains Aduki beans, along with Shea butter, cinnamon leaf oil, peppermint oil and coconut oil, when customers mistook the product for soap, the Aduki beans did what nature intended them to do, sprout.

One of the lucky customers to have nature grow in her drain was Rachel Deng. “I bought this massage bar from Lush and one of the beans fell into my sink. A few days later I found this little plant growing out from the drain and I pulled it out and there was the little bean on the bottom!” Deng told MailOnline.

The dark reddish brown beans are often used in cooking, but are only intended to add a comforting texture to the massage bar rather than grow, according to Helen Ambrosen, Lush

Co-Founder and Product Inventor.

“We use organic Aduki beans to create a texture in the massage bar, so that you’ve got small bead-like shapes to massage the muscles,” Ambrosen told MailOnline.

Ambrosen also spoke about how this is a testament to how accurately the company lives up to their slogan, ‘Fresh, handmade cosmetics.’

“In order for the beans to germinate they must have been left in the shower for a few days. The results you get just go to show how fresh the ingredients really are,” Ambrosen said.

The product description on Lush’s website for Wicky Magic Muscles includes instruction to “keep [your massage bar] somewhere cool, dry, and out of direct sunlight.”

“At Lush we love a refreshing shower and a healthy salad, but we agree that it’s probably best to keep the two separate,” added another spokesperson from the cosmetics chain.

Lush recommends that massage bars be used either before or after a shower rather than during.

“You will find your massage bar lasts longer this way too!” the spokesperson said.



One of the plants that grew from seeds in a Lush massage bar.

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Equinox Collects Awards

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Last year, the newspaper won awards for investigative reporting, and layout and design.

“Executive Editor Natasha Ashby and Managing Editor Angela Calvo, both seniors, have done an excellent job creating teamwork and

esprit de corps in The Equinox staff,” said B.F. Battistoli, academic advisor to The Equinox.

“It bodes well for the future of the newspaper that two of the three award-winners this year are freshmen.”

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ChattBack with the Café

By Molly Holt

(TEANECK) - Gourmet Dining has launched a new feedback system on campus through a website called ChattBack. ChattBack allows students to anonymously text feedback about their dining experience on campus directly to the managers at the SUB, Jeepers, and Dickinson Café.

The messages go directly to the managers, regional directors and executive chefs, providing them with a link to respond to the feedback through the ChattBack system. A text message will be sent to the student with the staff's response to the feedback.

Students can expect a timely reply from the staff according to Matt Percelli, the assistant director of dining services.

"Within 24 hours one of us checks our email and we make sure we get a reply right a way," Percelli said.

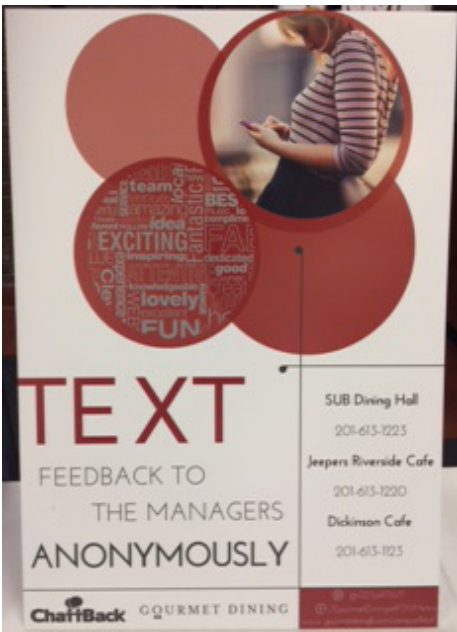
Percelli discovered ChattBack when discussing other Gourmet Dining account operation methods at a meeting with various managers and directors.

"I feel like FDU Metro has been kind of left behind, and it's time to actually update a lot of things," Percelli said. "ChattBack is something that I was excited to bring here because I feel like there's no open media between us, between food service and the students."

Percelli said ChattBack has been a really good thing so far.

"We usually get about two a day, three a day," he said.

According to Percelli there has been a surprisingly good amount



One of the many posters advertising Gourmet Dining's new feedback system.

Photo Credit: Molly Holt

of positive feedback from the students.

"Seventy percent of them have been positive, which is something I did not expect to begin with," Percelli said. "I expected an outpour of negativity, but it's not what I've gotten."

Gourmet Dining used to rely solely on the suggestions in the suggestion box and the questions from the ASC-US meetings for student feedback. The ASC-US committee is responsible for representing and voicing the students' needs regarding auxiliary services such as Gourmet Dining food services, according to FDU's website.

"We check [the suggestions] on a weekly basis, but there's no way for me to reply back to that person," Percelli said. "So at least with

ChattBack, it actually gives us an opportunity for there to actually be a dialogue and it's completely anonymous."

Anonymity is stressed on the various posters advertising the new system. The staff cannot see the student names, phone numbers, or faces through the texting system. Percelli hopes that this will encourage more students to speak up.

"I feel like student participation in a lot of things, at least on this campus, lacks because I feel like some kids don't want to actually put themselves out there," Percelli said. "All I get is what you wrote, and that's what I'm replying to."

The only time Gourmet Dining will request for a student's name is if they need to compensate them in some way, such as giving a refund for a bad Starbucks drink.

Gourmet Dining is looking for any "constructive feedback that we can build off of and make changes from", according to director of food service, Joshua Ormond. He said they have received feedback both about the food and the service.

"A student who wanted us to get credit card machines up here in the SUB didn't like the fact that they had to empty their pockets of the little cash they had on them," he said. They would rather use a card. So now that we got that message, I'm going to look into putting a credit card machine."

Percelli thinks that ChattBack will be an excellent way for commuters to express their concerns about their dining experiences, especially at Jeepers and Dickinson Café.

"Now while they are here if there is a problem or if there's some-

thing that they want to say, I can get info from them too," he said. "I think it's a great way to get commuter participation in to campus life."

As of now, most of the feedback received has been about the SUB, which Percelli said he expected. The suggestions box will remain in the SUB until at least the end of the semester as another form of communication between the staff and students. Gourmet Dining encourages the use of ChattBack because it allows for an immediate notification of a problem and a reply.

"It's also great for the weekends when we are not here," Ormond said. "So if something happens over the weekend, we get notice of it right then and can possibly just make a phone call and fix it right then and there."

Percelli said if used the right way, kids on this campus will be a lot happier.

"We can change, we can get this place to actually be what you guys want, and if not, we can tell you why we can't, so nobody ever has to walk around and wonder," he said.

If the system works out well at FDU Metro, Gourmet Dining plans to bring the system to the Madison campus, but for now it is Metro focused. Percelli thinks the students on this campus have "more of a gripe" with the food served here and hopes to be able to make changes to fix that through this ChattBack system.

"This way the resident or commuter understands that their food service is working for them, not against them," Percelli said.

NJSEA Members Host Read Across America Event

By Gabriel Tavaréz

(TEANECK) - On March 5, 2016, the FDU-Metro chapter of the New Jersey Student Education Association (NJSEA) hosted their fourth annual Read Across America event at the Bogota Public Library. Young children between the ages of two and ten along with their parents came for a morning of fun read-alouds and creative activities.

NJSEA members read a total of three books to the children. Two of those were by Dr. Seuss, which were "Green Eggs & Ham" and "Oh The Places You'll Go." The third book that was read was "The Day the Crayons Quit," written by Drew Daywalt.

After each book, children had the opportunity to complete a creative activity involving arts and crafts. After reading "Green Eggs and Ham," the students were given a graphic organizer. They had the choice of either writing or drawing something that they liked and something that they did not like. The majority chose to draw for the activity and they were able to compose very creative drawings.

NJSEA members were very



Junior Romina Croce reads Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham" to young children at the Read Across America event.

Photo Credit: Gabriel Tavaréz

excited to work with the children and the Bogota community once again.

"It was very rewarding and fun to work with the children, especially while reading Dr. Seuss's 'Green Eggs and Ham' and seeing them become engaged in the story and even reciting the lines," Romina Croce, a junior from East Rutherford, said.

Maria Van Tine, a freshman from Bogota, thought it was a great learning experience for them and she was glad to be apart of the event.

"I really enjoyed working with the kids from the community and enjoyed watching them have fun and express themselves," Van Tine said.

Read Across America is a reading program sponsored by the National Education Association. It is celebrated annually on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday. Schools across the country participate in the event by reading aloud to young children and engaging them in fun activities.

NJSEA is looking forward to hosting an autumnal event at the Bogota Public Library. Details will be available soon.

Student Lifestyle



Relay for Life



By Elizabeth White

(TEANECK) - The American Cancer Society will be holding a Relay for Life Event in the Rothman center on April 14 at 6 p.m.

Teams and individuals will be camping out overnight at the Rothman center, taking turns walking or running a course. By doing this, they raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society fund cancer research.

The movement aims to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember those lost to it and raise money and awareness for the cause. The event brings cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers, students and community members together to take action against the disease.

Teams can register for the event at www.relayforlife.org/FDUNJ or by contacting Taylor Levesque at 800-227-2345 or at Taylor.Levesque@Cancer.org.



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Mel's Meanderings



By Melanie Perez

(WROXTON, ENGLAND) - Spring break at Wroxton is known as "travel break." Nearly every student plans a trip that is obscenely expensive for the average college student, for up to 10 days to commemorate the completion of half of one of the most difficult semesters in his or her college career.

My friend, Brienne, and I decided that our expensive trip was going to be to Rome and Amsterdam, and we spent three nights in each city. Despite almost everything going wrong logistically, our trip was fantastic. We got to see everything on our lists for both Rome and Amsterdam and best of all, have two more stamps in our passports (which is my favorite part... I have stamp envy).

They say that when in Rome you do as the Romans do, but the Romans actually jaywalk. I thought crossing the streets in England was horrifying because every one forgets that they drive on the wrong side of the road, and we are always looking the wrong way, but crossing in Rome is a billion times more horrifying. The worst part is that there are very few crossing lights. Every time we crossed we took our lives into our own hands.

The first day we were in Rome, we almost got run over by a scooter. We realized that crossing the street is a game of assertiveness. The drivers can smell hesitation in the air and if you weren't already halfway into the street by the time they got to the intersection, they would not stop.

The Romans also eat a lot of Gelato and it's better. There are no words for its deliciousness besides



An inside view of the Coliseum in Rome.

Photo Credit: Melanie Perez

heaven on a cone. It felt criminal to be eating something so delicious (which could also explain all the uniformed men with machine guns that we saw).

Obviously, one doesn't simply go to Rome and not see the Coliseum. Pictures don't do it justice. I had no idea that there was a labyrinth of underground passageways and dens in the Coliseum. The labyrinth was reminiscent of the maze in *The Maze Runner*, especially since the Romans would use comprehensive pulley systems to make it seem like animals were appearing from below due to "magic."

The Vatican featured similar architecture as the other large churches in Rome, but the collection of art and the splendor of the entrance to the city made it paramount to anything else in Rome. The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was one of the most interesting things I have ever seen in my entire (rather short) life. The only thing most people know about it is that Michelangelo painted it and that it features

God's outstretched hand and fingers reaching towards Adam. What most people don't know is that that famous section is only a small portion of the ceiling. It is in the center of the ceiling, but only makes up less than 10 percent of the entire work

Amsterdam wasn't as rich in history as Rome was, but the few highlights that they did have made the four hours we got lost trying to find our hotel (which was on a boat) worth it.

Visiting Anne Frank house was like stepping into the memoir itself. Everything Anne described in her diary existed the way she said it would. The quarters were cramped, the windows were covered, and the house was creaky. The quietness in the house, even with 50 people inside with us, made it seem like we too were in hiding.

The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam has the largest collection of Van Gogh's works and included his letters. Unfortunately "Sunflowers"



Mel inside a giant clog in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Photo Credit: Melanie Perez

was not on display because it was being comprehensively examined and cleaned, but it did not take away from the visit because every other part of the permanent exhibition was on display. The best part was that I got a selfie with my man Vincent.

During our last day in Amsterdam we visited some of the more obscure museums such as the Museum of Torture, the Museum of Prostitution, and the Museum of Marijuana. They were each extremely interesting in their own ways. Now I know that the average prostitution visit only lasts about six minutes and that marijuana fibers can be used to make eco-friendly clothing. Who would have thought?

From the Desk of David Miles



Director of Public Safety, David Miles

With the spring and the warmer temperatures arriving, we want to remind all members of the campus community of some basic security tips which can only help in preventing you from becoming a victim of crime.

Most crimes that occur on campus are crimes of opportunity. That means that the individual who takes an item does so because the item

was available and not secure.

In most cases it only takes a would be thief 30-60 seconds to go into an area, take the item and leave. Most thefts can be easily avoided if the property owner took a few basic security precautions.

1. Never leave any items unattended. Always know where your items are and that you secure them properly or take them with you.
2. Never prop any door open. This is an invitation for anyone to enter a room or building where they do not belong.
3. Always lock your door(s) whenever you are not in your room or suite.
4. Never lend your keys out to anyone.

Your involvement is essential to the prevention of crime on campus. The Department of Public Safety is dependent upon you to recognize and report incidents of suspicious and criminal activity. The extent of your cooperation will greatly influence the De-

partment of Public Safety's effectiveness in combating crime on campus. Doing your part means:

- Being aware of your vulnerability and following good safety and security practices
- Being alert for suspicious or criminal activity and conditions that may represent a hazard to the campus community
- Getting involved by becoming more security conscious and reporting all incidents of criminal or suspicious nature to the Department of Public Safety.

The department of Public Safety has a single objective, which is to serve and protect the members of the University community. We feel that with your cooperation and participation in all crime prevention programs, we can reduce the amount of crime and vandalism on campus.

If at any time you have any

concerns or questions regarding any crime prevention information or general information on Public Safety, 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.

Public Safety Blotter

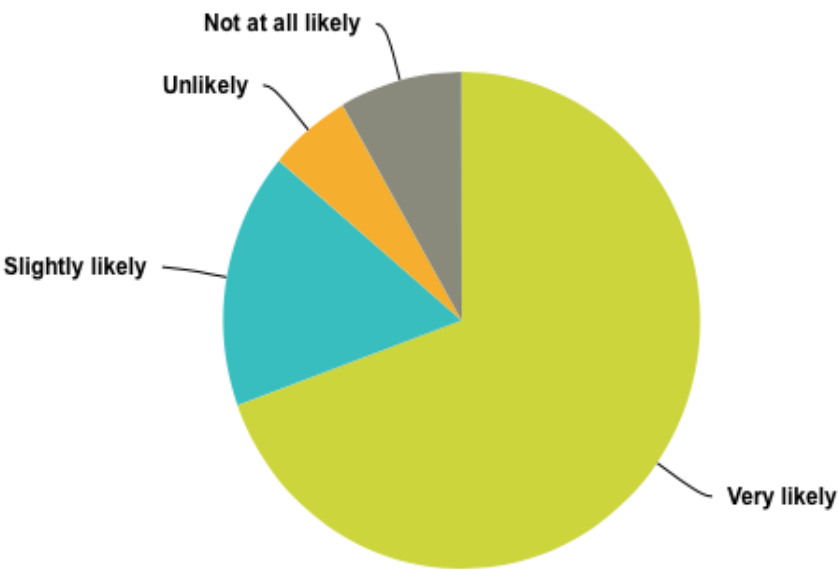
3/11/16 – Resident Assistants were doing room inspections and found illegal items in rooms in University Court 7B, Linden 1, Linden 5 and Northpointe

Student Lifestyle

Survey Shows Unsatisfying Food Selection

If the food on campus is not appetizing to you, how likely are you to eat off campus?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 0



By Rebecca Fischer

FDU is leaving students on campus hungry. A recent survey of 36 students shows that those who eat at the SUB cafeteria, Jeepers, and Dickinson Café are left unsatisfied and wanting to eat elsewhere. 44 percent of respondents eat at the cafeteria over seven times per week, despite being displeased with the

choices. The stations they visit the most include the salad bar, the grill, the cereal bar, and the self-cooking station. The stations they visit the least include the soup station, the vegan station, and the exhibition station. “I hate eating off campus too often because I never have enough money,” an anonymous respondent said, “but the cafeteria is never satisfying.” Respondents answered they typically don’t eat at Jeepers or Dickin-

son Café more than six times per week. The most popular orders at Jeepers include pizza, burgers, and burritos. And the most popular orders at Dickinson Café include breakfast items, Starbucks, and wraps. “There are not many options available for food as a commuter,” another respondent said. “Now that Jeepers has changed, you cannot order a regular sandwich. Your only option is pizza because the new ‘Chipotle’ food is unappealing and Dickinson Café is almost always out of something.” Other complaints involved not having options to go or a variety of

healthy options, the food being bad quality, and feeling sick after eating at the cafeteria. “The food on campus often lacks healthy options and does not allow for students to eat full meals,” another respondent said. This explains why 50 percent of respondents said they eat off campus one to three times per week and 33 percent said they eat in their dorm room one to three times per week. The most popular off campus choices among respondents include Chipotle, Victor’s, and Blaze Pizza.



All Photo Credit: Rebecca Fischer

Go Green with the Green Team

By Molly Holt

The Green Team is a community based campus organization dedicated to spreading environmental awareness to students and practicing environmentally friendly acts at FDU. The team wishes to educate the student population on topics such as natural human resources, pollution, and waste. Dr. Alice Benzecry, a member of FDU’s Natural Science department, advises the Green Team. Daniel Clarke, a senior computer engineering major, has been a member since 2012 and is President of the Green Team. “In light of recent scientific ev-

idence, now more than ever, it’s imperative that everyone pays attention to the pressing issue of climate change,” Clarke said. “Through the Green Team, we’re working on making people aware of those issues while still having the ability to have fun events as every other organization has.” Every year, the organization partners with the Green Campus Committee to hold an Earth Day event. Other events the organization holds include Hackensack River cleanups and environmental movie showings. According to Clarke, the team hopes to take a trip to the Botanical Gardens in New York City sometime in the upcoming semester.

Although the organization’s events support their immediate mission to raise environmental awareness, the Green Team has a long-term objective as well. “Our long term goal is to transform the campus into one that is well aware of the environment and is sustainable,” said Clarke. “This includes proper recycling, solar panels, and full operational sustainability.” The Green Team is always looking for new members from all majors. Interested in joining the Green Team? Contact the executive board at green-teamfdu@gmail.com or visit their website <http://fdugreenteam.org>.



The Green Team aims to increase awareness at FDU of environmental problems. Photo Credit: Google Images

Midsummer Night’s Dream Opens April 14th

The play opens Thursday, April 14 at 8 p.m. and also runs Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. in University Hall. The play is directed by Professor James Rana and stars Zachary Smith, Byanjana Thapa, Jack Cymbryla, Olivia Ford, Dustin Niles, and Molly Holt.



Alum Athos Vardouniotis and senior Byanjana Thapa rehearse in the Russel Ratsch Theatre in University Hall. Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

Sports

Bowling Concludes Challenging Season at NEC Championship

By Rebecca Fischer

(HOWELL) - Two heartbreaking losses against Caldwell University and Saint Francis College were enough to send the Knights home early from the Northeast Conference Championship on Friday, Mar. 25.

The Knights, who went 79-39 this season, were looking to repeat as

NEC Champions and get selected into the NCAA Championship for the eighth year in a row, but the season ended quicker than expected.

“It was disappointing to finish this way,” junior Melanie Hannon said. “We worked so hard all season, but it never quite clicked for us like it has in the past.”

Despite the outcome, three of the Knights were selected for all-NEC

honors. Hannon and senior Nicolette Sarin were named First Team All-NEC and freshman Morgan Walsh was named to the All-Rookie Team.

“It feels awesome to finish with Rookie honors and it exceeds every goal I set for myself this year,” Walsh said. “Now I’m looking forward to working even harder this summer to prepare for next season. I want to come back with a positive attitude and ready

to help my team win.”

Next year’s seven returning players are optimistic and driven to make the 2016-17 season a more successful one.

“Back to the drawing board,” Hannon said. “We have to regroup and reevaluate this off-season so we can come out of the box a stronger team next year. It’s going to take a lot of work, but I know it’s possible.”



Women’s Bowling finishes the season with a 79-39 record.

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

Fрати, Baseball on Hot Streak

By Jeremy Gaitan

(TEANECK) - Fresh off a big series win against Mount St. Mary’s, the Knights took on the NYIT Bears on Mar. 25 and 26 at the Naimoli Family Baseball Complex.

The Bears took down the Knights in the first game on Saturday, 6-3. They got off to an early start in the game and never allowed the Knights to catch up.

Game two of the day, freshman Craig Alleyne got the Knights started with his first career homerun, followed by a three-run blast by redshirt junior Ryan Brennan that put the Knights up 4-0. They continued to dominate the field, scoring 5 more runs before the fourth inning.

The Bears didn’t stand a chance when Alleyne stepped up to the plate again in the bottom of the fifth and blasted his second homerun of the game. The Knights stole the game 11-1.

The final two games of the series were played on NYIT territory in Old Westbury, NY. The Bears crushed the Knights 9-0 in the third game of the series.

In the last game, redshirt junior Logan Frati took the mound. Frati, coming off of a dynamic strikeout performance, continued his streak and threw another complete shutout, helping the Knights win 1-0. The lone run for the Knights came when freshman Brad Rodier scored on a throwing error. The win evened the series between

LOGAN FRATI

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

PITCHER OF THE WEEK

7 innings

2 hits

0 walks

12 strikeouts

Frati earns NEC pitcher of the week for his second consecutive shutout this season.

Photo Credit: FDU Website

the Knights and the Bears to 2-2.

Head Coach Gary Puccio was impressed with the team’s performance, but felt there were some things that needed to be worked on.

“I was happy with the display,” he said. “I wasn’t thrilled with it, but I was happy with it, especially after be-

ing down two games to one and having Logan pitch the last game to get the split.”

Puccio also commented on Frati, who has earned two Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Week honors so far this season and is currently ranked seventh nationally in

earned run average.

“Frati has blossomed into an absolutely incredible pitcher,” Puccio said. “We always knew he was very good, but he’s pitching so well right now and hopefully it continues all year. He’s a major plus in our chances of making the playoffs again.”

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Sports

Bittersweet Finish for Men’s Basketball

By Elizabeth White & Rebecca Fischer

(TEANECK) - Being the third youngest team in the nation turned out to be the Knights biggest weakness in the NCAA Tournament, where they lost in the ‘First Four’ game against Florida Gulf Coast University, 96-65.

The no. 16 seeded FDU Men’s basketball team had a slow start in the game against FGCU and were never able to catch up. The loss makes FDU 0-5 in NCAA Tournament games historically.

Although the Knights were looking to go further in the postseason, the NCAA Tournament berth was an accomplishment in and of itself considering the team was comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores.

But the accomplishments don’t stop there; postseason honors have continued to grow since the completion of the season. The National Association of Basketball Coaches named sophomores Darian Anderson and Earl Potts Jr., two of the team’s driving

forces, to Second Team All-District.

“The great thing about both Earl and Darian is that they are only sophomores and both have two more years to play, study and lead our program,” head coach Greg Herenda said. “They are both quality student athletes in every sense of the word and are great

ambassadors of Fairleigh Dickinson University.”

In addition, Herenda was honored as the 2016 NABC UPS Division I District 18 Coach of the Year. The NCAA Tournament berth was a first time experience for Herenda as a head coach.

“It truly is an incredible honor, but this award was won by the hard work of my players and my entire staff,” he said.

With one successful season in the books, the young Knights hold much promise for future seasons.



Sophomore Earl Potts Jr. takes a shot from outside the arc.

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SCORE BOX

Men’s Basketball

3/15/16 Florida Gulf Coast L 96-65

Softball

3/23/16 Rider (DH) L 3-6, 4-5

Men’s Tennis

3/23/16 Sacred Heart W 6-1

Baseball

3/12/16 Lehigh W 10-6, 7-0

3/15/16 Hofstra L 1-4

3/18/16 Mount St. Mary’s W 4-3, 9-4

3/19/16 Mount St. Mary’s L,W 6-13, 6-0

3/25/16 NYIT L,W 3-6, 11-1

Athlete Profile: Simpson on Search for Gold

By Sierra Fox

(TEANECK) - From placing last at her first track meet to now holding FDU’s all-time discus record, sophomore Decoda Simpson has a story worth telling, and it doesn’t start with track and field.

Simpson, 21, was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, an only child raised by her two aunts and her grandmother. Her biological parents weren’t in the picture.

“My father definitely wasn’t around at all,” Simpson said. “My mother was kind of borderline. She couldn’t keep a job and she had drug problems. That’s one of the reasons I wanted to come to America, to be away from my home situation.”

Now a Division I thrower for the Knights, Simpson competes in shot put, discus, weight, and hammer events and holds the all-time discus record for women’s track and field at FDU, despite her circumstances growing up.

“I kind of just pushed myself out of that situation,” she said.

During her childhood, Simpson’s focus was on learning and studying. It wasn’t until she discovered track in tenth grade that her focus shifted to sports. She started practicing with her best friend and eventually joined her high school track team. She placed last at her first meet.

“I lost terribly,” she said. “I felt so bad and I thought ‘this can never happen again,’ so I worked very hard to make sure it didn’t. It definitely drove a competitive edge out of me.”

Losing turned out to be the best thing to happen to the young athlete. From that day on, Simpson spent countless hours in the gym lifting and training to become stronger, eventually catching the attention of some colleges in the U.S. As a fairly new thrower, this was the opportunity of a lifetime.

“Paying to come myself was definitely out of the question, so I needed a full scholarship,” she said. “If I didn’t get it, I wouldn’t be able to go to college.”

Her dream came true when she received that full scholarship from

FDU, after only being a thrower for two years.

“Making it to a DI school was a really big deal for me,” she said. “Back at home, since everyone is so good in track, I was never looked at as the person who would get a scholarship. So I was just practicing in faith, hoping something would happen to me.”

Simpson’s appreciation is why she still trains so hard today, tenacious and determined not to end up like her parents. She had to miss her first two meets this season after dislocating her meniscus, but is now back to health and ready for the upcoming outdoor season.

“The injury was disappointing because I wanted to come out this season and do something big,” she said. “I want the record for shot put, too.”

Simpson’s next meet will be held in North Carolina where she hopes to place high. But her goals don’t stop there.

“I plan to go to the Olympics trials this year,” she said. “If not this year, I will try for 2020.”



Simpson competing in weight throw earlier this season.

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—Entertainment

Movies That Get College Right

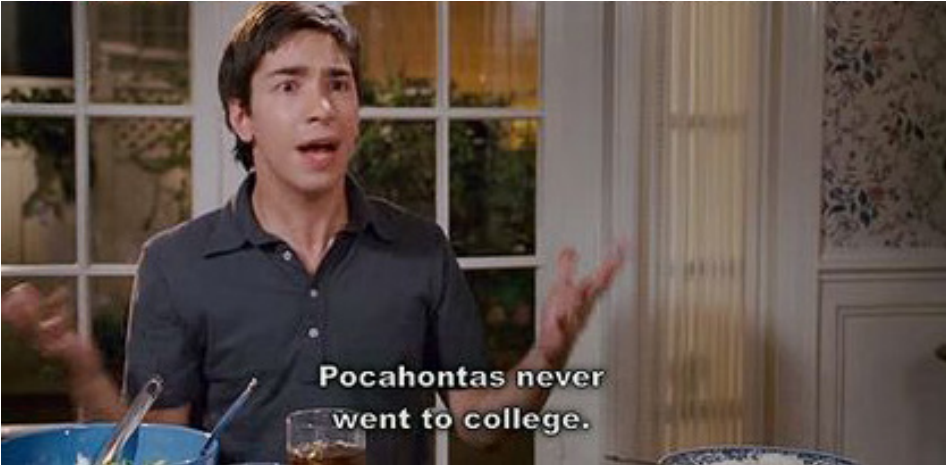
By Molly Holt



Legally Blonde: At some point or another every student has encountered this iconic moment from Legally Blonde. It’s the first day of the semester, everyone is still full of energy from break, and then you are face to face with the professor who is all too serious and crushes the vibe. Suddenly, the harsh reality of the semester before you hits, and you are forced to realize it is time to get serious.



Monsters University: Most college students who live on campus can attest to the fact that there is little to no extra space in the dorm rooms. In one scene, college roommates Mike and Sulley wake up in the morning with such limited space that they knock things over, bump into each other, and crash through the door. Living in one room is really hard to adjust to, but it is especially hard to do when that space is shared with one or two other people.



Accepted: This famous scene from the movie Accepted shows Justin Long trying to justify not going to college. There are many moments in a student’s college career when burnout occurs and doubts about the value of attending college increases. Sometimes extreme reasons are given for quitting school. “There are plenty of successful people who didn’t go to college...Pocahontas never went to college!”



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Ferris Bueller’s Day Off: “Anyone, Anyone?” Like the poor students in Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, college students know that boring professor who teaches the most mundane class and the struggle of maintaining alertness through the course. The utter silent response from the class to a professor’s question is a very familiar sound to most students, as is his or her monotone voice.

Batman v Superman:

A Little Batty

By Armand Butera

Superhero films have gained a wide audience over the past decade and show no signs of slowing down. However, this doesn’t mean every movie featuring spandex sells well with audiences. Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice was intended to be DC’s answer to Marvel’s popular Avengers and other Marvel films, but has not received positive reviews.

One of the factors the film has in its favor is the overall commendable acting by veteran Hollywood actor Ben Affleck and newcomer Gal Gadot. Both do a wonderful job at portraying their respective characters. Affleck plays as a suave Bruce Wayne before launching into a determined and intimidating Batman. Gal Gadot, who plays Wonder Woman, steals the show as the Amazonian goddess’s first feature film debut. The one performance that is sorely lacking is Henry Cavill, who plays the Man of Steel himself. Cavill does have his moments, though, especially



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alongside of Affleck and Jesse Eisenberg, who plays Superman’s rival Lex Luthor. Eisenberg plays the character much like a quirky mastermind yet still manages to deliver an honest performance.

The overall problem with Batman v Superman, is that there are not many memorable moments. Many of the scenes are too quick (battles excepted) and fail to advance the plot effectively. The movie lacks any real depth, with the main selling point being the duels between the superheroes and villains. The action itself cannot keep the movie afloat, as the critics have noted.

Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice is incredibly flawed, and makes many mistakes that their competitor Marvel seems to have avoided as of late in their films. However, it is still a fun movie, with many action packed moments to keep some fans interesting. The film did manage to plant the seeds for future Justice League movies, and provides superhero action that is likely to keep fans of DC comics in theaters.

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Most Anticipated Spring Albums

By Dustin Niles

As the year rolls on, the great music keeps on coming. Here are some great albums to look forward to.

Views From The 6 - Drake: The famous hip-hop artist and rapper has been keeping his next album from stores for a long time. The original drop date was January 6th to coincide with the album's title, but that passed long ago. The new drop date has yet to be announced. It'll be Drake's first full album since last year's *If You're Reading This It's Too Late*. His most recent single, "Summer Sixteen," was released in January.

Turbo Graphx 16 - Kanye



Views From The 6 is Drake's long-awaited release.
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West: Here's the scoop on this album: there's not much. Kanye has just gotten done with *The Life of Pablo*, his first al-

bum since 2013's *Yeezus*. But on Feb. 24th, Kanye tweeted that he was planning to release another album later this

year, tentatively called *Turbo Graphx 16*. Considering how many times *The Life of Pablo* has undergone changes in name, don't expect Turbo Graphx 16 to stay the same.

Hy!£UN35 - Young Thug: Young Thug's debut album should be out this year. Pitchfork says he's "rap's least predictable, most rewarding artist," but it is also reported that there is no date for this release. His mix tape, *I'm Up*, dropped in February and the singles released were named, "Pacifier" and "Paradise."

With a lot of upcoming albums from artists like Gwen Stefani, Pearl Jam, Frank Ocean, Radiohead, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and others. 2016 should be an exciting year for music.

The Beast On The Road

By Chris Madden

Iron Maiden is out on the road again to support their latest studio offering, the double album *The Book of Souls*. With over 60 tour dates in 35 countries, the five-month long tour is sure to excite legions of fans, both old and new.

Although the album was released last September, tour dates for *The Book of Souls* were ultimately delayed to allow vocalist Bruce Dickinson's voice to recover after a successful battle with cancer, according to the Guardian. Even at the age of 57, Dickinson is still as active as ever as the front man of one of the world's most popular heavy metal groups.

"Hell would have to freeze over before you couldn't get me on that stage," said Dickinson.



Iron Maiden heads out on the road again to support their most recent album.
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The tour is currently underway in South America until the end of March, when Iron Maiden will kick off the North American leg of the tour with a concert at Madison Square Garden on March 30.

Continuing on a tradition dating back to the band's previous tours, the band will fly around the world in their own plane "Ed Force One", affectionately named for the band's mascot, Eddie. Dickinson, an accomplished pilot, will be in the cockpit.

Formed on Christmas Day 1975, Iron Maiden remains one of the world's most popular and successful

heavy metal bands in history. As one of the leading groups in the New Wave of British Heavy Metal, Iron Maiden (along with contemporaries Def Leppard) created a new sound that combined the raw energy of punk with the heaviness of rock.

Maiden released their eponymous debut in 1980, followed by 1981's *Killers*. It was not until 1982's *The Number of the Beast* and the arrival of Bruce Dickinson that the band achieved a large following. Dickinson's four-octave vocal range and operatic style became a trademark of the band's sound, a legacy that continues to this day.

Maiden albums *The Number of the Beast*, *Piece of Mind* (1983), *Powerslave* (1984), *Caught Somewhere in Time* (1986) and *Seventh Son of a Seventh Son* (1988) remain staples in the heavy metal community today.

Best Role Playing Games of All-Time

By Chris Madden

Within the video game community, roleplaying games (RPGs) provide a huge market for gamers of all ages and backgrounds to sit down and immerse themselves in a fantastical world. Filled with vast landscapes, sweeping musical scores, epic quests, and strong characters, RPGs allow players to create or customize a character and chart their own course in the video game world. Good or evil, warrior or healer, or just a jack-of-all trades, the possibilities are limitless. Here are some of the top RPGs of all time:



The characters of The Witcher 3 prepare to stop the Wild Hunt once and for all.
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1. *The Witcher 3*: The third entry in this award-winning series based on the works of Polish author Andrzej Sapowski, *The Witcher 3* continues the story of the legendary monster-slayer Geralt of Rivia. Known as "The White Wolf," Geralt aids the Emperor of Nilfgaard in a search for his daughter, who is on the run from a spectral group of soldiers known as the Wild Hunt. Along the way, Geralt encounters old friends, deadly enemies, political

struggles, ancient magic and a world ravaged by war and conquest. Filled with an incredible cast of characters, a massive open world and choices that have real consequences, *The Witcher 3* is one of the finest RPGs ever made.

2. *The Elder Scrolls* Series: Beginning with the game *The Elder Scrolls: Arena* in 1994, this series is one of the most popular in the RPG genre. With entries such as *The Elder Scrolls III: Morrowind*, *The Elder Scrolls IV:*

Oblivion, and *The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim*, players create their own character, choosing a fictional race and selecting a class such as Warrior, Mage, Thief or Rogue. Each game is set within one of the provinces of the vast continent of Tamriel, from the frozen tundras of Skyrim to the great forests of Cyrodiil. Join the Fighter's Guild. Buy property. Anger the Gods. Become champion of the Imperial City Arena. With the world at the player's disposal, anything is possible.

3. *Diablo* Series: Blizzard's *Diablo* series goes back to 1996, when players first became addicted to the randomized loot and dungeons that have become staples of the RPG genre. Become a Barbarian, a Sorcerer, a Druid or a Demon Hunter and help to save the world of Sanctuary from the powerful demon Diablo. The series' heavy emphasis on character customization, dungeon-crawling and vast array of enemy types make the *Diablo* series one of the most popular RPG games around.

4. *Dark Souls*: The spiritual successor to 2009's *Demon's Souls*, this game from the Japanese studio FromSoftware is noted for its insane level of difficulty. Players will become readily familiar with the "You Are Dead" message that so often appears during boss fights and casual enemy encounters. Yet the game's high level of difficulty is also one of the game's biggest strengths. As the game is menacingly unforgiving, player skill is of the utmost importance. The sense of accomplishment that follows a particularly difficult boss put *Dark Souls* above many of its competitors in the genre.

Opinion

Broken Advisement Harms Students' Futures



FDU's advisement process leave students confused.
Photo Credit: Google Images

By Melanie Perez

Every college and university has its faults as well as its merits. FDU's large course selection and distinguished full-time faculty are two of the school's greatest selling points. FDU's advisement, on the other hand, is one of the school's weakest points and is in need of some serious fixing. Each department has a dif-

ferent advisement procedure, so there is no standard of practice. Some students only have to go to one randomly assigned advisor, while others have to get sign-offs from three separate advisors. The combined degree and graduate departments have a more complicated advisement process because students have to get different people to sign off on different parts of their degrees. In my case, up until this semester, I had no idea who my "assigned" advisor was because of the broken advisement in the Psychology Department. Students with fewer than 35 credits go to academic advising. Afterwards, they report directly to the Psychology Department where they are supposed to be issued an advisor. This system makes absolutely no sense because the advisors who work for the academic advising department are only permitted to sign off on cer-

tain psychology courses, so if a student has fewer than 35 credits, he or she is prohibited from advancing in their specialized classes. A healthy balance of classes includes taking both specialized and general education classes simultaneously so students don't feel overwhelmed, but if students are kept from taking specialized courses during their first two years, then their last two years become arduous and stressful. An even bigger issue is the recent change in course catalogs. For students who are still on the 2014 curriculum, it's ridiculous that they completely stopped offering CORE classes to offer UNIV classes, and then didn't update our degree audits, forcing us to fill out separate paperwork to make sure the courses are accepted. And it shouldn't be that I had to email five separate people to figure out how to get the changes reflected in my degree

audit. All of the back-and-forth leaves much room for error and incorrect advising. The unfortunate truth with FDU's advisement is that some of the advisors simply dish out the wrong information. Many seniors are forced to stay an extra semester to take extra courses that were not appropriately planned for. Yes, those students are allowed to walk in graduation with their peers, but if they do not complete the remaining classes in a timely fashion, their degree is delayed. Some never finish their degrees because they could not afford to pay for the last two classes without the financial aid that is only offered to full-time students. The school is so quick to insist on academic advising, even to the point of prohibiting course selection for upcoming semesters, yet their advisement process is so broken that some students would be better off without it.

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Twitter Can't Keep Up

By Tyonna Goweh

(TEANECK) - Since Twitter's launch in July 2006 it has lost excessive amounts of money. In the last ten years, Twitter has lost over two billion dollars. Since Twitter's launch there have been many other social media services rising to popularity such as Snapchat (launched in 2011), Instagram (launched in 2010), and Vine (launched in 2013). Competing for the attention from people who use social media, Twitter could be having problems with keeping users in light of the many other sites/apps available. "I don't like Twitter because I can do the same things on Instagram," said freshman Thais Pascal. "It's pointless and useless, we have Instagram. It bores me. It's only live when people are arguing. Other than that it's dead, besides videos." The struggle to create new add-ons is evident, mainly because other social media apps can do better things. Some have specific qualities that attract people to them in the first place such as Vine, which is known for its six second videos and Snapchat, known for its various filters that users like to toy around with. With other options and features

available to the public, Twitter might be losing its grip on the market. However, there are many people that still use and enjoy Twitter. "I can't live without Twitter. It allows me to keep up to date with the people I follow like my boyfriend. Not everyone has Instagram," FDU student Michelle Rubiano said. It is true that there are users on Twitter who do not have Instagram, but last September CNBC reported that Instagram surpassed Twitter in terms of amount of users. While Instagram had 400 million users, Twitter only had 300 Million users. "I think Twitter lost money because they keep trying to do dumb updates. They'll never be Instagram," Rubiano said. Instagram's success may have something to do with the fact that Facebook owns it. Facebook, according to the same report, has over 1.2 billion users. According to CNN, "It's hard for the small core of Twitter addicts to accept, but Twitter just isn't popular enough to be successful. In fact, Twitter is losing customers." With new social media on the rise and people losing interest, the future of Twitter is not looking too promising.



Money has not been one of Twitter's strong suits.



Twitter's app is becoming less ubiquitous, as people aren't using it as much as competitors.

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From Student to Super Human

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - Watch out FDU, Teaneck's own super humans have emerged!

On Monday, two students, John Smith and Suzy Creamcheese, went for a swim in the famous Hackensack River. What happened in the murky waters changed their lives forever.

After a quick dip in the water, unknown substances floating throughout the river interacted with the students' bodies. Once they left the water, they found themselves with extra limbs and changed anatomies. Creamcheese, 19, found herself with three extra toes on her left foot, as well as a third arm extending from above her abdomen.

"I felt really weird all of a sudden," said Creamcheese. "I thought I ate some bad Jeoper's or something. But when I looked down after [swimming], I saw a whole new arm! I was scared, but

it actually looked pretty cool. I'm like an Avenger or something."

Smith, however, left the water with a new green, scaly complexion, as well as webbed feet.

"I'm Lizard Man now. All I need is the tongue," he said.

Smith hopes to start fighting crime in the surrounding areas as a new reptilian-human hybrid, while Creamcheese hopes to find a local shoemaker willing to size her new foot. As for the arm, she plans to buy maternity clothing to help make it less noticeable.

"I'm not ashamed of it, but it might be hard to explain to people," Creamcheese said.

It is unknown as to what in the river caused the mutations, and local authorities have yet to respond. However, FDU's Biology Department has announced it will conduct testing in the coming days.



FDU student John Smith after his accident in the Hackensack River.

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Coach Hops His Way to Hospital

By Dustin Niles

(HACKENSACK) - FDU's Men's Basketball Coach Greg Herenda was found by facilities, unconscious, in the Rothman Center basement. Facilities facilities heard a loud crash from inside the building.

Herenda, 54, was discovered under a large hole in the floor during a men's basketball team practice. He was immediately taken to Hackensack University Medical Center.

"It was a pretty rough practice, I guess, and coach just started...you know, hopping up and down and that's when it happened," said sophomore guard Earl Potts Jr.

"I had missed a few easy shots and coach started getting upset with me. I feel like it's my fault. We're all really pulling for him," said freshman guard Mike Holloway. "Coach gets pretty animated sometimes."

Herenda suffered a broken ankle and a sprained neck in the accident.

When he came to, Herenda said, "Yeah, I guess I got a little out of control. I could hear the boards cracking under my feet the last couple jumps, but I just couldn't stop. I had to get Mike's attention; he couldn't keep missing those shots. I don't remember anything after that."

The players visited the hospital and brought flowers and well wishes for Herenda.

"I'd like to say I'm surprised, but let's all face it: the man had it coming," said sophomore guard Darian Anderson. "That floor has been holding up under those hops for much longer than I expected."

According to sophomore guard Marques Townes, this has been a constant theme for Herenda.

"This almost happened last year, too, actually," Townes said. "We heard the boards cracking but we stopped him before he went through. Couldn't catch him this time, though."

Doctors said Herenda miraculously made a speedy recovery and attended practice the next day on a pogo stick.

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Rescue crews tending to FDU Men's Basketball Coach, Greg Herenda, who crashed through the floor of the Rothman Center.

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Hello, Yellow!

By Daniel Clarke

(TEANECK) - FDU's Metro Campus received a makeover last week; the Commencement Green was redecorated.

With trees on all 3 corners of the field, the campus hopes to bring new dimensions to the campuses goose habitat. By making the grass yellow, the univer-

sity believes students will finally realize that playing Frisbee or Soccer there is unacceptable.

When asked why they're remodeling it now despite a new SUB being planned for the area in the foreseeable future the worker said "I don't know, I just get paid to make it yellow."

Further investigation revealed

the universities true motivation. In an effort to offset the excess amount of commuters on campus, serving the geese should help increase their population, and hopefully, substantially increase the amount of times commuters need to wash their cars.

With the Hackensack River's disgusting state contributing to the dis-

concertingly minuscule goose population on campus, this project is a Hail Mary by the campus to increase the geese population before all their land is taken up by the new SUB.

I asked a few geese what they thought about their new home, though I didn't get an answer, they didn't seem very pleased.



Geese mark their freshly decorated territory.

Photo Credit: Daniel Clarke

Killer Geese Take Over Campus

By Elizabeth White

(TEANECK) - On Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. a flock of geese brutally attacked several groups of students near the footbridge and the Hackensack river.

They first let out their signature goose mating call, which consisted of loud squawking and violent wing flapping, before attacking their first victims, Suzy Creamcheese and Larry Lobster.

Creamcheese suffered a broken arm and sprained ankle while Lobster was shoved into the river where he had to be rescued and revived by paramedics.

"They just came out of nowhere," Creamcheese said. "I knew they were evil, but I never thought that they would attack."

The flock went on to attack Joe Schmo, Kerry Krabs and Tom Tentacles who were walking across the footbridge. They suffered severe injuries and died before they reached the hospital.

After these attacks, the geese let out another mating call, attracting more geese to the area, witnesses said.

A single goose then charged at Eileen Puff, who was hiding behind a tree. The goose dragged Puff into the river with its beak.

Puff was rescued and suffered minor injuries.

"I didn't think the geese were that smart," Puff told reporters. "I think they're angry that people are on their



Geese express anger toward students, leaving them in fear.

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land and they finally were sick of it, so they lashed out."

After these attacks, the geese went on to block the two entrances of the footbridge, holding the students on the bridge hostage. They bit and squawked at anyone who neared them.

Students described the experience as horrifying.

"I knew the geese were going to take over some day," junior Chandler Bing, said. "They were always giving me these dirty looks. Those beady eyes. They really freak me out, man."

Authorities were at first unsuccessful at securing the scene. Mass panic had broken out, with students hiding in nearby buildings and several students

trying to run over the geese with their cars.

Finally, at 4:45 p.m. authorities were able to lure the geese into metal traps by having brave students provoke the geese with sticks.

No geese were harmed in the standoff.