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Student Life Cancels Equinox Budget *Student organizations punished for missed paperwork*



By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - The Office of Student Life has eliminated the 2016-17 operating budgets of The Equinox and a number of other student organizations for alleged failure to file paperwork, and used the opportunity to express displeasure with the content of the publication.

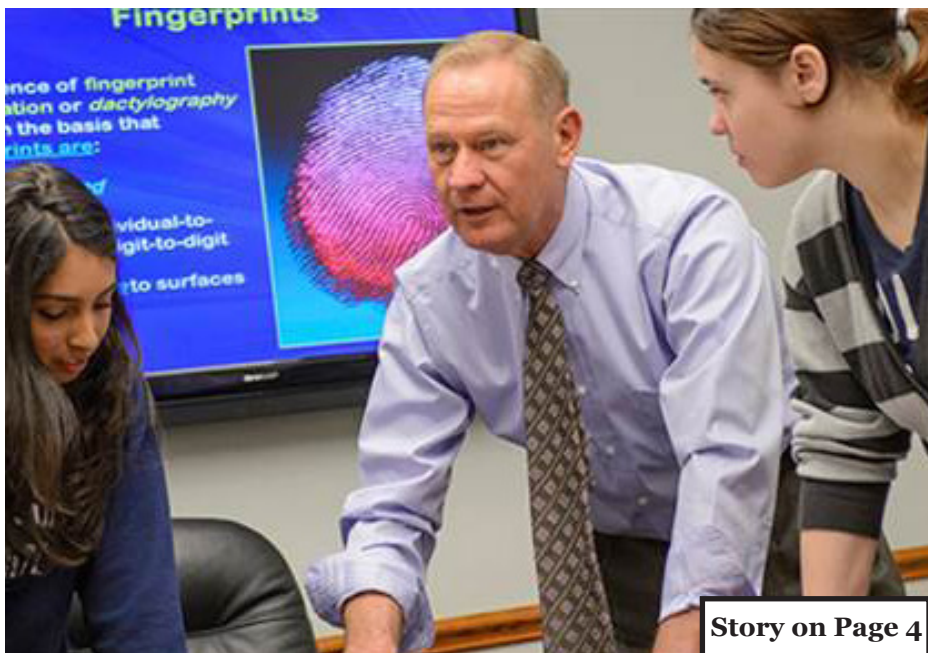
Jessica D. (Harris) O'Brien, director of student life, informed The Equinox via email on April 5 that it would have no operating funds for the next academic year.

"The Equinox did not submit their allocation packet for the 16-17 SGA budget year," O'Brien wrote in an email to Dr. B.F. Battistoli, academic advisor to The Equinox. "The committee decided not to allow allocations to groups that did not submit or turned in

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Equinox editors display their awards at the New Jersey Press Association luncheon on Saturday, Apr. 9 in Cranbury, NJ. This is the second consecutive year The Equinox took home state-wide collegiate journalism awards. From left to right: George White (Executive Director of The New Jersey Press Association), Timothy Yu (Layout and Design Editor), Theresa King (Opinion Editor), Elizabeth White (News Editor) and Angie Calvo (Managing Editor). Photo Provided by Theresa King

From Police Chief to Provost *New Metro Boss Continues Mercurial Rise*



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New Metro Campus Provost Robert Vodde, shown here teaching students. Photo Credit: fdu.edu

Campus Provost Takes Administrative Leave



Joe Kiernan brought many improvements to the campus, like the Starbucks in Jeepers. Photo Credit: Google Images

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - Metro Campus Provost Joe Kiernan has decided to take administrative leave after Bob Vodde assumes the provost position in June. Kiernan told The Equinox that he plans to use the time to reconnect with his discipline. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Fordham University. An FDU faculty member for 37 years and metro campus for 11, it is unclear whether Kiernan will return to FDU to teach after completing his leave.

Why step down now?
"Everybody reaches a point," Kiernan said. "It's been a good run, but it's time to let someone do it."

Current University Provost Dr. Christopher Capuano was announced

as the university's next president last June, and Kiernan announced his plans to step down shortly thereafter. When asked if the two events were related, Kiernan paused before he answered.

"For the record, let me say it is coincidental," he said. "You see other people going to another phase in life and you start thinking about it yourself. It might not be Capuano becoming president. It's more President Drucker stepping down. When you see people who you worked with taking those steps, it affects your thinking."

Kiernan added that the resignation of his good friend Kenneth Vehrken, Dean of Petrocelli College, was also a factor in his decision to step

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Search for Next University Provost

By Daniel Clarke

(TEANECK) - With University Provost Chris Capuano preparing to become FDU's next university president, the university is in the process of searching for his replacement. Holding numerous sessions for different university bodies to take part in the selection, students were given a chance to interview the candidates.

Teaneck, Florham and Vancouver students interviewed candidates for the position of University Provost. Both candidates had similar messages when it came to increasing student enrollment, open dialog with

students and recognizing the importance of our global education. Each, however, had his own insights into our campus' inner workings.

On Mar. 29, Dr. Parviz H. Ansari was interviewed for the position. Coming from Iran to graduate with his Ph.D. in Physics from Tufts University in 1983, Ansari held a variety of administrative roles including Department Chair and Associate Dean at Seton Hall, Dean at Rowan University and Provost and Vice Chancellor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, his current position.

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materials late.” Battistoli sent an email to O’Brien requesting a meeting to discuss the matter in person. He told The Equinox his email went unanswered.

Editor-in-Chief Natasha Ashby sent a separate email requesting a meeting, which did receive a response from the director.

“Thanks for reaching out,” O’Brien wrote, “however, we really don’t need to meet because the process is pretty straightforward & standard for the organizations that do not receive an allocation.”

O’Brien said that all the organizations whose budgets had been eliminated would be competing for funds from a \$10,000 pool that would be administered by the Student Government Association Fiscal Committee.

“There are several other large organizations that will be competing for this money,” O’Brien wrote, “along with many new clubs. I would advise that you are ready during the first weeks of class next semester to submit

your projected printing costs for your first issue of the Equinox.”

The Equinox spends more than \$8,000 to publish biweekly in the academic year.

O’Brien detailed the process The Equinox and other defunded organizations would have to follow next year to compete for money from the \$10,000 pool.

“You will request funds through the SGA Fiscal Committee in advance of your expenses,” O’Brien wrote. “The SGA treasurer & the Graduate Assistant of Fiscal Mgmt will assist you in the process. Each time you have an expense, you will submit an itemized request to this committee, which approves expenses for clubs that did not receive a budget for that allocation year.”

Repeated calls and emails to the Office of Student Life from reporters and editors of The Equinox went unanswered. The Dean of Students Office referred this reporter to O’Brien, who did not respond.

The Office of Student Life

sent an email to The Equinox and 49 other student organizations on Feb. 17 requesting the budget paperwork. A reminder email was sent on March 21, advising that the deadline was 5 p.m. that day. Neither email contained “cc’s” to the advisors of the organizations.

Attempts by The Equinox to obtain the names and number of the organizations that have been defunded have so far been unsuccessful.

“There’s no way to tell,” said Assistant Dean of Students Vidal Lopez. “It’s most likely confidential.”

Lopez advised The Equinox to get an early start on requests for funds for next year.

Following the discussion of funds in the email to Ashby, O’Brien went on to express “feedback” on the newspaper not covering certain events on campus.

“With the increased focus on students’ return on investment as an ongoing featured topic of the paper,” she said, “I hope you can understand the departments’ disappointment

when events or other efforts to provide the student body with rich & exciting experiences are left out.”

O’Brien went into some detail in expressing her displeasure.

“We see articles about off-campus events, local restaurants, movies, and current events (all which are a vital part of the paper for sure),” O’Brien said, “but when we know there could have been at least 2-3 articles about on-campus opportunities that were missed, it causes the purpose of the paper to be called into question.”

O’Brien’s attempt at encouraging words included references to the downsizing or elimination of the newspaper for 2016-17.

“Even though you missed a budget this year, let’s try and keep the momentum going, even if it means scaling down the operation in light of the situation,” she said. “I think we can all agree the newspaper is too important to be on a hiatus.”

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down. But he does so with mixed feelings.

“I’ve seen a lot of improvements we’ve made,” he said. “You can look back and say a lot of good things have been accomplished.”

Among many major events during his tenure, Kiernan witnessed the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, and oversaw the rebuilding afterward, as well as the construction of the North-pointe student housing. But overseeing the complex operations of a university that straddles a river in two different communities is not the biggest reward of the position for Kiernan. That is something much more personal.

“What gives me the most satisfaction is that I can see students come and grow,” he said. “That’s really what we’re here to do. I see students grow up to be seniors. That’s really the good part.”

Special Assistant to the Campus Provost Michelle Vaccaro understands that is what drives her boss.

“He works for the students of the university,” Vaccaro said. “He’s just such a student advocate.”

Kiernan’s biggest hopes for the future of the university include to “continue to do what we’re doing,” as well as build a replacement for the current Student Union Building, a part of the university’s master plan currently awaiting approval.

“I’d like them to build a new Student Center,” he said. “It’s not a new idea. It’s a disappointment that I never got that done.”

He also hopes that the next campus provost will send the university in the same direction that he has witnessed during his time at the university.

“I hope that they’ll take the

hand-off and keep moving forward,” he said.

Kiernan took great delight in the success of the Men’s Basketball Team this year, which earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 10 years. He is a fixture at FDU sporting events, always recognizable in the crowd with his signature FDU scarf. And his memory goes back a long way.

“There’s nothing like the first time,” he said of the team’s first ever March Madness run in 1985. “We went and played University of Michigan. We came very close.”

Kiernan was particularly proud of this year’s team.

“I think this year is very special for Coach Herenda and the players,” he said. “This is a pretty special group of guys. They showed a lot of heart.”

And what if his leave ends

in retirement? There are some sweet things to fill it. Kiernan has two grandchildren, one age 3, and another just 3 months old.

“I never see them anymore!” he said.

And regardless of whether or not he has made up his mind, Mrs. Kiernan has plans for him.

“Like I tell everyone,” Kiernan said, “I’m going to do what my wife tells me to do!”

The university has undergone many different changes over the years, many that were brought about by Joe Kiernan. But he’s not looking back. He’s looking forward.

“I’m proud of what we accomplished here,” Kiernan said. “The best is yet to come.”

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and selling himself as a Global Citizen, Ansari was knowledgeable about the university’s mission statement and felt his background was a good fit for our university.

After clarifying the position of University Provost, Ansari shared his visions on improving the university as a redefinition of success beyond graduation rate and retention with an emphasis on globalization training and experiential learning in particular, so students can be better prepared to survive in the real world.

Ansari expressed an interest in pushing for joint collaboration with faculty for interdisciplinary learning and transparent communication across campuses.

Ansari also promised that, regarding more programming and fiscal freedom for student organizations, an open door policy as provost is ideal, but said student governing bodies should be the ones to approach him so meetings could happen regularly with these bodies.

Speaking to student attendees following the interview, the candidate

was well received, most notably because of his diverse background and his student orientedness.

On Mar. 31, Dr. Guiyou Huang was interviewed for the position. Born in China, Huang has a Ph.D in English from Texas A&M University and several educational management certificates from Harvard. Fluent in English, Chinese, and French, Huang is well published with 11 books, over 50 articles and essays and over 100 keynote speeches.

“Right now at Norwich, I’m in charge of faculty development, program development, in other words I’m the one who makes sure good faculty are hired to teach you,” Huang said. “Coming here would be a similar job, a few more students, two campuses and international campuses in England and in Canada.”

Emphasizing his interest in our campus mission, Huang said, “I am also in charged of the international affairs office on my campus, so I did a lot of foreign articulation work in my past two decades of life building foreign relations for American universities in

China, Guatemala, Colombia, Spain, Tayland, Taywan, Australia and you name them.”

Tim Brown, a Sophomore Business Administration Major from Florham asked “With tuition increasing on an annual basis, what role do you think you should play in making sure an education at FDU is affordable for everyone?”

“Certainly, if we have more students enrolled, we should be able to control tuition growth, aggressive recruiting, getting more students to attend fdU,” Huang said. “For the university, we need to grow financial resources also not just from tuition collection, also from auxiliary services, from aggressive fundraising because these days more universities are doing more fundraising than ever.”

“Faculty and staff should also utilize any opportunity possible to secure grants from government, foundations, businesses. When faculty gets fundraising from those areas it becomes a lesser burden on students,” Huang said.

When asked about the

strengths and weaknesses of our university, Huang cited the mission statement as a strength and marketing as a potential weakness. While the mission statement he said was the single biggest reason he applied for this position, improved marketing has the potential of increasing enrollment, diversity at the different campuses, and ultimately lowering tuition for the students.

“I know higher ed trends very well, I’m confident in saying that because I read consistently all major publications in higher ed, I go to a lot of higher ed meetings like ACISE, ACE, ACEU,” Huang said. “I sometimes chair panels or participate, so all the government regulations, national, and international trends I’m very familiar with.”

With two more candidates interviewed on Apr. 8 and 11, the search for the next university provost continues.

“If all the candidates are like this, we’ve got a lot to look forward to,” said Victoria Woolfook, a student interviewer.

Don't Rain on My Parade or Graduation!



Rain falls during FDU's soaking wet commencement at MetLife Stadium on Tuesday, May 19 2015.

Photo Credit: NJ.com

By Leandra Cilindrello and Theresa King

(TEANECK) - Commencement day is one of the most significant days in any college student's life. Nothing can ruin graduation day; except for rain, that is. And that's exactly what happened at last year's commencement ceremony at MetLife Stadium, an open-air venue. The ceremony was a drenched disaster, yet commencement for this year is scheduled in the same venue.

"It was like taking a shower but in the one outfit you don't want getting wet," said graduate student Timothy Yu, a Communications major in the 5 year B.A./M.A. accelerated program. "I think I might bring a poncho this time, and maybe two or three for the people sitting next to me."

Although ponchos were distributed, the graduates were still com-

pletely drenched in their caps and gowns, ruining everyone's outfits.

"Most people frame their cap, gown and cords after graduation, and you don't want to frame damp graduation regalia," Yu said. "There's a good chance it will get moldy."

MetLife stadium, located in East Rutherford, NJ, can seat more than 80,000 people, but has no coverage from the rain. Graduates were not happy about this. If this was such a big disaster last year, why would the University book it again for this year's commencement?

According to the campus Provost Joseph Kiernan, the choices for last year's commencement was between the Prudential Center and MetLife Stadium. If the Izod Center was an option, Kiernan said the university would have held it there.

"For years, we used the Izod center, and I'm sure if that was still

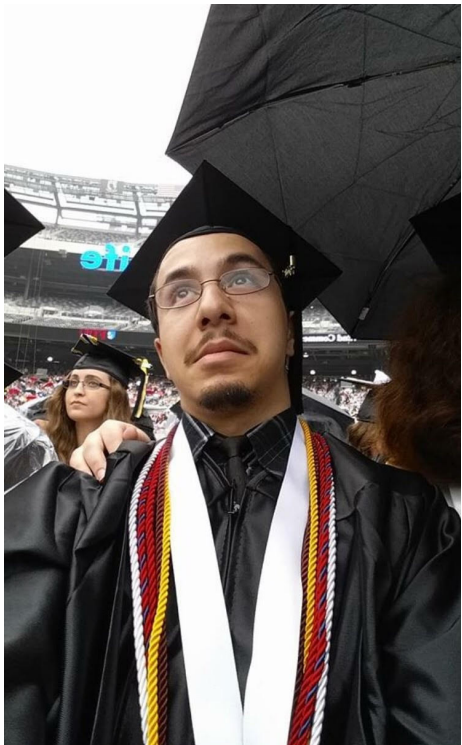
available, we'd go there," Kiernan said. "With the Prudential Center, other schools get first choice. We would have to hold commencement at night."

"MetLife had never held a graduation there before," Kiernan said. "With MetLife, there's lots of pluses. But the downside? What if it rains? If it doesn't, everyone will be happy. You always take a chance with the weather."

As for last year's rain, Kiernan thinks it was all a matter of timing. The day was originally sunny, except during commencement. "We hit the wrong hour last year," Kiernan said.

This year, while commencement is in the same stadium, it should be a day full of pride and accomplishments, weather permitting.

"You're looking to have a good experience for your graduates," Kiernan said. "It should be fine."



Timothy Yu at last year's rainy commencement at MetLife Stadium.

Photo Credit: Timothy Yu

Battle Rages Over Supreme Court Vacancy

By Chris Madden

(TEANECK) - Justice Antonin Scalia's death by natural causes in mid-February has triggered a fierce battle between Senate Republicans and President Barack Obama over the future of the highest court in the land. The Supreme Court, now split 4-4 along ideological lines, is at a standstill regarding the ninth associate justice.

President Obama nominated Merrick Garland to serve as an Associate Justice on the Court on Mar. 16. Mr. Garland, 63, was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. in 1997 and currently acts as Chief Judge of the D.C. Circuit, according the White House's official website.

"I've selected a nominee who is widely recognized not only as one of America's sharpest legal minds, but someone who brings to his work a spirit of decency, modesty, integrity, even-handedness, and excellence," said President Obama.



Merrick Garland is President Obama's choice to replace Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court.

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Legal experts on both sides of the political spectrum have offered their praise for Mr. Garland.

"He is an extraordinarily capable lawyer, in part because he is so good at finding common ground with his colleagues, which is one of the things that made him appeal to President Obama." Laurence Tribe, a pro-

fessor at Harvard Law School noted on MSNBC.

Miguel Estrada, a conservative jurist, also offered kind words. "Everybody is pretty much unanimous that by temperament, experience, and background, he is a very suitable person for the Supreme Court. The argument about the vacancy isn't entirely politi-

cal," he said.

Yet the situation is politically charged. Republican leaders in the Senate were quick to dismiss the president's choice of nomination. The New York Times reported that Mitch McConnell, the Senate Majority Leader, declared an end to Mr. Garland's nomination, no matter how qualified he may be.

On the Senate floor, McConnell laid out his reasoning for refusing to hold a nomination hearing.

"The American people may well elect a president who decides to nominate Judge Garland for Senate consideration. The next president may also nominate someone very different. Either way, our view is this: Give the people a voice in the filling of this vacancy," McConnell said.

If Mr. Garland is nominated, he will have the most federal judicial experience of any Supreme Court nominee in the nation's history, according to the White House's website.

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From Police Chief to Provost

By Theresa King

(TEANECK) - As of July, the Metropolitan Campus will have a new provost. Dr. Joseph J. Kiernan, the current Campus Provost, announced his decision to step down last fall. On April 4, President-elect Dr. Christopher Capuano notified the campus community that Dr. Robert F. Vodde, current Director of the School of Criminal Justice, Political Science, and International Studies, will be taking Kiernan's place as of July 1, 2016.

"I am genuinely honored in accepting this position and very much look forward to working with the entire campus community," Dr. Vodde said. "I've always had the highest regard and admiration for the exceptional work and dedication of our former provost Dr. Rich Bronson, and our current provost Dr. Joe Kiernan."

Dr. Vodde has been the direc-

tor of his school for the last sixteen years. Playing a major role in developing and expanding the criminal justice program, he holds a Ph.D. in Criminology, a Master's degree in Criminal Justice, and a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration. Dr. Vodde is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Before his entrance into the university, he spent 25 years in the law enforcement field, where he was state certified as a police instructor and received the title of Chief of Police, which he held for ten years. His experience in law enforcement has helped to prepare for the position of Campus Provost.

"Having served as Chief of Police for ten years, and School Director for over sixteen years, you come to appreciate the critical importance of working together as a team," Dr. Vodde said. "Recognizing the individual needs, interests, and strengths of your colleagues, providing them the needed support and resources, encouraging

them to take ownership of their responsibilities, and providing them the necessary autonomy, not only serves to build confidence, pride, and esprit de corps, but serves to improve the organization's efficiency and effectiveness."

Dr. Vodde has focused mainly on police training and education throughout his years. Publishing The Efficacy of Andragogical Instructional Methodologies in Basic Police Training and Education in 2008, his research was extremely influential in the field. Presently, Dr. Vodde still consults in areas of police training and education, as well as policy and procedures.

In an email to the Metropolitan community, Dr. Capuano expressed his support of Dr. Vodde's rise to the position.

"I believe he is uniquely qualified to build on the strong foundation established under Dr. Joseph Kiernan's tenure as Metropolitan Campus Provost," he said, "and to lead an import-

ant transformation of the Metropolitan Campus going forward, as outlined in the University's strategic and facilities master plans."

On the future for the university, Dr. Vodde said that he looks forward to "working with the entire campus community" and described himself as "goal-oriented."

"I look forward to developing synergy as a campus, which begins with encouraging input and listening to the community's needs, interests, and recommendations," he said. "The University community is comprised of exceptionally talented, dedicated, and conscientious people who contribute so much to the success of the University. I look forward to listening and learning from them so I can better fulfill my commitment and responsibilities as campus provost."

Cali Tortilla Rivals Chipotle

By Rebecca Fischer

(TEANECK) - In a recent survey, FDU students named Chipotle their favorite off-campus spot to eat. But, that may soon change. A new "Mexican re-imagined" chain restaurant, California Tortilla, has come to town and is ready to take the spotlight.

California Tortilla is located at 1061 Main Street in the New Bridge Landing Shopping Center in River Edge, NJ, only a few minutes from campus. The restaurant celebrated its Grand Opening on Wednesday, Mar. 30 with free burritos and drinks, coupons, and t-shirts for anyone who posted about the joint on social media.

Franchise owner Tino is excited to bring a new name to the area, especially after the success California Tortilla has seen at its other New Jersey locations.

"It's a good brand because people inside of New Jersey have never heard of it," he said.

Beside a quality brand name and the promise of continuously fresh ingredients, California Tortilla offers something unique from its competitors, Chipotle, Moe's, and Qdoba.

"What we're known for are our chef inspired creations," Tino said. "Our chef has already put together ingredients he thinks taste better than anything you can make yourself. That's why we push these creations. We don't want you to build your own burrito. We want you to try our Korean BBQ and say to yourself 'I can't get this anywhere else, so I need to come back.'"

Chef inspired creations aren't all California Tortilla has to offer. Customers who order a meal after 5 p.m. on Mondays get to spin the Burrito Wheel and win a coupon for a future visit. Customers can also sign up for the free Burrito Elito reward program to receive points toward a free burrito and anyone can follow the restaurant on social media for live coupons and daily offers.



Patrons line up outside of the new restaurant on Wednesday, Mar. 30 when California Tortilla was giving out free Tortillas.
All Photo Credit: Rebecca Fisher

Apple vs. FBI

By Dustin Niles

(TEANECK) - For the past four months, a debate has been raging between the Silicon Valley tech giant Apple and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On Dec. 2, 2015, two terrorists attacked a holiday party in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 and injuring 22 including themselves in a firefight with police.

One of the terrorist's iPhones was found and is believed to hold important data pertaining to the attack. However, the iPhone, belonging to Syed Farook, was locked, and after 10 failed attempts at guessing the code, the device would delete all data on the phone. This iPhone feature was designed to prevent data theft in the event an iPhone is stolen.

The FBI requested that Apple assist them in the case by retrieving information on their iCloud servers, which Apple did, according to The Huffington Post. However, the FBI then requested help in unlocking the terrorist's iPhone to access data that

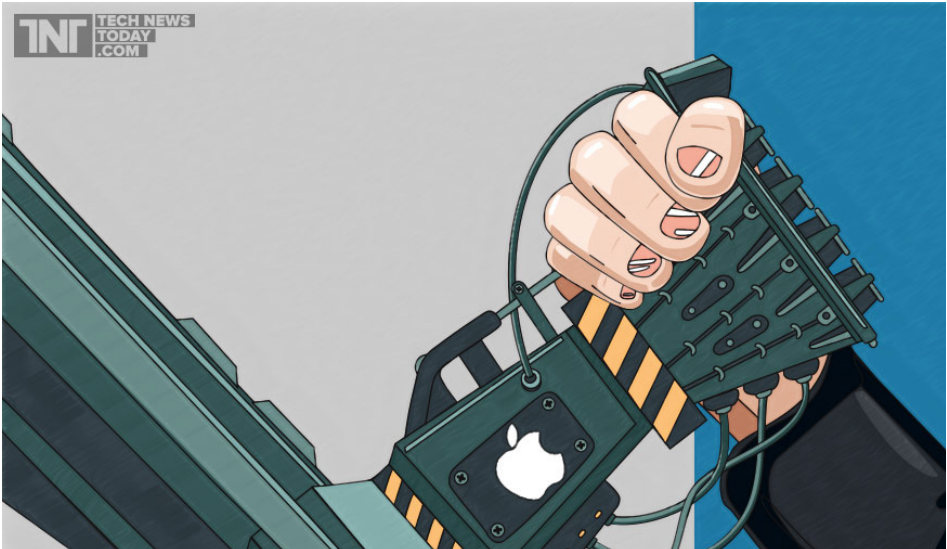
exists encrypted only on the iPhone. Here, Apple refused, releasing a letter to its customers detailing what the FBI wanted and why Apple would not comply.

This opened up a national debate on why Apple should or should not unlock the iPhone for the FBI. According to Apple's letter, in order to unlock the iPhone, Apple engineers would have to create a new version of the operating system that would act as a key to open all iPhones.

There is no way to create a system that will only open this iPhone. In addition, once that program is created there is no effective way to eliminate it after the case. Even if the program were to be deleted, the engineers that worked on the project would have the knowledge to quickly recreate it.

There are arguments both for and against Apple opening the iPhone for the FBI.

"Decisions about who can access key evidence in criminal investigations should be made by courts and legislatures, not by Apple and Google," Cyrus Vane, the Manhattan District At-



Apple and the FBI clash over privacy dilemmas.
Photo Credit: Tech News Today

torney said.

On the other hand, some say that Apple is right to protect the privacy of iPhone customers.

"To what extent is it reasonable to force companies to write new code and harm their international reputation for data security," the editorial board of The Washington Post said, "and, therefore, their business models

- in order to help the U.S. government hack into suspects' phones?"

The debate ended on Mar. 28, when the government filed a report stating, "The government has now successfully accessed the data stored on Farook's iPhone and therefore no longer requires the assistance from Apple Inc..."

Opinion

Minimum Wage Increase

By Molly Holt

There is no question that poverty is an extremely important issue that needs to be addressed by the United States government. Democratic leaders, including President Obama, have pushed for a minimum wage increase in order to begin to address the problem. However, Republicans regard the increase as more detrimental than beneficial to economy.

The problem is that the people in leadership positions have such extreme views on the issue. While some are pushing for no increase to wages, others are fighting for an immediate increase.

If minimum wage were to increase to \$15 per hour right away, it would be very difficult for small businesses to accommodate the change. In New Jersey, where the current minimum wage is \$8.38 per hour, this would require each employee to be paid \$6.62 more per hour. Therefore, if an employee works a 40 hour week, it would cost the business owner \$264.80 more every week per employee, which is about \$13,770 more per year per employee. That is an extremely large amount of money for employers to find on such short notice.

A plan proposed to gradually increase minimum wage is much more feasible. With a proper plan set in



McDonald's employees protest for a higher minimum wage.

Photo Credit: ThinkProgress

place, business owners would be able to appropriately adjust. If an immediate change is enacted, many are likely to resort to job cuts and product price increases in order to accommodate the change.

The answer is not to either leave minimum wage as it is or get rid of it all together. The reality of the situation is that minimum wage does need to be increased every few years to adjust for inflation. As the cost of living increases, wages should increase with it. This includes all wages, not just minimum wage positions.

Whether or not people believe that minimum wage workers should make enough to live off of, an increase to the current value must occur in order to prevent a further economic downfall. Minimum wage has to be increased proportionally to the increase in the standard of living so that minimum wage workers, at the very least, can maintain their current financial situation and avoid further financial destruction.

Ideally, with a gradual increase plan in motion, minimum wage workers will be able to maintain and possibly better their financial status, which in turn will help to promote spending and stimulate the economy. Any drastic motion on the issue will not better the people of this country in any way, but will be cause for immediate financial chaos. The more time businesses have to plan for increases, the more effectively the increase will be handled.

Equinox Names Editors for 2016-17



Melanie Perez has written for the newspaper for two years and will return in the fall as Editor-in-Chief.

Photo provided.

Sophomore Melanie Perez has been unanimously elected as Editor-in-Chief of *The Equinox* for the 2016-17 academic year by the Editorial Board.

Perez has two years of experience writing for *The Equinox*, and has held positions as a copy editor and production editor. She has written for every section of *The Equinox* besides Sports. Perez is studying abroad in Wroxtton this semester, and has been entertaining the Metro campus community with her weekly travel column, “Mel’s Meanderings.”

Perez has named Opinion Section Editor Theresa King as Managing Editor. King won First Prize for Column/Opinion Writing in the New Jersey Press Foundations Collegiate Press Contest for her column, “Government Calls Womanhood a Luxury.”



Freshman Theresa King will return next semester as *The Equinox*’s managing editor.

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—Entertainment—

The Devil Returns to Netflix



Daredevil returns to Netflix for an epic second season.

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By Armand Butera

It’s hotter in Hell’s Kitchen with the return of the Netflix original series, *Daredevil*. More than a superhero spectacle, the second season succeeds in its character development and has the potential to draw in new fans. It explores the complex relationships between the characters in the series as well as the psyche of some of the new

and menacing members of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The second season opens with the arrival of a new vigilante called the Punisher on the streets of Hell’s Kitchen. Matt Murdock, as his alter ego Daredevil, attempts to combat the Punisher while also trying to balance his civilian life. The Punisher is not the only new character, as one of Murdock’s old flames Elektra makes an appearance in the show and pushes the story in a new

exciting direction.

It should be noted that not every second in the show spotlights costume-clad characters. *Daredevil* does an exceptional job of balancing both sides of the story. This can be attributed to not only the writers of the series, but the actors and actresses, all of whom have stunning performances throughout the thirteen episodes.

Charlie Cox reprises his role as Murdock, the blind lawyer who han-

dles legal matters by day and stalks the night as the vigilante Daredevil. Cox does an amazing job handling the role and delivers an honest and entertaining portrayal of the character.

Elden Henson, who plays Frederick “Foggy” Nelson, Murdock’s legal partner, shines as well. He and Deborah Ann Woll, who portrays Karen Page, are both returning characters who add energy and interesting moments to the series.

While the trio of performers alone could easily keep things afloat, the arrival of new characters has brought new life into the series. Actor Jon Bernthal is Frank Castle, a war veteran who experienced a tragic loss and wound up trying to deliver his own form of justice as the Punisher. Bernthal portrays Castle as a complicated and tortured soul, and has viewers questioning how “bad” he truly is.

On the other side, Elodie Yung plays Elektra Natchios, Matt Murdock’s former girlfriend turned assassin. Her arrival into the series is sure to please fans of the comics and surprise non-fans as well.

The “Devil of Hell’s Kitchen” is back, and once again gives fans a series worth watching.

A Glimpse Into Darkness

By Chris Madden

The third entry in From Software’s acclaimed *Dark Souls* series hit stores in Japan last month and is set for a worldwide release in April. The reviews are in and *Dark Souls III* is a hit with an aggregate score of 90 on the website Metacritic, indicating critical acclaim.

“*Dark Souls III* successfully replicates the winning formula of the Souls series, a wondrous combination of majestic boss battles, incredible layered environments full of secrets, and precise combat that can make other action RPGs difficult to play once you’ve mastered the art,” wrote Daniel Tack of GameInformer.

Dark Souls III continues the series’ tradition of launching players into an expansive world full of mystery, darkness, and death. Swamps, catacombs, castles, and dungeons litter the dark fantasy-inspired world of Lothric, each locale teeming with grotesque and deadly foes.

Yet the player is not alone in his or her quest. A wide variety of non-player characters (NPCs) dot the landscape, each providing a unique personality and valuable information for the player character. As with previous titles in the series, choices and courses of action the player takes can influence when and where a character appears or whether the NPC lives or dies.

The combat system in the *Dark Souls* series has been one of the series’ greatest strengths, and *Dark*



The nightmare begins again in From Software’s third installment of the Dark Souls series. Photo Credit: Google Images

Souls III continues the successful formula. Combat is brutal and player skill is of the utmost importance. Failure to block an enemy’s attacks or dodge a boss’s special attack often results in a massive loss in health or death.

Fortunately, players can even the odds against their enemies by deft application of weapons. Players can

experiment with different weapon sets such as a greatsword and dagger combination to deadly effect. Sword and shield combinations are available for players who prefer more defense and shield-bashing foes.

Dark Souls III is sure to please hardcore fans of the series with its tried-and-true formula and new game-

play tweaks. Players new to the series may be intimidated by the game’s high level of difficulty at first, but the beauty of the game lies in overcoming challenges.

“*Dark Souls III* is a powerful journey and the sequel the series truly deserves,” noted Chloi Rad of IGN.

Student Lifestyle



Melanie Perez and Brianne Gunsiorowski eating frites in Amsterdam during a semester abroad.

Photo Credit: Melanie Perez



The student section cheering on the Men's Basketball team at the NEC Championships.

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

15 Things to Do Before You Graduate

By Rebecca Fischer

The end of another semester is right around the corner. From freshmen finishing up their first year to graduating seniors moving on to the real world, everybody is starting to realize four years goes by faster than expected. Here's a list of the 15 things that need to be done before "kicking the (college) bucket"

1. **Travel or study abroad**
Ask around — most people will say that getting to visit Wroxtton is the best part about being an FDU student. And it's not because of the studying! One student said, "the experience of visiting other countries and making new friends" made it all worth it.

2. **See a Broadway show**
Student Life offers cheap Broadway shows tickets multiple times every semester, so get in line! From Jersey Boys to Aladdin, why miss out when FDU is so close to the city?

3. **Attend a theme party**
Toga! Toga! Toga!

4. **Join a club**
Go Greek, go green or join a team. There are tons of organizations for every type of student at FDU. "You will meet some of the best people you've ever met in your life and have many unique opportunities to grow as a person and help others, too," one student said about going Greek.

5. **Drive down Clinton Road at night**
Looking for a thrill? Check out weirdnj.com for a little background on Clinton Road and then dare some friends to take the creepy drive.

6. **Attend a sporting event you've never been to**
FDU Metro is home to 17 Division I athletic teams that are always looking for more campus support. Grab some friends and head to a game. "It's an extremely exciting experience being with fellow students while cheering on

fellow students," one student said.

7. **Take a bizarre class**
Choose from Psychology of Belief, Wine Tasting or Analysis of Serial Killers—just to name a few.

8. **Be a NYC tourist for a day**
There is nothing like taking a day trip to the city to find those cool restaurants that go viral on social media. Hint: Try Black Tap's milkshakes!

9. **Write something for your school newspaper**
Pass along some wisdom in the form of an article on your chosen topic. It's surprising how satisfying it feels to have your voice heard.

10. **Take a day trip to the Jersey Shore**
Don't go to college in New Jersey and not take a trip to the infamous Jersey Shore! Just remember, Snookie was not famous for good reasons.

11. **Volunteer off campus**
Volunteering feels good and looks even better on a resume. Check online or ask around on campus. Opportu-

12. **Go on a late-night diner run**
The best nights involve breakfast at midnight.

13. **Take a hike in a local scenic area**
Every college student needs a breath of fresh air every once in a while. Check out Flat Rock Brook, Garret Mountain and Buttermilk Falls for Instagram-worthy scenery.

14. **Go to a cultural event in NYC**
Ever heard of the Feast of San Gennaro? A little culture never hurt anybody—neither did delicious food, nice weather and fun-filled celebrations.

15. **Leave your mark**
This doesn't mean tag your name on a bathroom stall door in Dickinson Hall. It means branch out, get involved and discover a true sense of self. Make the time count and leave college with absolutely no regrets or what ifs.



Omega Psi Phi brothers Marcus Hill and Tremayne McKenith Jr. at the Organization Fair.

Photo Credit: @fdugreeklife Instagram



Row in August.

Photo Credit: Courtney Slye



A famous cotton candy milkshake at Black Tap in Soho, NYC.

Photo Credit: Rebecca Fischer

—Student Lifestyle—

A Proud Man

By Selena Christmas

On the Teaneck campus of FDU, there is a security officer named Rich Ippolito, one of many that keep the campus safe and secure. Rich Ippolito does double duty by protecting staff, students, and family. He doubles as a secure parent and a security officer. Education and family come first for Ippolito. A devoted husband and father of two sons, he has been married for forty- years to his wife Linda, whom he says “he loves and adores” and who shares with him the necessity of a good education.

Both have emphasized to their sons the importance of receiving a good education.

“I just want my sons to have what I did not have the chance to get, a



Public Safety Officer Rich Ippolito (center) in his Woodridge home with his two sons, Rich Jr. (left) and Chris. Photo provided.

Ippolito is proud that he accepted the position to be an employee at FDU because it afforded him the opportunity to send his sons to college. “Richard Jr. is currently finishing his master studies in criminal justice, and will be graduating this May,” he said. “My younger son Christopher graduated last May also with a degree in Criminal Justice”.

Growing up Ippolito said he “was taught strong family values by his father” that he later passed down to his sons. Values that included “working hard for what you needed and that you

should never take anything for granted.” Ippolito spent 30 years at a company that hauled freight and shipped all over the state before retiring.

Once retired he was not satisfied, and still being an able bodied man, Ippolito decided to re-enter the work- force. Having family members with backgrounds in law enforcement Ippolito decided to work in security.

He applied to FDU and was given his present position as a security officer. Ippolito started his work at FDU in 2007, and said he “enjoys his work as a security officer because, he got th e chance to watch his sons progress.” Moreover Ippolito has become a visible, helpful, valued friend and employee since starting his work here nine years ago.



Mel’s Meanderings



By Melanie Perez

(WROXTON, ENGLAND) - According to the “Ancient Aliens” documentary that I saw, the show presented the argument for aliens being the force behind the creation of not only Stonehenge, but also the pyramids in Egypt. Stonehenge was more ruined than I expected it to be and was roped-off from the public (possibly due to alien abductions), but it was interesting to be able to stand only a few feet away from one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

In that moment, I felt that largest cliché - the sense of being part of something bigger than myself. It’s the same feeling I get every time that I travel, a sense of solidarity and oneness with the world.

I was lucky enough to experience that feeling two weeks in a row - once at Stonehenge, and again in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the top of a dormant volcano known as Arthur’s Seat. Arthur’s Seat is at the center of Holyrood Park and takes 40 minutes to climb while walking.

My friends and I took the challenge to climb to the top, but of course, not without some hiccups on our journey.

First off, we were so directionally challenged that we could not find the path. Then when we finally did find a path, it was not the path that the majority of the public took. We ended up taking a steeper path, which only the most devout joggers took. It was



Mel saw many props and sets throughout the Harry Potter Studio Tour, including the door to the chamber of secrets.

so steep and muddy that I slipped with every step, causing me to fall three times. We hadn’t even gotten halfway up the mountain and I was already covered in mud.

For whatever reason, I thought that since Arthur’s Seat is such a popular attraction, that there would be a paved path to the top. I wore Toms - the worst shoes possible. They had absolutely no traction and my feet were soaked through and muddy within minutes. I’m always preaching about assumptions, and there I was assuming that there would be a path



The historical Stonehenge structure in Wiltshire, England. Photos provided.

up a volcano. Hindsight is always 20/20, but unfortunately, I wear glasses.

There was no seat at the top, but the view was fit for a king. Maybe that’s how the top got its name. We could see the city, the ocean, fields, and a seemingly endless skyline. Not only did we feel a sense of perseverance, accomplishment, survival (somebody spelled R.I.P. in rocks on the bottom hills), and female empowerment, we found one of the most beautiful views we’ll get in our lives.

It almost seems like the rest of the weekend in Edinburgh (seeing Edinburgh castle, the Royal Botanic Gardens, and the National Museum of Scotland) was inconsequential because nothing could top climbing a volcano- except maybe climbing a bigger volcano and having it erupt and running to safety and surviving.

But, who knows? I haven’t been to Disneyland in Paris yet or the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, one of those could take home the cake.

Student Lifestyle

Life After Graduation

By Chris Carlson

With May 17 only a month away, the seniors of the class of 2016 are preparing to undertake new chapters in their lives.

Jackson Nguyen is a Criminal Justice major with a minor forensic in psychology. He wants to deal with social work, primarily working with families. When it comes to FDU's



Nguyen (left) and his fraternity little, Michael Lichardi.

Criminal Justice program, Nguyen remarks that it includes a lot of people who were ex-chiefs and police officers.

The job title he will have soon is human service specialist. Based out of Camden, he will be conducting interviews for families in need of welfare, Obamacare or food stamps.

Nguyen was able to come by this job through a friend of his mother, who works at the same welfare clinic.

Nguyen has a few favorite memories, but nothing could be better than when he became a brother of Sigma Pi International.

Nguyen will miss the diversity of the campus and the people he met here, whom he describes as “genuine.”

Jon O'Connor is a Civil Engineering Technologies major and a proud brother of Sigma Pi Fraternity International.

O'Connor was fortunate enough to receive a job through FDU. A professor approached him and asked if he was a Civil Engineering major. Upon answering yes, the professor informed O'Connor that a student failed to make an interview that the professor set up for her.

The professor asked O'Connor for his resume, which he provided. Not long after, he started receiving calls left and right. One in particular caught his interest.

Based out of the Central Jersey, Zach Industries offered him a path to be a Project Manner. While he has the job, he is waiting for the specific details.

“I decided to live here all four years,” O'Connor said. “I had some good times, I had some bad times. The people I met here, like my fraternity brothers, were probably the best part of the entire college experience. They made it worthwhile living on campus.”

O'Connor isn't going to miss FDU. He feels that it's time to move onto the next chapter of his life.

Olivia Scerbo is a Hospitality major, and has received a job from



Jon O'Connor takes a selfie.

a Country Club based on the internship she has had with them since her freshman year. She was able to secure this internship through FDU after networking with one of the alumni who worked there. Scerbo has enjoyed working there, as she started as a serv-



er and worked her way up the ladder.

Scerbo didn't see herself as a Math and English student, but rather an event planner. As she took more classes for her major, she realized that she could do so much more. She has a few ideas in mind, such as corporate travel planning.

Some of Scerbo's favorite FDU memories came from traveling with her program. She enjoyed the trips they would take across the U.S. and even to Europe where she visited Italy and Switzerland.

Scerbo is going to miss her professors and classes. She always found new things to learn, especially when it came to the use of technology within Hospitality.

“Make sure to go after every internship you get,” she said. “And make sure those internships are willing to offer the experiences that you want. Look out for network connections because that is also a good place for networking.”

Yara Montoya is a Psychology/Mental Health Track major with a minor in art. Her focus is mostly on child development/behavior. She has learned about the mind and how it works and how disorders affect it.

This sister of Alpha Epsilon Phi now has a job as a Hudson Coun-

ty Delinquency Prevention Program Coordinator. Montoya works with child delinquents who range from the ages of 10 to 17. She meets with them weekly, usually on Wednesdays. She picks up about 7 kids who have high rates of detention and suspension, and may have attended juvenile detention centers. Her job is to help them work on life skills which include teaching them how to take care of themselves in finances, communication, and how to be better human beings. She covers the topics of relationships where it doesn't have to be about intimacy, but can include how a child interacts with their parents or friends.

“I've had the pleasure of being a part of the Greek system at our school,” Montoya said. “I think it's amazing, and an experience that everyone should go through.” She wants people to feel that they've made a difference by being a part of different organizations (or clubs).” She wants to remember the small things whether it's from an unpopular professor or silly memory from the gym.

Montoya said she's going to miss the small campus of FDU, where she's able to recognize everyone's faces.



Montoya (left) and her sorority sister, Victoria Chapman.

All photos provided.

Young Democrats Club

By Maya Page

With the upcoming presidential election right around the corner, a newcomer to campus believes it's important for millennials to be educated about the political world.

Freshman Arielle Mach has used her passion for politics to start a new club at FDU, the Young Democrats Club. Mach was surprised to hear that there was no Democratic club already on campus and she was determined to change that.

The first meeting is being held within weeks, and it is her goal to spread the word and bring in as many members as possible. In six weeks

alone she has created an executive board and has about 20 promising club members.

The club's mission is to get people thinking about what is going on in the political world and to inform our generation about the importance of our vote. When asking people around campus if they knew what was going on in the election, more than half of them didn't seem to know, or simply did not care.

“Now that our adult lives have started, things that never mattered to us before matter to us now, like paying taxes and gay marriage,” Mach said. “These things are happening to us now, not just on TV.”

Students can expect voter reg-

istration events, debate viewings, guest speakers, and much more from the new club. The most important thing to Mach is educating the youth in a way that is fun and exciting.

She hopes that members come forth with ideas and visions of their own for things they want to see or do. The club will talk about voting for the upcoming election, and have discussions on what it means to be a liberal, to inform the public on political issues, and hopefully in the future have debates with the Young Republicans club.

Arielle Mach, President, can be contacted at amach@student.fdu.edu for any questions.

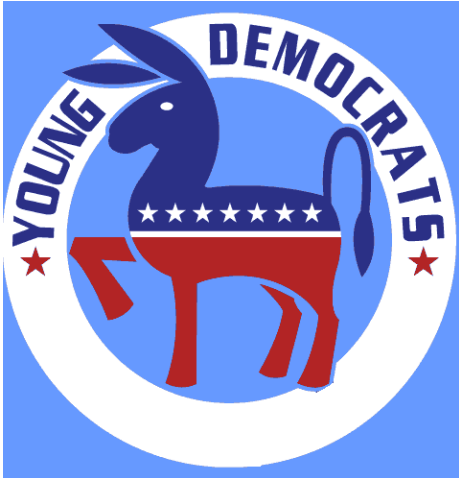


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Kathy Stein Smith, Associate University Librarian, Giovatto Library

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Celebration of FDU Authors and Artists
Celebrate and be celebrated!
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Speakers, Presentations, and More!
Tuesday, April 12th @ 2 PM
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April 10th – 16th
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Getting to Know the Library Databases – Monday, April 4th @ 10 AM – Pat; Tuesday, April 5th @ 6 PM – Dirk; Wednesday, April 6th @ 7 PM – Paul; Thursday, April 7th @ 8 PM – Michael; April 11th @ 9 PM -- Sian

Giovatto Library Student Advisory Board – Monday, April 4th @ 1 PM – Ruth Schwartz Reading Room
Italian Language Table – Thursday, April 7th @ 1 PM – Library Café – Paul

During National Library Week --
Library Amnesty Week – April 10th – 16th for **National Library Week**
Breakfast @ the Library -- Monday, April 11th @ 8:30 – 11 AM – Reference/Circulation Desk
Readers Circle Book Club – 1 PM – Ruth Schwartz Reading Room

Celebration of FDU Authors and Artists – Tuesday, April 12th @ 2 PM – Reference Reading Room

FDU Faculty Author Professor Jeanette Adams – Wednesday, April 13th @ 11:15 AM – Sammartino Room
Musical Afternoons – Wednesday, April 13th @ 3:30 PM – Giovatto Library Theatre & Auditorium – Paul
International Game Night – Wednesday, April 13th @ 6:30 – 10 PM – Ruth Schwartz Reading Room
Library Scavenger Hunt – Sponsored by the Metropolitan Campus Faculty Library Committee – Thursday, April 14th @ 9 AM – 4 PM

French Language Table – Thursday, April 14th @ 1 PM – Library Café – Kathy

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 - *Stretch: How to Future-Proof Yourself for Tomorrow’s Workplace*
 - *Understanding Jihad*

- New DVDs This Week**
- *Concussion*
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- 3/25/16 – Roommate dispute in University Court 9
- 3/25/16 – Roommate dispute in University Court 7
- 3/25/16 – Student reported loss of ID card being used by another student
- 3/25/16 – Report of fight in Linden lot which started off campus
- 3/27/16 – Student reported inappropriate comments being made by another student

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Sports

Knights Try to Find A Rhythm

By Jeremy Gaitan

(TEANECK) - Wednesday, April 6 was the start of a long week for the FDU Baseball team. Coming off a tough series against the Sacred Heart Pioneers, the Knights took on the Siena Saints and then the Bryant Bulldogs in a weekend series at the Naimoli Family Baseball Complex.

Their first game started off with the Saints cracking the bats to take an early advantage. They scored a total of six runs off senior pitcher John Chalupa and freshman reliever PJ Weeks, leaving the Knights down 6-1 after five innings.

The Knights came out in the sixth inning ready to take the game back. Two runs in the bottom of the inning followed by a homerun in the seventh from sophomore Jason Fatzinger brought the Knights within one. In the bottom of the eighth, senior Dylan Sprague crushed the ball over the centerfield wall to tie the game.

“I was taking too many pitch-

es,” Sprague said. “I thought to myself, ‘the next fastball I see, I’m going to hit for a homerun.’”

The Knights finally took the lead with an RBI single to the leftfield from senior Patrick McClure. With an additional three more runs, the Knights were able to kept the Saints at bay and win the comeback, 10-6.

“I saw two different teams today,” head coach Gary Puccio said. “We didn’t play well to start the game off, but we came back and I’m happy about it.”

Their next series against the Bryant Bulldogs, on April 8, 9 and 10, was a bit more demanding on the Knights. The Bulldogs got an early start in game one and never let the Knights catch up, taking the game 6-2.

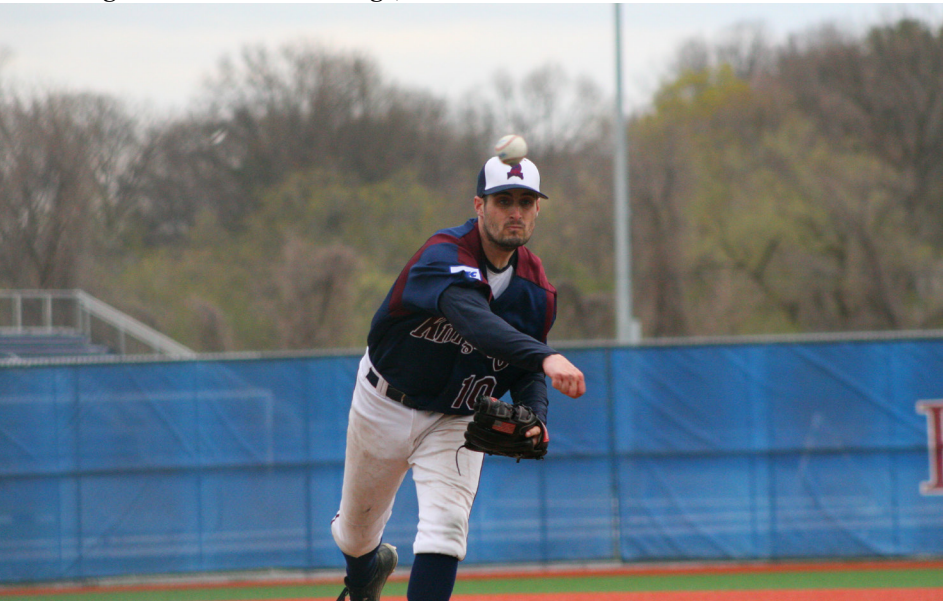
The Knights started game two with an early lead in the first three innings on a single from McClure and a homerun from Sprague. Eight more runs from the Knights lineup put them up 10-0, while freshman pitcher Chris Kachmar kept the Bulldogs silent in his six innings of work. The Bulldogs were

able to get on board in the bottom of the seventh, but the Knights won the game, 10-3.

Game three started with a 2-2 tie in the first inning. Then, with the Bulldogs up by five in the bottom of the sixth, Sprague smashed a grand slam over the wall to bring the Knights within one. But even with a two RBI double from senior Joel Roman, the Knights couldn’t get ahead of the Bulldogs, who

sealed their victory in the ninth, 11-9.

In the final game of the series, the Bulldogs took complete advantage of the Knights, scoring 19 total runs. The lone run from the Knights came in the bottom of the fourth from catcher Evan McDonald, who scored on a sac fly from Fatzinger, but it wasn’t enough. The Bulldogs crushed the Knights, 19-1.



FDU pitcher John Chalupa pitches against Siena. Photo Credit: Dustin Niles

SCORE BOX

Baseball

4/6/16	vs. Siena	W	10-6
4/8/16	vs. Bryant	L	2-6
4/9/16	vs. Bryant	W	10-3
4/10/16	vs. Bryant	L	1-19

Softball

4/2/16	vs. Mount St. Mary's	W	6-5
4/2/16	vs. Mount St. Mary's	W	2-1

Men's Tennis

4/6/16	vs. Wagner	W	6-1
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Student Profile: Jessi Reinhardt

By Rebecca Fischer

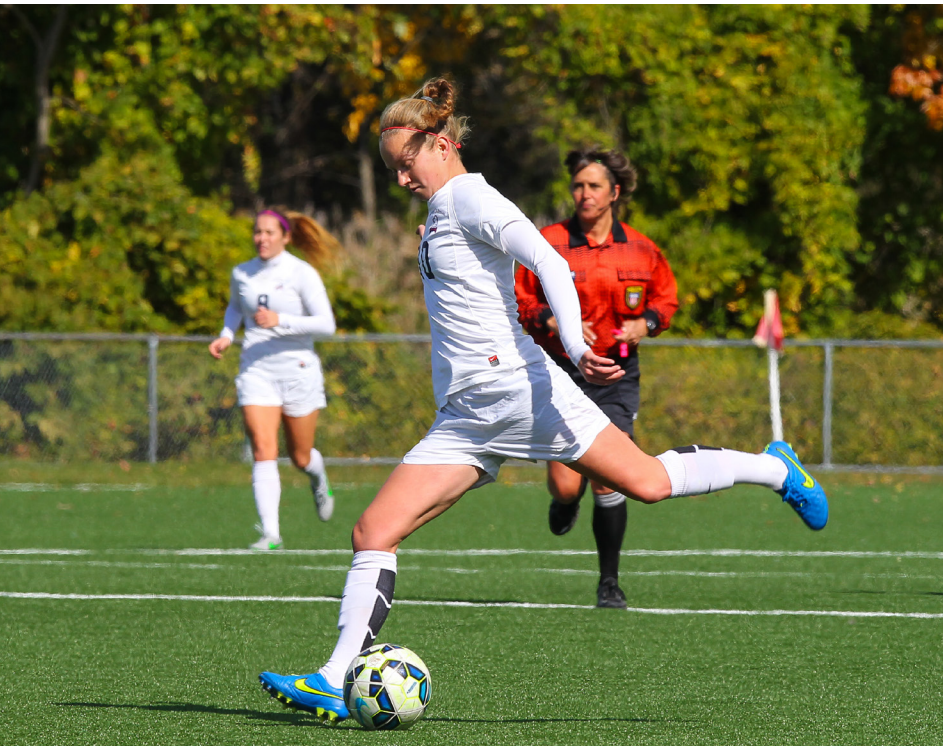
The FDU women’s soccer team has big dreams. After winning the 2015 Northeast Conference Championship and losing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, any one of the returning players will tell you they are eager to get back into that tournament for another chance to play amongst the best teams in the nation.

Freshman Jessi Reinhardt has come a long way to play for those dreams. The Germany native, who has been playing soccer since she was five years old, came to FDU to experience a different opportunity than the ones available to her at home.

“I liked my team [in Frankfurt] a lot, but I wanted to see something else,” Reinhardt said. “I love New York, so the decision to transfer to a school close to the city, and with a good soccer team, was not too difficult.”

Reinhardt’s club team in Germany has won several cups, including the Champions’ League last year and she has previously trained with the youth national team, but one of her biggest accomplishments as a soccer player so far was winning the NEC Championship in the fall.

“It was really important for the



Reinhardt and teammate Elma Kolenovic lead the NEC freshmen in scoring at 14 points.

Photo Credit: Larry Levanti

girls at this school who have spent a lot of time here,” she said. The team, including Reinhardt, has worked hard for their success through countless skill practices, intensive strength and conditioning, and infinite hours spent together.

Reinhardt has only been on the team for one season, but she has

certainly made a difference. Just before winning the NEC Championship, she was named Rookie of the Year, an award given to her by the NEC. She scored five goals, collected 14 points, added four assists, and had three game-winners in her freshman season.

The last FDU women’s soccer player to be given this title was current

senior Rachel Hoesktra.

“What made me play better was knowing my teammates and coaches had faith in me,” she said. “I am really appreciative of this award.” But, for Reinhardt, it’s not all about the individual accolades.

“Soccer is a team sport and I chose to play it because I like to achieve goals as a group,” she said. “You can only win as a team. It doesn’t matter if you’re just good as an individual.”

With that mindset, Reinhardt’s ultimate goal is to play professional soccer in the United States or in other countries. In the meantime, she is focusing on appreciating the little things in life.

Her favorite hobbies outside of soccer include spending time with her dog, snowboarding, playing tennis, traveling, and hanging out with friends.

Now in the offseason and almost finished with her first year of college, Reinhardt has some advice for incoming freshmen.

“College is an experience you shouldn’t miss out on,” she said. “And if you have the opportunity to be a student-athlete, take it and make the best out of it. It’s so much fun with the team and you’ll make many good friends.”



A huge thank you from your FDU KNIGHTS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM to all of the students, faculty, administration and staff that supported us to the 2016 NEC Championship and the NCAA Tournament. We could never have done it without you and we look forward to doing it all over again next year!

Thanks again! GO KNIGHTS

Thank You and Congratulations to the FDU Men's Basketball Team!

-The Equinox

By Rebecca Fischer

(TEANECK) – *The Equinox* would like to thank the FDU Men's Basketball team for allowing us to be a part of their historical season finish.

Equinox Photo Editor, Dustin Niles, and News Editor, Elizabeth White attended the Northeast Conference Championship game and were given floor access at the First Four game in Dayton, OH.

"It was a once in a lifetime experience to be able to see a March

Madness game from the floor," Niles said. "Even though the team didn't win, it was still a great atmosphere to be in."

The success of the basketball team directly correlated with the success of *The Equinox*. With front page photos from Niles and game winning stories in the Sports section, the whole campus was able to bask in the glory of the basketball team's accomplishments together.

"We're thankful for the opportunity the school gave us to be a part of the March Madness experience," Niles said.



Elizabeth White (center) and other spectators enjoy the action of the game.

The view from Dustin Niles' spot on the floor.
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