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Anderson Cooper at the Mayo Performing Arts Center

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“I had never really asked for advice from my mom growing up, because she wasn’t really parental in that way,” Cooper said. “The only time as a kid that I could remember asking my mom for advice was when I was going for my first job interview when I was in high school. She literally thought about it for two days and she finally came back and said ‘wear vertical stripes because they’re slimming.’”

Cooper also relayed some actual advice his mother had given him, which was to follow your bliss. He explained that even this seemingly genuine advice she had stolen from Joseph Campbell.

“The most important life advice that she ever gave me she copied from television,” Cooper said.

Cooper also talked briefly about the death of his father when he was 10 years old, and his brother committing suicide when he was in his 20’s.

“What I think motivated me in those early years was to seek out conflict and report on suffering of people because in my own way I was suffering,” Cooper said. “I wasn’t sure how I would survive.”

Cooper left high school early in his senior year to go to Africa for five months.

“Africa really opened my eyes and quickened my pulse,” Cooper said. “That trip made me realize that I wanted travel to be a big part of my future life.”

Like many young adults, Cooper did not know what he wanted to do with his life once he graduated from Yale. He was interested in news and television, particularly the experiences of Vietnam War correspondents.

Cooper explained that he applied for entry level jobs at major news corporations to no avail. He finally got a job as a fact checker for a 12-minute daily news cast that was broadcast in about half of

the middle schools and high schools in the country. This was the foot in the door that Cooper needed.

“After about six months I realized what I really wanted to do was be out in the field, but no one would give me a chance,” Cooper said. “I figured if no one was really going to give me a chance, I was going to have to take a chance.”

Armed with a fake press pass and borrowed video camera, Cooper traveled to southeast Asia, where he crossed illegally into Burma and met some students who were fighting the Burmese government. It was his first conflict zone.

“It was in that moment that I realized that this may be something I can do,” Cooper said.

A hush grew over the audience as Cooper talked about instances of horror and grief from his travels that had stuck with him.

“Over the years I’ve seen more horror and hate than I can remember,” Cooper said. “But I’ve also found myself constantly surprised when I find that, in the far reaches of our planet, the truths that are revealed in the dwindling light of day, when everything else is stripped away. In war and disasters you expect to find darkness, but you also find light.”

Cooper talked of his internal struggle of wanting to help these people, but being unable to.

“I knew I couldn’t stop the starvation, knew I couldn’t save people’s lives, but I did try to bear witness to their struggles to tell their story,” Cooper said.

Cooper was asked about the treatment of the media by the Trump administration and how he feels about it as a journalist on CNN, dubbed the “Clinton News Network” by some Republicans.

“As somebody who considers themselves patriotic, who for 25 years has put themselves in harm’s way to tell people’s stories, to be referred to in general as the enemy of the people is personally hurtful, it’s upsetting and it’s obviously false,” Cooper said.

But he knows Trump’s strategy and why the current administration is attacking the media.

“It’s about riling up and appealing to the base,” he said. “It’s about appealing to other people, and there’s a strategy behind it.”

Cooper offered some advice to those pursuing journalism and reporting truth in a turbulent time of fake news and unreliable media.

“I think the key is just don’t complain about it, don’t whine about it, put your head down and just move forward and do journalism,” Cooper said.

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New Jersey Steps Up for Hurricane Victims



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National Guardsmen load water onto a helicopter.

By **MARK LINDSLEY**
Staff Writer

With nearly 200 deaths, more than 2 million people without power and tens of thousands left without homes in Texas and Florida, the rest of America is coming together to help after recent hurricanes. The relief efforts in Texas have been going strong throughout the past few weeks, and the most recent

damage done by Hurricane Irma in Florida has only led to a strengthening of those efforts. Just last week, Congress passed a \$15 billion disaster relief package, and those funds have already been allocated, according to The Washington Post. While the government does its part, there are thousands of individuals and groups that are donating time, money and items to try

and help the people affected by the hurricanes get back on their feet. One of the highlights is Houston Texan player J.J. Watt, who raised more than \$34 million in donations on the website youcaring.com. The “Hand in Hand” telethon on Sept. 12 raised more than \$44 million, according to ABC News. Celebrities, including Oprah Winfrey, Jimmy Fallon and Beyoncé participated in the

event, and spoke of coming together in hard times. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie authorized another 26 members of the New Jersey National Guard to be deployed to Florida to join the 19,000 members of the Army and National Guard who are assisting with Hurricane Irma relief efforts, according to the state of New Jersey’s website. Christie is also trying to pass a bill for the state to help fund the relief

efforts for both hurricanes, despite the fact that Texas congressmen voted against a Hurricane Sandy relief bill back in 2012. There are numerous groups throughout the state that are following the governor’s lead and are gathering supplies and money to help the victims of these natural disasters. People who would like to help and attend or work at FDU or live locally can bring food, water and baby products to the Student Union Building’s information desk from Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through the end of the month. Those who would like to donate money to the Red Cross can do so by going to redcross.org and paying through a credit or debit card or through PayPal. Money can also be donated to the Red Cross by texting “Harvey” or “Irma” to 90999, which will result in a \$10 donation per text and will be added to your phone bill.

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Student Engineer Seeks to Grow Green Grass Chairs

By **ARMAND BUTERA**
Senior Reporter

Senior engineering major Moises Koodsi is so active on campus that he rarely has time to sit down and relax, but he’s working on a project that lets students do just that.

“Green Grass Chairs” is the engineering department’s newest idea, one that combines biodegradable materials and soil to build chairs on campus that are comfortable and environmentally friendly.

Although Koodsi already has fellow engineering students on board for the project, he is eager to recruit students of all majors and interests.

“The point of this project

is to get different people involved,” Koodsi said, “to get engineers and non-engineers working on a project that doesn’t require too much engineering skill.”

The Green Grass Chairs project is all-inclusive. Students would not only be building the actual chair, but will be learning the business side of engineering as well.

The chairs are intended for the hill that sits to the right of the S-CAPS building, and if the project is approved, students will have to negotiate where the chairs will be placed on that plot of land.

The chair-building process may seem intimidating, but Koodsi said that it is basic and engaging



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Grass chairs provide a place to sit while being environmentally friendly.

‘If we do something small, no matter how small, it helps. I know everyone knows the term ‘that’s the straw that broke the camel’s back,’ but a straw can make a difference, so something as easy as recycling can really help.’

enough to encourage all students to try their hand at creating a Green Grass Chair.

The process involves cross sectioning, a technique that will provide the chairs with a basic grid design. Students will then have to simply fill the pockets in the skeleton of the chair with dirt and grass seeds.

Koodsi is hoping to get the project approved before the fall semester ends. By planting the chairs in the



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Engineering major Moises Koodsi is working on a project called “Green Grass Chairs,” which would create seats made out of natural materials on campus.

coming months, the seeds will sprout early into the spring semester.

It is a very hands-on process, and with this project students can learn the benefits of a little elbow grease.

“We don’t want to use any machinery that would rely on fossil fuels or any other substances that can hurt the environment,” Koodsi said.

The material for the cardboard skeletons of the chair is another environmentally friendly aspect of the project. The university, which uses large quantities of cardboard and paper on a daily basis, can choose to donate them to the cause. Recycling this material into the chairs not only helps the students, but the university as well, Koodsi said.


“Those materials can easily be used,” he said. “Instead of throwing all of it in a garbage can, or somewhere where it will simply get mixed

in with plastics, we can use it for the grass chairs project.”

The Green Grass Chairs would not only be another place for students to congregate, but it would also highlight the university’s green thumb. But Koodsi has loftier goals for the project.

The engineering major mentioned recent hurricanes and other natural disasters that have been occurring around the world. Acknowledging the decades of abuse the planet has taken from human pollution, Koodsi believes that every attempt to be more environmentally friendly can help in showing others just how important it is to give back to the planet.

“If we do something small, no matter how small, it helps,” Koodsi said. “I know everyone knows the term ‘that’s the straw that broke the camel’s back,’ but a straw can make a difference, so something as easy as recycling can really help.”



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U.S. News Rankings Should Motivate Change and Celebration

By **DUSTIN NILES**
Layout & Design Editor

There’s a certain division of the human population that believes that millennials have problems achieving because they were given participation trophies. The boundary between winners and losers

hold themselves to drop? It’s impossible to say that none of these things will happen. In fact, they’re even likely, especially when taken out of the context of a children’s soccer game. That’s why it was uncomfortable to read the subtitle of FDU’s news article

rankings, they tell a vastly different story. FDU is ranked 64th (tie) for Regional Universities - North out of 196 schools. U.S. News says, “National Universities offer a full range of undergraduate majors, plus master’s and doctoral programs, and emphasize



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FDU places 64th out of 196 on U.S. News & World Report’s 2018 rankings for Regional Universities in the North.

U.S. News rankings

FDU named as a top ranked regional university, a top college for veterans, and a best value school!

A screenshot from FDU’s homepage, which shows the U.S. news rankings story as its top news article.

were cut like a celebratory ribbon and suddenly everyone got a trophy. Even if you were last, you won. Where is the drive to get better if you always get a trophy? Do the spoils of true victory get lost when everyone is enjoying them? Do the standards that people

currently parked on its home page. “FDU named as a top ranked regional university, a top college for veterans, and a best value school!” the news blurb says. But when you click the link above to view the U.S. News & World Report

faculty research. National Liberal Arts Colleges focus almost exclusively on undergraduate education. They award at least 50 percent of their degrees in the arts and sciences.” This category does not include larger national universities, including schools like Columbia, Dartmouth, Princeton, Harvard, NYU, Boston College and Rutgers - New Brunswick. “Regional Universities offer a broad scope of undergraduate degrees and some master’s degree programs but few, if any, doctoral programs,” it continues. “Regional Colleges focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines; this category also includes schools that have small bachelor’s degree programs but primarily grant two-year associate degrees.” This is the category FDU falls in. The “north” part of Regional Universities - North means that only schools northeast of and including Maryland are on the list. Local schools like TCNJ (#4), Quinnipiac (#13), Manhattan College (#15), Monmouth (#28), Rider (#34) and Ramapo (#37) were all ranked higher than FDU on the same list. FDU is ranked 36th (tie) for the Best Colleges for Veterans on a list of 50 North

Regional Universities and 22nd for Best Value Schools on a list of 84 North Regional Universities according to U.S. News. There’s no problem with these rankings. They’re a great achievement for FDU and we should be proud of the effort put forward by this institution to provide an educational college experience for its students. But we reached this point as a university through frank and honest conversations throughout the years about how this university could better serve its students. And there’s a problem with resting on our laurels. While FDU has achieved a tremendous amount of progress in serving its students, it also has a tremendous way to go - and it shows in the rankings. Placing 64th out of 196 smaller regional universities does not constitute “top.” A top ten ranking or top 25 ranking, perhaps. But a ranking of 64th is low enough to beg the question: when

do we stop calling ourselves “top”? When does the ranking constitute a need to improve? It’s also true that college rankings don’t necessarily mean anything. It’s all a panel’s opinion. But the U.S. News rankings are used by many prospective students as a tool to decide what university to go to. And if FDU trusts them enough to advertise them on their front page, then they must be legitimate in the eyes of our administration. 64th is not “top.” But that doesn’t mean it’s bad. It’s a chance for us to look inside our institution and attack with a renewed focus the issues that might prevent us from better serving our students and perhaps prevent us from a higher ranking. We shouldn’t be looking to improve our school just to earn a higher rating. We should improve our school because we know that we can and because, in order to be proud of FDU, we need to be active in making it the best school it can be.



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The Rohingya's Plight is Universal

By **EMILY WEIKL**
Staff Writer

Practically for all of their existence, humans have turned against one another. The reasons for conflict are plentiful. A major one is one group of people designating another group as the enemy or the other. That group is then targeted and attacked relentlessly by the former by whatever means they deem necessary. This has happened with the Jews in Germany, the Armenians in what is now Turkey and the Tutsis' in Rwanda.

It is now happening to the Rohingyas who are attempting to leave Myanmar.

"The Rohingya are an ethnic mostly Muslim minority group living in Rakhine state on the western coast of Myanmar," according to PBS. "The government says they are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and does not recognize them as one of the country's 135 ethnic groups."

In 1982, a law was passed that barred them from gaining citizenship. The Rohingya are also held to a curfew and subjected to a large security presence in villages. They are held back to a great degree, which makes whoever's persecuting them easier, according to PBS.

"Since 2012, incidents of religious intolerance and incitement to hatred by extremist and ultra-nationalist Buddhist groups have increased across the country," the United Nations reported in 2016. "The Rohingya and other Muslims are often portrayed as a 'threat to race and religion.' Against this backdrop, tensions have occasionally erupted into violence."

The exodus this year is the result of a recent eruption. Rohingya militants attacked

police posts on Aug. 25, which in turn led to Rohingya houses being burned by the ruling government. At least 400 people have died as a result, according to NBC. Thousands of Rohingyas have left the country by boat, or going into neighboring countries like Bangladesh. Those who have gone into that country are already weak by the time they have gotten there, and space is scarce in refugee camps in the area, according to NBC.

Myanmar's leadership,

results could be devastating. The United States Holocaust Museum reported to the Washington Post that this intense persecution can turn into genocide. That was two years ago, and the situation is still destructive as ever.

Pressure and/or intervention in this potent situation are difficult to come by.

The Atlantic reported that "The U.S., pleased by the junta's opening up, has mostly stayed out of it. The international community

coming to the U.S in the 18th century. In the 19th century. In the 20th century. In this century.

The U.S is a country of immigrants, and it has been ever since those who first faced Native Americans landed on its shores. Everyone in this country, besides the descendants of those Native Americans, is related to an immigrant in some way. But the residents of this country have not always been kind to those who seek refuge. Most recently, the Deferred

Act of 2001 that has not gotten through Congress. DACA was a compromise on the DREAM Act. The original legislation would have allowed a chance for permanent legal residency for undocumented children. Now, it is unknown what the replacement will be.

Of course, there should be concerns on letting in immigrants who mean to do harm. But what about the ones who did not choose to come here, and who see here as the only home they know?

DACA recipients have something in common with the Rohingyas. The Japanese who were interred after Pearl Harbor have something in common with the Rohingyas.



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A Rohingya refugee walks through the Kutapalang refugee camp with their child in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh on July 8.

The Rohingyas are a people whose country does not want them and who look to find another home at the risk of losing all that they own.

which is a military junta, will prevent the Rohingyas from leaving.

"The government insists that most of the migrants do not belong in Myanmar, referring to them as Bengalis, and says it has no plans to alter policies that strip them of basic rights and confine more than 140,000 to a crowded, squalid government camp here," The New York Times reported in 2015.

If what is happening in Myanmar continues, the

seems more concerned for the moment about the refugees in boats than the ones suffering on shore, a situation that has resulted in today's can't-leave-and-can't-stay dilemma."

The Rohingyas are weathering a great storm. They are a people whose country does not want them and who look to find another home at the risk of losing all that they own. If this sounds familiar, it is. This was the dilemma of immigrants

Action for Childhood Arrivals program has been put into a six-month limbo.

DACA was created in 2012 to allow the undocumented children of migrants to stay in the U.S provided they have no serious criminal histories, and were younger than 16 years old and came in the country before 2007, according to NBC.

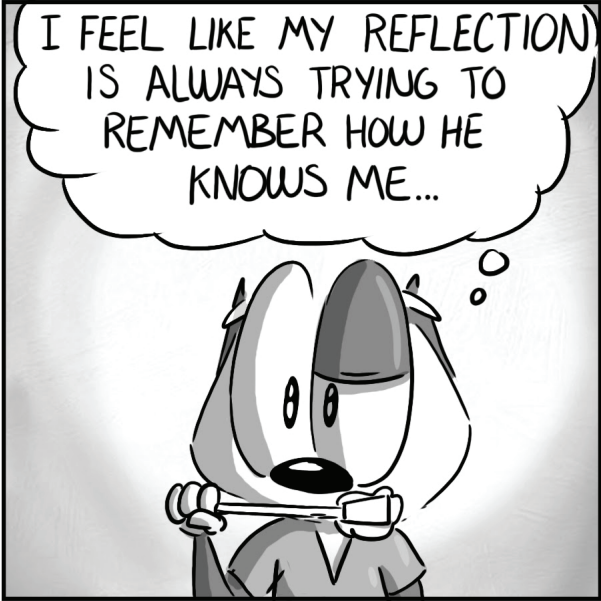
They are called 'Dreamers' because of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors

The Irish have something in common with the Rohingyas. The same goes with just about every other immigrant to this country.

They wanted better for their families, their homeland became too dangerous and or unwelcoming, or perhaps both. The Rohingya's plight fits into the second reason almost as easily as a puzzle piece into a jigsaw puzzle.

Theirs is a global struggle. A universal one. We as a country should understand what they are going through, because many of our ancestors have been through the same.

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Trump’s Hypocritical Stance on DACA

By **ADMIR DURAKOVIK**
Staff Writer

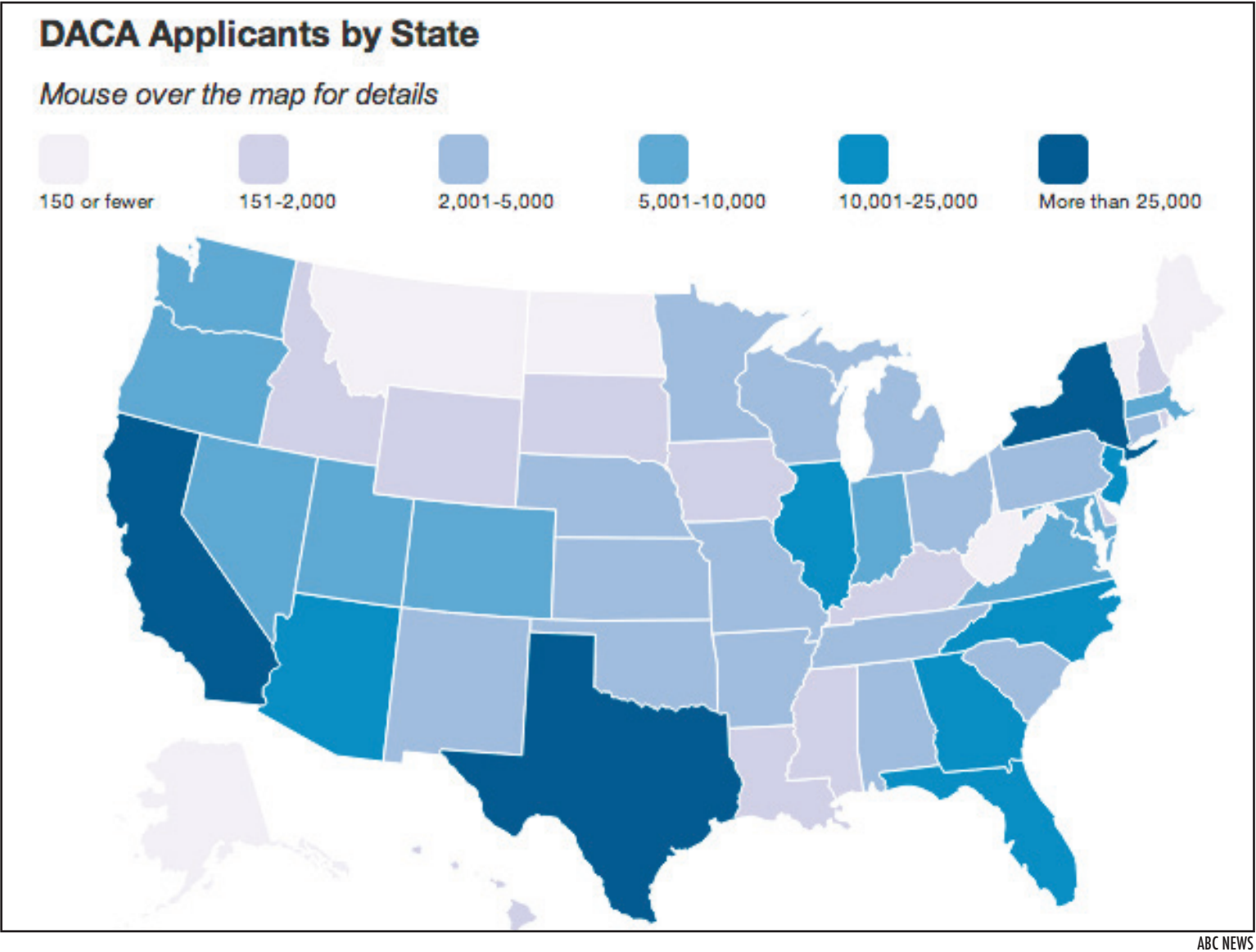
The highly scrutinized Trump administration did itself no favors when on Sept. 5, Attorney General Jeff Sessions held a press conference to announce that the Differed Action for Childhood Arrivals program would be rescinded. The Obama-era program (DACA), effectuated in 2012, protected its recipients, or “dreamers,” from deportation and provided them with a renewable two-year work permit.

Now any recipients of DACA are ineligible for Medicaid, Welfare, Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Housing Choice Voucher program (section 8), the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However they are still required to pay taxes that support these systems.

When the Stamp Act of 1765 was passed by the British Parliament, the colonists responded famously by saying “No taxation without representation.” That was the spark to the tension between the British Parliament and the colonies which led to the Revolutionary War and to the formation of the United States of America.

The very foundation on which our country was founded on is under attack with the removal of the DACA program.

Stripping people who have known the United States to be their only home of their rights goes against what our founding fathers and military fought for and still fight for today. President Trump was quick to bring up President George Washington and Thomas Jefferson during a press conference on



New Jersey has more than 10,000 DACA applicants, according to the chart.

Aug. 15, defending his initial statement on the Charlottesville protests. Trump continuously remarked how the founding fathers were slave owners in defense of the White supremacists who were protesting the removal of the Robert E. Lee statue. Its clear he only remembers our founding fathers and what they did when its convenient to him.

Rescinding DACA would not only be a poor move in light of our nation’s history, its a poor move financially as well. A recent study “estimated that terminating DACA...would cost the federal government \$60 billion, and would reduce economic growth by \$280 billion dollars in the next ten years,” according to CNN.

Those aren’t the only statistics that go against the Trump’s administration’s decision to rescind DACA. A recent national Politico poll showed a clear majority of 76 percent of americans believe “Dreamers should be allowed to stay.” With a majority of the country in favor of DACA and the tremendous financial implications, it raises the question as to why Trump would go after Dreamers.

Trump had promised during his presidential campaign that he would end DACA and deport its recipients, and in doing so he has backed himself into a corner with no clear path out.

During an interview with NBC’s Chuck Todd in 2015, Trump was talking about Dreamers saying “they have to go.” When Todd asked

Trump how he plans on deporting Dreamers, Trump responded by saying “Chuck it will work out so well, you will be so happy, in four years you’re gonna be interviewing me and you’re gonna say, what a great job you’ve done President Trump.” Only an hour before Sessions announced the end of DACA, “administration officials privately expressed concern that Mr. Trump might not fully grasp the details of the steps he was about to take,” according to the New York Times. Trump has once again acted without properly assessing the situation and is facing more criticism.

Trump himself doesn’t seem to know what he wants. On Sept. 14 Trump tweeted “Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military? Really!.....” following it up with, “..They have been in our country for many years through no fault of their own - brought in by parents at young age. Plus BIG border security.”


If Trump really believes Dreamers should be allowed to stay, he is definitely struggling to provide them

any comfort.

His recent tweets of support for Dreamers are extremely similar to a tweet he made supporting LGBT rights during his campaign where he tweeted “I will fight for you while Hillary brings in more people that will threaten your freedoms and beliefs.”

If he really felt Dreamers should rightfully stay he would’ve never tried to rescind DACA then hand the problem he created over to congress to fix. Trump is trying to fulfill illogical promises he made to his supporters during his campaign, and trying to save his image after another poor decision.

Congress has failed to pass immigration reform for over a decade making it seem unlikely they will find a solution for DACA in six months. When Trump does revisit the DACA issue he will have to choose between innocent American lives or satisfying an illogical promise he made to his base during his campaign.



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Local Fall Festivities

By **MOLLY HOLT**
Staff Writer

Summer is coming to an end, and pumpkin spice flavored everything is beginning to appear again. It's time to break out the flannels and break into your favorite fall activities! If you're a freshman who is new to the area or a senior who thinks you have done all there is to do around here for the season, here are nine fun fall festivities you can try out this season.

1. Visit Demarest Farms
Enjoy some classic fall fun by spending an afternoon at Demarest Farms in Hillsdale picking some apples and pumpkins. Nothing says fall like making some homemade apple pie or carving pumpkins for Halloween. While you're there, be sure to pick up some homemade apple cider donuts from the farm store. They are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and 3 to 4:30 p.m. during the week.



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Demarest Farms in Hillsdale offers pumpkin picking and other fall activities through the season.

2. Go to Fright Fest at Six Flags Great Adventure
Looking for something a little more spooky to kick off the fall festivities? Then Fright Fest at Six Flags may be right up your alley. Beware the zombies and ghouls that lurk around every corner as you experience haunted houses, walk through scare zones, watch frightening performances and scream on rollercoaster rides. Fright Fest is runs from Sept. 23 until Oct. 31. at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson.

3. Visit the New York Botanical Gardens
Take a trip into the city and visit the beautiful New York Botanical Gardens. Although this is a lovely sight at any time of year, the autumn display is the perfect scene to appreciate the naturalistic beauty of fall. Looking for a unique fall Instagram photo-op? Check out the Giant Pumpkin Weekend Oct. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and

get a picture with some of the biggest pumpkins from around the country.

4. Catch a Scary Flick
In the mood for a scare? Head down to Teaneck Cinemas and catch a horror movie that will send chills down your spine. There are some new movies set to hit theaters this fall that just may give you that scare you are looking for. If you are anxious to get in the creepy Halloween spirit early, you can catch the remake of "It," which is already in theaters. A little later in the season some long anticipated sequels will be premiering, including "Saw: Legacy," "Chuck 7" and "Insidious: Chapter 4."

5. Attend the Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns
If you're not looking to be scared this fall, but still want to appreciate the spirit of Halloween, then the Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns may be the perfect fall activity for you. You can see 1,000 illuminated Jack O'Lanterns carved by artists from the tri-state area. There are also 3-D pumpkin sculptures and live carving demonstrations to see the artists in action. This display will light up your fall night with fun.

6. Enter the Horseman's Hollow
Fall is the perfect time for haunting stories and legends. If you're feeling a bit adventurous, take a trip up to Philipsburg Manor to dive into the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Adventure into the Horseman's Hollow and follow haunted trails and mazes as you relive the chilling tale of the Headless Horseman. This haunting



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The Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze runs through November in the Hudson Valley.

experience is available for 15 nights in October and sells out quickly, so get your tickets soon.

7. Witness the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze
Join in the tradition of attending the 13th Annual Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze. This is a good "middle of the road" fall activity. It's a fun, creative display of hand carved Jack O'Lanterns located in the historic Hudson Valley. This gives it an eerie atmosphere without being too scary for those who don't think being spooked is a fun time. The displays are amazing in both size and creativity. This year's display includes a 20-foot rotating pumpkin carousel and a pumpkin sculpture of the Statue of Liberty. It is a tremendous, colorful sight that is perfect for an exciting fall night.

8. Treat Yourself to some Festive Sweets
One of the most exciting parts of fall is the delicious treats that start popping up as the season rolls around.

Of course, there are pumpkin spice lattes to satisfy your fall cravings, but if you are looking for something a little less mainstream, a local staple has the treat for you. Stop by Bischoff's Ice Cream on Cedar Lane in Teaneck, and try their pumpkin fudge ice cream. It is the perfect treat for the those fall sweet cravings.

9. Escape Room
Take on the exciting task of attempting to figure out an escape room. This is a fun activity for any time of the year, but it is a particularly cool activity to partake in as the Halloween season approaches. This is the perfect fall night out for anyone looking to stay local, as there is an escape room right in Hackensack. "The Other Side" is perfect for those looking for a scary, ghoulish experience. This room has two options: the horror option for those looking for a scare and the detective option for anyone just looking for a good mystery.

Recipe of the Week: Mug Mac and Cheese

By **CARLY EDELMAN**
Staff Writer

Inspired by Food Network

Ingredients:
1/3 cup pre-made pasta (or 1/3 cup uncooked pasta and 3/4 cups water)
5 tablespoons of cream (or 4 tablespoons of milk)
1 tablespoon flour (or other thickening agent)
5 tablespoons of the cheese of your choice (more or less depending on how cheesy you would like your dish.)

Steps:
1.) In a microwave friendly bowl/dish, add the uncooked pasta and water. Cook for 2.5-5 minutes (time varies based on microwave).
2.) Drain the water from the dish.
3.) Add the ingredients into your cooked pasta and stir thoroughly.
4.) Cook for 1 minute (if the consistency is too loose, pop it in for another 30 seconds).
5.) Stir and enjoy!

If you have premade pasta, skip steps one and two. You can also replace the noodles with plain cooked ramen.



FOOD NETWORK

New Bridge Landing - Home to Rich History

By **GALINA BELLO**
Staff Writer

New Bridge Landing is a historic site located five minutes from campus and has seen most of the Revolutionary War. It was also home to General Baron Von Steuben, as well as a temporary residence for General Washington and Alexander Hamilton in 1780. Now, it is the headquarters of the Bergen County Historical Society.

The Bergen County Historical Society is a non-profit organization that relies

solely on donations to fund it. For anyone interested in American history, or specifically the Revolutionary War, a BCHS membership may be something to consider.

In the summer of 1776, the 2nd Continental Congress in Philadelphia declared independence from Great Britain following violence that had broken out in Boston. The war kicked off and gradually made its way from north to south in the American Colonies.

That September, New York City fell to the British.

The Continental Army was not in good shape. They were given the choice to continue to retreat southwards or remain where they were and become British subjects.

The British army, led by General Cornwallis, sent troops along with a group of Hessian soldiers to invade and capture Fort Washington, New York in November. They then sought to capture Fort Lee across the Hudson River. This left the Americans stationed at Fort Lee no choice but to retreat further into New Jersey.

Thomas Paine, author of “Common Sense,” mentioned this span of miserable retreats specifically in his pamphlet “The American Crisis,” and wrote that “these are the times that try men’s souls.”

The Bergen County Historical Society hosts events year-round such as historical interpretation lectures, tours of the New Bridge grounds, vintage baseball games, wreath laying ceremonies and ground clean-ups. They recently held a ceremony for 22 Bergen County residents who were naturalized as U.S. citizens.

Volunteers on a tour of the grounds provide insight on everyday life during various time periods, and present many curious items such as old coins, cookie molds and a bacon settling seat. They even have tea bricks similar to those discarded in the Boston Tea Party and a frying pan with George Washington on it.



BERGEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bergen County Historical Society is currently raising funds to open a museum to house its artifacts. On Saturday, Sept. 30, Baronfest, a celebration of Major-General Baron von Steuben at his Jersey Estate, will be held. There will be a cannon firing, live demonstrations, German Fare Food, free pumpkin picking and tours of the grounds from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Historic New Bridge Landing, 1201 Main St. in River Edge.

For more events and information visit BergenCountyHistory.org.

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BERGEN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Movie Times: Teaneck Cinemas

Showtimes shown are courtesy of Teaneck Cinemas and are valid Friday, Sept. 22 - Thursday, Sept. 28

(Showtimes in parentheses are matinees)

Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R)
Fri & Sat: (1:00), (4:00), 7:00, 9:50
Sun - Thu: (1:30), (4:30), 7:30

The LEGO Ninjago Movie (PG)
Fri & Sat: (12:15), (2:30), (4:45), 7:30, 9:45
Sun: (12:15), (2:30), (4:45), 7:15
Mon - Thu: (2:15), (4:45), 7:15

Home Again (PG-13)
Fri & Sat: (3:15), 10:10
Sun: (3:15), (5:20)
Mon - Wed: (1:30), 6:00
Thu: (1:15), 5:40

It (R)
Fri & Sat: (1:30), (4:30), 7:10, 10:00
Sun - Thu: (2:00), (5:00), 8:00

Leap! (Ballerina) (PG)
Fri - Sun: (1:15 PM)

Wind River (R)
Fri & Sat: (5:20), 7:45
Sun: 7:45 PM
Mon - Wed: (3:40), 8:10
Thu: (3:20 PM)

Battle of the Sexes (PG-13)
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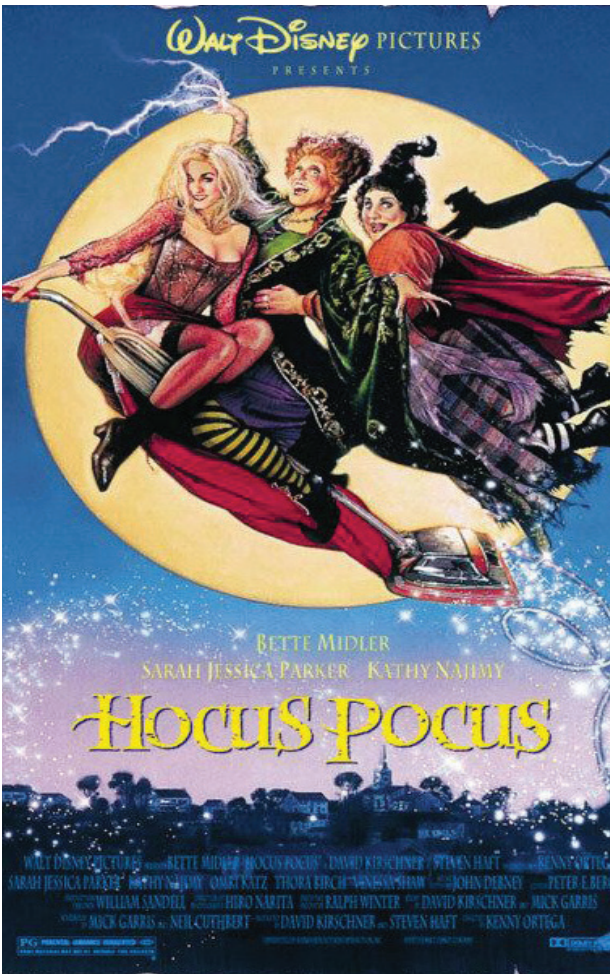
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Best Movies to Get in the Fall Spirit

There’s nothing like snuggling up in a blanket with some popcorn to watch a movie on a nice fall night. Fall movies come across many genres, so there is something for everyone looking to get in the mood for pumpkins and colorful leaves. Here’s a list of the five best movies to get you ready.

By MOLLY HOLT
Staff Writer



1. Hocus Pocus (1993)

Follow new-kid Max Dennison and his sister Dani as they learn the tales of Salem’s infamous Sanderson Sisters are a lot more than “just a bunch of Hocus Pocus” when Max accidentally brings the witches back from the dead on Halloween. Assisted by Binx, their talking cat sidekick, and Alison, local witch tale enthusiast, they set out to stop the witches from feeding on the children of Salem. From colorful bike rides through leaves to fighting off witches in graveyards, this movie has all the essentials to make it a classic fall film.



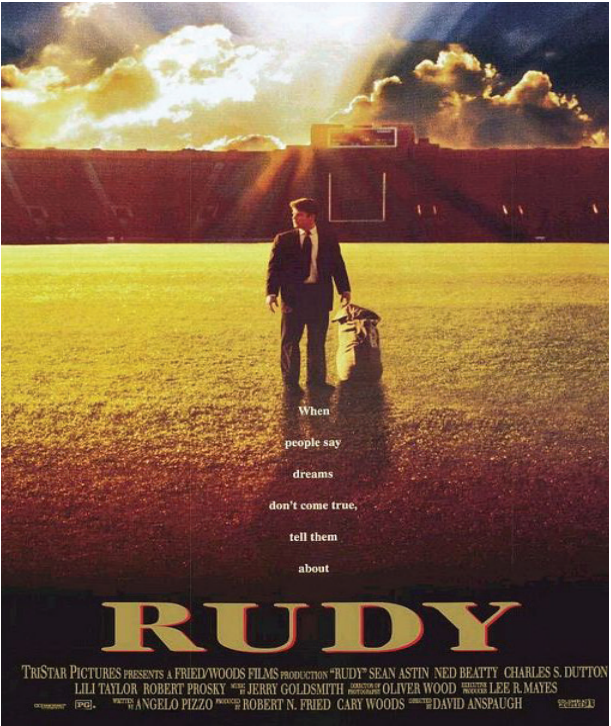
2. Friday the 13th (1980)

Although this famous slasher film takes place during the summer, it is still a great movie for anyone looking for a nice Halloween scare. Follow the terrifying story of a group of teenagers that get murdered one by one on an old summer campground. This movie is particular perfect for this fall, as Oct. 13 falls on a Friday this year. So start the night off with this original film, and if you can’t get enough, delve into its ten sequels and the remake of the original for an extra fright.



3. Halloweentown (1998)

This movie is the first of four Disney Channel Original Movies in the Halloweentown series. Get brought back to your childhood as you get taken into the land of Halloweentown, where witches, trolls, and other creatures roam freely, and it is Halloween everyday. The beautiful scenery and fun costumes are perfect to get you in the fall mindset. It is a nostalgic movie and is perfect for someone looking to watch a Halloween movie, but not a horror film.



4. Rudy (1993)

This story of perseverance is the perfect back to school movie. Watch the story of Rudy Ruettiger, a young man who dreams of playing college football for the University of Notre Dame, and see how he never gives up on his dreams, despite the many obstacles he faces. This inspiring movie has a beautiful fall backdrop and is full of football and studying, so it is the perfect movie if you are looking to get in the fall mindset, but aren’t quite ready for Halloween.



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5. Halloween (1978)

The title says it all for this classic horror film. What better way to get ready for the fall than this creepy flick that started an entire franchise? The movie is based around a murderer, Michael Meyers, who killed his sister on a Halloween night and has escaped from a mental asylum and is ready to kill again this Halloween. You’ll be on the edge of your seat as you watch Laurie Strode try to outrun and fight Michael Meyers. If you are hooked on the story, there are seven sequels, a remake, and a sequel to the remake, so there is plenty of Halloween to get you through the whole fall season.



Tyler, The ‘Flower Boy’ Creator

By **DUSTIN NILES**
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The last time we saw Tyler, The Creator, in 2015, he released “Cherry Bomb,” with a tracklist including “DEATHCAMP” and “BLOW MY LOAD.” This was classic Tyler.

In many minds, Tyler’s everlasting hit will be “Yonkers,” the crude single from 2011 that officially spawned Tyler’s solo rapping career, his first release separate from the rap group Odd Future. The repetitive crunch that starts the song is the millennial’s version of opening to “We Will Rock You.”

But Tyler’s grown a lot since then. In the six years since the release of “Yonkers,” Tyler has put out 3 albums (“Goblin,” “Wolf,” and “Cherry Bomb”), grown his clothing line Golf Wang, put on his annual music festival in L.A., Camp Flog Gnaw, and scored a shoe deal with Converse, switching from Vans. But he’s also grown as a person.

This is the focus of “Flower Boy,” a markedly different release than his past ones. “Flower Boy” is a release that feels “real.” There are no jokes here, but the album is at different times contemplative (“and if I fall and don’t come back / who’s gonna know?”), regretful (“Shout out to the girls that I lead on”), and political (“How many riots can it be ‘til them black lives

matter?”). But for everything that this album says, it’s really about Tyler. It’s a coming out, both figurative, and literal. arguable centerpiece, “Garden Shed,” seems to be a concrete confirmation of Tyler’s sexuality, with lyrics referencing his hesitation to



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Tyler, The Creator’s third album, “Flower Boy,” reveals a softer side seldom seen in earlier releases.

Tyler’s sexuality has always been an obscured subject, at times confirming he’s gay and at times denying it. And having a reputation for joking doesn’t make the matter any easier to figure out. One of the most notable incidents happened on Twitter in 2015, when Tyler tweeted “I TRIED TO COME OUT THE DAMN CLOSET LIKE FOUR DAYS AGO AND NO ONE CARED HAHAAHAHAHA.”

But the album’s

come out and fear of losing friends. Other songs on the album also reference the possibility that Tyler might be gay. Musically, “Garden Shed” feels like a high point on the album. Dropped right in the middle, the slow waltz through the song feels at times triumphant and yet hesitant. It’s a beautiful culmination of the 6 songs before it, and sets the scene for the 7 songs after it.

But along with Tyler’s

sexuality, the album also focuses extensively on loneliness and boredom. In one of the album’s leading singles, “911/Mr. Lonely,” Tyler raps, “I’m the loneliest man alive,” refusing to mince words. On another track, “Boredom,” Tyler contemplates desperation for company and a fear that his friends don’t want to see him.

The album finishes with the set of songs “November,” “Glitter” and the instrumental “Enjoy Right Now, Today.”

“November” is Tyler pondering a better past, repeating the phrase “Take me back to November,” and acts as an outlet for a remarkable amount of self-doubt. The song seems to mirror the kind of hesitation you feel before confessing feelings for someone. At the end, Tyler sets up the situation where he’s calling his crush and is either going to play a song he wrote either for them or for the voicemail. “November” ends with the recording for an answering machine, and “Glitter” starts right after.

“Glitter” starts as a straight up love song, before grinding and melting down to a slow realization by Tyler that “We ain’t gon’ work out, we a fat boy.” The song slowly trudging along repeating “How you feel?” Perhaps it’s a reflection of the desire to know how someone’s love interest feels about them. The song ends with the answering machine again, only this time

it’s saying “We didn’t get your message, either because you were not speaking or because of a bad connection.” A sign that maybe Tyler’s hesitation caused him not to play the song at all.

“Enjoy Right Now, Today” has no lyrics, but only conveys it’s message through the site and the music. It’s an uplifting song, directly contradicting the slow slog that “Glitter” grinds to at it’s end, almost as if to say “Hey, don’t worry about all that, just ‘Enjoy Right Now, Today.’”

“Flower Boy” includes features from Tyler’s frequent collaborators Frank Ocean and Kali Uchis, as well as A\$AP Rocky, Jaden Smith, Estelle, Rex Orange County, Anna of the North, Steve Lacy, Lil’ Wayne and guitar by another previous collaborator, Austin Feinstein.

Tyler, who has heavily promoted the album on his Twitter, said “LISTEN FRONT TO BACK AND DONT BE DISTRACTED OH,” “HOPEFULLY WHEN YOU LISTEN TO IT YOURE ON A LONG DRIVE OR PLANE RIDE OR BIKE RIDE, NOT LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE OR TALKING TO ANYONE,” and “flower boy is golden hour/ sunset music if youre wondering the best time to listen.” “Flower Boy” is out now on Columbia Records, available on iTunes, Apple Music, Tidal, and Spotify.

27 Years Later, ‘It’ is Back

By **CASSANDRA GILBERT**
Staff Writer

As is suggested by its \$123 million dollars in ticket sales opening weekend, more than double the horror film launch record, according to the LA Times, “It” is a must-see.

Whether a lover of the book, a fan of the miniseries, or a fan of a good old fashioned killer-clown movie, Andrés Muschietti’s take on “It” is sure to thrill.

For those who actually read Stephen King’s novel, this film felt as if King wrote it himself. Some scenes were nearly identical portrayals of those from the book. However, the liberties that Muschietti did take, unless the book was fresh in your mind, you’d hardly even pick up on.

If you’ve never read the book (because, let’s face it, it’s about 1300 pages), but fell in love with the miniseries released in 1990: don’t worry, you won’t feel like you’re

missing out. Although the most iconic scenes have been removed, this version will still be the “It” that made you scared of clowns all these years.

You won’t be able to predict exactly what’s coming next as they really did what they could to minimize the similarities (and by extension the comparisons), but this new take is precisely why you’ll want to see it: to rekindle that fear again.

Even those who don’t have any sense of nostalgia with this storyline, but just like horror or killer clown movies, “It” is a must see. This has the nice modern day effects that so many have come to require with their monsters, but while managing to maintain the quality dialogue that is often lost when these effects come into play.

True to the book, this film was the perfect balance between horror and comedy.

If your only experience of King’s “It” was the miniseries starring Tim Curry, creating

a horror film that’s 50% comedy may seem like an odd route to go, but this comedic aspect leaves the viewer never quite at ease because of this constant, sudden tone change up.

This comic aspect to the film also really fits right along with Bill Skarsgård’s Pennywise. Skarsgård is a twisted, near lunatic kind of clown that you’re never too sure when he’s going to snap. Instead of the raspy voice of Curry, whose entire persona screams killer, Skarsgård seems more like a deranged mental patient, with his constant drooling and often high pitched coaxing, combined with his twitchy movements.

Not only was Skarsgård a surprisingly perfect Pennywise, but the casting of the children was absolutely flawless. In addition to fitting their characters exactly, the chemistry you feel among this band of Losers is something we have mostly lost in films as effects and technology advance.

The setting and cinematography in this version also felt more natural for this story. Derry really does look and feel like a quaint small town that isn’t quite right, unlike in the miniseries that just looked like a rundown poverty stricken town that could have been anywhere.

While upon first viewing, this film truly is enjoyable from many angles, but unlike the original film lacks any real suspense.

Suspense in a horror film is what really gives a horror movie replay value. It’s what makes a film stay with you long after the credits roll. It’s what makes you reflect on the topic and see creatures in the shadows as you walk from the theater to your car. It was this aspect, unfortunately, that was distinctly missing.

Although you can still enjoy the movie watching it again for the sheer fact that it is a good film in all aspects that define good cinema, the scare factor is much lessened after the initial viewing.



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This is not to say, however, that the theater was not full of screams and panic throughout the duration of the film. Although definitely not the scariest film out there, it will definitely give you a thrill.

To sum it up, unless your movie going is strictly reserved for romantic dramas or documentaries, this is definitely a film to check out.

CAMPUS CORNER



Periodically Speaking: News from the Giovatto Library

KATHY STEIN-SMITH, PH.D, ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES, GIOVATTO LIBRARY

EXTENDED MIDTERM LIBRARY HOURS

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SATURDAY, OCT. 7 - OPEN UNTIL 7 P.M.
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A note from the librarians:

Be sure to get to know our reference librarians – they can be your most important research and information resource!

Did you know? – Library FAQs – Test Your Library Knowledge!

- (1) That the Library has over 100 online databases across the disciplines?
- (2) That the Library has approximately 100,000 e-books and 25,000 electronic journals available whenever you need them, wherever you are – and you never have to bring them back?
- (3) That the Library is open seven days a week?
- (4) That there is always a reference librarian scheduled to assist you?
- (5) That the Library has 2 3-D printers and a digitizer for current students, faculty, and staff?
- (6) That the Library has courtesy telephone and laptop chargers?
- (7) That the Library has a afé?
- (8) That the Library offers “express” check-out? If you’re in a hurry, we will have all your items ready to go when you are.
- (9) That the Library offers self-checkout? Just swipe your card, and you’re good to go.
- (10) That the Library offers sessions throughout the semester open to all students, faculty and staff on Library research?
- (11) That the Library is a great place to read, study, and do your research papers and projects? It’s also a great place to take a break!
- (12) That the Library has a Student Advisory Board?
- (13) All of our newest books are now easier than ever to find in the Reference Reading Room.

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In the Library or in your classroom:

If you are teaching online, be sure to ask about ITV, Webex, and Skype!

Upcoming Events @ the Library:

- Constitution Day Lecture – Dr. Chris Rasmussen and Dr. Harry Keyishian – Monday, September 18th, @ 3:30 p.m.
- Musical Afternoons – Wednesday, September 20th, @ 3:30 p.m.
- English Language Table – Thursday, September 21st, @ 1 p.m.
- Movie Talk Film Discussion Group – Monday, September 25th, @ 1 p.m.
- Giovatto Library Student Advisory Board – Monday October 2nd, @ 1 PM
- Getting to Know the FDU Online Library – Tuesday, October 3rd, @ 7 p.m.; Wednesday

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New Books This Week

101+ Careers in Public Health
Billion-Dollar Ball: A Journey through the Big Money Culture of College Football

- The Book of the States, 2017
- Computer Systems: A Programmer’s Perspective
- Designing for Emerging Technologies: UX for Genomics, Robotics, and the Internet of Things
- Digital Design: With an Introduction to the Verilog HDL, WHDL, and System Verilog
- Digital Design Using VHDL: A Systems Approach
- Dual Language Instruction from A to Z
- The End of Alzheimers’s: The First Program to Prevent and Revers Cognitive Decline
- The Enemy of the State, a novel
- Find Your Why: A Practical Guide for Discovering Purpose for You and Your Team
- The Four Tendencies: The Indispensable Personality Profiles That Reveal How to Make Your Life Better (and Other People’s Lives Better, Too)
- From Retribution to Public Safety: Disruptive Innovation of American Criminal Justice
- Introducing Multilingualism: A Social Approach
- Introduction to Chemistry
- Introduction to Psychology
- Is There Life after Football? Surviving the NFL
- A Legacy of Spies, a novel
- Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer, a novel
- Marketing: An Introduction
- The Motley Fool Investment Guide
- Multilingual Education: Between Language Learning and Translanguaging
- Multimedia Foundations: Core Concepts for Digital Design
- Notes on a Foreign Country: An American Abroad in a Post-American world
- O’Dwyer’s Directory of Public Relations Firms, 2017
- The Sage Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology
- Seeing Life through Private Eyes: Secrets from America’s Top Investigator
- Sports in Society: Issues and Controversies
- What Made Maddy Run: The Secret Struggles and Tragic Death of an All-American Teen
- Writer’s Market, 2018
- New DVDs This Week**
- Dunkirk (BBC)
- The Mummy

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID MILES

Dave Miles on Pedestrian Safety



Director of Public Safety, David Miles

It's that time of year when colleges and universities, as well as town schools, are open. This brings many more pedestrians in the areas crossing streets.

You must always take steps to be safe when walking and crossing roadways.

Whenever you are walking or crossing a street, you should always keep these safety tips in mind:

- Whenever possible, cross the street at a designated crosswalk or intersection.
- Before crossing, always look both ways
- Watch out for any vehicles turning on red
- Increase your visibility at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing retro-reflective clothing.
- It is safest to walk on a sidewalk, but if a sidewalk is not available, walk on the shoulder and face traffic.
- Avoid distractions

such as electronic devices that take your attention off the road.

In New Jersey, the law is that a motorist **MUST** stop for a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk. Never assume that a driver will stop just because you are in the crosswalk. Make sure vehicles in both directions have stopped before you proceed.

We at the university are working with local as well as county and state agencies to make the area around the campus safe for all pedestrians.

Signs, such as the one in the photo, have been placed on the campus to try to bring more attention to pedestrian safety to both the driver as well as the pedestrians.

As both drivers and pedestrians, distractions must be avoided and as the signs say: Heads Up, Phones Down

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

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



DAVE MILES

An advisory sign bringing more attention to pedestrian safety.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

- Sept. 22** - National Ice Cream Cone Day
- SUB Cafeteria
- Sept. 27 @ 3 p.m.** - Presidential Inauguration
- Florham Campus
 - Registration necessary
 - Email laura_reynolds@fdu.edu
- Sept. 28 @ noon** - Study Abroad Fair
- SUB Lobby
- Sept. 28 @ 11 a.m.** - BeLEAF Me: Marijuana Mystery
- SUB
- Oct. 1 @ 11:30 a.m.** - Bus Trip: New York Jets vs. Jacksonville Jaguars
- Bus leaves from front of SUB
 - Must buy tickets at information desk
- Oct. 2** - National Pumpkin Spice Latte Day
- Riverside & Dickinson Cafes
 - Special menu and offers
- Sept. 22 @ 10:30 a.m.** - Documentary Film - "Citizen Jane: Battle for the city"
- Teaneck Public Library - 840 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, N.J., 07666
 - Free
 - No registration required
 - Film is not rated and has 92 minute run-time
- Sept. 22 @ 7 p.m.** - Interview with author Sarah Jaffe
- Puffin Cultural Forum - 20 Puffin Way,

TEANECK TICKER

- Teaneck, N.J., 07666
- \$10 suggested donation
 - Reservations at tix@puffinfoundation.org
- Sept. 24 @ 4 p.m.** - Unnatural Election (Art Exhibit)
- Puffin Cultural Forum - 20 Puffin Way, Teaneck, N.J., 07666
 - Award-winning visual artist Andrea Arroyo
 - Free
 - Reservations at tix@puffinfoundation.org
- Sept. 25 @ 10 a.m.** - Book Discussion - "Life After Life"
- Teaneck Public Library's "Yellow Room" - 840 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, N.J., 07666
 - Register at 201-837-4171
- Sept 29 @ 7 p.m.** - Music Event - Flux Capacitor with special guest Baked Shrimp
- Mexicali Live -1409 Queen Anne Rd., Teaneck, N.J., 07666
 - Tickets \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door
- Oct. 1 @ noon** - Hawks over the Hudson
- Teaneck Creek Conservancy @ the State Line Lookout - Closter, N.J., 07624
 - Live animal program & exhibits
 - Birds of prey will be presented by the Delaware Valley Raptor Center at 1 & 2:30 p.m.
 - For more information: 201-768-1360, ext. 108



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SPORTS



Women’s Volleyball Falls to Rider at Home

The Knights currently sit at 3-11 with NEC play starting Friday

By **CARLY EDELMANN**
Staff Writer

(TEANECK) - The women’s volleyball team fell in straight sets against Rider at their home game on Sept. 13, 2017. The Knights lost the first set 25-19, the second 25-20, and the third 25-17.

The Knights started to make a comeback in the third set, getting off to an 11-4 lead, but after a couple of timeouts from the opposing team, they lost momentum- and their lead. Led by senior Jennifer Borio, Rider came back with a 9-2 streak that let them take the lead in the set. Rider closed out the game with a strong finish, winning 25-17.

The second set held the closest battle, with the teams tied 16-16 and then again at 19-19. However, late game miscues again let Rider pull away, scoring 6 of the last 7 points to take the second set.

While Rider’s libero helped their team get and maintain the lead, the Knights had a good showing from freshmen Magdalena Maksimovic, Jamie Rogers, and Allison Koester. Maksimovic finished the night with 14 kills and 2 blocks, and Rogers racked up 15 kills on the match. Senior Taylor Wyckoff nearly finished with a double-double, with 9 digs to go along with 10 kills.

The loss dropped the Knights to 3-8, and they currently sit at 3-11 after a loss at NJIT on Sept. 19.

The women’s volleyball team plays next when they begin NEC play at Sacred Heart on Sep. 22 at 6 p.m. They’ll play at the Rothman Center next against Bryant on Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.



LARRY LEVANTI/FDU

Sophomore Taylor Wyckoff plays against Quinnipiac University in the Rothman Center on Sept. 6. Wyckoff almost had a double-double against Rider on Sept. 12.

MLB Playoffs Looming

By **JUSTIN RIMPI**
Staff Writer

With a month left in the 162 game Major League Baseball (MLB) season, the playoff picture is emerging. The matchups and seeding will be determined in the final month of the MLB season.

The biggest storyline has been the historic pace the Los Angeles Dodgers have been on for this entire season. But they have hit a rough patch recently. At one point in the season, the Dodgers were predicted to be one of the winningest teams in baseball history. They looked poised to challenge the Seattle Mariners’ record of 116 wins in a season, which occurred in 2001.

Unfortunately for the Mariners, they were unable to complete such a historic season culminating in a World Series Championship. In 2001, the Mariners lost to the New York Yankees in five games during the American League Championship Series(ALCS). The Yankees went on to lose the World Series that year to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Seattle Mariners were the only team in baseball history to not at least advance to the World Series after setting the regular season record for wins that same season. The Dodgers do not wish to add themselves to that ominous list this October.

This season has also seen a resurgence for the New York Yankees and their young core of players known as the “Baby Bombers.” The Yankees find themselves only a few games in back of the American League East-leading Boston Red Sox and



Francisco Lindor of the Cleveland Indians on Sept. 14 after the Indians’ 22nd-straight win, the longest in American League history.

in the driver’s seat for the American League’s first Wild Card spot. A positive for the Yankees is that there is still enough time left in the season to either catch the Boston Red Sox or to solidify their lead in the competitive American League Wild Card race.

The MLB switched to a two Wild Card team format beginning in the 2012 season.

This rule change was an attempt to give more teams the opportunity to be in the MLB playoffs and increase intrigue for the last part of the season. This new format has certainly been very intriguing this season, as the margins remain paper thin with teams in the midst of the season’s home stretch.

The way that this format works is the two Wild Card teams from each league face off with one another in a one-game playoff with the winner advancing to play in the National League Division Series (NLDS). The Wild Card team with the better record gets the opportunity to host the one-game Playoff.

The American League card race is very close at this point in the season. There are six teams with a chance to grab the second Wild Card spot. Those teams include the Los Angeles Angels, Texas Rangers, Kansas City Royals, Baltimore Orioles and Seattle Mariners. All five of these teams are chasing the Minnesota Twins for a chance to win it big.

There are currently four National League teams with a chance to take the Wild Card Spot: The Milwaukee Brewers, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the Colorado Rockies, all chasing the Arizona Diamondbacks, who like the Yankess in the American League, are the team to beat.

With so little time left in the season, teams must put everything they have into their remaining games. If not, the players will find themselves at home when the MLB Playoffs roll around.

SCHEDULE

MEN’S SOCCER

9/23	v. PRINCETON	7 p.m.
9/27	v. BUCKNELL	7 p.m.
10/6	@ BRYANT	3 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

9/24	v. CORNELL	3 p.m.
9/29	v. CENTRAL CONN.	7 p.m.
10/6	v. WAGNER	7 p.m.

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

9/22	@ SACRED HEART	6 p.m.
9/29	@ SAINT FRANCIS	7 p.m.
9/30	@ ROBERT MORRIS	5 p.m.

The Man Behind the Basketball

Persistence marks the success of Dondre Rhoden, Knights forward

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Men’s basketball forward Dondre Rhoden, attributes some of his success to luck. As a freshman, he was part of the 2015-2016 NEC Championship team and got to experience being a part of an NCAA championship tournament.

Outside of practice, Rhoden works hard in his classes with the goal of earning a degree in sports administration. While Rhoden dreams of making it as a professional basketball player, he acknowledges that that dream is a difficult one to achieve. He is driven to pursue that dream to the best of his ability, but he said he likes the idea of having something to fall back on should that not work out.

Surprisingly, when Rhoden left high school, he was not immediately offered to play sports at the collegiate level.

Instead of giving up, he kept playing his sport, and one day when he was working out, someone took notice and he got his shot at the NCAA.

“Never give up, because you never know who is watching,” Rhoden said.

Rhoden said being an athlete doesn’t mean that you can’t have other interests. This parallels with his goal of being well-rounded. When Rhoden is off the court, he likes spending time with his friends and works hard to stay on track with his classes.

“Everyone has some sort of taste of success, whether as a boss or as a volunteer,” Rhoden said, “but at the end of the day, you need to do what’s best for you.”

While Rhoden acknowledges that he has been lucky thus far – to have landed on an NCAA Division I basketball team – he also knows that no one ever makes 100% of the shots they attempt.

Rhoden also wanted to take the time to thank his coaches, past and present, for pushing him to his limits and for helping shape him in to the man he has become. As far as people that inspire him to be better, he accredits his coaches with helping him to strengthen his drive and determination.

To see Rhoden and the rest of the men’s basketball team in action, check out their first home game in an exhibition against Manhattanville on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

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- Dondre Rhoden, who was recruited during a workout session



Dandre Rhoden (#20), men’s forward, got his lucky break when he was recruited during a workout session.

THE SCORE

MEN’S SOCCER

9/9	v. IONA	W	3 - 2
9/16	@ NJIT	T	1 - 1
9/19	v. RIDER	L	1 - 2

WOMEN’S SOCCER

9/10	@ BUFFALO	T	2 - 2
9/15	@ GONZAGA	L	5 - 1
9/17	@ EASTERN WASH.	L	3 - 2

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

9/12	v. RIDER	L	3 - 0
9/16	@ NJIT	L	3 - 0
9/16	@ LAFAYETTE	L	3 - 1