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Martha Garcia, an Army veteran, leads services for veterans on campus.

Veteran Service Office Creates Familial Feel

By JHOANA T. MERINO
Staff Writer

Not only is FDU a culturally diverse campus, but its support of veterans in their higher-ed journey earned the title of the Best Liberal Arts University for Veterans in New Jersey in 2017 by College Factual.

The Equinox interviewed Martha Garcia, director of veterans services on campus, to get a better understanding of the role the program plays in the vital transition from soldier to student.

“For someone who’s never been on a college campus before, it can be overwhelming,” Garcia said. “So our office is here to navigate the way for them to be successful in college.”

Equipped with a BA in geoscience, MBA from FDU, and a future MSSA degree from FDU as well, Army-veteran Garcia represents

veterans with a passion. When asked what the veteran population is at FDU, she reveals that there are 150 declared veterans between both the Metro and Florham campuses, but Garcia estimated that there could be even more.

“Given the choice to self-disclose, most veterans don’t,” Garcia said. “They kinda keep it to themselves.”

The most important part of what veterans services does is certifying student veterans. In order to certify a veteran’s enrollment in FDU, their office confirms with the Veterans Administration, allowing the student to use any educational benefits they might’ve accumulated from their service.

“If they are eligible, they could use this to come to FDU, and depending on the level of benefit, they could possible go to FDU completely free -- in addition to earning a monthly basic

allowance for housing, about \$2500, and a book stipend for \$1000 once a year,” Garcia said.

The FDU office doesn’t draw the line at declared veterans.

“If you don’t have benefits as a veteran, we could still help,” Garcia said. “We wouldn’t say no to any veteran as far as they need assistance, say, meeting with their advisors, or have a question concerning FDU. For instance, the lounge in our office [in Dickinson Hall] is for student veterans. We have free printing, coffee, water, fridge and microwave, flat screen TV, gaming system-- excellent study area. Very quiet. So, if you’re a veteran or a dependent of a veteran, you can utilize it. You don’t have to have VA benefits.”

It’s a challenge, however, to reach out to veterans both in and out of campus. So, Veterans Services leads by

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Weinman Heads Arts, Sciences

By ADMIR DURAKOVIC
Editor-in-Chief

Geoffrey Weinman has been appointed the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, as a part of FDU’s plan for unifying the two New Jersey campuses.

Weinman attended and received his B.A. from Hunter College of the City University of New York and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University.

He first joined the University staff in 1968, working in the Department of English on the Florham campus. Since then, he has served in a variety of different roles until he was named the acting dean of Becton College on the Florham campus in 2005, and the permanent dean in 2006.

“There is nobody more experienced than Dean Weinman to take on this position,” Gillian Small, the University Provost said. “So I asked him and he agreed. I had a meeting of the faculty who will be in the combined college effective next fall, and announced it there.”

The new College of Arts and Sciences will replace University College.

This transformation will also form independent professional schools of programs once a part of University College.

The new initial professional schools that will report directly to the university provost will be the Henry P. Becton School of Nursing and Allied Health, the Gildart Haase School of Computer Sciences and Engineering, and the Peter Sammartino School of Education.



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Geoffrey Weinman

The remaining programs will unite into a college of arts and sciences that exists on both NJ campuses.

“University College was always something of an unusual structure,” Small said. “It’s quite unusual to have a school of engineering and a school of nursing for example inside a college including the liberal arts and sciences. In order for those professional programs to really flourish, it makes more sense that they be independent schools reporting directly to the provost, making their case for what their needs are in those professions.”

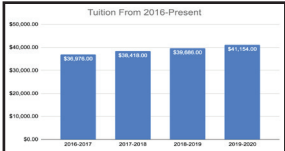
“Students that already study under these programs will have nothing to fear,” Small said.

“No existing students in the University will be adversely affected by this, we won’t make them suddenly take different courses,” Small said.

“Students will have an option to follow the new curriculum if it works out for them,” Weinman said. “If they’ve moved along already, if they’re juniors and seniors, we are not gonna tell them ‘well now you need to go back and take this.’ We will honor the curriculum that existed when they started.”

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JUSTIN RIMPI

Tuition spikes a cause for concern for students

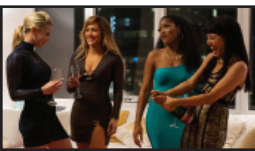
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The new Pokémon adventure on mobile devices challenges players’ skills and wallets

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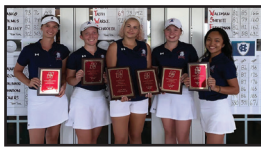
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FDU senior looks to inspire with her career path

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Womens’ Golf wins big at Fall invitational

NEWS



Tuition Hikes Put Students on Edge

By JUSTIN RIMPI
Managing Editor

Just as certain as the sun rising in the east and setting in the west, the tuition at Fairleigh Dickinson University will go up every fall.

Seniors at FDU have seen their tuition, dorm, and meal plan go up once again as it has every fall they’ve been enrolled here.

“The university does its best to control costs within the bounds of what we can control,” Metropolitan Campus Executive Steve Nelson told The Equinox. “However, there are many costs for which we have no control. We are not immune to rate increases in costs such as insurance, utilities, and the vendors we use to assist us in serving our students.”

Tuition for this school year is \$41,154. Tuition for the 2016-2017 school year was \$36,976. 2017-2018 was \$38,418, tuition for last year was \$39,686.

The Class of ‘20 has had to pay an extra \$4,500 over the past three years just in tuition increases.

The tuition and fees portion of attending FDU includes things like a wellness

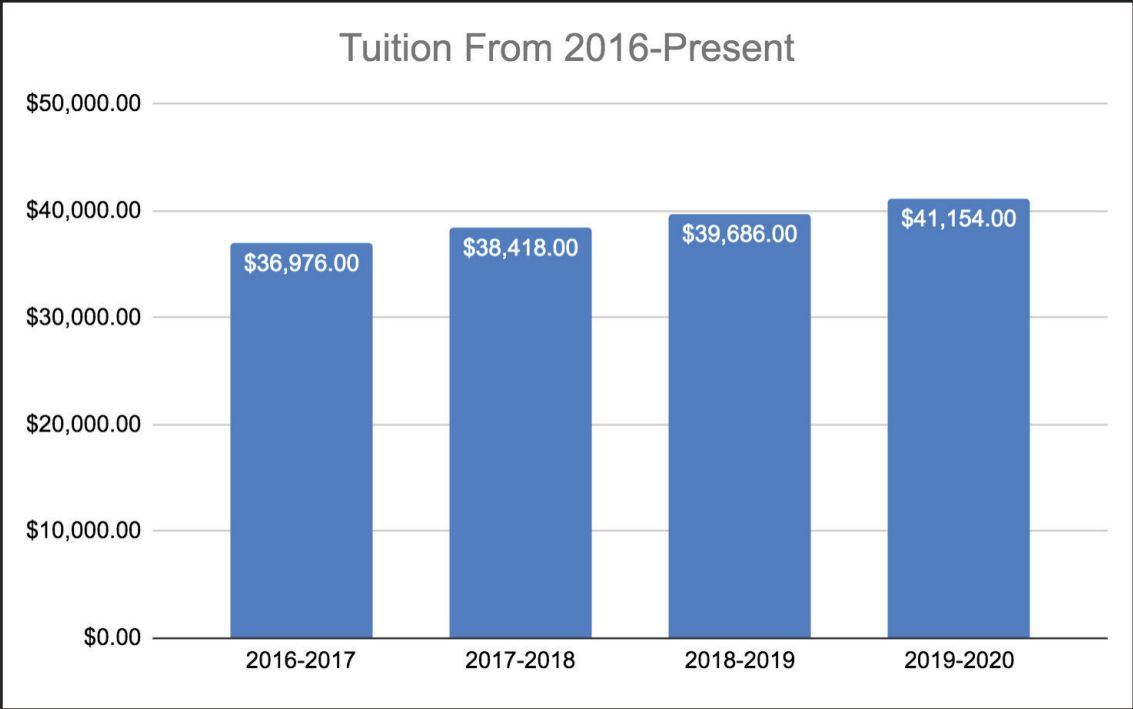
fee, technology fee and a new student fee. Students that live on campus are obligated to purchase a meal plan along with their residence status. Both have increased steadily since 2016.

The Office of Financial Aid says they do not adjust a student’s financial aid package to the substantial tuition hikes, that have taken place the last three summers.

This can push a student into a corner financially because it can become difficult to budget for tuition increases at a school that is already the ninth-most expensive school in the Garden State, according to collegetuitioncompare.com.

The option to purchase health insurance for uninsured students costs another \$1,500.

“I hate it, [the tuition increase],” junior Puja Sengupta said. “Out of my three years at FDU, I’ve never taken out so many loans. One of the main reasons why I came to FDU is because of the scholarship and not paying so much. This year’s tuition has especially been difficult because of financial issues and I tried to appeal it to financial aid but they declined. I don’t think that it’s fair because I thought I



was going to be debt free for undergraduate before going to medical school.”

FDU is a private school, so it is understandable that tuition will be pricey, but at what point does the price become a drawback that will repel future Knights or cause students to transfer to another institution of higher learning?

“Tuition money first goes to cover the costs like salaries and campus improvements,” Nelson said. “Any leftover funds are reinvested into the campus to enhance our living and learning communities and

to fund and expand campus programming. Funds are also applied towards larger-scale projects such as the new footbridge, campus perimeter, and digital monument sign beautification project.”

Options for students fed up with having to pay more and more money every school year can be: reassessing one’s scholarship package on a year-by-year basis or by offering more scholarships to existing students like a Returning Student grant.

“I have definitely witnessed the tuition

hike but I have been fortunate enough to not be too affected by them,” Hannah Farrow, junior and SGA Parliamentarian said. “However, I feel that this negatively affects other students who aren’t as fortunate as myself. I think more scholarship opportunities should be available to possibly help offset the tuition increase.”

The tuition issue is not one that will go away very soon, and something must be done to make FDU more affordable.

VETERAN SERVICES

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action.

“Veterans, we talk, and we get the FDU name out there -- that not only are we an awesome school, but we give back to the community. That seems to work very well,” Garcia said.

This was the point that was brought up by veteran student Elijah Woodard, better known as EJ, a junior majoring in broadcast communications. EJ is a military veteran who decided to go back to school when he got out in 2017, and chose FDU for its veteran population and theater programs.

“I wanted to take full advantage of it to finally earn a degree and better myself for the future,” EJ said.

While the Veterans Services office hosts a ceremony every Veterans Day, this November 11th there will be a white banner accompanied with Sharpies

posted in front of Dickinson Hall encouraging the FDU community to thank a veteran. After you write a note, you can plant a small flag in the grass to honor them.

“We’ve never done something like this before so we really want the whole FDU community to participate,” Garcia said. “I’m hoping that students will take advantage and thank a veteran. Because it will be a visual, too, to see all those flags and be like, ‘Wow, a lot of people know veterans!’.”

In addition to events, Veterans Services offers a variety of clubs and programs from an SVA club on campus to the Coast Guard College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative on campus. Anyone, even without military affiliation, can approach their office.

“It’s all about opportunity,” Martha said.

“You don’t have to do it, but you should know about it so you can make a decision.”

With all that the Veterans Services office does for its students and our community, it may seem unfair that their work is rarely put on the front lines. This approach is preferred by Garcia.

“It’s difficult with the students being older, they have different responsibilities than a nineteen year-old,” Garcia said. “They might be married, have kids, or have another job. So, we don’t meet every week, or go out at night. We do a handful of things and we try to do them very well.”

Fairleigh Dickinson’s student-veteran population is growing, and so is its supportive community.

“At the end of the day,” EJ said, “it’s up to the veteran to see what they could benefit from them.” ■

will go toward the building of the new campus center. The new campus center is set to break ground in 2021.

NEW DEAN

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The structure of colleges isn’t the only change taking shape on the Metro campus.

“The scheduling of class times have also been unified. In the past you couldn’t shift from one campus to the other because the times were so different,” Weinman said. “What I’ve been doing over the past several months is meeting with faculty from particular disciplines, to work on revising the curriculum and making it uniform where appropriate.”

The faculty groups from the two campuses vote on and approve the new curriculum changes, which don’t include any adjunct voices.

“In truth, they are not very much involved in the discussions,” Weinman said. “Not that we think adjuncts don’t have good ideas, but we have leadership in the departments, individuals who have put in many years, who know the discipline. One of the things is that you want to hear from a variety of voices, but too many voices can be disruptive and keep you from coming to closure. So we

want to hear from the people who are with us full time, quite honestly.”

Despite the unification of the College and Arts and Sciences, Weinman recognizes the benefit to having some variety between the two campuses.

“If there are particular areas of expertise on one campus and not on the other, we are going to continue that,” Weinman said. “So for example, here (on the metro campus) we have a concentration in cosmetic science. We don’t have that on the other campus, but we have some other things on the other campus that we don’t have here. So we are respecting that, some difference is appropriate and will help students decide where they want to be.”

As FDU enters the final year of the 2015-2020 strategic plan, time is running out for the goals they set up to accomplish. With the induction of Dean Weinman, FDU is one step closer to unifying both New Jersey campuses. ■

\$5 Million Donation

FDU alumnus and trustee Greg Olsen has made his second gift of \$5 million to the university, according to the university. The donation

OPINION

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The Price of Freemium Games

By JHOANA T. MERINO
Staff Writer

Apps like League of Legends and Candy Crush Saga are part of the “freemium game model,” a business approach that is dominating the mobile game market. More astoundingly, in-app purchases make up roughly 70-80 percent of the annual \$10 billion iOS revenue, says Harrison Jacobs, writer for the Business Insider.

It’s a wildly successful tactic, and is no doubt highly supported by game designers like Sean Plott. Plott told Business Insider that he believes the freemium method is the best approach to the multiplayer game platform since they offer the core product for free, while still leaving a chance for profit.

“If developers don’t have a strong monetary incentive, it’s difficult for them to constantly improve the game experience,” Plott says. “With freemium games, players are continuously spending money on the game, as opposed to paying once and forgetting about it. Developers are then incentivized to put that stream of revenue back into the game to improve it.” Money makes the virtual world go round.

Looking at their process, however, reveals a more sinister plan.

While it’s a game

developer’s job to make the game appealing, with the freemium model there’s another goal tacked onto it: make it as addicting as possible. Everything, from the bright colors to pleasing sounds, was designed not just to catch your attention, but to keep it longer. Have you ever felt that just when you were getting tired of playing, you’re awarded a trophy, a new bonus level appears or a must-have skin goes on limited edition?

No, that wasn’t a coincidence. These games operate on an algorithm of the average attention span, like a “timer.” When this timer comes close to the end, it activates another incentive to reel you back in. Once you are ensnared again, the timer resets. It was planned all along.

Schemes like this play with your hypothalamus, the part of your brain that releases a feel-good chemical called dopamine, Psych Guides reveals. These tactics put this hormone into overdrive, leaving its user dependent on the next reward.

A game that is raising some controversy in the mobile genre recently is Pokémon Masters, released on Aug. 29, 2019. For starters, the currency, “purple gems,” is separated into “paid” and “unpaid” gems. They also have “sync scouting,” which is a random loot box generator

you can pay for with 300 gems. But, there’s a once-a-day special sync scout that is cheaper, costing 100 gems! The catch? They have to be “paid” gems. Users will have to spend \$1.00 in real life if they choose to partake in this special “discount.”

The boldness of this game shocked many of its reviewers, such as Amber Neely, a writer for Apple Insider. “Perhaps one of the strangest things about Pokémon Masters is that they seem to be aware of how predatory their in-app purchase model is, and don’t try to hide the fact,” Neely says.

It’s one thing to use these methods on adults, but sneaking them into children’s games should be crossing a line. Especially when there is a whole category of games like Pokémon Masters, which has in-app purchases, and sell for as much as \$79.99!

Why would game companies try this approach in the kids section? It doesn’t seem very profitable, right?

Generally, many industries prey on younger children because if they establish a connection early on, they would essentially be assuring their future revenue. By getting kids familiar with the in-app purchase layout, they’ll feel more inclined to buy in the future. Today’s children will turn into tomorrow’s reliable consumers.



Toadette is one of the characters a player can unlock or buy in the game Mario Kart Tour.

Many people get caught in this multi-billion dollar industry’s mobile spider web. The mobile game industry not only depends on it, but purposely crafts their apps to be as addicting as possible. The only way to not fall prey to these cheap traps is to become aware of them. Moderate your sessions to a certain time limit, and be

strict with yourself when it runs out. Before you click “confirm,” take a second and think about whether you really need that skin for your Fortnite character. Question whenever the game tries to get you to believe anything is essential.

Remember, you play the game. Don’t let the game play you.



Fall 2019
Schedule

MONDAY

10am-11am
Make The Call
Jack Weinberger

1pm-2pm
The You Matter Factor
Ray Fraser

2pm-3pm
Dance To The
Rock & Roll Station
New Rock on WFDU

3pm-4pm
Sports Talk With Elmo
Charles Elmo

5pm-6pm
Young Prophet
Prophet Keem

10pm-11pm
Rimpi’s Radio Show
Justin Rimpi

SUNDAY

12pm-2pm
Sin Barreras
Erilyn Peña

2pm-4pm
Vibin’ With Shelbzz
Shelbie Ulysse

TUESDAY

12pm-1pm
In The Spotlight
Ya Girl Nae

1pm-2pm
Music Undiscovered
Brianna Kelly &
Janeth Fermin

2pm-3pm
The Artist Speaks
Eric Kwon

3pm-4pm
Double A-T
Anthony, Anthony & Tyler

4pm-5pm
Rock & Pixel Hour
Dylan Del Rio

7pm-8pm
Keepin’ It Metrik
Bobby Murugami

8pm-10pm
Rockin’ The All-Ternative
Carly E.

WEDNESDAY

11am-12pm
Snatched Sis Goes...
Elle Scalzo

12pm-2pm
Nee-Nee’s Soul Show
Naniyah McClain

2pm-4pm
Backwall Records
Jay Tufaro

5pm-6pm
Sixty Minutes, One Topic
Steven Ortiz

7pm-9pm:
Chillin’ With Shofi
Mistah Shofi

9pm-10pm
Dance To The
Rock & Roll Station
New Rock on WFDU

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THURSDAY

2pm-4pm
¿Qué Pasa FDU?
Professor Catherine Acosta

4pm-5pm
The Beats
Ca\$h Money Micalina

6pm-7pm
The Crazy Hour
Naa Quaye

7pm-8pm
La Tarde Con Lissa
Lineris Natera

10pm-11pm
Off The Dome
Jean-Pierre Hughes

FRIDAY

9am-10am
Benz On The Beat!
Mercedes Zea

12pm-2pm
The Blue Comet
Junior C.

2pm-3pm
Dance To The
Rock & Roll Station
New Rock on WFDU

4pm-6pm
Lady Leakes in the
Afternoon
Monaquay Leakes

6pm-8pm
Hard Rock Dungeon
Jim Grim

8pm-10pm
Friday Night Vibes
Carly E. & Mistah Shofi

Marijuana: A Hotbox Issue for FDU

EDITORIAL

The legalization of marijuana is a hot button all across this country, and it is not any different on the campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Even though New Jersey allows the use of medical marijuana with a prescription from a physician, students from FDU say the stigma behind this drug should be lifted and legalized for recreational use in this country. Marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act with the likes of much more detrimental drugs like LSD and heroin.

Scientific research has said on countless occasions that this drug is nowhere near as harmful as the others that are considered to be Schedule 1. According to campusdrugprevention.org, “Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.” By the same token, there are positive effects that marijuana has on the body. For example, it can help with cancer symptom management such as pain relief, sickness caused by chemotherapy, appetite stimulation and help with sleep. While some claim it can stop the spreading of

cancer in one’s body, there is not enough scientific evidence to support those claims. Marijuana can relieve arthritis, help treat epilepsy and a variety of other health benefits have been scientifically linked to the drug. Students say it is time for the United States government to reassess its archaic classification system that considers marijuana to be on the same playing field as LSD and to open it to the public for recreational usage. Even if an individual is against the usage of marijuana, in all of its many forms, the financial ramifications of legalizing this drug will certainly give a boost to the economy

of the Garden State. This argument has been trumpeted by many FDU students, but it is not their main argument for why the drug should be legalized. The time has come for the government to loosen up the reins on a not-so-dangerous drug and let the people make an informed decision. Using the facts that have been delineated by science, marijuana is a drug that should be utilized in both a recreational and medicinal fashion. The government must change its classification of the drug after new scientific reports have spelled out its positives and negatives. Some of the negatives are driving under the influence of the drug, or even being

stoned while in class. Then, marijuana should be legalized which will lead to an economic boost for the nation, government regulation of the substance itself and less individuals jailed because they had a minimal amount of marijuana on their person. The fact of the matter is that people who have used marijuana will continue to do so, whether it is illegal or not, and the same logic goes for nonusers of marijuana. Just because it is legalized does not mean that people will begin to become users. We are strongly behind the legalization of marijuana. ■

Our Lawncare Is a Cosmetic Climate Poison

By SAMANTHA HART
Lifesyle Editor

We all know that feeling when April finally comes around; when the grass is finally covered in green instead of white snow or brown leaves. But that feeling is often followed by an eye roll as well: The burden of lawn care is now fully in season. Lawn maintenance is something that is done year-round, but is escalated and highly praised during the warm months of the year. However, the pesticides and fertilizers associated with typical lawn maintenance all have serious negative impact on the environment. That’s not even to mention all the other tools used to take care of grass,

like leaf blowers and mowers, which are noisy and can require gasoline. “Americans spill about 17 million gallons of gasoline every summer” in the process of fueling their lawn equipment, according to American Green: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn, a provocative 2006 book by Ted Steinberg and published in Longreads It can be safely assumed that those who spill the gas get it on their feet, subsequently tracking the gas back into the house and leaving children or animals in close contact to the potent fumes. At Fairleigh Dickinson, lawn-care professionals are constantly leaf blowing and mowing. The FDU community appreciates their

hard work and how nice they make the campus look, but their constant maintenance has had terrible effects on the environment, in several ways. For starters, grass is partially responsible for the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, like trees. If it’s assumed that every lawn in the U.S. is mowed short, that’s an area “about the size of the state of Kentucky, though perhaps as large as Florida,” including 16,000 golf courses and 700,000 athletic fields, according to American Green. A large volume of grass that could be cleaning our air is being mowed in favor of cosmetics. Intense lawn maintenance is also not in favor of general public health. “A single golf course in

Tampa, Fla. uses 178,800 gallons of water per day, enough to meet the daily water needs of more than 22,000 Americans,” according to American Green. Although that water isn’t necessarily being “wasted,” it isn’t exactly being used to the best of its ability, like providing water for 22,000 people a day. The combination of fertilizers and pesticides, all the millions of gallons of gas wasted, the reduction of CO2 absorbed from the air, the millions of gallons of water used for lawn care, not to mention the roughly 76,000 people injured per year operating a lawn mower (or, the same number of people injured by firearms every year, according to American Green)

all contribute to public health and environmental issues. FDU could help reduce their effects by not mowing as frequently, which would save the amount of gasoline needed for fuel. FDU could also not cut the grass so short when they do mow, which would allow for the longer grass to absorb more of the carbon dioxide from the air. Maintenance could also water the grass less often, perhaps skipping for a week after a heavy rainfall. Lastly, FDU maintenance crew could take more precaution when operating the lawn mowers and leaf blowers to avoid any potentially unnecessary injuries. ■



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ENTERTAINMENT



“Terrace House” has developed a huge fanbase in Japan and internationally thanks to its quiet charm. The first part of the latest season in Tokyo is on Netflix.

‘Terrace House’ in Tokyo Is More Than Just a Show

By CINDY (BINH) NGUYEN

Layout & Design Editor

“Terrace House: Tokyo 2019-2020” is the fifth season of an unscripted Japanese reality-show franchise on Netflix that revolves around six strangers living together in a two-story house.

The show doesn’t have much to bring to the table if viewers are looking for juicy drama or competition.

The six participants are normal people living six different lives: they wake up in the morning, leave the house for work or school, meet with friends, come home for dinner, interact with each other over the table or in the playroom, and on occasion, ask each other out on dates.

“Terrace House’s” recognizable format and slow storytelling style may not be everyone’s cup of tea, especially for those looking for ‘the beef.’ But a huge part of “Terrace House’s” charms comes from unavoidably awkward moments and conversations and tedious daily tasks.

Watching the show is no different than enjoying a long “What I do in a week.”

No forced group work or games, no dramatic music, no personal interviews, no explosive fights, just life. Throughout the last four seasons, “Terrace House” has been known for its ability to resonate with viewers and the hilarious commentary that pops in every 10 minutes.

Bustle called the series “the ‘Great British Baking Show’ of situational reality show.” Most people who have watched both shows would admit that these two have so much in common.

Unscripted shows like “Terrace House” and “The Great British Baking Show” are low-key, soothing, relatable, well-balanced, and perfect for a relaxing evening having drinks with a group of close friends. With the magic of good food, it is not a surprise they both became cult hits in America.

After Part 1 was released on Netflix on Sept.10, “Terrace House: Tokyo 2019-2020” quickly became one of the top trending series on the streaming platform.

What’s most noticeable about this latest season is how gorgeous the house is with spacious areas and a cozy playroom -- ideal for secret confessions and juicy gossip.

Even though bunk beds for adults are quite odd for a majority of English-speaking audiences, “Terrace House’s” out-of-a-Muji-catalog home is still a pleasant surprise.

For anyone remotely interested in Japanese culture, “Terrace House’s” Tokyo version is a must-watch.

The second part of this season is currently airing in Japan, but there is no word on when it will be out on Netflix. However, viewers can expect to stream it in a few months as each part of the show usually ends up on Netflix every 70 days.

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Strip Back the Layers to Enjoy ‘Hustlers’

By ELIZABETH SCALZO
Entertainment Editor

“Hustlers” serves as the ground for women empowering women -- even though the protagonists get caught and are arrested.

A stripper named Destiny, portrayed by Constance Wu, initially starts dancing in order to make ends meet and help her grandma. This all changes when she meets Ramona (Jennifer Lopez), and the two women band together at a strip club to make as much money as possible by drugging unsuspecting men and charging their credit cards.

Destiny decides to leave the business for a while and has a baby, but when she and her man split, she goes back to the club. As the 2008 recession looms, Destiny returns to work with Ramona, and they plan to make a lot of money off rich guys, except it’s in a very illegal way.

The movie is based on an article titled “The Hustlers at Scores” published in “New York” magazine, by Jessica Pressler, whose fictional counterpart, Elizabeth, is played by Julia Stiles.

Other notable appearances in the movie are Keke Palmer as Mercedes, Lili Reinhart as Annabelle and real-life former stripper



Barbara Nitke, STX Entertainment

“Hustlers” female empowerment comes by way of Lili Reinhart, left, Jennifer Lope, Keke Palmer and Constance Wu.

and music icon Cardi B as Diamond. Other big-name artists in this movie include Lizzo and G-Eazy. The cast matches well with the roles each actor plays.

Each character has her own quirk, which makes the movie hilarious and relatable. Reinhart’s character, Annabelle, suffers from nervous vomiting throughout the entire movie, which made the audience to laugh each time. Even Lizzo’s brief appearance playing her flute in the dressing room at the club gave the film a laughable moment.

Throughout the movie, Lopez’s character, Ramona, refers to the group of girls not just as family but as sisters. They created a family among a group of people who had nothing. Destiny mentions throughout the movie that her mother just left her with

her grandparents and never came back. She didn’t have siblings or anyone besides her grandparents. All she ever really wanted is a family.

“Hustlers” is the newest female empowerment movie filled with comedy and shares a message of sisterhood. Even though the movies overall goal is to tell the story of how these women ended up in prison, it also shows the beautiful journey they embarked on together.

They didn’t go to prison: All the women were desperate to avoid jail time, and their plea negotiations dragged the case into November, when Karina and Marsi pleaded guilty to conspiracy, assault, and grand larceny. A few weeks later, Samantha Barbash pleaded to the same charges.

‘The Legend of Zelda’ Awakens Wonder

By DYLAN DEL RIO
Staff Writer

Prepare for a fun remake of a classic that captures the spirit of the original while adding improvements to make it more accessible.

The original “The Legend of Zelda: Link’s Awakening,” for the Game Boy, is well known for forgoing several staples of the franchise, such as the Triforce, the main villain Ganon, and, of course, Princess Zelda. Instead, the story focuses on the hero Link awakening after being shipwrecked on the uncharted Koholint Island and learns the only way to escape is to find the “Instruments of the Sirens” and awaken “The Wind Fish,” who lays dormant in a giant egg on the top island’s mountain.

Despite the massively different story from previous entries, the gameplay is identical to most other isometric Zelda games.

You explore an overworld, go into dungeons, collect items that are important for progression, kill the dungeon’s boss, get one of the instruments and then repeat.

For example, the Roc feather allows Link to jump over pits and the power bracelet lets Link lift rocks blocking his path.

The game’s setting Koholint Island is rather small as it was originally designed with the Game Boy in mind but nearly every area of the island has something to discover, and by the end you’ll know the entire layout of the island like the back of your hand.

Graphically, the game looks simple but appealing with bigheaded character models that emote frequently depending on the situation. The music includes a lot of traditional orchestrations but a fair amount implements Game Boy sound effects. The most interesting musical shakeup is the theme of Animal

village that features dogs and cats singing.

The biggest new feature of the game is the ability to customize and explore your own dungeons. While that sounds interesting all of the areas you can use are recycled from the dungeons in the main game so by the end all the custom dungeons just start to blend into each other until the point where it gets tiring.

Another weird tidbit is the item trading sidequest in which Link has to give an item to a certain character in order to get another item to give to another character. Despite it being somewhat optional there are several parts in the game where it is required and without prior knowledge it comes off as completely arbitrary.

Despite some gripes with the trading sequence and custom dungeons, “Legend of Zelda: Link’s Awakening” is still a fun look back at a fan favorite entry in this long storied franchise.



SCREENSHOT BY DYLAN DEL RIO

The Legend of Zelda: Link’s Awakening offers a nostalgic trip down memory lane. One that can still be played on the go or now in the comfort of your own home on your T.V.

Go Greek Game Night

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, at 8pm the Inter-Greek Council held #GoGreek Game Night in which they invited students to mingle in the Knight Club with members of several Greek organizations. There were a variety of games and music.



AMAYA MORALES

AST Sister Elizabeth Scalzo (sophomore, communications major), Jessica Talmadge (sophomore, marine biology major), and SP Brother Bryan Tapia (junior, civil engineering major) play a game of UNO.



AMAYA MORALES

AST Sisters Gina Cucciniello (junior, chemistry major) and Emily Gordon (sophomore, MIDS major) playing a game of table tennis.



AMAYA MORALES

Sisters of AST posing for a sorority photo.



LEXI MARTINEZ

Sisters and Brothers of various organizations posing for a group photo while holding up their “hand symbols”.

Q&A

Amaya Morales (The Equinox): What is the most exciting part about Greek Week for you?

- Lexi Martinez, junior, criminal justice major: [The most exciting part is]... “probably hanging out with all the Greeks because we... don’t always have time to hang out together.”
- Gina Cucciniello, junior, chemistry major: [The most exciting part is]... “definitely spending more time with all the other Greeks. I’d say that... we are usually focused on our own events; there is not a lot of time to form good connections with everyone else among this community.”

Amaya Morales (The Equinox): Why are these events being put on? What is the main goal of these events?

- Amanda Wallace, junior, nursing major: “Okay, so, there are multiple reasons why these events are being put on. One of our goals as Inter-Greek council is to promote Greek Unity, so things like #GoGreek Game Night is a great way for the whole Greek community to come together and to show that we are united.”

Amaya Morales (The Equinox): So how can students that are not involved with Greek Life get involved? Additionally, are Greek organizations only limited to those who are undergraduates or can graduate students get involved?

- Gabriela Sesin, junior, humanities/elementary education major: “Well, we have the organization fair in the beginning of the fall semester and it’s a really good opportunity for students to look at all of the organizations and clubs we have on campus and it’s all about putting yourself out

there and making college what you want it to be. So, go to different events and try to meet new people and try to get yourself more involved that way.
“Pretty much every organization that we have on campus is open for anyone. However, some clubs - such as Greek life - have certain requirements but there are a lot of clubs where really any student or any person can be apart of. There are several positions for each organization that can really increase leadership, so it’s a really good opportunity for pretty much anyone and everyone to be apart of.”

MEET THE GREEKS

The Inter-Greek Council, in collaboration with the Office of Student Life, hosted Meet the Greeks - the most anticipated event of Greek Week. Students and Greeks alike look forward to the event as it is a night to showcase FDU Metro’s Greek community but also perform some amazing numbers. This event took place on Wed., Sept. 18 in Wilson Auditorium.

Person on the Street

How do students feel about the new class schedule?

All photos courtesy of The Equinox Staff

Juan Velez

Freshman, Criminal Justice

"It was a really bad thing because especially coming off of Sunday when many people go out and party, it's not a good thing to come back with a very heavy schedule on Monday."

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Aajaylah Hill

Sophomore, Criminal Justice

"The schedule last year was easier. Nobody wants to have classes on Friday, so you are trying to cram everything into the first four days of the week."

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Deja Farrington

Senior, Forensic Psychology

"My schedule has not been affected by the schedule change. I still have classes on Wednesday, and am off on Friday's."

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Tyler Hall

Freshman, Medical Engineering

"It's weird to have Wednesdays off as it drains a lot of momentum from going to class in the beginning of the week. You're studying hard and then you have the day off in the middle messing up your schedule."

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Kalyssa Nufable, Rebecca Minn

Junior, Nursing

"We are Nursing majors so the new schedule doesn't apply to us, but most people prefer the old schedule so that they can work on the weekend."

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Emily Gordon

Sophomore, Medical Imaging and Diagnostic Sonography

"It is not productive to have a day off in the middle of the week, especially there are so many events on Wednesday."

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STUDENT LIFESTYLE

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Climate Change Has Far-Reaching Impact on Wetlands

By **SONAL TULSYANI**
Staff Writer

“It’s not just the rainforests that are affected by climate change, it’s also the wetlands,” Weinstein said.

The focus of the Sept. 26 biology seminar was wetland ecology and ecological restoration. Dr. Marion McClary introduced the speaker Dr. Michael P. Weinstein, who specializes in ecological research at the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium.

The seminar started off with Dr. Weinstein introducing the audience to everything the wetlands has to offer including fish, shellfish, waterfowl, muskrats, fur-bearing animals, and water. All of the benefits to having wetlands make it significant to restore and preserve them.

“Wetlands are important biologically,” Weinstein said. The biochemical cycles that take place in them affect organisms of various shapes and sizes. The four biochemical cycles are water, oxygen, carbon, and nitrogen. On a larger scale, the oxygen

cycle affects all plants and animals that inhabit the wetlands. On a smaller scale, the nitrogen cycle affects bacteria.

When bacteria undergoes nitrogen fixation, it affects the plant’s ability to grow. The carbon cycle affects the plant’s intake of carbon dioxide and allows the plant cells to undergo photosynthesis in the first place. The bacteria utilize the help of plants to undergo photosynthesis by receiving glucose, according to Marion McClary Jr. a biology professor at FDU.

Basically, the bacteria fix nitrogen to help plants grow. Thus, the carbon cycle allows plants to undergo photosynthesis to produce food for itself, oxygen for the animals and glucose so that the bacteria can undergo nitrogen fixation. The glucose is also consumed by animals to produce energy, according to McClary.

The last biochemical cycle is the water cycle. No organism can survive without water and for some organisms, it is their habitat. Water not only plays a role for organisms, but also in abiotic ecological factors. Since it

plays such a major role in the weather, anything that affects the water affects everything living and nonliving.

That means that when water gets polluted, the polluted portion doesn’t go away easily. When the plants are fed unclean water and the fish are swimming in unclean water, their health can be impacted to the point where the dirty water kills them. While there are some organisms that filter water, according to McClary, there aren’t nearly enough to compete with the staggering amount of highly toxic pollution that humans bring to the water. The water cycle also affects the other three cycles because in plants, water is removed to form glucose.

If that isn’t enough to scare the general public into making a change to better the environment, “this country has lost 50 percent of its wetlands since colonial times,” Weinstein said.

While recycling paper and plastics is a good start, the problem is a little more complicated than that.

The ability to manage and predict restoration



SONAL TULSYANI

Dr. Michael Weinstein Giving his presentation on Wetlands

trajectories complicated by the fact that ecosystems exhibit behavioral surprises and non-linearities, according to Weinstein. This means that some of the difficulties that may arise include measuring the effect that restoration efforts have on the wetlands. As a result,

efforts that people make to help the environment could have more -- or less -- of the positive impact than was anticipated.

Environmental changes affect so many living and nonliving organisms in the wetlands, and that is just one biome.

Mercedes Zea Graces FDU With Her Musical Talents

By **MADISON MARTINEZ**
Staff Writer

Senior Mercedes Zea is as cheerful as the pink sweater she wore to her interview. A communications major, Zea has a plans join the likes of BuzzFeed as a social media manager, but her true passion and goal is to become a professional singer. The road ahead of her has been well paved as she has been singing on campus numerous times for events like the Invocation in the recent Commencement Ceremony. However, she began using her voice far before that.

“I’ve been singing since for as long as I can remember. I’ve never had professional training,” Zea said. “I sang myself. I put on shows for my mom when I was a kid, and it kind of just flowed naturally.”

However, the path to improving her voice isn’t a lonely one. Zea participated in her class choir since middle school, which was led by teachers who were professionally trained. They

set a great example for her in terms of warming up her voice and techniques.

As for her discovery, Zea’s first big performance was at Yogi Bear Stadium in Montclair University.

“One day one of my friends who can speak sign language, and he does performances in sign language for the national anthem,” Zea said. “He asked me to perform with him... So that kind of like, started my career in like national anthem singing and everything in between.”

Zea has been performing at school events since and even performed Marine Corps Retirement ball in New York City at age 17.

“That was a big deal for me,” Zea said. “Surrounded by military men I didn’t know...I was 17, and I was really nervous...but it all went out well.”

The singer has many accomplishments under her belt, but her biggest strengths are the passion behind her voice and ability to adapt to challenges.

“The way I kind of like to go about [performing] is if

you’re not nervous, you don’t want it enough,” Zea said. “I do get nervous here and there, but I just have to take a breath. Rehearse, rehearse, rehearse, and if I mess up, I mess up, and I grew from that and I learned from that.”

By becoming a singer, Zea hopes to inspire others to find their motivation and their passion in life. She said it very inspiringly.

“Something I hold close to my heart is trying to inspire other people to either reach their goals or trying to step out of their comfort zone,” Zea said. “Because everyone has their own taste in music. Anyone who walks around with headphones, airpods, their music has a meaning to them and their music. Sometimes it’s the thing that motivates them to get up in the morning, to get up and go to the gym. So I feel like I want to be that person to motivate another person to keep going.”

Zea manages her busy schedule as a resident assistant, student, and worker by prioritizing her tasks every day, and always starting



MADISON MARTINEZ

Mercedes Zea is Looking to turn her passion into a career

off with positivity. That is something she believes in and wants to share with everyone.

“Never be afraid to express yourself in any manner, no matter what type of person you are,” Zea said. “I think everyone can sing. It just takes practice and practice and practice.”

If you would like to listen to Mercedes talk about music and its influence, tune in to her radio show “Benz on the B” on 89.1 WFDU-HD3 on Fridays from 9-10am.

President Trump Impeachment Inquiry Advances

By **JOHNATHAN MILLER**
Guest Writer

California Democrat Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, announced on Sept. 24 that the House would launch an official inquiry on whether or not to impeach President Donald J. Trump.

This decision came after Speaker Pelosi held off pressure from the left-wing members of the Democratic Party who have been calling for the president’s impeachment for months before the latest storm.

The recent controversy that Trump has gotten into broke the impeachment dam on Capitol Hill, but not on the FDU campus, where the Ukraine news made little impact as of late September. A by-no-means-expansive poll of FDU students seems to voice disapproval of the move toward impeaching the president.

Quran Harris, a sophomore from Washington D.C., understands why impeachment exists, but does not understand the need to go down that route.

“I don’t see why people are trying to impeach him,” Harris said. “He is a showboat; he lives for people’s reaction to him. People should judge him

based on policy.”

She had yet to hear about the ongoing Ukraine controversy when she was asked her views.

“[Trump] sucks but he didn’t do anything for them to kick him out yet,” said Gabe Nicholls, a graduate student from East Orange.

Jenna Henderson, a junior from Washington, N.J., did not hear much of the story regarding the whistleblower complaint and Ukraine, but felt conflicted when sharing whether it was right to start the impeachment process.

“I feel like it was definitely a good move to appease people but it might not go through. There’s high risks associated,” Henderson said.

Senior William Atchison from Sacramento, Calif., did not hear much on the news story regarding Ukraine, but felt as if the impeachment may come no matter what.

“[Impeachment] may become inevitable,” Atchison said. “The president’s skeletons in his closet will eventually come out and will negatively impact his career.”

In a story that has unspooled all week, a whistleblower made a complaint that accused the president of the United States of wrongdoing, a complaint that has since been made public.

Within the complaint, the whistleblower noted the phone call conversation President Trump had with Volodymyr Zelensky, the president of Ukraine, on July 25. It was reported by the media that Mike Pompeo, the secretary of state, took part in the phone conversation on Sept. 30. Ten days later, he admitted he was on the Ukraine phone call.

In the phone conversation with Trump and Zelensky, with a “rough transcript” being released by the White House on Sept. 25, President Trump asked President Zelensky to investigate one of his political rivals, former Vice President and a 2020 Democratic candidate for president Joe Biden.

When Biden was vice president during Barack Obama’s administration, from 2009 until 2017, his son, Hunter, joined the board of a Ukrainian gas company, Burisma. During that time, Ukraine was trying to rid itself of corruption and hired prosecutor Viktor Shokin to investigate corrupt cases. There are claims that Shokin was attempting to investigate Hunter Biden, but according to CNN, Yuriy Lutsenko, the Ukraine prosecutor who succeeded Shotkin, Biden’s son did not break any laws. There was an investigation into Burisma,

but that investigation was already dormant by the time Hunter Biden came onto the board.

Joe Biden actively tried to get the prosecutor fired, and succeeded often using forceful economical means. Rumors grew of a prosecutor from Ukraine that was investigating Hunter Biden. However, according to a Washington Post fact-checker article, Biden’s actions were part of a policy through the State Department coordinated with the European Union and the International Monetary Funds. Shokin was seen by the international community as being weak on crime.

The subsequent whistleblower complaint mentions that the transcript of the sensitive call had been moved to a top secret server meant for confidential national security issues. The White House later confirmed that part of the whistleblower complaint.

Part of those transcripts that were unusually stored in the top secret server was the call from Trump to the president of Russia, Vladimir Putin. According to the Washington Post article, Trump admitted to not being concerned about Russia’s interference in the 2016 election.

Democrats have been reluctant to push the ball

forward worrying the political backlash would hinder the party in the 2020 election.

However, after a shaky week that resulted in being backed into a corner, Pelosi apparently had no other choice but to open up an inquiry. During an interview at the Texas Tribune Festival in Austin, someone asked whether she was worried that impeaching the president would mean that Democrats would lose the House in 2020. Speaker Pelosi firmly said, “It doesn’t matter. Our first responsibility is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

The House of Representatives will now proceed with investigations on whether to impeach President Trump. Once the process is completed, the Judiciary committee will draft and vote on the Articles of Impeachment that will then be sent to the full House where it needs a majority of 218 votes to pass. If the Articles pass through the House, it goes to the United States Senate for trial where it needs two-thirds, or 67 senators, to convict and remove President Trump.

This is an ongoing story and will be developed in the months ahead. ■

Commuters Open Up: The Trek to FDU

By **CINDY (BINH) NGUYEN**
Layout & Design Editor

Imagine college move-in day: unloading the rented microwave and minifridge, unpacking extra-heavy baggage, picking up the swipe card, and meeting your roommate.

For those who have dreamed about and maybe even dreaded for 18 years, moving into the dorm may appear to be much more sweltering and overwhelming than one would expect. But for those that commute to class, that classic college introduction doesn’t happen.

Sara Perez, now a commuter at Fairleigh Dickinson University, recalled her hectic first day as a resident in her freshman year.

“I miss all the chaos, all the unpacking, the first Game Knight, the

first soccer match I went to on campus, the first dorm meeting that I really thought was mandatory,” Perez said.

Perez feels bad for her commuter friends who never had a chance to experience the real college life.

Even though commuters make up a majority at FDU Metropolitan, living in dormitories enables students to engage in activities and organizations on campus. As most events at FDU take place in the evening, many commuters who have morning and afternoon classes are hesitant to participate.

Patricia Ressel-Deras, a commuter from Nutley and staffer on The Equinox, admitted that her involvement has dropped since she started to commute this semester.

“There is simply no reason for me to stay on campus until 8 p.m. when my class is done at 2 p.m.,”

Ressel-Deras said. “And don’t let me start about the whole Commuters’ Breakfast at 7 a.m. thing.”

Ressel-Deras believes that FDU should make changes to current programs that cater to commuters to get them more involved.

“The first thing that can be upgraded is the Commuters’ Lounge,” Ressel-Deras said.

Commuter and former staffer on The Equinox, Cindy Myo-Jung Kim from Fort Lee had a different opinion.

“It all depends on how much the students want to dedicate their time to be active on campus,” Kim said.

One of the perks of living outside of campus is the ability to stay in the comfort of home. Commuter students can practice home-cooking, decorate the room, organize the living space the way they want to.

“Living at home means being in an environment

that I am comfortable with,” Perez said. “Plus, you don’t have to deal with a roommate that’s rude or doesn’t know how to clean up herself.”

Commuting also allows students to cut down on expenses. There are multiple options for a commuter to save money such as purchasing a monthly pass to choosing an economy efficient car to save on gas.

“I am lucky because my car is fuel-efficient and I have a Costco gas station near my house that has gas at a much lower price, about 25-27 dollars for a full tank of regular gas which lasts about 2 weeks,” Ressel-Deras said. “So I am spending less than a hundred a month to keep my car running.”

Lodging off-campus also works out well for Truc Pham, an international student who started to commute this semester.

With an apartment only half a mile from the campus, she could walk to classes every day and save up on gas as well as impulsive purchases at 7Eleven stores on the way. However, Pham is worried about the next semester when her schedule is tighter.

“As I don’t drive, it will be more difficult to maneuver on and off-campus,” Pham said.

Commuter and staffer on The Equinox, Amaya Morales stressed that having a car is a must.

“Long days on campus could be tiring and demotivating, especially if you have to wait for the 9 p.m. bus to get home.” Morales said.


Commuting can be difficult at times, but it can be a great experience and a great opportunity to become more organized and better with time-management. ■

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FROM THE DESK OF DAVID MILES

David Miles’ Guide to Rideshare Apps

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- 2. Request your ride inside.** Avoid spending unnecessary time outside alone with your phone in your hand. Instead, wait indoors until the app shows your driver has arrived.
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through the app, so never get in a car with a driver who claims to be with Uber and offers a ride.

- 4. Avoid riding in the front seat** - If you are riding alone, sit in the backseat. This ensures you can safely exit on either side of the vehicle to avoid moving traffic, and it gives you and your driver some personal space.
- 5. Share your trip details with a friend.** While en route, tap “Share status” in the app to share your driver’s name, photo, license plate, and location with a friend or family member. They can track your trip and see your arrival time without downloading the Uber app.
- 6. Follow your intuition.** Trust your instincts and use your best judgment when

riding with Uber. If you ever feel you are in an emergency situation, call 911 immediately.

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 - Make sure that the **driver matches their picture in the app** and ask them their name prior to getting into the vehicle. If they do not resemble their photo and/or they do not provide the correct name, do not enter the vehicle and notify the authorities.
 - Do not enter the vehicle until you ask

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PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

- 9/12/19 – Report of odor of marijuana in Northpointe. Room odor was coming from was checked and drug paraphernalia was found in room.
- 9/17/19 – Student reported items missing from unlocked locker in Fitness Center
- 9/19/19 – Noise complaint in Northpointe
- 9/26/19 – Two non-students were arrested for possession of marijuana.



Senior Victoria Cruz leads the class, "Boot Camp with Vicky" at the Fitness Center. This 30 minute workout operates: Monday from 5:30-6:00pm and Wednesday from 12:30-1:00pm. The classes are open to any current students and faculty, but class size is limited to the first 15 participants. This class is a full body workout in only 30 minutes.

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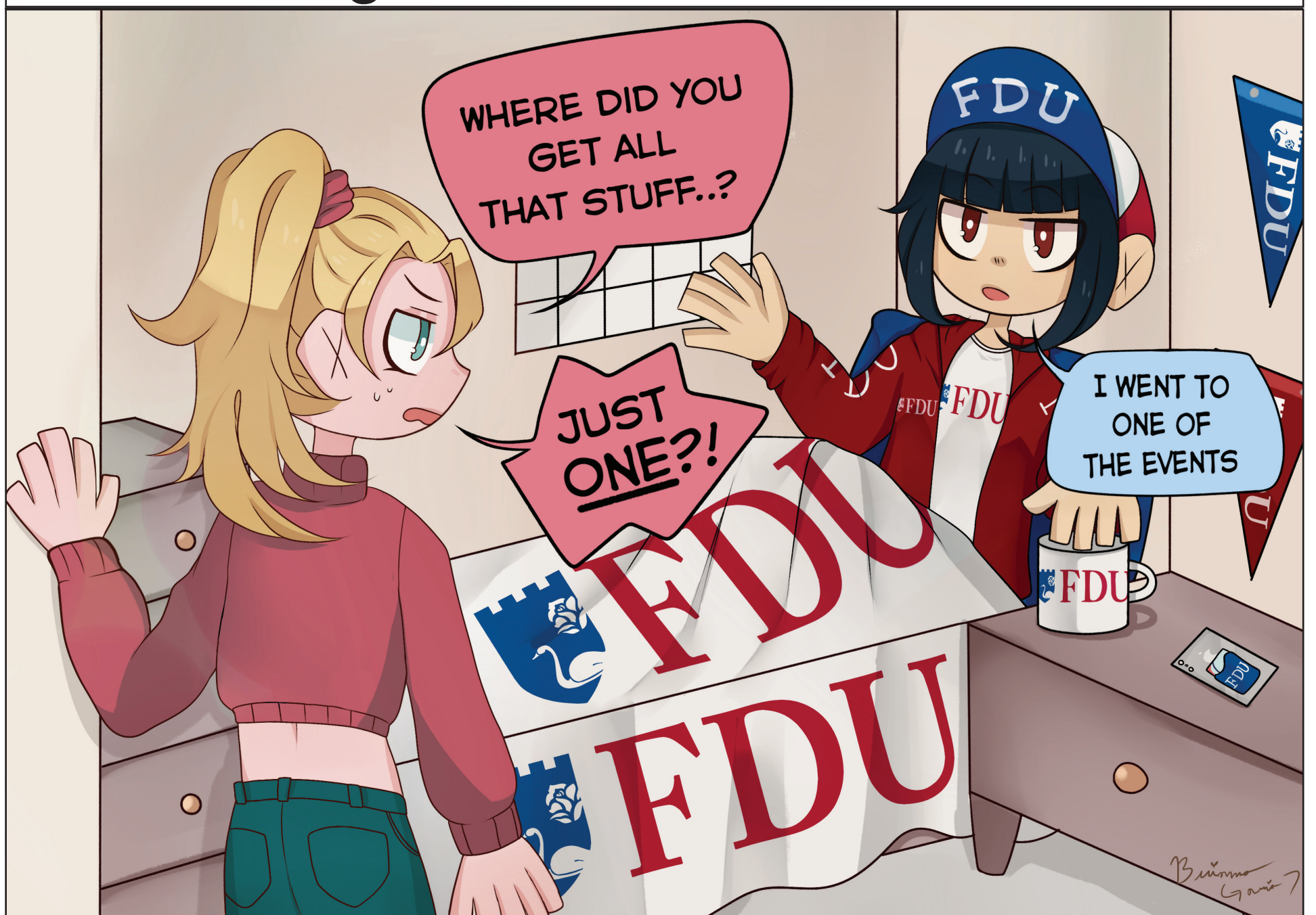
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FDU Abridged: How Much is too Much



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Women's Golf Wins Hartford Invitational

By ANTHONY COVINO
Sports Editor

The FDU Womens Golf team took home the 1st place trophy in this year's Hartford Invitational. The Knights finished in first ahead of Lehigh by 20 strokes. Junior Caterina Tatti shot a total of 142 (69,73) and her Sunday score of 73 (+3) was just enough to get the individual title for the Knights. Junior Nicola Smith finished with a score of 145 (74,71) to move her to third place. Sophomore Tomita Arejola and junior Julia Warke both finished in fourth with each having a score of 149. Freshman Victoria Schroedl finished 14th with a score of 153 (76,77). "I was very excited because it was my first collegiate win, but I have been putting in a lot of effort in since the summer and was feeling confident, Junior Caterina Tatti said. "I was a bit nervous going into the last round, but I



FDU Athletics

From left to right: Victoria Schroedl, Nicola Smith, Caterina Tatti, Julia Warke, and Tomita Arejola

was happy that I won." This is the Knight second first place finish this year. The Knights placed first in the FDU Knight Invitational and they placed fifth in the Boston Colleg Intercollegiate. This is their third

invitational this season and with two first place finishes, this is a great start to the season. "It was a great feeling to get a second win in three games, especially as one of the team (Caterina Tatti) also clinched the individual too, Junior

Nicola Smith said. "We knew if we played well then we would have a good chance, we just had to grind it out." The Knights will travel to Baltimore, Maryland for the Towson Invitational at Eagles Nest Country Club on

October 14-16. This will be the Knights fourth invitational of the season. The Kights will close out the season at the Lehigh Invitational on October 21-22.

Knights Fall to Princeton in Wipeout

By ANTONIA KOKIADIS
Sports Writer

The FDU Men's Soccer team went home empty handed this Saturday after a bitter loss to the Princeton Tigers at home. While FDU put up an extraordinary fight, Princeton had the upper hand in this game. Frankie DeRosa, Princeton Junior Midfielder, set the mood for the game by scoring the first goal for the Tigers. FDU started off strong, but Princeton's team came prepared. Princeton blocked each pass and steered it around in their benefit. FDU was caught off guard by Princeton's quick speed and dexterity. They hardly were able to make it across the pitch without having to rethink their strategy. FDU attempted to break it away from the Tiger's

grasp by steering them into some free kick. Princeton was not ready to give up that easy. Moulay Hamza Kanzi Belghiti, Princeton Sophomore Midfielder finished the first half by scoring the team's second goal of the night. The score was 2-0 heading into halftime. As the second half began, there was tension in the air. The second half began more aggressively than the first. While fighting to even the score, each team became more riled up than usual, resulting in some intrusive shoves. Despite FDU's several pursuits to level the score, it did not stop DeRosa from scoring another goal. With twenty minutes left in the game, Benjamin Martin, Senior Midfielder finished the game with one more goal for Princeton. FDU battling to score at least once during their final

four attempts, did not make it before time ran out. "I don't think we represented ourselves the way we would've liked to tonight. I think we're capable of doing better and we will need to do better if we want to be successful" says Head Coach Seth Roland. Roland was not satisfied with the way the game ended, as well as the rest of the team. As said best by Roland, the team did not represent themselves the way they normally do. Though, they are going to work hard to fix this and put their names back on top by next game without a doubt. The FDU Men's Soccer team will get the opportunity to bounce back Sunday in Moon Township at the conference game at Robert Morris University. Princeton will take on Drexel University on Tuesday at 7pm at Princeton.



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Red-shirt sophomore goalkeeper Steven Ortiz recorded one save in the loss.

Bowling Team Gets Rolling

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On October 1, the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) released its 2019-2020 preseason top 25 coaches poll, and the Knights were ranked ninth overall on the list. The Knights finished tied for ninth in last year's bowling season and are now the same rank as they finished, and will keep their spot amongst the NCAA top ten ranking programs in the 18th season. FDU was the highest

ranked NEC team, taking 958 votes which gave them that ninth place spot. Vanderblit secured the top ranking, followed by McKendree in second, and defending champion Stephen F. Austin ranked number three. Nebraska is in fourth, Sam Houston State in fifth, Arkansas State in sixth, Maryland-Eastern Shore in seventh and North Carolina A&T in eighth were the eight teams that finished ahead of the Knights in the preseason rankings. The team also hited a new assistant coach, Jackie Evans.