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# Class of 2019: No More MetLife?

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Students came across an announcement posted on the FDU website stating new changes to the 2019 May Commencement ceremony. This sparked ongoing debate and confusion with students, parents, and faculty.

The message stated, “The University is pleased to announce exciting changes this year for Commencement, designed to enhance the overall graduation experience for our student and their

families. The most notable change is that during the graduation ceremony at MetLife Stadium, graduates will not be processing across the stage to have their names read.”

Instead of having names read at MetLife as FDU has done in the past, students will now travel back to their home campuses, (Metro or Florham) and have private ceremonies with their schools.

Senior Zariel Burch expressed her frustration with the changes and took to social media to start a petition on change.org. The petition was shared all over Facebook,

Twitter, and Instagram, being reposted by thousands of upset students.

“This notion should also prove how important graduation is to us and how appreciative we will be for the chance to walk across that stage. Class of 2019 want to be recognized and walk across the stage at MetLife Stadium,” Burch wrote in her petition.

The petition grew attention from students and families, gathering more than 4,000 signatures. Some of the main reasons for student and parent signatures are: ...

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## FDU Welcomes New Director of Athletics

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On Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, Fairleigh Dickinson University officially introduced Bradford Hurlbut as its seventh full-time Director of Athletics.

Hurlbut heads the Knights Athletic Department after a five-year stint as the Deputy Director of Athletics at Sacred Heart University.

“This hire represents a new beginning on this campus and a new era,” University President Dr. Christopher Capuano said. “Athletics has to be a big part of creating a Metropolitan campus destination. Our D-1 athletics have to reach new heights not only in the NEC, but in the New York-Metropolitan area.”

Hurlbut was one of the four finalists for the Director of Athletics position.

“It was quite easy to pick Brad out of the field of 4,” said Capuano.

Hurlbut is taking over the department after interim Athletic Director Cathy Liggett served in the position since July, following the retirement of David Langford. Langford led the department for 15 years and was the Knights’ sixth full-time

Director of Athletics.

“I would like to thank David Langford and I would like to wish he and his family well during his retirement,” said Hurlbut.

“I am humbled and honored to stand here today as your Director of Athletics. Together we will achieve great things for athletics at Fairleigh Dickinson University,” said Hurlbut. “I always had great admiration for FDU. FDU met all the qualities when looking at a position.”

Hurlbut explained that during his tenure, FDU teams will be NEC champions many times over and bring home the Commissioners Cup. He will also support student-athletes by making every decision with their best interest in mind. Hurlbut would like to invest in the Knights’ facilities and provide student-athletes with counselors for them to talk to whenever they need to.

“We are going to change the direction and we are going to bring home some trophies,” said Hurlbut.

At this moment, Hurlbut is not looking into adding any more sports to the ones in which FDU is currently offering at the Division 1....

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## President Capuano on Higher Education: A Fight-or-Flight Business

By MAYA PAGE  
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The 21st century has forced changes in almost every aspect of day-to-day life. We live in a constantly changing world, which does not exclude higher education.

Advances in technology mean new skill requirements in the workforce. Some 65 percent of primary school students will be working in jobs that don’t yet exist, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Educational institutions must make the necessary

changes within faculty roles, curriculum, and student learning in order to keep up with changing times and new trends in the 21st century.

FDU has addressed these concerns in the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. The university responded to the growing issues within higher education by developing a restructuring plan to gain a competitive edge and raise the value of a Fairleigh Dickinson University degree.

In an interview with The Equinox, University President Christopher Capuano said that in order to

meet the changing market, it is important for universities to have a relationship and continuous dialogue with different industries and corporations.

“You have to do this on a continuous basis because everything is evolving. You have to adapt, you have to be agile, you have to adapt your programming to meet those demands, otherwise they’re probably not going to be interested in hiring your students,” Capuano said.

Capuano is determined to act as a pipeline for future employees that industries

are going to hire. By establishing these linkages and open communication, the University can better predict what programs will be useful for workforce in the next five, 10, 15 years. If universities don’t do this, it is more than likely they will lose value or close.

“Higher education, because there are so many schools, has become a business. So, you have a marketplace, you have a lot of people in the marketplace, but the market is diminishing. The number of students that are going to college is...



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The lack of communication between administration and staff. The University posted this announcement on the website without informing upcoming graduates personally with an e-mail. Students felt left out of this major decision. From the wording of the announcement it did not sound like a possibility, rather a set in stone plan. Also, students expressed their annoyance with having to travel around New Jersey on a day that is supposed to be relaxed and joyful. The traffic coming out of MetLife after the ceremony would cause chaos and confusion, wasting time on a day that is supposed to be special.

Parent Sandy Buccine commented on the petition, “My daughter is a sophomore at FDU..... if this most pivotal and meaningful Graduation Tradition is no longer Celebrated, I as a parent, would be outraged. Taking away Tradition to accommodate ill mannered people is Not the answer. I am confident that the students voices will be heard and respected, and a more reasonable solution executed!” The class of 2019 also communicated the unfairness of the situation. Graduates feel they should not be punished due to the past transgressions of another class. The decision to cut names out of the ceremony was made in order to cut down the

length of graduation. In the 2018 commencement, all the students who were called first ended up leaving after their names were called. By the time the students in the back were called, half the stadium was gone. There is also a concern on where students would fit on each of their campuses. There is no where big enough on either campus to hold the number of students and families that are attending graduation. This would mean that graduates would most likely only get a certain number of tickets for friends/family to attend. If the ceremony was at MetLife, students could invite any number of people. President Christopher Capuano wants to ensure students that

their concerns are being heard. Capuano told The Equinox, “We greatly appreciate the interest and passion the students have shown regarding the 2019 Commencement ceremony. Commencement is first and foremost about the graduates so we want to hear their concerns and take their input into consideration as we try to plan the best ceremony possible.” Although the statement published online seemed like a finalized plan, Capuano included, “We want to hear as many voices as possible. I can assure you that no decision has yet been finalized.” SGA on both campuses has arranged a town hall with President Capuano and University Provost

Gillian Small to discuss student apprehensions. “One message that seems particularly strong so far is that students want their names read at the ceremony at MetLife Stadium. This is my preference as well but we need to know that graduates will stay for all the names to be read, not just their own. In the past, many have left once their names have been read,” Capuano said. “This is disrespectful and unfair to those who haven’t been called yet. We do not want this to happen again. If we can get a commitment from the graduates that they will stay for the entire ceremony, we can set a standard for future classes to follow and have a very memorable University-wide celebration.”

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declining. So, now what happens is you have greater competition because there are so many schools including for-profit schools, competing for a smaller pie. If you don’t make these changes institutionally, you are not seen by prospective students as a destination where they want to go,” Capuano said. The goal of the strategic plan is to “develop multiple centers of excellence” and improve things around campus such as facilities and athletics. President Capuano highlights one of the main problems on the Metropolitan campus is that there is not enough social space. According to the most recent (2015) enrollment report, the Metro campus is 40 percent commuters. Providing this type of space will create more of a sense of belonging to a community. “We want more kids to look at this campus and say ‘I want to go there, I want to live there for four years, I don’t just want to be a commuter.’ Most students who live on this

campus are student-athletes or international. I hope in five years we’re going to have double the number of students who live on this campus, and more of them will be non-student athletes,” Capuano said. The president hopes that the changes will make

value of an FDU degree? According to the FDU website, the estimated cost for an undergraduate degree on the Metro campus is \$43, 118 per academic year. That does not include the extra \$13, 824 that residential students pay for room and board.

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**-- President Capuano**

FDU Metro a destination school and attract residential students. Another pressing issue for institutions is the high cost of a college degree. The increasing expense of higher education and the student debt crisis are at the forefront of issues across the country. With student loan debt in the trillions, and many college graduates still unprepared for the workforce, it leads to the question, is higher education worth the money spent? What is the actual

President Capuano responded to the tuition costs, “You have to differentiate the school and distinguish it in some way. People are willing to pay more for something if they perceive it is worth paying more money for. If it’s not worth paying more money, they would be foolish to pay more for it... It is basic consumerism is what it comes down to. Higher ed is a business.” Capuano went on to describe the university’s effort to keep tuition

down. He said, “We award an incredible amount of institutional aid. More than \$100 million a year in institutional aid on both campuses. Almost 100 percent of students get some form of aid from us and the average scholarship is significant. We are doing everything we can, understanding that the cost of going to school here is high, to support as many students as we can.” President Capuano spent the majority of his adult life on the Metro campus, starting off as a faculty member, then a school director, then a department chair, a vice provost, and university provost. On July 1, 2016, he was sworn in as the eighth president of FDU. Although he is the president of all four FDU campuses, Metro is where he grew up, so this campus is especially important for Capuano in terms of growth. “I’m an internal candidate, I know the university well. The good news is I know everything, the bad news is, I know everything,” Capuano stated. “It’s true because a lot of things I wish I didn’t know, that I know

need to be fixed. But it’s good because you have to fix them, but you worry about them. So, if you are coming from outside there’s a lot of things you wouldn’t know that you wouldn’t worry about until you’ve discovered them. And you never discover everything unless you’ve been somewhere 30 years.” Among the changes that Capuano described for the future of the Metro campus within the next two to four years are, significant changes in the landscape, a new footbridge, a new campus center to become the centerpiece of campus, a new hotel and conference center and home for the hospitality school, more varsity sports, more club sports, and higher engagement in commuter students. “I want this to be truly a destination campus where people are dying to come to school here. That’s what we’re after and we’re going to get it done,” President Capuano said. FDU is now in the fourth year of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Time will tell how FDU fares in this fight-or-flight business of higher education.



# Racers, Start your Paddles

By **PATRICIA RESSELL-DERAS**

Staff Writer

On April 14, 2019 at Cooks Pond, three rowing teams made up of FDU students will prepare to race against competing colleges at a chance to take home the prize. What makes this race unique is that the canoe that the teams are going to be racing in is made up of concrete.

Fairleigh Dickinson Metropolitan Campus is home to over 60 clubs and organizations. Some are involved in specific interests and hobbies, some are heritage-based, some are dedicated to volunteering, and others are academic and professional. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is one of the clubs offered.

The FDU's American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter is a part of a bigger global group. The American Society of Civil Engineers is a global organization that consists of over 100,000 people in the civil engineering field, in over 150 countries. The ASCE was founded in 1852, making it one of America's oldest



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engineering society.

The ASCE has been on the Metropolitan campus for over 13 years. This student chapter includes a mission that values community, teamwork, social and professional interaction. One of the activities that ASCE participates in is the concrete canoe team. This competitive team applies engineering concepts they have learned to a "hands-on" project. A perfect opportunity for kinetic learners.

In order to understand just what all goes into the making of a concrete canoe,

The Equinox interviewed the team's faculty advisor, Professor Alizadeh.

The process begins in the fall semester. "The fall semester is about management," Professor Alizadeh said. The president, John Garcia, and his team have to manage what materials they need, file the correct paperwork, and other responsibilities.

"Everything needs to be ready in the fall semester," Professor Alizadeh said.

First, the team has to draw and design a form board

for the shape of the canoe. Once they settle on the final design, the team has to file paperwork with the Student Government Association to approve the purchase of necessary materials.

Once approved and materials are purchased, the design is sent to a third-party manufacturer to create the form board out of Styrofoam. All this needs to be done by the end of the semester in order for the casting to begin in the spring semester.

In the first two weeks of the spring semester, the team

spends a whole day pouring concrete into the form board to cast it. Afterwards, for four weeks the concrete has to be maintained in stable conditioning for it to set. And presto, a concrete canoe.

But, the work is not done yet. Once it has set the team has to get it out of the form board to sand it. After sanding for a couple of hours, the team can begin with finishing touches to the canoe.

Additionally, the team has to build a stand for the canoe to sit on when the team is presenting it to the panel of judges and when it is not being used.

Due to this event being an ASCE event, it is not just about rowing component. The Friday before the race, on April 12, each student chapter that is participating will have a chance to present their canoe before a panel of judges.

This year the concrete canoe competition will be hosted at New York City College of Technology, where the judging will happen. And the racing of the canoes will take place at Cooks Pond in New Jersey.

For more updates on the concrete canoe competition information, head over to The Equinox website.

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level. FDU currently offers 18 D-1 sports.

"We could expand, but it would not be by leaps and bounds," said Hurlbut.

Sacred Heart, the university which previously employed Hurlbut, offers 32 sports at the D-1 level. This is something that Hurlbut does not see in the future of the athletic department while he is its director.

Hurlbut worked under former MLB player and manager Bobby Valentine, the current Director of



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Athletics at Sacred Heart, and Hurlbut will take some of the knowledge that Valentine instilled in

him during their five years working with one another.

"What I learned the most from him is to

talk to everybody, greet everybody, to always have time for everybody, no matter what walk of life they are from," said Hurlbut.

"Together, we will advance the program. I promise to be accessible, approachable and visible," said Hurlbut.

Steve Hurlbut, the brother of new Director of Athletics Brad Hurlbut, held the same position at FDU spanning 1998-2002. This is the first-time that two brothers have both been a Director of Athletics at the same institution.

"It's really neat. It's special. It's just really special to know what he did here and that he walked before me, but just also to see the love and admiration of so many people that were here when he was here, and are still here. It was definitely very emotional for me," said Hurlbut.

"I guess you could say college athletics is a Hurlbut family business," said Brad Hurlbut. "We can make something special on the banks of the Hackensack."

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# OPINION



## Traveling Professors? It May Be More Likely than You Think

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If you have been following The Equinox then you already know about the plans for a “new FDU.” If you have not, then allow me to fill you in.

Over the last year and a half, The Equinox has been reporting on FDU’s five-year strategic plan. This plan includes multiple changes to the infrastructure and curriculum on both New Jersey campuses. Under this plan professors will commute between the Metropolitan and Florham campuses to teach classes.

At first this idea may seem like a match-made in heaven when the offer of taking courses, usually taught at Florham, is right at your fingertips. However, the longer one muses at the thought of such an idea, the more holes the plan has.

One of the biggest issues with this idea is the commute itself. There is a whopping distance of 31 miles that separate the two campuses. Anyone that has driven in New Jersey knows that Jersey is infamous for, not only its disregard for speed limits but also, the heavy amounts of traffic on any road that is not local. Due to this looming issue, how can the University be sure that professors make classes on time?

The plan states that professors will be required to travel between campuses, but there is no mention as to how the professors are supposed to get from one campus to

the other. Will the University provide transportation for the professors, or will the professors be expected to transport themselves to the other campus? And if so, then will there be compensation? Any inkling of an answer to such important questions do not seem to be located anywhere in the Consultant’s Report that was given to FDU staff last Spring.

Another issue with this idea is the fact that if professors have to constantly be traveling between campuses, what will happen to their office hours? This would make it even more difficult for students to reach professors.

In many programs, professors double as academic advisors. If a student wants to meet up with their advisor, but the faculty member has to leave during that time to make it on time for their class on the other campus, how will the student’s needs be addressed?

The Equinox tried to reach out to multiple faculty members to gain their opinion on the matter. All inquiries to an interview were turned down. This may be due to the behind-the-scenes politics that the faculty members are part of.

Either way, no professors were comfortable exchanging any words regarding the issue. Which raises the question, are professors really okay with this major upcoming change? And what will happen to the professors that may fight back against such change?

In the Consultant’s

Report, it notes that FDU’s Silberman College of Business operates on both campuses already, so they will act as a model for the upcoming changes.

In order to gain some perspective on what it’s like to travel between campuses, The Equinox interviewed sophomore business administration major, Angela Winkens to examine her experience. Winkens is currently enrolled in Silberman College, and just last semester had to travel to the Florham campus to attend classes.

“The transportation back and forth takes a really long time,” Winkens said. “If you’re taking a class that is going to be an hour and 15 minutes, you’re probably going to spend two hours just in travel. It can be kind of unpredictable when you’re getting back because of traffic.”

While Winkens does agree that having professors travel between campuses rather than students may be “a little bit better,” she claims that this is only due to the professor being one person who has to travel back and forth, rather than a class full of students.

“Talking like timewise, I feel like it would be easier for the professors to do it,” Winkens stated.

Overall, this idea of traveling teachers possesses just as many issues as it does questions. So far there seems to be no answers to any questions. As of right now, the students and faculty are still left in the dark regarding some very concerning problems.

## The Secrets Behind Greek Life

By **KATIE HERNANDEZ**  
Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities started off with students who wanted to express their opinions with a group of like-minded people where there wouldn’t be judgment. It all began in the year 1776, where the first fraternity was founded at the College of William and Mary.

The members would meet up after school to talk about non-academic topics such as political issues during this time period. Soon, more fraternities formed based on religion, awareness in health issues, students who felt like minorities at their universities. Women eventually wanted to be part of these groups too. In 1851, the first sorority was formed at Wesleyan Female College.

These organizations were founded so the students could feel safe and wouldn’t be judged by other people. It was so students could spread goodness and awareness in their communities and schools. It was to show that these fraternities and sororities could overcome anything together, as a community, as brothers and sisters, as Greek life.

That being so, it’s tradition for the new recruiters in Greek life to be quizzed on the rules they follow, founding members, and traditions inside their groups. However, as years went by and these organizations started to become bigger, these rituals were often forgotten. This caused most fraternities to forget the deeper meaning why it is important to join these groups.

Today, if a student is asked why they want to join Greek life in college, their answer will probably be because of wanting

to be apart of the parties in school or live in the fraternity or sorority house. Students no longer know the real meaning behind these clubs or why these groups originated in the first place. The groups inside Greek life start to become more of a popularity contest.

The idea doesn’t seem bad at first because Greek life is beneficial for students after college because of the network you can gain. But, with all the original rituals lost in the organizations, the members inside Greek life gave birth to what is now known as the “hazing” period. This means college students are often being humiliated in front of their peers at school, or made to do something dangerous out in public.

Students have to perform these tasks in order to become a member of a fraternity or sorority. Today, hazing is illegal in 44 states including New Jersey, and many universities and colleges make the Greek organizations sign a no hazing agreement, including Fairleigh Dickinson University. However, this rule doesn’t mean that members are not still getting hazed, but it does mean that these groups are getting slicker in the tasks put upon their incoming members.

For example, at the University of Wisconsin, Alpha Sigma Phi was suspended for a hazing violation in the Fall 2018 semester. In fact, 95% of students in Greek life don’t report hazing because they don’t want to be considered a snitch. It is better to be “popular” and be part of a group then to be a “snitch” and be excluded.

Greek life started so it could be something bigger and better, not to be part of a popularity contest and taking the lives of young brilliant students.



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# Highlighting the Impact of African-Americans

**BY MADISON MARTINEZ**  
*Staff Writer*

February is Black History Month and a great opportunity to appreciate all the contributions African-Americans have made in society and culture. Major parts of American culture can be traced back to African-Americans such as, soul music, jazz, and hip-hop. All are unique to culture and part of black identity.

However, I feel that many known accomplishments are mainly in the realm of entertainment. When we think of famous African-Americans, or anyone famous really, we first think of singers, actors, and sports stars.

While extraordinary, I feel like we should rewind the clock and look at the other types of accomplishments African-Americans have made and their impact on us today. This is the month to celebrate all that African-Americans have done after all.

For example, Dr. Charles Drew, a medical director for the American Red Cross, saved thousands of WWII soldiers with his research on plasma. For blood

transfusions, blood needs to be stored in banks, and Drew discovered that plasma, the liquid portion of blood that contains no blood cells, can be stored longer than whole blood. Drew managed the two largest blood banks during the war and his protocols for blood banks are still used today, saving millions of people.

Another example, of African-Americans influence during WWII, the first black general for the US Army was Benjamin O. Davis Sr. Starting as a volunteer during the Spanish-American War, Davis was inspired to start his military career by the military’s order and discipline. During WWII, he headed a special unit that safeguarded the status and morale of the African-American troops in the Army.

Alongside his responsibilities from his rising ranks, he served in Europe as a special advisor for race relations, trying to desegregate the Army. After Franklin D. Roosevelt promoted him to general, Davis continued to fight for the full integration of the US armed forces and set the groundwork necessary for President Truman to end discriminatory practices in

the US armed forces in 1948.

In the intellectual front, W.E.B. Du Bois created the theory on African-American double consciousness. His work was intended to cross the “color line,” to raise awareness of the psychological consequences’ segregation had on blacks in both the working class and in politics.

“It is a peculiar sensation,” Du Bois said. “This double-consciousness, this sense of always looking at one’s self through the eyes of others, of measuring one’s soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity.”

His work is still read today as influential pieces for the intellectual library, both to what it boldly said back then and what wisdom it still holds for today.

In every field, one can see the influence of African-Americans. Their influence still resonates today and their legacies, old and new, will continue throughout time. So, take the time to notice that behind the color of skin, behind what you see on the screens and what you hear in your headphones, there are many people with ideas that have changed our lives.

# The Interesting Life of a Commuter

**By JENNIFER MALTI**  
*Staff Writer*

The life of a commuter can be really easy or really difficult. Commuting has its pros and cons. You’re able to go to school and come home rather than living at school. The hardest part of your day is just making sure that you get up in time to leave and drive to school. This becomes much harder when you don’t own a vehicle.

I am a freshman commuter traveling from Jersey City to FDU without a car. My routine when it comes to getting to school, is different than the average commuter. I live 40 minutes from FDU and I rely on public transportation and sometimes my mom and dad to get me there.

If I am getting a ride from my mom or dad, then I wake up around 8:00 A.M to leave my house at 9:00 A.M, just to get to my class at 10:00 A.M. If I’m taking public transportation, then I have to get up at around 6:00 A.M and leave my house at 7:00 A.M just to make my 10 A.M on time. I use the light rail system in my city and then afterwards I take the bus to FDU. This becomes even

harder if the weather is bad, because then I have to get up even earlier than someone who lived on campus or even just closer to the school.

Another difficulty that comes with being a commuter, is that it is hard to get involved. Commuter students usually go to school and then they go home. A commuter has to factor in the time they have to commute into their day. I have to look around to see what I’m interested in but, also take into account what works best with my time in the day.

To help find activities to get involved in look for flyers at things you’re interested in that help fit in with your schedule. You can even go to the commuters lounge located in the fitness center and you’ll find fellow commuter’s that go through what you are going through.

At the end of the day, my life as a commuter is what it is. It has its positives and its negatives. I come back to the comfort of my room every day and my home. Sometimes it is a struggle but once you get involved and meet other people that you can relate to, life as a commuter can become interesting and fun.

# The Struggles of Living on Campus at FDU

**BY ELIZABETH SCALZO**  
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The college experience is always depicted in movies as a monumental moment in one’s life. A student packing up and leaving home to live in a beautiful dorm room somewhere else in the state or country. Living on campus at the Fairleigh Dickinson Metropolitan campus does have its perks, but it also has a lot of downfalls.

The different types of residence halls are often explained in relation to towns or cities by students. The Lindens have been referenced as skid-row among many. This isn’t true for every building that makes up the Lindens because, like any college campus they care what prospective students will think about the dorms and the campus in general.

Linden Two has the tour suite in it, which has real couches and better lighting than any other room on campus. Also, the bathrooms in Lindens One and Two have been redone, where, in Lindens Seven and Eight, some student have sinks which are rusted out.

The Courts are often called the residential neighborhood. The rooms are smaller than the Lindens, but they come with the option of having a kitchen which can come in handy when

a student is sick of the food at the Student Union Building cafeteria or the food is just questionable on a certain day.

The third housing option is Northpointe, which is known as the Beverly Hills of the residence halls. Northpointe has double occupancy rooms rather than suites, which have their own private bathrooms. Most students do not complain because they no longer have to share a bathroom with up to five other people.

Each residence hall does have a different price point which is something that matters to many students and determines where they can live. However, all freshmen must live in the Lindens unless they are accepted into a program like Honors or Global Scholars.

Living in the Lindens specifically causes many students stress in different ways. The first example is laundry. There are only three washers and dryers for every two Lindens. Many students speak of staying up until three or four in the morning on weekends in order to have a washer and dryer at the same time.

Another problem that many students are faced with is the battery in their door quitting and having to be replaced by Facilities. Until the battery is replaced the resident is expected to either keep their door propped open, meaning anyone

in the suite could go into their room, or call Public Safety to come and unlock the door with a key every time they need to get in their room.

One resident stated they called Facilities every day for four days to remind them that the battery in their door had stopped working and it was finally fixed on the fifth day.

The same student who had the problem with Facilities fixing the battery in a timely manner also reported that each time she needed Public Safety to unlock her door, it took anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes for someone to come. Public Safety does have a lot of other duties on campus, but if they did not want to have to keep letting her and her roommate into their dorm they should have made sure Facilities fixed the dead battery.

Finally, one student explained how the ceiling in their bathroom ceiling started leaking and has been patched several times, but continues to leak because the problem is not with the ceiling itself, but rather some sort of plumbing issue.

Although these are just a few accounts from specific students, if you ask almost any resident on the Metro Campus if they have encountered a bad experience with living in the dorms, the majority of them will tell you yes.

Moving away from home

is not easy for anyone and with the added struggles of living with other people along with untimely responses for facility issues, students can experience unneeded stress. With the amount that students pay in

tuition many wonder why all of the residence halls have not been updated and why the staff does not respond in a timely manner. Living on any college campus is not easy and Fairleigh Dickinson is no exception.



Rusty Sink in Linden 7

Photograph by Adam Matter



# STUDENT LIFESTYLE



## Life as an International Student at FDU

**By Cindy Nguyen**  
Staff Writer

As an international student living on campus, there is one thing I like about FDU Metropolitan: the salad bar at the SUB dining hall.

Salad creates the scope for endless possibilities with its diversity in ingredients and recipes. There’s no limit to how a salad is served: it all comes down to how the cook combines different food components. Mix greens with fresh beets, asparagus, goat cheese, and a vinaigrette dressing and voilà, you have a French country salad for an appetizer. Thinly sliced chicken breast and spring onions, chopped up herbs, and juice of a fresh lemon make for an amazing entrée of Chinese chicken

salad. I can go on, still there can never be too many ways to serve and enjoy a salad. It’s been five weeks since my first day here, and the salad bar at the SUB still catches my eye. As the foodie I am, it thrilled me to discover the same diversity in many aspects of the FDU experience.

As one of the largest international student bodies in the area, FDU’s multicultural environment makes it much easier for international students to adapt and thrive. I was quick to expand my social network by making friends from different parts of the world and participate in events and activities.

The university also has a team of competent and friendly staff whose guidance since day one enables my interactive, international,

intercultural and interdisciplinary experience. International Student Services (ISS) does a great job in assisting me with important papers and procedural issues, while the Metro Writing Center improves my English writing skills to keep up with local students and achieve the maximum academic results.

My experiences as an international student has overall been positive, and salad is always my go-to from breakfast to dinner. Overcoming homesickness and cultural differences is a different story. I have learned that here, “Nice to meet you,” “Let’s hang out some day,” or “See you soon,” are the type of greetings that don’t have any strings attached.

On my first day of school at FDU a girl asked me how I was doing, but when I replied

I wasn’t feeling good, she just went on as if she had never asked. This struck me because “How are you?” means, “I want to know how you really are” in Vancouver, where I came from.

It dawned on me that local students are nice, but getting to know them personally is another story. People rush to class, mind their own business, and rush right out when the class ends. I learned that being someone’s classmate doesn’t necessarily mean I am their good friend whom they will seek out for advice.

German Quesida, an exchange student from Costa Rica, has a similar experience.

Quesida said, “It is easier for me to befriend other international students than Americans even though they are all friendly. My non-US-born friends are

interested in hearing my stories. So they ask a lot of questions and I feel more comfortable to share my stories with them. I think it’s a bit harder to find a native speaker who wants to know me more than a superficial way and who asks, “Where are you from?” or “What brought you here?” instead of a typical, “How are you?”

Indeed, there are local students who genuinely want to know more about the international students’ backgrounds and life in their home country. What sets the U.S. from other countries is that it is more the exception than the norm.

Cultural shock aside, I have had good learning experiences at FDU as an international student and would love to have a taste of everything at the salad bar.

## How to Have a Good Spring Break When You’re Broke

**By Samantha Hart**  
Staff Writer

It’s fair to say that most college students highly anticipate spring break. Contrary to popular to belief, however, most students don’t do much over spring break besides sleep. You may ask, ‘Why is that?’ This is mainly due to a lack of funding; a.k.a., we’re all broke.

But who says that being broke means having no fun? There are plenty of ways for the typical fried-out college student to manage to have a good spring break without having much money. Have a little bit of fun this spring break for under \$20!

- 1) Go to a Zoo - There are several zoos and aquariums all throughout the state of New Jersey. Cape May Zoo in South Jersey has free admission every day, and who doesn’t love free trips?
- 2) Take a Trip to the City - As we all know, New York City is only 5-10 miles from the Metro campus, so why not spend the day in the Big Apple? And plus, NYC and college students have one major thing in common: they both never sleep.
- 3) Go to the Beach - New Jersey is known for its lovely scenery on the Jersey Shore. Take advantage of the

warmer weather and spend a day or two at the beach in the sun.

- 4) Give Yourself a Facial - It may seem odd, but facials are an excellent way to reduce the stress from the first half of the semester. There are many facial scrubs on the Internet that help alleviate stress and anxiety. Here is a recipe from WellnessMama for making the perfect face scrub to give yourself spa-like treatment:
  - ½ cup of sugar (brown or white)
  - ½ tablespoon of olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon of honey
  - Mix until the contents are amalgamated well enough to apply
  - Store in a Mason jar until you’re ready for your next use
- 5) Take a Hiking Trip - If you’re looking to really get your blood flowing and your heart pumping, the best location to hike would be Mt. Tammany in South Jersey. This trail is mostly uphill alongside of the mountain. If you’re only looking for a peaceful walk that can easily calm your nerves and wash your stress away, take a hike along the Buttermilk Falls waterfall. Being an hour away, it’s quite the hike (pun intended), but it is well worth the drive if you love to explore and are looking for something fun and healthy to do.



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# International Fashion Show at FDU

*This month, the International Fashion Show was back and bigger than ever.*



ISA President Susan Cuffee: “International Fashion Show started with two international students wanting to see more international fashion flair and they where fashion corps and international student president so they set this up.”



From left to right: ESL students from Japan Takato Kawabata, Sana Shimada and Kaede Otani.  
Takato Kawabata: “We have only 2 months left in the US, so we want to make the most out of it. I have no previous experience with modeling, but who doesn’t love fashion?”



From left to right: freshman Jamie Carenza, Mary Rose Pasumbal and Victoria Verile.  
Jamie Carenza: “I used to do modeling for a national magazine when I was a little girl. So, yeah, you can say I kind of have a passion for runways and fashion.”



Graduate student Anushka Nadkarni: “Second time working here...Always enjoy seeing it. Every model is extremely passionate about their outfits.”





# ‘You’ a Thrilling Drama Fans are Raving About

BY ELIZABETH SCALZO  
Staff Writer

The show “You” on Netflix has become extremely popular over the past month. With star-studded actors such as Penn Badgley and Shay Mitchell, it is no wonder that everyone fell in love. Badgley portrays the male lead of the series named Joe. He seems to be just a normal guy in the beginning, but his mystery quickly captivates viewers and hooks them into the thriller-romance.

Beck, Joe’s love interest, is portrayed by Elizabeth Lail. She is a young writer trying to make it big in New York City. Beck meets Joe at the bookstore he works at, and their relationship from there on out is anything but ordinary.

Badgley’s acting was well done throughout the season, however Lail lacked true emotion at some points. Viewers love TV shows because it can transport them to a different place. During the beginning of the season, many of Lail’s reactions did not seem genuine.

Throughout the series, the audience watches as Joe and Beck fight and make up on multiple occasions. Each time Beck suspects Joe to have sociopathic tendencies, he finds a way to manipulate her further and convince her that things are either her fault or that she is crazy.

Not too far into the series, we meet Beck’s best friend Peach, who is portrayed by Shay Mitchell. Peach is extremely close to Beck, which upsets Joe and brings out his possessive tendencies. He wants Beck

all to himself, and won’t let anyone get in the way.

Joe also has a neighbor boy named Paco whom he gives books to and tries to protect because his mom has an abusive boyfriend. Beck is suspicious about Joe’s ex-girlfriend Candace and what really happened to her, causing another attention-grabbing puzzle for viewers to solve along with her.

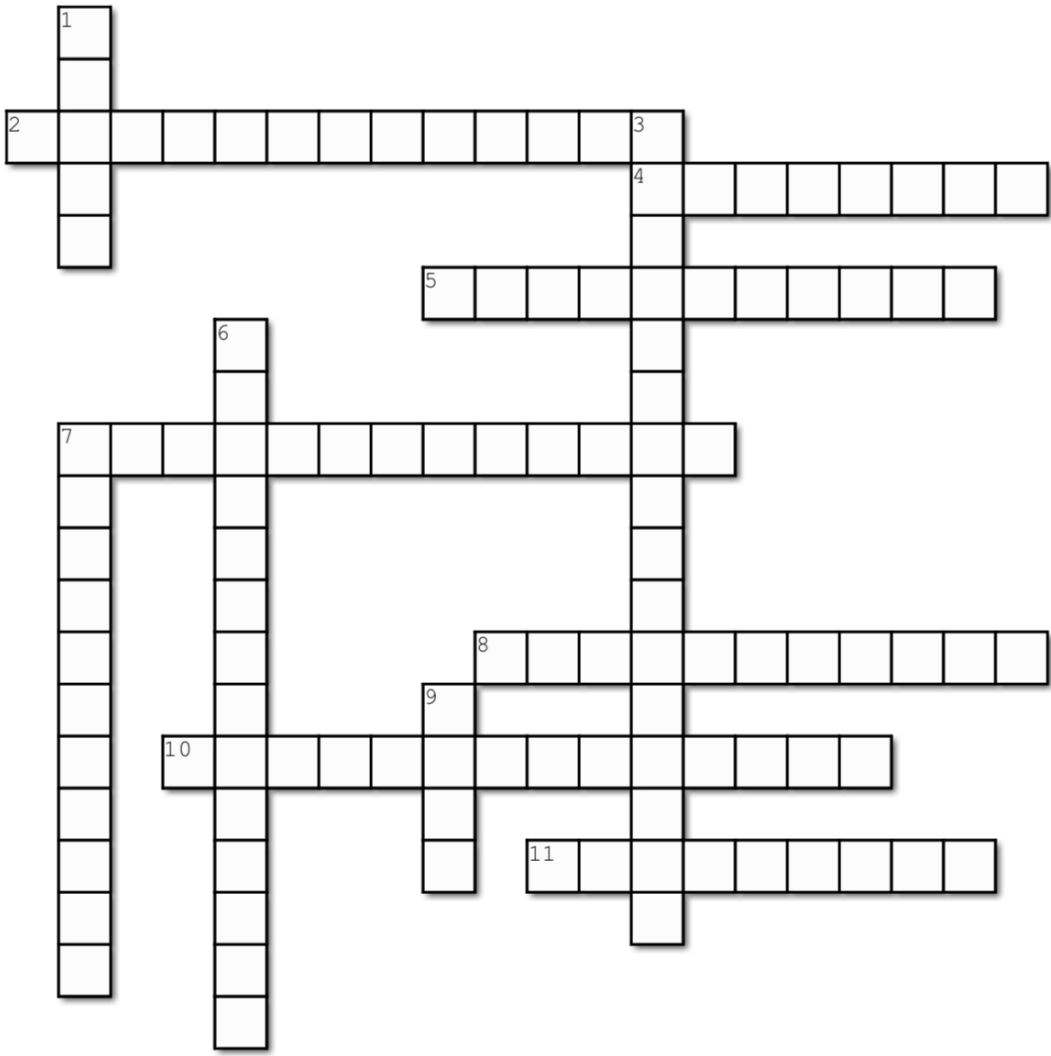
This audience is left with a suspenseful end, and many are impatiently wanting a season two. What many audience members do not know is that “You” originally came out on Lifetime, but after the show didn’t get the ratings the station wanted, they sold the show to Netflix. “You” is a thrilling drama that many are recommending everywhere.

One fault in the show is that because the character Joe acts sweetly towards Paco, it leaves many audience members to believe he has a good heart in there somewhere and that they should sympathize with him. The show brings to light the issue of abusive and toxic relationships.

“You” also showcases flashbacks from Joe’s past. Joe was an orphan and Mr. Mooney, the owner of the bookstore, took him in, but throughout the years, he abused Joe. This gives the audience another reason to sympathize him.

Even if the show gives reason to feel bad for Joe, that does not change the fact that he is a stalker. Badgley even put out a statement urging people to stop romanticizing his character. Joe is simply a character that people love to hate.

## Maya’s Mind-Benders: Black History Month



- Across**

  - 2. Famous conductor of the Underground Railroad
  - 4. The state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities
  - 5. Martin Luther King JR. gave this famous speech
  - 7. A political organization that challenged police brutality against African Americans
  - 8. The rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality
  - 10. The President who signed the Emancipation Proclamation
  - 11. Best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Down**

  - 1. Dr. Mae Jemison was the first African American to travel to...?
  - 3. Jean-Michel Basquiat created this style of art
  - 6. First African American to play in Major League Baseball
  - 7. The first African American President in U.S. history
  - 9. An African-American musical form born out of the blues originating in Louisiana

For crossword puzzle solutions go to [dtheequinox.wordpress.com](https://dtheequinox.wordpress.com)

# Find Out What Men Want in New Comedy Film

BY PATRICIA RESSELL-DERAS  
Staff Writer

Taraji P. Henson once again hits the big screen to star in the newest comedy film, “What Men Want.” The movie, directed by Adam Shankman, made nearly a whopping \$6.6 million on the first day, according to Box Office Mojo. The movie has grossed over \$30 million and climbing.

The cast is made up of a range of first-time actors to nominated and award-winning actresses and actors. Stars include Taraji P. Henson, Aldis Hodge, Tracy Morgan, Roshawn Franklin, Josh Brener, and even Shaquille O’Neal.

In the 2019 comedy, Henson plays Ali Davis, a hot shot, no prisoner-taking

sports agent that is vying for a position of partner at her job. Davis thinks she is guaranteed the position due to her hard work ethic and multiple clients.

However, Davis soon finds out that another one of her male colleagues has been chosen to fill this position. Angered by such a decision, Davis goes to visit her father, played by Golden Globe nominee, Richard Roundtree, at his boxing studio to vent out her feelings.

Davis continues to wallow in her anger the next day at her friend Mari’s bachelorette party, played by actress Tamala Jones. At the party, Davis’s other friend Olivia, played by Wendi McLendon-Covey, hires a psychic before they go out partying.

Famous singer Erykah Badu plays the psychic, Sister, who reads Davis’ future and has her drink a Haitian tea to help her communicate with men better. Cue the pre-gaming and early 2000’s clubbing and you have the recipe for a party gone wrong.

After hitting her head at the club, Davis realizes that she can now hear men’s thoughts. Davis uses this power to finally change her luck when it comes to men. From the workplace to the bedroom, Davis now has the keys to open the “glass ceiling.”

Only question is, how does she use them? Simple, in a hilarious adventure that you have to see to believe. Which in the end may just answer the question of, what do men really want?



Photography by NETFLIX



# ENTERTAINMENT



## ‘Resident Evil 2’ Game Rises Yet Again

By **DYLAN DEL RIO**  
Staff Writer

When people talk about horror video games most of them will instantly bring up the “Resident Evil” series. Developed by Capcom, early games in the series were well known for throwing players in areas littered with zombies and forcing them to get through with limited weapons, intense bosses and a variety of puzzles.

In 2015, Capcom announced they were working on a remake of “Resident Evil 2” which finally released on Jan. 25, 2019.

The game follows two different characters trying to escape Raccoon City in the midst of a zombie outbreak. The first is Leon S. Kennedy, a rookie police officer and the second is Claire Redfield, a college student who went to the city to look for her older brother Chris. He was one of the main characters in the original “Resident Evil.”

During their escape they learn more about the origins of the virus and its connection with the city’s pharmaceutical company, the Umbrella Corporation. Despite being a sequel, the game’s plot is easy to follow for newcomers and all the characters are voiced competently making for a standard, but none the less, enjoyable narrative.

Leon and Claire are controlled from a third person perspective. They both start out with a pistol and as the game goes on you can acquire other weapons and upgrades including a shotgun, a grenade launcher, etc. You can also acquire sub weapons such as knives and grenades that could be used normally or to breakout of a zombie’s grab attack. Ammo is limited and the zombies can take a lot of abuse, to the point where even a headshot will not necessarily put them down for good.

The game relies heavily on puzzle solving to proceed. For example,

the first objective in the game is to find a secret exit in the police station. You quickly find it’s locked and the key is separated into three medallions, each located in a different statue around the police station and each having a different combination that needs to be solved to get the medallion.

The majority of the game is set in one location, the Raccoon City police station. While that may sound like a restriction, the game uses the closed in space to its advantage by encouraging the players to explore every room for equipment. By the end of the game you will know the entirety of the station like the back of your hand.

The game does an excellent job in making you feel anxious, from the constant growling and screaming of the zombies to the letters littered around the area written by people during the outbreak. It makes the police station feel alive, despite the vast



Photograph by XBOX

majority of its inhabitants being dead and/or zombies.

What makes the game work is despite being limited with ammo and items, they still give you just enough to get by. You may not be able to kill the zombie blocking that door, but if you shoot it in the leg it will stagger back, giving you a window to bolt to the door. That constant feeling of getting through a tense situation through the skin of your teeth is what makes the game so rewarding.

There are only a few times the game falters. Firstly, some of the bosses are a pain. It felt like they were designed with a more fast-paced character in mind, to the point where whenever the characters dodged an attack, it felt

more like a fluke than an actual skill.

Secondly, there is a mandatory stealth section in Claire’s campaign. If you make one wrong move, you get caught and have to start all over again. While the rest of the game encourages sneaking around and avoiding enemies, it was at least still possible to recover if you mess up. However, for this one section, that is gone and it’s really frustrating.

Despite those gripes, “Resident Evil 2” was an excellent remake with it’s biggest strengths being the nerve-racking gameplay and the sound design making the zombies genuinely scary and most of the weapons satisfying to use. It’s a clear reminder of why people love the series to begin with.

## Rebel Wilson’s Rom-Com Leaves Audiences in Tears

By **ELIZABETH SCALZO**  
Staff Writer

“Isn’t it Romantic” appeared in theatres over the Valentine’s Day weekend and was the comedy that all of those celebrating with their spouse or friend needed in order to have a laugh.

The movie starts off with a young girl named Natalie watching romantic comedies and her mother telling her that she would never get a happy ending like that. The movie then flashes forward 25 years to Natalie as an adult in New York City who hates romantic comedies and does not believe in true love.

Natalie then tries to be more open to love, but instead is mugged when getting off the subway and is knocked out. When she wakes up in the hospital her entire life has changed, but she does not realize until later that she is stuck in a romantic comedy at which point she says “I think I’m trapped in a (truck beeps). My life’s become a mother (truck beeps) romantic

comedy! And it’s PG-13!”

The movie stars Rebel Wilson who became famous after her reoccurring role as “Fat Amy” in the “Pitch Perfect” franchise. Wilson has left audiences laughing since the first “Pitch Perfect” movie back in 2012. It is no surprise that Wilson’s character, Natalie, in “Isn’t it Romantic” allowed the audience to roar with laughter during the film.

The film also stars Liam Hemsworth as Blake, who Natalie falls in love with when she is stuck in the rom-com. Hemsworth is known for portraying the stereotypical dream guy in movies such as “The Last Song.” Hemsworth makes audiences laugh with his constant use of the word “beguiling” and Natalie’s reactions.

Blake is Natalie’s boss at her job as an architect for parking garages when she is in her normal life. However, when she is in the romantic comedy version of her life Blake falls in love with her after his driver almost hits her with his car.

The movie features



Photograph by IMBD

Adam Devine, who is also known from the “Pitch Perfect” franchise for his role as Bumper. Wilson and Devine are known for their chemistry on screen through their previous roles together. What many people do not know is that Devine and Wilson often improvised their lines in the “Pitch Perfect” movies and the directors would keep some of scenes in the movie. Many fans wonder if this is also true for “Isn’t it Romantic.”

“Isn’t it Romantic” would not be the comedy that it is without the over the top digs at romantic

comedies. During many scenes when Natalie is walking down the street, “A Thousand Miles” by Vanessa Carlton is played. To add to the cheesy features, Blake gives Natalie his phone number on rose petals and of course she tries to be logical, but Blake simply tells her to just call him.

Some other clichés that were features are that Natalie has a gay best friend sidekick who is portrayed by Brandon Scott Jones and that Natalie and the only other women she works with are enemies. Lastly, the clichés do not stop there as

there is a romantic wedding on a boat and a realization that she fell for the wrong guy.

At the end of the rom-com film, before Natalie goes back to reality she realizes that what is really important is that she learns to love herself. When she goes back to reality she is a much more confident version of herself and refuses to let people treat her the way they used to.

According to Forbes, on the opening weekend “Isn’t it Romantic” earned twenty million dollars while the movie “Happy Death Day 2U,” which was released the same day only earned fifteen million dollars.

Audiences unquestionably wanted to see this comedy and with the outstanding performance from Wilson it is no wonder the box office did well against competitors.

Overall, “Isn’t it Romantic” is a romantic comedy that leaves the audience laughing, but also possess that corny true love feeling at the end of every genuinely great love story.



# Periodically Speaking: News from the Giovatto Library

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

### EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS FOR MIDTERMS

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST - UNTIL 8 PM  
SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND - UNTIL 7 PM  
SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD - OPEN AT 9 AM

### SPRING SEMESTER LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY - 8 AM - 11 PM  
EXTENDED STUDY HALL HOURS - 11 PM - 1 AM

FRIDAY - 8 AM - 5 PM  
SATURDAY - 10 AM - 6 PM  
SUNDAY - 12 PM - 10 PM  
EXTENDED STUDY HALL HOURS 10 PM - 1 AM

### New this semester!

Coffee @ the Library  
Monday through Thursday  
8 AM - Noon

### New DVDs This Week

Human Flow  
White Collar, season 6

### Studying @ the Library

Quiet Study - The Reference Reading Room (upper level)

Group Study - The Ruth Schwartz Reading Room/Periodicals Department (ground level)

Quiet Group Study - The Periodicals Stacks (basement level)

Silent Study - Individual Rooms (3) (upper stacks)

If you are looking for a study space and cannot find one that answers your needs, please ask a reference librarian - they will be able to find the space you need!

Reminder - in response to student requests, the Library will be open until 1 AM Sunday through Thursday during the Spring semester.

Did you know...? That we are here for you?

That a librarian can help you find the best information, and find it fast?  
That your Giovatto librarians all have a master's degree in librarianship and that some of them have additional advanced degrees?

That a reference librarian is always scheduled whenever the Library is open?

That you can chat with, or email, a Giovatto reference librarian through the Library web page?

### New Books This Week

AI Superpowers: China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order  
Basic Principles of Drug Discovery and Development  
Careers in Criminal Justice  
The Dissertation Journey: A Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Planning, Writing, and Defending Your Dissertation  
Dreyer's English: An Utterly Correct Guide to Clarity and Style  
The English Renaissance and the Far East  
The Future-Proof Workplace: Six Strategies to Accelerate Talent Development, Reshape Your Culture, and Succeed with Purpose  
The Future Workplace Experience: 10 Rules for Mastering Disruption in Recruiting and Engaging Employees  
The Gen Z Effect: The Six Forces Shaping the Future of Business  
The Hunger Report, 2018  
The Keto Quickstart: A Beginner's Guide to a Whole-Foods Ketogenic Diet  
The New Psychology of Love  
The Prosperity Paradox: How Innovation Can Left Nations Out of Poverty  
The School Psychology Supervisor's Toolkit  
Writing & Selling Your Mystery Novel  
Your Career: How to Make It Happen

## Dave Miles on Campus Parking

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

### FROM THE DESK OF DAVID MILES

There is plenty of parking on the campus but it may not always be convenient. In order to make sure that all members of the Campus Community are aware of where to park, the following is basic information regarding parking on campus.

All vehicles must be registered with the Department of Public Safety and must display a decal or a temporary parking permit. Decals will be placed facing out on the back of the interior rearview mirror.

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

Failure to comply with the

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

If you feel that you have been issued a violation in error you must appeal the violation using the on line appeals process within one week of issuance. Appeals are not accepted on Fire Zone and Handicapped violations.

Owners and operators

of vehicles park at their own risk on University property. The University does not assume responsibility for theft, loss or damage to any motor vehicle parked or operated on its premises. For insurance purposes, any owner who has suffered a loss is encouraged to fill out a report with the Department of Public Safety. Accidents must be reported to the local law enforcement agencies, as required by New Jersey law (39:4-159 et. Seq.).

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

If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding Public Safety, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201 692-2227 or dmiles@fdu.edu.

## PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

- 1/29/19** - Student smoking cigarette in room in Northpointe
- 2/8/19** - Unruly guest in Library. Non-student and was asked to leave
- 2/8/19** - Guest policy violation in University Court 4
- 2/9/19** - Suspicious person reported by Linden 3
- 2/9/19** - Student worker in Fitness Center made complaint about another student worker
- 2/9/19** - Student with alcohol in Northpointe
- 2/15/19** - Tree Company cutting branch damaged Bench in front of Library
- 2/18/19** - Noise complaint in Linden 8



SPORTS

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Softball Swings Into 2019 Season

By JUSTIN RIMPI  
Sports Editor

Coming off a season where the FDU Softball team increased their overall win total by 12 games and Northeast conference win total by seven games, the team is ready to hit the ball over the fence during their 2019 season.

The Knights are picked to finish sixth out of nine teams this season in the preseason NEC coaches' poll. The team finished 17-26 last season, and 8-8 in NEC play.

The Knights were led last season by junior Reanna Cervantes who earned second team all-NEC honors. Cervantes hit .336 with four home runs while knocking in 24 runs last season. All three of these marks led the Knights last season.

Sophomore Abby England also provided a power boost for the Knights as she hit three home runs and drove in 21 runs. Both of these power numbers were second to Cervantes.

Baylee Ports, the ace of

the Knights pitching staff last season with a 3.27 ERA, led the staff with 107 innings pitched.

Head coach Chris Foye, entering his second year at the helm, and believes the team made massive strides they can build on as this season gets ready to begin.

"The main reason our team was so successful last year was because everyone had a role on the team and contributed when needed.

They bought into being one cohesive unit and had a 'we' attitude as opposed to a 'me' attitude," Foye said.

"It's not always the most talented team that wins but the team that comes together as a group that supports one another both on and off the field. I am confident we will have a few players again this year that will step up to make big contributions that will take us to the next level" Foye said.

The team plays a grueling schedule of 55 games including 19 instances of double-headers. The team also plays road games in Louisiana, Maryland and even California before conference play begins on March 30 when the Knights host Sacred Heart.

The Knights are returning their entire team from last season, losing outfielder Jaymee Jackson, who graduated in 2018. The

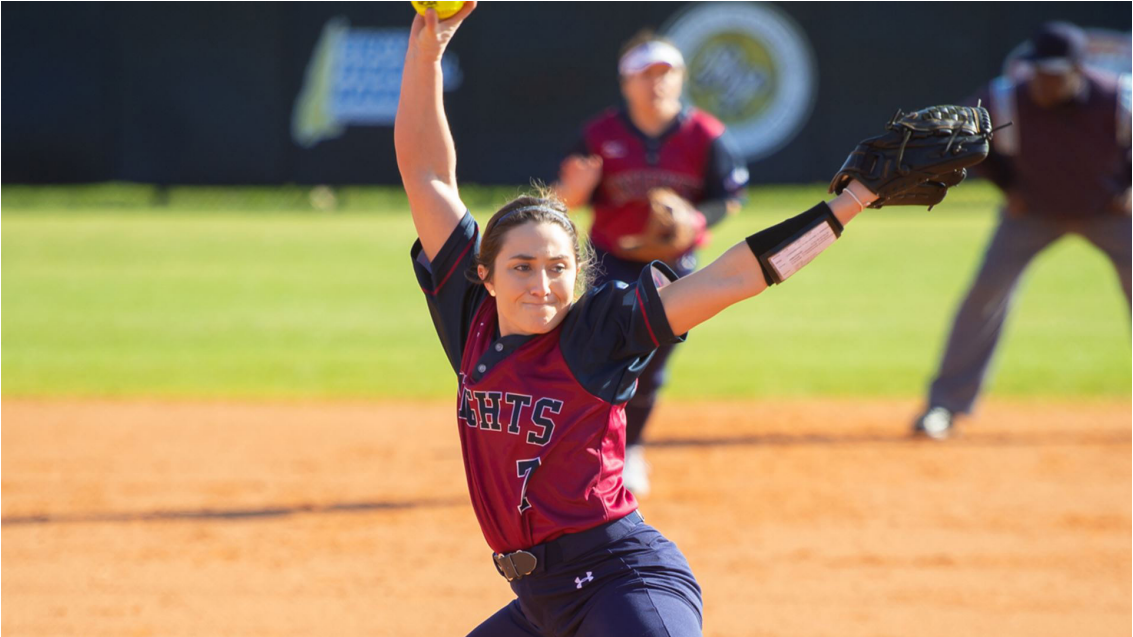
team has brought in seven freshmen that Foye believes can come into the program and contribute right when the season begins.

"We wanted to change the culture of the program, which had a rough time the previous years and we feel we were very successful in doing that," Foye said.

"As a coaching staff, we have seen vast improvements, not only from last year but also from just this past fall up until now. We know this will continue to translate to better team chemistry and more wins on the field," Foye said.

The softball team's season began in Louisiana where they played 11 games over the course of nine days from Feb. 16-24. Their record is currently 4 - 7.

"We are looking forward to a great season that hopefully ends with a conference championship and a trip to NCAA Regionals. I don't see why these team goals along with a few others can't be achieved this spring," said Foye.



Baylee Ports, Senior

Photograph by FDU Athletics

Knights Baseball Bring Hope to New Season

By ANTHONY COVINO  
Staff Writer

After a very tough 2017-18 season for the FDU Baseball Team, the Knights will have a fresh new start as the 2018-19 season begins. The Knights finished last season with a 10-37 record overall (1-15) Home (6-20) Away, (3-3) Neutral, with a (1-26) record in the NEC and lost their final 13 games of the season.

The 2017-18 season was a bumpy ride for the Knights the whole way as the team could not find their form and stay consistent on a daily basis. The Knights have big expectations for the season and the team has improved from last season.

"The expectations are to make the playoffs and then give ourselves a chance to go further through that. I focus zero percent of my time on the interim status," said Interim Head Coach Justin McKay.

"Everything's going to work out one way or the other and I am very confident in what I can do."

"I am impressed and surprised by the work from the players. The whole

pitching staff has been a big turnaround, a big part of that is our new pitching coach Bryan Radziewski. The biggest improvement is the pitching. What makes each player special is that they all have hunger," said McKay.

This year's team is the youngest in the division and Coach McKay is the third youngest coach in the division. The biggest problem for the Knights last season was their pitching as every pitcher's earned run average (ERA) last season was above five. If this rotation can improve this season, it would make the Knights a much better team than last year. The team's ERA last season was 7.81.

Last season, the Knights had significant injuries to some of their key players. Redshirt Senior Bobby Romano played only 15 games last season and Redshirt Freshman Adam Frank played only 13 games. Both of these players rare fully recovered are playing with a chip on their shoulder this season to prove they are ready.

The baseball team is 1-0-1.

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# Striking No. 8 Knights Look to Continue Their Success

By **JENNIFER MALTI**  
*Staff Writer*

The FDU women’s bowling team is ranked No. 8 in the National Tenpin Coaches Association with a record of 67-39 overall as of Feb. 24. The Knights started off their season ranked ninth in the NTCA and moved up to No. 7 and now currently sit in eighth.

The Knights have a mostly young team with one freshman, four sophomores, two juniors and one senior. Coach Mike Lopresti holds a career record of 1,405-496 and two NCAA national championships. Lopresti is also the only person to win national championships with two different schools, FDU and William Paterson.

“We started off this season

pretty well,” sophomore and right-handed bowler Amanda Chrzanowski said.

“Figuring out how to finish on Sunday’s better. We’ve hit a little bit of a rough patch this past tournament but, we’re pretty confident going into the following weekends, leading up to the NEC Championships on March 22- 24, that we’re going to finish out pretty well. Personally, I struggled in the beginning of the season but, now I’m definitely on the right path and things are looking up,” Chrzanowski said.

“I feel that we’re on the right track this year,” sophomore and right-handed bowler Aimee Sherman said.

“Our team is doing really well as far as communicating better and doing better in tournaments overall. We are on a bit of a streak with these tournaments going back to



(Left to Right) Back row: Head Coach Lopresti, Samantha Hart, Junior Brianna Macleod, Aimee Sherman, Assistant Coach Lisa Meadows, Front row: Sophomore Amanda Chrzanowski, Deborah Epps, Lanasia Neal, Amy Caruso, Jenna Henderson

Photo by FDU

back and we are confident that we will pull out some wins within these next few weeks. I feel that I started out this season pretty well and I

hit a bit of a rough patch but, I’ve been practicing a lot and I’m confident that these next few weeks will be on the up,” Sherman said.

The Knights participated in the tournament, the James Brown Invitational (yes, that James Brown) from Feb. 15 -17 hosted by Morgan State in Towson, Md. where they finished in third place. This past weekend they participated in the NEC Spring Meet in Sinking Spring, Pa., and ended the weekend being in 5th place in the NEC conference qualifying them to compete in the NEC Championships which are held March 22-March 24.

During this meet, Coach Lopresti also hit a milestone of having his 1400th win. The Knights have the Monmouth Hawk Flight invite this weekend from March 1 – March 3 and then they have the Northeast Finest Tournament from March 16-17 before they look to compete in the NEC Championships from March 22-24.

# FDU Defeats Wagner on Senior Day, 74-66



Mike Holloway Jr. scored 11 points on Senior Day and hit 3-of-4 from the free throw line.

By **JUSTIN RIMPI**  
*Sports Editor*

The FDU men’s basketball team defeated the Wagner Seahawks by a score of 74-66 on Senior Day as all five of the Knights starters scored in double figures.

This victory brings the Knights overall record to 15-13, 10-6 in NEC play. This puts the Knights firmly in second place in the conference trailing only St. Francis (Pa.) by one game following their loss on Saturday.

The Knights had the lead all the way up to 17 at multiple times in the second half. The Knights had control of the game for almost the entire 40 minutes. Following a fast break lay up by sophomore guard Xzavier Malone-Key,

the Knights were leading 6-5 with a little more than 14 minutes remaining in the first half.

The Knights would never look back from that point, and led for the remaining 34 minutes.

Three Knights were commemorated in a pregame ceremony at center court for their contributions to the program. Forward Nadi Beciri, forward Michael Holloway Jr., and guard Darnell Edge were all honored. Beciri has been injured all throughout the season, and was unable to play in the game.

“On a night like tonight it is all about Mike, Darnell, Nadi and our manager Nick [Tucci]. We needed to send them off the right way. Their friends and family were here,” said FDU head coach

**Photograph by Anthony Covino**

Greg Herenda. “They [Edge and Holloway Jr.] turned this thing around and made it a really good home court. They are going to be hard to replace.”

“It is just life changing. Playing for this program, putting up the numbers that I have put up, and winning a championship,” said Holloway Jr. “I will be forever grateful and it will be something that I will never forget.”

“It is bittersweet. We are only one game back of the top seed, and we must do our part the next two games,” said Edge. “Hopefully we can get to play a few more home games in here.”

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## Letter To The Sports Editor

I am writing to thank each and every fan that came to our home basketball game on January 31 versus LIU that was televised nationally on ESPNU. Most importantly, I would like to thank the students and the student-athletes of the university who came to the game and got crazy. You all were a huge part of our victory that night, and I just wanted everyone to know that every single player and staff member of our program truly appreciated your support so very much.

When our players see the huge turnout of their peers it brings their performance level to new heights and it literally translates into points, steals, blocks and ultimately victories.

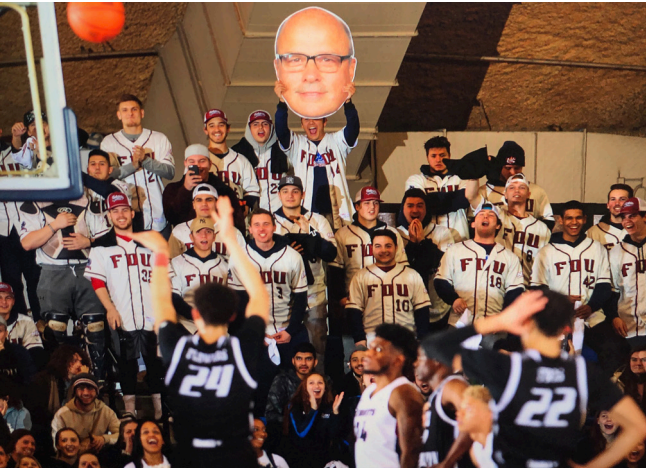
As the head basketball coach at FDU for the past six years, I realize what great young people we have here on our very own campus and when you fill up the Rothman Center - anything is possible. I hope that you guys continue to come out and cheer, not only basketball, but every sport that dons the Burgundy and Blue.

I do realize that our victory that night was truly a “university” victory! It was a “team” effort that crossed over our entire campus and community as well. From Student Life, the CrimeStoppers, Bergen County Chiefs Association, FBI National Academy Associates, our cheerleaders, athletic administration, sports information, campus security, alums, family, friends and first and foremost the students and classmates that made it a great Knight victory from top to bottom. All of America who tuned in to watch saw the potential of Fairleigh Dickinson live and in color. That was FUN! I just felt compelled to ask The Equinox for this forum to attempt to personally thank each and every attendee for making it a very special “Knight”.

Thank you!

Peace,

Coach G, Head Coach



Photograph provided by Coach Greg Herenda