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FDU Students Voice Concerns at Campus Town Hall Meeting

BY PATRICIA RESSELL-DERAS
Staff Writer

The Equinox began reporting on FDU’s proposed restructuring in 2016, and has since seen changes on campus, in the curriculum, throughout the administration, and now with student’s course schedules. An email blast was sent on March 6, 2019, solidifying students’ fears of upcoming changes.

The email that Provost Gillian Small sent out to all students on the Metropolitan campus read:

“The fall 2019 semester will thus see the implementation of a common course schedule grid for both the Florham and Metropolitan campuses that entails a Monday/Thursday, Tuesday/Friday schedule with common start times and 15 minutes in between each scheduled start time.”

The email also included a bit of background as to why the University is making such changes, “...to better align the academic organization, curricula and activities of the campuses.”

After the email was sent, students immediately expressed their worries and frustrations. Metro’s Student Government Association heard the concerns and scheduled a Town Hall meeting with Provost Gillian Small on March 20, 2019.

The event was not as publicly advertised as the prior town hall meeting last month with President Capuano, regarding the May commencement ceremony. The only notice of the event was one Instagram post from SGA, the same day the email blast was sent out.

The post only contained a brief caption mentioning a town hall meeting with Provost Small and the time.

There was no room number or location on the post indicating where the meeting was going to be held.

A small handful of students attended the town hall meeting and voiced their opinions.

The meeting began with Provost Small addressing the students about the physical changes that have been happening at the Metropolitan campus, and what students will expect to see in the near future. Provost Small spoke about unity and sustainability between the two campuses in her opening.

One point that Provost Small stressed is that students will not be forced to travel in between campuses.

“Students will not have to travel, unless they want to,” Provost Small stated, which relieved a lot of student’s

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Steve Nelson, New Metro Campus Executive

BY MADISON MARTINEZ
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New Campus Executive Steve Nelson has had his first full week here at FDU and has high hopes for the university. Sitting down and speaking to him, one would expect an intimidating figure in a suit, but instead they will find an affable man wearing an FDU polo shirt. He is passionate and motivated to make a difference here on the Metropolitan Campus.

“My favorite work experience has been in education,” Nelson says. “Honestly because there’s nothing better to me than watching someone go from the beginning of a program to finishing that program knowing that any kind of struggle they had in the way... we helped them... knowing that what we’ve done has made an impact not only on their lives, but their family’s lives.”

One aspect that Nelson highlighted during the

interview was accepting the good with the bad. When speaking about his own career so he said, “You live with the good, you live with the bad. And, and the fact of the matter is if the good outweighs the bad then you’re in the right place.”






Nelson has worked hard for the success he has reached. After spending 18 years in college, Nelson returned to higher education to get his law degree. He did it alongside a 60-hour work week and going to school part time for four years.

On this achievement, Nelson said, “You just do it. You don’t make excuses. You don’t find excuses. You don’t find reasons to not do it; you find reasons to do it. You make the time. Truly the understanding of ‘if there’s a will there’s a way.’” Knowing what it’s like to be a student, Nelson always puts the students first with his job in education.

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NEWS



Provost Small Addresses Campus Restructuring

BY PATRICIA RESSELL-DERAS
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In 2016, university executives announced that a strategic plan would be coming to the New Jersey campuses to create a “new FDU.”

On October 5, 2018, Dr. Small sent out an email to Metropolitan employees regarding the strategic plan that FDU is implementing. The email mentions that an Advisory Committee was created and ultimately were the ones who decided on changes to the infrastructure.

The email mentioned that, “after considering best practices and other models in higher education and after reviewing closely the report of an external group . . .” the committee approved the current ongoing structure. Dr. Small noted that that the proposal was “approved by a majority vote (without negative votes)” on October 1.

Since then, rumors have circulated the campus about what the future of the Metro campus will look like.

The Equinox interviewed Provost Gillian Small to discuss the upcoming restructuring of both New Jersey campuses and to clarify potential worries.

“Any university structure is complex, FDU particularly,” said Dr. Small.

FDU has an unusual design when it comes to the infrastructure. “We have a structure at the moment where we have professional schools that are currently in a college reporting up to a dean that is not an expert in the school.”

Under the reconstruction, FDU will have a “much more efficient structure and. . .much more easy to understand,” Dr. Small said.

The ACTA Consultant’s Report that was released a little over a year ago listed changes to department hierarchy, creation of new departments and schools, eliminating duplicate classes and the proposal that professors could travel between the two campuses. The contents of this report has created much controversy regarding the changes.

However, in the interview, Dr. Small said that the consultant’s report is not a baseline for the restructure, but instead offered theoretical suggestions for the reconstruction. “It was a report. It was there to view things that we could do if we so wished,” she said.

“I talked to a number of consultants actually over the last couple of years about different things” Dr. Small said. She used the consultants “to bounce ideas off [of], to get their thought. . . write a report, have a conversation.”

When asked if there are any written reports that reflect the timeline of current restructuring events, the response was an indirect “No.” There is no updated report with detailed plans on the new changes.

When asked if potential incoming students have been made aware that the university is undergoing such restructuring changes, Dr. Small responded that, “it will be seamless to new students [to know] because they will have the same sort of course offerings.”

The Wroxton and Vancouver campuses will not adopt the new schedule changes because they work “a bit differently,” due to the different programs and courses offered at each campus, the different holidays in each country and the different requirements each campus possesses.

“Nobody likes change . . .and when you make change there are sometimes hiccups,” Provost Small told The Equinox. “I think it’s gonna be a positive thing.”



Provost Gillian Small
Photograph by FDU

FDU Students Voice Concerns at Campus Town Hall Meeting

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Provost Small transitioned into how a committee, made up of faculty and administrators, “adopted” this new course schedule. This schedule, which reflects the Florham campus’ current schedule, was chosen due to Florham “not [having] the physical capacity to accommodate a schedule [like Metropolitan].”

Before the floor opened for student questions, Provost Small stated that in the future, “everybody will have forgotten this and everybody will get used to the new schedule.”

Students had the opportunity to ask Provost Small questions regarding class frequency, classes pertaining to specific majors, how the new schedule will coordinate with students’ work schedules and how this change will affect student life on the campus.

Freshman psychology major, Adam Matter, raised a question at the meeting regarding the course changes affecting his religious duties.

Matter asked Provost Small whether Friday classes will end early enough so they wouldn’t interfere with Friday prayer.

Provost Small responded by explaining that one of the two time slots, 12 P.M to 1 P.M or 1 P.M to 2 P.M, will still be available to students, “as long as you pick your

courses carefully.” Provost Small did mention that classes will finish “either around 12:00 or around 1:00” on Fridays.

In a follow up interview with Matter, he told The Equinox that Provost Small, “kind of reassured me,” that he would be able to attend classes and maintain his religious duties.

When asked about his opinion of the overall meeting, Matter noted that “more students should have [came]...and they didn’t.”

Matter also addressed the fact that other campus executives such as Craig Morton and Vidal Lopez were at the town hall meeting, seated in the back. Neither talked about the course schedule changes and Matter noted that he felt as though “they might have not had room to say whatever they wanted to say because they kind of knew that this is already happening so they can’t really argue with the boss, per se.”

Provost Small stated at the beginning of the meeting that “the important people in the university are the students,” but many of them did not walk away feeling like that was the case.

After the town hall meeting, many students said they were still unhappy with the new changes, and even more unhappy with how the meeting turned out. The

prominent emotions that many attendees left with was anger and confusion.

“It was divisive,” said Trisha Williams, a junior majoring in clinical social work, who attended the meeting. Williams said that,. . . it’s unnecessary and just adds a burden to the students already limited choices.”

Lorenzo Martinez, a sophomore majoring in computer science, left the meeting feeling very confused. “I mean there’s things that I really don’t understand... she should have could have expanded more,” Martinez told The Equinox.

One thing that stuck out to students though is that these course changes are here to stay, and the decision is final. Starting as soon as next semester, FDU Metro will have a combined course schedule with the Florham the campus - a Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday schedule, with Wednesday mornings reserved for once a week courses, labs or select MWF courses.

Williams told The Equinox that she felt as though “the administration didn’t intend on changing [the new schedule]. They already made up their minds.”

Martinez agreed, “I understand they’re faculty, they make decisions, but at the same time...I feel like its benefitting less people and hurting more people.”



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“We are truly working for the students, students first...[When I hold a staff meeting, which]... [I literally put a seat with FDU student right here and that seat sat right next to me for that meeting to remind people this is who we work for. They don’t work for me]...[we work for them.]”

Nelson said he was interested in FDU because of President Capuano’s strategic plan, especially the aspects of preparing the FDU students for the future job market.

“Three quarters of

the people that are in this school right now we are trying to train for jobs that don’t even exist yet,” Nelson explains. “And so, we have to be on the forefront of looking at that]... [There’s no change for change sake. You change to adapt to what’s coming down the line. And you grow according to that model. He [President Capuano] is someone who truly does understand that, and that’s what attracted me to it. He wants to not stay static, but to grow.”

Nelson puts the students first and wants to help with the problems they have, but to know

what these problems are is an obstacle within itself. Of course, he gets information from the department staff, but he also makes the effort to talk to the students directly.

“I walk this campus every day. And every time I do, I end up talking to a student or two along the way. How do I know [the issues] if I don’t ask right? So, I ask.”

Of course, all problems can’t be solved at once, and when asked what he wants to do with FDU, Nelson gives a realistic answer.

“Right now, I’m still learning my team]...[I haven’t made full decisions

but know that whatever it is I end up doing, first and foremost, will be in furtherance of the president’s plan. My whole goal is to support that plan and be part of the agent for that plan and we do that through a lot of different things.”

He encourages the students to think and speak on what they believe in a professional manner.

“I encourage students to speak up. I do,” Nelson says. “I encourage students to raise issues, but I encourage students to look at all sides of issues. That’s part of education. We can never look at one side and

think that we know the whole picture. We really honestly need to look at all sides of an issue.”

But most importantly, he hopes to create a sense of community by encouraging activities and an environment where students and staff can truly connect.

“My hope for this campus is that we truly embrace the family]... because then you will have connections that you will never lose]...[those connections last a lifetime and can do wonders for you and you can do wonders for them]... [I would love to see that here.”

Assessing the Current Field of Candidates for 2020

BY LIANA IMPARATO
Staff Writer

The main goal of Democrat voters in 2020 is simple: nominate someone who can beat Donald Trump. All policy goals and ideas fall second to this, say commentators and strategists on both the right and left. As the Democratic field widens and Republicans balk at the idea of opposing the president in the primaries, the question of which Democrat stands the best chance against President Trump in 2020 remains.

Fourteen candidates have announced their run for Democratic candidacy in the general election. Well-known candidates include Senator Elizabeth Warren of Mass., Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey, and Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont (an Independent running as a Democrat.) Several others, like former Vice President Joe Biden, are expected to announce in the coming weeks and months.

But a majority of the candidates are relatively unknown. Several of them are far younger than their counterparts, with Mayor Pete Buttigieg, of



South Bend, Indiana at just 37 years old. Other background candidates include former Colorado governor John Hickenlooper and author Marianne Williamson.

The field is saturated, and mostly with a host of unknowns. In many ways, it mirrors the Republican field from the 2016 election: a race dominated by lesser-known individuals who stand little chance against political (and, in the GOP’s case, business) giants. To the

fear of many on the left, a 2016-Republican outcome could be on the horizon.

A “2016-Republican outcome” would mean that name recognition is a strong determinant of the outcome. To this point, commentators have agreed that current stand-outs in the 2020 Democratic polls are also people with high name recognition.

While some strategists deny the significance of name identification in the long run,

conservative columnist Mary Katharine Ham cautions them away from understating its importance to the future of the race.

“I would like 2015 me to say: be careful. Because I will tell you that a 70-plus, fiery populist with high name ID can walk away with the primary in a giant field of enthusiastic, young and promising figure,” said Ham.

It seems that Ham’s words should not be taken lightly. Recent polls still show former Vice President Biden in the lead with Senator Sanders close behind. At 76 and 77 years old, respectively, they are the oldest candidates (or, in Biden’s case, potential candidate) in the race and have some of the highest name recognition in comparison to other candidates.

Just like President Trump in 2016.

However, electability in the general race is still the most important concern, and many question whether the “old, white man” in the mold of Donald Trump have that factor.

In fact, voters speaking to the Los Angeles Times expressed their desire for the party to part ways with these stock candidates.

“I think his [Biden’s] time has come and gone,” one Democrat voter said.

The lesser known candidates certainly have a fighting chance. A recent poll in Iowa found Mayor Buttigieg trailing in third place behind Senator Sanders, and former senate candidate Beto O’Rourke has been gathering support for his Obama-esque appeal.

As the party platform centers on the best way to defeat Trump, it’s hard to tell exactly how to attract the most voters. Right now, this seems to indicate a shift further to the left; for example, candidates like O’Rourke have shied away from decrying far-left policies like late-term abortions.

Does this equate to electability? It is difficult to say. Even more, can it rise above the significance of high name ID? Again, it’s hard to say.

To be fair, the election is over a year away. The polls are bound to change, candidates will enter, and candidates will drop out. But the importance of name recognition may very well prevail, as, in the retrospective words of commentator Ham, “I’ve seen it happen before.”

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OPINION



College Admissions Scam Reveals Deeper Truths

BY MAYA PAGE
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The massive college admissions scam has been headlining the media over the past few weeks, attracting negative attention to elite universities across the country.

Federal prosecutors have charged over 50 people for their involvement in the college admissions scandal, including Hollywood actresses Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman. Charges included cheating on standardized tests and bribing college coaches and school officials to accept children of wealthy families.

William Rick Singer, CEO of a college-counseling firm, is at the head of the scheme. He pled guilty to four charges and admitted to being paid about \$25 million by parents to help their children get into colleges.

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling described the two kinds of fraud that Singer was selling. One service was to cheat on the SAT or ACT with a third-party person taking the test in the student’s place. Parents paid between \$15,000 and \$75,000 for this.

The second service uses Singer’s connections to bribe Division 1 coaches



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and create fake athletic credentials for students. Actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, allegedly paid \$500,000 to have their two daughters attend University of Southern California. They were accepted as crew team recruits, even though neither one ever competed in crew before.

Singer’s business is to help the wealthiest families in the U.S get their children into elite schools. Children that come from wealth, or celebrity parents, are already born with great privilege. Being accepted into an Ivy League or top-tier school through cheating just paves the way for even greater privilege that most people work hard their entire lives for. This scandal is just a reminder that the power of money makes it so easy to cheat your way through life.

Attorney Lelling said, “For every one student admitted through fraud, an honest, genuinely talented

student was rejected.” Although Singer and the others charged in this scheme are under fire for their actions, there is a bigger story here than just this ring of celebrities. It proposes the question: What is the line that parents are willing to cross when their children are applying to college?

There are many other legal ways in which wealthy families impact their children’s admissions process. However, just because it is legal, doesn’t make it better than what Singer’s clients did.

Andre Young – also known as Dr. Dre – a wealthy rapper and record producer recently took to Instagram to gloat over his daughter’s acceptance to USC. He made a joke referring to the current admissions scandal by captioning the photo, “My daughter got accepted into USC all on her own. No jail time!!!!”

Although Dr. Dre may not have paid someone to

cheat on his daughter’s SAT, or bribe a coach, his wealth and status could have played a major role in her acceptance. In 2013, USC posted a press release stating that Dr. Dre gave \$70 million to create the USC Jimmy Iovine and Andre Young Academy for Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation. Having a whole academy named after himself must have given a bit of leverage over his daughter’s application.

Tons of wealthy alumni from Ivy Leagues like Harvard and Yale, make continuous donations to their alma maters. When their kids grow up and follow in their parents’ footsteps, how much do officials factor in connections to major donors when looking at an application?

According to Inside Higher Ed, 42 percent (nearly half) of private colleges and universities take into account whether an applicant’s family

members attended that school. When Harvard University went on trial last year for their admission processes, they defended using legacy admissions because they claim it helps the school connect with alumni, who they depend on for financial support.

This college admissions scandal is one part of a larger problem within educational inequality. There are many students from low-income families that work extremely hard to get accepted into their dream school, but are still denied. Privileged children coming from a legacy, or wealth are taking up spots that other students deserve. It is a trend throughout the country designed to make the rich, richer.

Hopefully the intensity of this scandal will shine light onto the bigger issues at hand and correct corruption within the system.

New Zealand Joins Australia in Banning Assault Weapons

BY MANSOUR ALANAZI
Staff Writer

Six days after the mass shooting on March 15 in New Zealand, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced that all military-style semi-automatic weapons will be banned in the country. This order came directly after the terrorist attacks on two mosques in Christchurch, which left 50 people dead and 50 injured.

Ardern said that this legislation would be in place by April 11 and expects all gun owners to turn in their weapons. A payback program is included for gun owners to receive compensation, which could range between \$100 million to \$200 million,

according to multiple sources.

This gun reform law from the New Zealand administration is similar to when the Australian government banned military-style semi-automatic weapons on April 28, 1996. The change in law came after another mass shooting, when a 28-year-old man shot and killed 35 people and injured 23 in Port Arthur, Tasmania, a popular tourist spot in the island state of Australia.

After the Australian government implemented the new gun law in their country, the number of mass shootings dropped to zero and gun suicide declined significantly.

The true effect of gun reform is clear: The new

laws had helped to stop the violence and reduced the crime rate throughout the country.

The United States should be ashamed for its slow approach toward gun reform, compared to other countries.

Prime Minister Ardern announced the ban on semi-automatic weapons mere days after the massacre in New Zealand. As everyone can see, that decision wasn’t hard at all. It only took six days to reform this law.

The US Congress passed the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (AWB) on Sept. 13, 1994, and it was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. The law expired on Sept. 13, 2004, and it has not been reinstated.

When Barack Obama

was president (January 2009-January 2017), he tried to revive the AWB ban. He was derailed by a GOP-controlled Congress, which did not reinstate the ban.

The effort to ban assault weapons continued when Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced a new AWB bill on Jan. 24, 2013, after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newton, Connecticut. However, AWB again failed on a senate vote, 60-40.

Legislation to renew or replace the ban was proposed numerous times unsuccessfully. It is impossible to understand why America cannot step forward after so many mass shootings have taken place in the United States.

Some might say it is the power of the National Rifle Association, which opposes the ban, and the Second Amendment, which states: “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Why would banning assault weapons take decades to accomplish? Why would we keep weapons in the hand of criminals in our streets? Aren’t these tragic incidents more than enough to ban assault weapons?

These questions need answers, for a kid with “an old soul” who used to listen to a song by Elvis Presley, “There will be peace in the valley, for me, oh Lord, I pray.”

Why Doesn't FDU Have Summer Storage?

BY KATIE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Fairleigh Dickinson University Metropolitan campus is top 10 of most diverse schools in New Jersey. Students from all over the world come to study at FDU. Here at FDU Metropolitan campus, there are over 1,000 international kids. Home to thousands of commuters and dormers.

However, the big difference between a commuter and a resident is their housing situation. Commuters, students who live outside of campus, don't have to move all

their things into a small bedroom for two people. Resident students who live on campus, do have to move into a little room often shared by two people or sometimes even three people.

Residents have to move all their clothes, personal items and food. For students who only live a couple hours away, it's a hassle trying to pack all their belongings in a car and drive all the way up to school.

Most students that live far have to take a plane ride to get to school and fly back for the holidays to visit their family.

Getting on a plane can be exhausting and pricey, but it also means the only thing they're allowed to pack is a suitcase of clothes.

Once students get to school, they have to buy all new bedding, school supplies, and some dorm decoration to feel more at home. Now with the spring 2019 semester coming to an end, students are starting to prep for finals and some are cleaning out their dormitory rooms to start heading home for the summer.

Moving-out season is upon us, which means packing all of the clothes back into suitcases and

flying back home. This also means leaving behind all the new things that students have to buy will be thrown away or put to storage off-campus.

However, everyone knows that the average college student is broke. College students don't have enough money to put their stuff in storage. Storage can cost up to \$100 or more per month. This leaves students having to throw away their new things and buy new items again for the next year. That being said, why doesn't FDU have summer storage?

Schools like Albright College in Pennsylvania

have summer storage. Their school also has a large number of international students that are only there for two years. During the summer they go back to their home country. These students also go home happy because their things are safe in storage at school. These students also don't have to worry about buying new things each year.

Having this service would attract more high school students to apply at FDU. It would be a great idea if FDU could offer those same services to the college students who live at school.

Creating a Better and Greener FDU

BY ELIZABETH SCALZO
Staff Writer



The Green Team used to be to a club on the Fairleigh Dickinson Metropolitan Campus. They used to sponsor a clean up along the river, recycling events, displays and other small events. But, what happened to them? The club has been inactive and unreachable to students.

Many professors who advocate for a more environmentally friendly campus tell students to join the Green Team, however there is no information anywhere about them.

Freshman student Lucy Burnett expressed her anger with the fact the Green Team is inactive. She decided to inquire about it at Student Life and is working to create an environmental club on campus.

Burnett hopes to promote campus clean-ups by holding at least one per semester and starting with small steps to make FDU a greener campus. One thing that is on her list to change is the use of plastic silverware in the cafeteria.

Burnett hopes that throughout the rest of her years at FDU she can help to promote a campus that is an advocate for the environment.

Other students also talk about their interest in the club. Many older students say they remember the Green Team, but never knew what happened when they disappeared.

FDU is a campus that promotes recycling, but all bags that are trash and recycling go to the same place and are never recycled. The world is in a major environmental crisis, and by creating a greener campus, we can help to change the amount of waste we create.

With an environmental club on campus, hopefully the littering will stop. Helping the environment is not just about a small group of people who care about the planet. Everyone should hold themselves accountable to do better.

There is only one Planet Earth and many students act like we have an endless disposal of living space. Simply picking up a piece of garbage you see on the ground will help to contribute to a better environment.

Lastly, as students, we should take pride in our campus and by cleaning up, we can be proud to be students here. Many prospective students and their families visit our campus on a weekly basis and if they see how poorly the campus is treated, we cannot expect them to want to apply here. We can do better and need to do better if we want to create a greener FDU.

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Total.....		35	7102		921-1932	
Opponents.....		35	7102		908-2044	

NEC Regular.-season championship	NEC Tournament championships
1992	1995
1986	1988
1988	1998
2006	2005
2019	2016
	2019

FDU Basketball Coaches



Greg Herenda



Pete Lappas



Patrick Sellers



Bruce Hamburger



1952

FDU HOOPS TIMELINE

Competing in the NAIA, the 1952 Knights fell to Indiana State in the first round of the championship tourney.

1959

FDU returned in 1959, beating Culver-Stockton 77-66 in the first round, before falling 68-64 to Illinois State.

1985

The 1985 Knights won the NEC tourney and advanced to the NCAA tourney as a 16 seed, facing No. 1 Michigan and falling 59-55.

1988

FDU advanced to the NCAA's as a 16 seed, playing No.1-seeded Purdue and exiting with a 94-79 loss.

1991

FDU appeared in the NIT, bowing to Sienna, 90-85, in the first round.

1998

FDU team earned a NEC tourney title and a 15 seed, facing No. 2 Connecticut and falling, 93-85.



OVERALL	HOME					AWAY					NEUTRAL				
21-14	13-4					7-9					1-1				
14-6	9-2					5-4					0-0				
7-8	4-2					2-5					1-1				

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6	.428	43-131	.328	111-126	.881	7	100	107	3.1	52	0	157	75	3	57	476	13.6			
4	.510	9-26	.346	103-161	.640	66	133	199	5.7	109	4	50	71	39	33	432	12.3			
5	.447	47-131	.359	37-58	.638	23	89	112	3.9	69	0	55	61	11	33	330	11.4			
9	.498	37-88	.420	56-80	.700	79	139	218	6.4	86	1	19	58	37	19	341	10.0			
6	.602	10-21	.476	61-104	.587	66	127	193	5.5	84	3	70	63	36	35	283	8.1			
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	.315	12-36	.333	20-28	.714	4	29	33	1.0	34	0	21	15	0	16	66	2.1			
	.452	10-18	.556	6-8	.750	3	12	15	0.6	25	0	19	22	0	13	44	1.6			
	.348	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	3	6	9	0.5	16	0	6	7	0	3	20	1.0			
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2005

FDU made field as a 16th seed and gave No.1-seeded Illinois a scare. Down 1 at the half, the Knights played well and held their own for a while. However, the Illini pulled away from FDU and won the game by 12, 67-55.

2006

Knights won the NEC regular season, and earned an NIT bid where they fell to Manhattan, 80-77, in the first round.

2016

Knights made the NCAA Men's Division I basketball tournament where they lost to the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles in the First Four, 96-65.

SENIOR PROFILES

Mike Holloway Jr.

Michael Holloway Jr. is a 6-8 senior forward hailing from Pittsgrove, N.J., that put his final stamp on what has been a historic career in Burgundy and Blue against Gonzaga in the Knights' Round of 64 game against Gonzaga on Thursday March 21, 2019, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Holloway Jr. will go down as one of the best players to ever play for FDU, and his shoes will be hard to fill next season and for the program and for years to come.

Holloway finished his FDU career with the 10th-most points in school history with 1,490. Holloway also finished with the sixth-most field goals with 570 and third-most rebounds in FDU history, pulling down 788 boards.

Holloway was a integral contributor to the Knights for the entirety of his four-year career and bookended his illustrious career for the Knights with trips to the NCAA tournament his freshman and senior seasons.

During the 2018-2019 season, Holloway was one of the major reasons why the Knights won their first NCAA tournament game against Prairie View A&M on March 19, 2019, in Dayton, Ohio.

Holloway finished his career averaging 11.6 points-per-game.

Darnell Edge

Senior guard Darnell Edge, 6-2 from Saugerties, N.Y., was the toast of the nation and the leader of the Knights all throughout the 2018-2019 season.

Edge led the nation in free-throw shooting, knocking down just under 95 percent of his attempts at the line during the 2017-2018 season.

Edge was a .915 free-throw shooter in his Knights career and could always be counted in late in games when the Knights needed to see a shot from the charity stripe go down.

It seemed that Darnell "Big Shot" Edge would always deliver in the clutch.

Edge made the NCAA tournament in both his freshman and senior seasons with the Knights.

Edge climaxed his FDU career when he scored a career-high 33 points against Prairie View A&M on March 19, 2019, in Dayton, Ohio.

Edge played great all season, and helped the Knights to notch their first NCAA tournament win in school history in Ohio.

Edge was one of the best shooters to ever put on the Burgundy and Blue and left a legacy behind for the Knights.

Edge scored 1431 points in his FDU career, which is 12th in program history, and exits with the most three-pointers in Knights' history with 201 makes. Edge is a career 44 \-percent three-point shooter.

In addition, Edge is ninth in career steals with 123 and ninth in field goals made with 485.

Edge finished his career averaging 11.2 points-per-game.

Edge's production increased every year while playing for the Knights.

From freshman to senior year, Edge would see statistical increases in a host of categories.

The final product was one of the best basketball players to ever come through Hackensack, and one of the best players in the nation by season's end.

The saying, 'it's not how you finish, it's how you start' is true for any player in the nation, that player is Darnell "Big Shot" Edge.

Nadi Beciri

Every once in a while a player comes along that is not lauded for the on-court performance, but instead for their contributions and attitude off the court.

For three years that player for the Knights was 6-7 Maywood N.J., forward, Nadi Beciri.

Beciri was a hard worker for the Knights even though he played sparingly throughout his FDU career, where he scored 93 points in burgundy and blue.

On Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Salt Lake City, during a Round of 64 game against the No.1-seeded Gonzaga Bulldogs, Beciri's life changed forever.

Late in the loss to Gonzaga, with the result clearly in hand, Beciri checked into the game. Beciri was able to convert a layup and stepped to the free-throw line after being fouled on the play.

Both the crowd and FDU bench went wild as Beciri made the layup. This story was covered by national sports outlets because Beciri was only to play three games during the 2018-2019 season due to a debilitating back injury. Beciri made the most of his split-second opportunity in front of a national viewing audience.

Even though Beciri was unable to convert the free throw, those 2 points will remembered more than any other ones that Beciri scored during his career playing for the Knights.

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Know Your IX, I Know Mine

BY PATRICIA RESSELL-DERAS
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On March 7, at 2:00 P.M Omega Phi Chi hosted its’ third annual Title IX March.

Title IX is part of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. This federal law prevents any federally funded educational institution from discriminating students and employees based on their gender.

Title IX reads: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Before the march from around 1:30 to 2:00, Omega Phi Chi hosted a table at the Student Union Building to make posters. During this time, The Equinox interviewed the coordinator of the march, Senior Yani Horge.

Horge was part of the first march which happened three years ago, in March 2016.

The first march, “originally was put [together] by Raven Moody, who is also an alumni from Omega Phi Chi Omicron Chapter here [at Metro],” said Horge.

Even after Moody graduated, “the chapter kept the tradition going and running and so it continues to be an annual event to spread awareness,” Horge said.

This is Horge’s first time organizing the Title IX march. Horge emailed co-sponsors, as well as used media to invite students to join and “be a part of actively promoting something on campus.”

Horge said that the only hard part of organizing this march had to be “making sure information is correct for Title IX.” But Horge said she was thankful to Jessica O’Brien for providing

information and help to “continue the success of the march.”

When asked how the turnout has been in the past, Horge said that turn outs to this event is “typically large due to co-sponsors.”

And she was not lying. Over four different cosponsors turned up to this event, most being Greek Life.

When asked what this march means to Horge, she replied,

“To me it’s very important. Being a woman myself and how the struggles that we do face and the limitations, it’s very good to know that there is a support group and people who are making active efforts to keep information spread to everyone. Cause there’s a lot of people who do not know what Title IX is. Let alone what it stands for, and how it affects them and how it protects them in this institution.”

Shortly after the interview, it was time for the march.

The march began outside of the SUB and went behind the Courts and down the walk path beside Riverside Cafe. It passed through the commencement lawn, across the bridge to the Martin Luther King, Jr. statue, where pictures were taken.

Afterwards, the marchers once again marched across the bridge, this time going through the Northpointe parking lot, up the stairs passing the Fitness Center, Giovatto Library and Becton Hall. The march finished back at the SUB.

Horge was “very happy with the turn out, despite the weather conditions. My organization and it’s cosponsors stuck through the cold weather.”

Horge would also like to thank all the organizations who participated in the walk and “to continue to spread the knowledge of Title IX, emphasizing women’s rights.”



Luis Maravilla (Senior), Kimberley Lopez (Graduate), Krystie Henriques (Sophomore)
Photo by Patricia Ressel Deras

Lights, Camera, Action: Campus Movie Fest Starts Up

BY MADISON MARTINEZ
Staff Writer

It’s time again for some filmmaking. The Campus Movie Fest is making its way to FDU and students are encouraged to let their inner director shine with this opportunity. The challenge is an immense one, students who enter the competition have one week to create their best five-minute video.

Such a challenge requires the best equipment, but students don’t need to worry. Thanks to CMF partners, students will have access to a laptop loaded with Adobe Creative Cloud, a Panasonic LUMIX HD camera and crystal clear Sennheiser sound gear. The program also provides training and support.

The only limit for the students’ film is their own imagination.

Once the submissions are in, the judges will rate the competition and the top 16 movies from FDU will be shown at a premiere on April 29. Prizes will be given to the top four FDU movies including a one-year subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud and will have the chance to have their films compete on the national level of CMF in Atlanta. The national winner takes home

\$10,000.

There will also be rewards at the Premiere for specific categories like editing, directing, performance, and even the Elfen Works Social Justice reward, with a film about injustice and calls for change.

The event launches on April 17th and any FDU students who are interested in creating their visions are welcome to join by signing up online and learning more at <https://campusmoviefest.com>.



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Dickinson Café Employee Keeps the Knights Close to Heart

BY SAMANTHA HART
Staff Writer

Married at 16.
Dropped out of high school.
“I never went to college, and it was the biggest mistake of my life,” said Aida Kolenovic, a Gourmet Dining employee who works in the Dickinson Café. “But I don’t regret anything.”
Kolenovic knows the ins and outs of this on-campus restaurant. She knows exactly how to make each Starbucks drink and how to craft each sandwich on the menu, from breakfast sandwiches to vegetarian specialties.
Kolenovic started working at FDU in November, after moving to Hackensack from New York City, when her husband got a job as a superintendent in the building they now call home.
She said that her three children; Beco, 15; Sara, 14; and Samra, 11; are happy with the move because they see more of her now than when they lived in New York City, because she was always working.

“The kids love it here,” Kolenovic said. “I pick them up [from school] and we do homework, dinner. . . and we do family things. It’s amazing.”
Kolenovic is no stranger to moving. Just three days before her third birthday in 1986, her parents decided to move with her and her sister to the United States from Albania.
“For the most part, a lot of people don’t live good [in Albania],” Kolenovic said. “I guess it’s poverty or whatever they want to call it over there, but they have to make ends meet . . . and I thank my dad and my mom every single day that they did not have us grow up over there.”
Kolenovic has yet to return to Albania, but plans to visit her parent’s second home there in the countryside. She said that the 360-degree view of the mountains will make all of her seven other siblings more than willing to visit there during the summers.
Kolenovic and her husband work together in an unusual business: “Flipping” houses. She has been doing it

since she was 18.
“It is not that easy, let me tell you,” Kolenovic said. “Sometimes you get lucky with just minor cosmetics . . . but when you have to crush everything from the floor to the ceiling, that’s a little bit of hard work.”
She is a firm believer in the value of the real estate market.
“Real estate, even if it goes down, it never goes out,” she said. Buyers are interested in houses that are fixer-uppers like they see on HGTV, but they don’t actually want to do the fixing themselves, which is where the Kolenovics step in.
When she’s not working, Kolenovic is spending her time with her children at their getaway home in upstate New York or going to one of their basketball games. All three of her kids, including 6’6” Beco, who dreams of playing for Duke, have been raised to value their education.
“But mom, what if the basketball doesn’t work out?” my son will ask, and I’ll tell him, ‘even if basketball does work out, I still want you to get a degree,’” Kolenovic

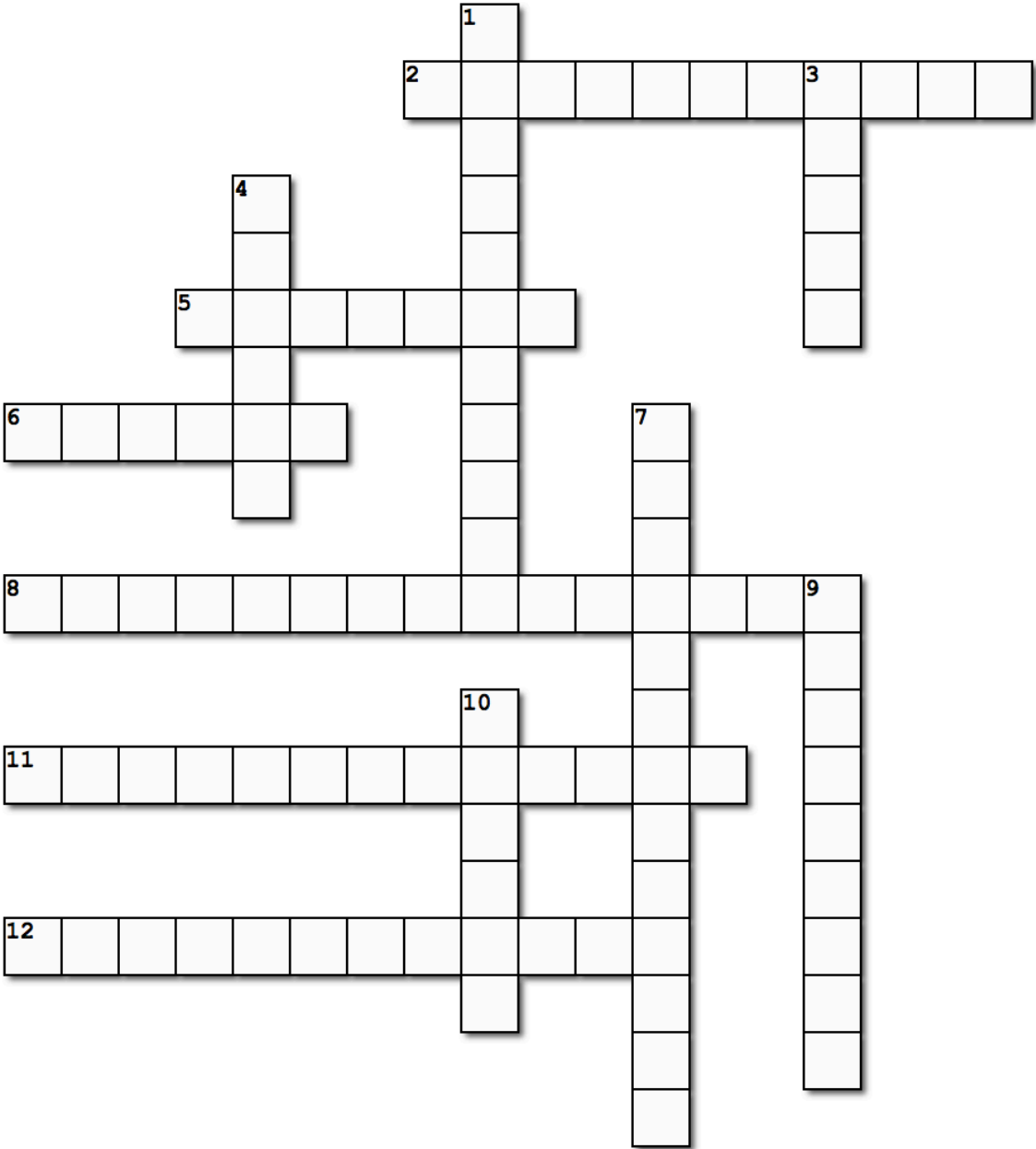


Aida Kolenovic
Photo by Samantha Hart
says. “I try not to push them too much, but when it comes to academics: I want that done first.”

Her choice to work at Dickinson Café began when she realized sitting at home was not in the cards for her. Ever since her family’s move to Hackensack, Kolenovic decided to axe her career in Manhattan and be a stay-at-home mom.
“Never stay home,” Kolenovic advises. “I tried it for almost three years and it was just very boring.”
Luckily, she met Angie, the manager at Dickinson Café, who gave her the option to work a few hours a day

while her children are in school.
While on the job, Kolenovic tries her hardest to make the process at Dickinson Café as simple and cheap as possible for the students. She tells her managers the truth about the food they receive. Sometimes the sushi isn’t as popular as usual because they change distributors and the price will rise.
“It’s not fair to the students,” she said. “They pay more than enough on anything and everything here, so how about we make things a little different?”
Kolenovic hopes her son gets to play at Duke. Like most parents, she wants her children to stay close to home for as long as they can so she can be sure they are safe. That’s where Fairleigh Dickinson University comes in. Kolenovic said she wouldn’t mind if her son played basketball for the Knights.
“My children are going to grow up and come to this college or any college here in New Jersey and it’s wonderful... The kids have a lot of respect and that’s the

SPRING CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 2. This bird drinks nectar from flowers
- 5. April showers bring May.....
- 6. Holiday where you go hunting for eggs
- 8. It stays light outside later in the evening because of this
- 11. This Japanese flower has it's own festival
- 12. What basketball event takes place in this season?

Down

- 1. Caterpillars turn into.....
- 3. Easter's mascot
- 4. With this in the air, people sneeze a lot
- 7. A day for pranks
- 9. This flower follows the sun
- 10. March is _____ History Month

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Marvelous ‘Captain Marvel’ Makes its Anticipated Debut

BY JENNIFER MALTI
Staff Writer

“Captain Marvel” was released on March 8, 2019. Audiences eagerly waited for its debut after the end credits of the previous Marvel film, “Avengers Infinity War,” hinted at the release of the female-led superhero film. The film starts off with the infamous Marvel opening credits and pays homage to the late great Stan Lee, who was the creator of legendary Marvel comic book superheroes. This is the first live-action Marvel film since his passing. This film is a prequel to the existing Marvel live-action films and is telling the story of Marvel’s strongest and unofficial first Avenger. The film introduces Brie Larson, known as Vers, as part of a group of alien warriors known as the Kree Starforce. After attempting to win an attack against her enemies, the Skrulls, Vers is held captive. The Skrulls manipulate her brain to access her memories, trying to get information on a woman known by the name of Dr. Wendy Lawson. After she awakens, she becomes filled with anger, manages to escape, and crashes upon Planet 53 – better known as Earth. On Planet 53, she meets a young S.H.E.I.L.D. agent,

Nick Fury, played by Samuel L. Jackson. They end up working alongside each other to solve her mission and defeat the Skrulls. The audience gets to see a friendly bond begin to form between the two characters as they continue their investigation. Vers begins to learn more about her past, and regains some memories that had disappeared. Her curiosity is increased as she starts to question her true identity. Vers and Agent Fury go to find Maria Rambeau, played by Lashana Lynch, to find out who she truly is. Vers finds out her name is Carol Danvers, who was an Air Force fighter pilot. As Danvers is processing this, the Skrulls stumble upon the scene. The Skrulls have a talk with Danvers and show her something that confirms her memories. Vers is angered to find out that she has been lied to her entire life, and decides to make things right. This film is filled with references to other Marvel films, giving Marvel fans “a-ha” moments. As the film ends, it leaves the audience wondering what happens next with her character. This post-credits scene leaves the audience on the edge of their seats anticipating the next live-action Marvel film, “Avenger’s Endgame.”



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Terrace House Franchise Starts a New Genre on Netflix

BY CINDY BINH NGUYEN
Staff Writer

I started watching “Terrace House, Opening New Doors” out of sheer curiosity. Having heard positive feedback, I highly doubted that the show’s snail pace and excessive politeness, pointed out on Reddit, could be my cup of tea. But, I was hooked within 20 minutes of the first episode. “Terrace House, Opening New Doors” started slow, repetitive and somewhat boring. But there was something about the awkwardness of the conversations that I couldn’t get my mind off. So, I decided to keep watching and became heavily invested. As a part of Fuji TV’s Terrace House franchise, the show is quick to become a household commodity in Japan. After being premiered by Netflix, “Terrace House, Opening New Doors” started to receive international acclaim. The increasing popularity, however, surprised many Terrace House veterans as the show is known to be much more subtle and polite than the notoriously manufactured global reality TV. The relaxed tempo of Terrace House series is, in fact, a contributing factor to the raise of popularity. Unlike the kind of jaw-dropping, mind-boggling scandals that American shows like “Vanderpump Rules” and “Keeping up with the Kardashians” thrive on, “Terrace House, Opening New Door” revolves around unavoidably awkward moments, the blandness of ordinary lives, the unnecessarily polite small talks and the joy of eating good food. Throughout six seasons, there is no music intentionally

added to exaggerate the tension or personal interviews for the cast to throw shades. The plot of Terrace House series is simple: six 20-ish strangers move into a big house. Most participants are regular people that lead their normal lives – waking up in the morning, eating, leaving the house for work or to school, returning, greeting, chit-chatting with their housemates, and, if you are lucky, asking each other out on a date. Sounds mundane, doesn’t it? But try to stick around even though you are accustomed to the Kardashian sisters hitting each other with their purses and fighting over a Bentley. It is the ordinary that is a huge part of Terrace House’s charms. Like any of us, the housemates have their own thoughts and deal with anxieties. That’s probably why the Queen Seina’s sipping wine at the end of the day is a big fat mood. That also explains why most viewers saw themselves in Tsubasa’s insecurities after knowing about Shion’s hot ex and it hit me hard when university student Ami broke down and cried about her future plans. It is hard to believe

“Terrace House, Opening New Doors” can ever be overly scandalous or salacious. In the recently aired season six, the OG cast started to reveal their less ideal parts, while new members attempted to make the most out of their screen time by stirring up fresh chaos every week. Tension peaked when Yui, a seemingly defenseless virgin, was exposed in broad daylight to be a bully who grilled Risako for performing for camera and a hypocrite that blatantly lied about her sexual relations. But dirty looks and dead silence are pretty much all that happened in the episode. No one really yelled, let alone throwing drinks onto each other. The style and approach of “Terrace House, Opening New Doors” is overall comforting, making the show a must-binge for those who cannot get along with meticulously scripted American TV. After a long day, nothing beats a heartwarming and refreshing Terrace House episode while sinking in the couch and doing nothing, well, except for low-key judging the housemates – just like what cast members do on screen.

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‘Five Feet Apart’ Leaves Audiences in Tears

BY ELIZABETH SCALZO
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“Five Feet Apart” came out Friday March 15, and has since has left audiences weeping at the beautiful, but tragic love story. The movie stars Haley Lu Richardson and Cole Sprouse playing the roles of the main characters Stella and Will. Stella and Will are both diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, which means they both must stay six feet apart at all times to save themselves from catching one another’s bacteria, which could kill them (cross infection). Stella has taken control of her treatments and is a bit OCD when it comes to her med cart, which makes it even harder when she learns Will has been ignoring his treatment. Will has a care-free attitude, as he states many times that he is, “breathing borrowed air” and that they will both die anyways. Stella could not handle that

because she believes in striving to live even though she is diagnosed with a chronic illness. Stella also has a YouTube channel which she regularly posts on in the movie and she finally decides that she wants be with Will and that she is tired of the six feet apart rule. She explains that an average pool stick is five feet in length and since cystic fibrosis has taken so much from her, she decided she was taking back that one foot from cystic fibrosis. As the movie goes on, Stella and Will go on a series of adventures throughout the hospital together, while holding the pool stick to keep them apart. The biggest adventure entails Stella throwing a birthday party for Will with the help of his friends and her best friend Poe, who is portrayed by Moises Arias. Poe is a fellow CF patient that Stella had met when they were both young children.

The movie also includes a character who gives comic relief, Kimberly Herbert Gregory, as nurse Barb. She helps the audience to have some moments of laughter throughout the twists and turns of tragedy and tears that the movie is filled with. Movies that play on tragedy of chronic illness and love stories are nothing new and have become quite popular among teen and young adult audiences. One of the most popular movies being the adaptation of John Green’s book, “The Fault in our Stars” which tells the love story of two teens with cancer. Both “Five Feet Apart” and “The Fault in our Stars” were loved by audiences because of the authenticity of the characters and this gives them the ability to sympathize pain with the characters. Even though “Five Feet Apart” was not the top grossing movie the weekend of its release, it still left

SPORTS

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Basketball Player Madison Stanley Follows Family Tradition

BY TYLER JONES
Guest Contributor

Madison Stanley grew up in a basketball family in Woodbridge, New Jersey. But she wasn't born with a passion for the sport.

"The biggest challenge I had to face growing up was the pressure of not being able to live up to the expectations of my parents," Stanley said, "specifically my dad, and succeeding in my basketball career, as I started playing so late. Both of my sisters were very good high school basketball players and my dad played basketball in college, as well and I was always expected to follow in their footsteps and be just as good as them."

Madison's father had played basketball at the University of New Haven (Conn.), and her sisters played at Montclair State University in New Jersey. Stanley said she didn't pick up the basketball bug until about seventh grade. She had always grown up to watch her sisters play, but

was never put on a team till middle school.

She fell in love with the sport, and started to grow and became really tall for her age. Basketball came naturally to her, she loved it, and knew by working hard and constantly pushing herself to become the best player she could be, she could play in high school and maybe in college.

But there were obstacles along the way. Stanley attended three different high schools "It was a big adjustment for me because I was always afraid of change," she said. "But I wouldn't change my high school experience for the world. I had a great four years, and those were the best years of my life because of the people I met."

Stanley was fortunate enough to end up at Rutgers Prep High School where she honed her basketball skills along with many other teammates who would end up as Division I players. She played under legendary coach Mary Klinger, who was also a coach on the women's national team for the United



Madison Stanley
States and played at Rutgers University.

Under Klinger, Stanley was part of a historic winning program. The team won two state championships, three Somerset County titles, and was recognized as the 13th-ranked team in high school basketball in the nation. She scored more than 1,000 points in her high school career.

"Overall, my experience playing at Rutgers Prep was so amazing and I wouldn't trade it for the world," Stan-

ley said, "because I got to play the game I love with my teammates who I loved playing with, I was able to be coached by someone who I respected and cared about so much, and we were able to accomplish things not many people have, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to play there."

When Fairleigh Dickinson University offered Stanley a scholarship, she said it was an easy choice for her and her family.

"I chose FDU because it was close to home (45 minutes) so my family can come to almost all my games, and I can go home whenever I wanted too," Stanley said. "I also really enjoyed my visit when I came here and really made bonds with my future teammates."

But her career at FDU did not get off to a smooth start. Having come from starring in a historic high-school program where she never came off the court, Stanley had to learn a new role as a college teammate. She said she quickly realized that basketball was lot

different in college than in high school because of the shot clock and the speed of the game. The players were stronger and faster, and she had to adjust to the game.

"I continued to work hard and push myself to get better," Stanley said, "as I knew that next year my team would need me to step up, because of a senior who was in my position would be graduating."

As a sophomore on the court in the 2018-2019 season, Stanley is becoming one of the league's best play-makers. She has started in a handful of games, but has made an impact in every opportunity she has been given.

"As I continue my journey here at FDU, I want to win a NEC Championship and continue to push myself as a player and help better my teammates," Stanley said.

Tyler Jones is a member of the FDU NEC Champion Men's Basketball Team.

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New York Native Gabriel Watson's Épée Skills Bring Opportunities

BY CHARLES ELMO
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When she thought she needed to play a sport at Clarkstown North High School in order to graduate, Gabriel Watson joined her high school fencing team.

"I was one of the few people in my school that didn't play a sport," Watson said. "I thought I needed it to graduate so I joined fencing. It turns out I am pretty good."

A sophomore here at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Gabriel Watson describes herself as a fun, energetic person who is very social and approachable. Born in New City, New York, Watson enjoys reading and exercising in her spare time.

Although she realized she had the potential to be very good, Watson said that her first try fencing was very difficult. But once she won her first bout, she was hooked.

"I lost my mind," Watson said. "I was completely into it from that point on. It was an awesome moment."

Her high school experience led her to joining the Fairleigh Dickinson University women's fencing team as an Epee. Watson

credits the university for finding her and bringing her in on a scholarship. At that point in time, the team was losing by default because they had just one Epee on the team. FDU wanted her, and she wanted FDU.

"I was getting the opportunity to be the one to tip the scale for them," Watson said. "I was star struck that I could keep doing this."

Watson appreciates the art of the game and the little things about the sport. The feeling of having a blade in her hand, making contact with another human being, and being allowed to legally hit someone with a sword.

Although Watson's passion for fencing is clearly evident, she said that her major goal in fencing is to just have fun and enjoy her time at FDU as a fencer. However, it hasn't been all fun this season for Watson as she has sat out due to medical issues. She is medically red-shirted, but will be given a fifth year of eligibility. It hasn't been easy for her.

"I have gone through so many stages of loss not being able to fence," Watson said. "I want to get back into as soon as possible. It has been



Gabriel Watson
very hard to just sit back and watch."

Watson credits her teammates for helping her get through this tough time. Watson detailed a struggle in overall team bonding, but that hasn't stopped her teammates from being there for her.

"We just have to start understanding each other better," she said. "Other than that, we are a pretty cohesive group. Individually, we need to stop beating up on ourselves to take that next step."

Watson believes as a team, they're still working on dealing with failure. She expressed playing a sport that feels overlooked isn't always easy. With three

new people coming in, new people brings new issues.

"Fencing isn't really on most people's radar," Watson said. "We are a small team that doesn't have 15-20 people on it. Competitions are away from the school most of the time so it is hard to keep up. I understand it."

Their matches are an all-day affair from the early morning, not finishing up until the evening. Watson said that it is a grind and can be physically and mentally draining. Keeping team morale up to reach a second gear and finish strong is always a challenge, she said.

"I like to help my teammates as much as possible," Watson said. "It is important for me to relay messages and be there for them as a team player."

Watson sees fencing as a hobby. Her ultimate goal is to create animation for movies through working in a TV studio behind the camera and in the control room. "I wanted to take a different path in animation," Watson said. "Possibly making games or short films that fly under the radar."

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From back to front, from left to right: Alex Delaney, Isabella Garcia, Jessica Lopez, Natalia Toby, Gabriel Watson, Andrianne Bartolo, Daniel Bass Shea Sanders, Amanda Cilley, Carly Edelman, Melissa Castro. Photograph by FDU Knights.



Natalia Toby, a regular at NCAA championships. Photo courtesy of FDU Knights

Natalia Toby Earns All American Honors

By **JUSTIN RIMPI**
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FDU junior Natalia Toby finished in sixth place in Epee and earned All-American honors for the second time at the NCAA Fencing Championships in Cleveland from March 21-24.

Toby finished 13-10 in the nationals. With 13 wins, Toby has the most by a Knight at a single NCAA championship, breaking her old record of 12 wins from the 2017 NCAA Championships.

The Bloomfield, N.J., native also set the program record for best individual

finish. Toby broke her own record from the 2017 NCAA Championships where she finished in seventh place. Toby has qualified for the NCAA her first three years at FDU.

Toby has the most NCAA Fencing Championships qualifications for any fencer in FDU history.

If Toby were to qualify next year for NCAA Championships, it would be her fourth time. It will be the first time in history a FDU fencer would qualify for the championships all four years of collegiate education.

“Last year, I came out

19th and didn’t come out with an All-American title. I was not mentally ready for the tournament and it cost me,” Toby told The Equinox. “I spent an entire year working on my mental preparation with the help of mindfulness, yoga, and confidence in my fencing and that was crucial to my success this year. My coaches are truly amazing in believe in me even when there were days I didn’t!

“I knew I would come out on top this weekend and that’s exactly what I did!”



2018-2019 Softball Team

FDU Softball Schedule Intensifies

By **ANDREW LADENHEIM**
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The FDU softball team has played almost half its season and its record is 7-18 with the team’s conference slate right around the corner.

The Knight’s team is full of experience as well as promise. Stars expected to shine include the versatile sophomore Brianna DeLeon and utility player freshman Jillian Ward. The ace of the Knights pitching staff is senior Baylee Ports and she has gotten off to a strong start.

Ports has a 3.44 ERA at the time of publication in 57 innings of work.

She has a 3-8 record due to lackluster run support during her starts.

Junior Madison Emerson has been the Knights most steady performers thus far this season. Emerson sports a .347 average, which leads the team in addition to being second on the team with eight RBIs.

Sophomore outfielder Rylie Schmeh has been swinging the bat well this season with a .280 average and a team-leading nine RBIs.

The Knights have

struggled at the plate this season as they have a .192 team average, .235 slugging percentage, and a .264 on-base percentage.

The Knights pitching staff has a 4.42 ERA, in addition to a .286 opposing batting average.

Leading the team are coaches Chris Foye, Coach Ray Vander May and Coach Bridget Rafter.

The Knights will return to N.J. to face two more double headers this Saturday, March 30, against Sacred Heat at 1 p.m. and Sunday, March 31, against the Brooklyn Blackbirds at 12 p.m.

No.8 Knights’ Season Comes to an End But Hope Still Remains

BY **JENNIFER MALTI**
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The FDU women’s bowling team season comes to a fitting close. The Knights’ end their season 82-49 overall. They remain 8 in the National Tenpin Coaches Association. The Knights’ season as a whole may have come to a close, but two current bowlers of the Knights’ women’s team and one FDU graduate have qualified for Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

Sophomore Aimee Sherman and sophomore Amanda Chrzanowski have qualified for ISC nationals. The two also received first team all-NEC honors. Along with Sherman and Chrzanowski, FDU graduate Karsyn Lukosius (‘18), will also be competing at Nationals.

“I feel good about how my season went this year,” said sophomore Aimee Sherman. “I definitely put in a lot of work during the season and making 1st team all-conference just shows that my hard work was finally all paying off. Nationals are approaching fast, and I plan on working hard to prepare for that in

the upcoming weeks.”

“The season ended shorter than we anticipated,” said Chrzanowski. “It really hurt that we came so close to the championship match and fell short. I think it can be used as a motivator for next year to work harder so that we do make it to the championship match. In order to prepare for nationals, I am making sure that I keep getting my drills in. I am looking forward to competing for the title again. I want to continually boost my confidence and use what while I am competing out there.”

As the Knights’ season comes to an end the three look to make it far at nationals, which will be held April 17-20 in Dayton, Ohio.



Deborah Epps
Photograph from FDU Knights

Baseball Struggles to Remain Consistent as Season Goes On

BY **ANTHONY COVINO**
Sports Writer

The Knights baseball season is well underway and they have yet to find their groove. Nineteen games into the season, their record stands at 3-16-1 with a 1-2 NEC record, occupying the Northeast Conference basement. The Knights have a 1-3-1 record at home and a 1-12 record away.

The Knights ended a 13-game losing streak on March 23, beating Mount St. Mary’s, 12-9.

Fourteen out of 15 Knights’ pitchers have an earned run average of 4 or more. Freshman Ryan Seburn, a right-hander, has the best ERA with a 1.69 mark. The Knights’ ERA stands at 9.52 with a total of 133 walks and 102 strikeouts.

The Knights gave up 65 earned runs in four consecutive games:

- (March 17) 16-2 loss to Pennsylvania,
- (March 19) 20-6 loss to Lehigh,
- (March 20) 19-9 loss to La Salle,
- (March 23) 11-3 loss to Mount Saint Mary’s.

The Knights play over 50 games in the regular season before the start of the NEC tournament on Thursday, May 23 at Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Conn.

The Knights have been

getting the runs in each game as redshirt freshman infielder Adam Frank has a .345 batting average, junior outfielder Mike Veit is batting .333, and senior catcher Evan McDonald is batting .315.

The Knights are batting .254 while their opponents’ batting average is .338. That is a huge difference as FDU’s pitching has not been able to stay consistent as the season rolls on.

Freshman first baseman Salvatore Monticciolo was recently named NEC player of the week and leads the team with five home runs. Monticciolo also leads the team in runs batted in with 19 total.

Freshman outfielder Tom Ruscitti has four home runs of his own.

The Knights begin conference play a three-game series against Sacred Heart, March 29-31 at home at the Naimoli Family Baseball Complex. The Knights need to turn things around in conference play as that will be their only way to make it into the postseason in the Northeast Conference tournament.

The Knights are led by interim coach Justin McKay in his first season as head coach after six years as recruiting coordinator and offensive coach.

The Knights are hosting NEC opponent Sacred Heart in a three-game series this weekend.