

No Florham Shuttle Seen

By **SAMANTHA HART**
Lifestyle Editor

The students and faculty at both Fairleigh Dickinson New Jersey campuses are preparing for the future at FDU with the new class schedule.

It's no surprise that students and faculty will now have to commute back and forth more frequently than they've done over previous years for classes and other campus events.

An economically friendly plan would be incorporating a shuttle to and from both campuses or from local bus stops.

It would make life easier for many commuter students. They wouldn't have to worry about driving themselves anywhere and could collectively contribute to lowering the commuting student body's carbon footprint.

The potential for a shuttle has more significance than just making Fairleigh Dickinson more well known and loved in the community.

If FDU were able to gain access or create a busing system for its students and

faculty, the carbon footprint of the school would be reduced significantly.

"Worldwide, road users account for about 71% of transport CO₂ emissions, with railway companies making up less than 1.8%, next to 12.3% for aviation and 14.3% for shipping," according to the International Energy Agency and International Union of Railways.

This only further supports the argument that FDU should enable some sort of transportation system for its students, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant.

"If, at some point in the future, we do have great demand from students to travel between the campuses for any purposes, we will certainly consider busing options. I have to say though, at the moment this does not happen very frequently," according to Provost Gillian Small.

This many not be in the current plans for FDU, but it could certainly come into play in the future if enough students believe a shuttle would be a better option and

request it from the school.

The students may also want to commute via shuttle to save their own gas. "Those who ride public transportation save an estimated 1.4 billion gallons of fuel each year, representing a total annual cost savings of \$5.6 billion for American families," according to Friends of the Earth.

"However, less than five percent of Americans live in communities with convenient and reliable access (within one-half mile) to public transportation or other alternatives to driving a car," according to Friends of the Earth.

With this in mind, FDU could develop its own shuttle system that would give the entire FDU community access to a cleaner and cheaper means of transportation.

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KENNETH RAMIREZ CASTRO

Elyjah Williams shot 100% from the free throw line, going 3-3.

Win Over Bobcats Is Gravy on Top

By **ANTHONY COVINO**
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FDU snapped its five-game losing streak with a 78-77 win over Quinnipiac on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Redshirt junior guard Xzavier Malone-Key had 29 points, with junior guard Jahlil Jenkins adding 17 points, and junior forward Elyjah Williams adding 11 points as well.

The Knights improved to 2-5 on the season, while Quinnipiac fell to 2-4 on the season.

The highlight of the night was the performance from captain Malone-Key, who scored his 29 points on an 8-12 shooting night and drew 7 defensive fouls. He made 11 of his 13 free throws.

"I'm so happy with his maturation as a player and as a student athlete," Head Coach Greg Herenda said. "Tonight, he was the MVP. It was really clear. He got where he wanted to, they just couldn't guard him, they fouled him. He didn't make all his foul shots, but the one he made won the game."

Malone-Key has missed five games this season but has averaged 23 points since returning

to the lineup on Nov. 24 against Lafayette.

FDU shot 27-54 (50%) from the field, 5-16 (31.3%) from the three-point line and 19-26 (73.1%) from the free-throw line.

Quinnipiac shot 31-61 (50.8%) from the field, 9-28 (32.1%) from the three-point line and 6-13 (46.2%) from the free-throw line

FDU went into halftime with a 44-29 lead, but Quinnipiac was able to come back in the second half and cut the deficit to one in the last minutes of the game. Malone-Key's free throw with two seconds left gave the Knights a 78-77 lead and sealed the win for the Knights.

"Just going to Kentucky with one [win] under your belt gives you a little bit more of a pop in your step and it gives you some oxygen to breathe," Herenda said. "During Thanksgiving when you're not feeling success, the turkey doesn't taste as good and it's hard, but the players deserve what they got tonight."

The Knights travel to Lexington, Ky., to play the No. 8-ranked Wildcats on Dec. 7. ■

First Snow Day Pumps the Brakes On Campus Plans

Staff Reports

While classes and extracurricular activities were cancelled on Monday, makeup classes will be held on Dec. 10 and 11, Provost Gillian Small told The Equinox.

As much as six inches of snow fell in Bergen County on Sunday night, prompting the university to send out a message at 5am Monday closing campus for the day

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PATRICIA RESSELL-DERAS

There was enough snow on the ground for an impromptu snowball fight in front of Court 1 on Wednesday as students return for the final days of class and prepare for final exams.

Resident Students Fill a Snow Day



CINDY (BINH) NGUYEN

Snow covers cars in Linden lot on Monday.

By **CINDY (BINH) NGUYEN**
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FDU Metro campus was closed Monday due to heavy snow and rain. The first snow of the season gave students at FDU another day off after an extended Thanksgiving holiday break.

“All day and evening classes, and activities, have been cancelled due to the inclement weather,” said an email from Housing and Residence Life early Monday morning. While many commuters were excited about the news, residents who just came back to campus from home said that the announcements should be made earlier.

“If I knew school was

closed today, I would have another two days to spend with my family as I don’t have classes on Tuesday,” said junior Manuel Perez, who drove more than four hours from Washington D.C. on Sunday.

Sophomore Adam Matter was rooting for an extra day without classes. “Of course I am happy,” Matter said, “But I don’t see the point why other places, like my part-time job, still require employees to go to work on days like this.”

Senior Demi Rodriguez shared how she would spend the day. “It happens to be Cyber Monday — that means I will have more time browsing my favorite brands.”

Junior Yara Bittar doesn’t have a lot of shopping to do but school closing gives her a chance to work on her project for class.

School hours lost to snow day may lead to a lack of instructional time. On the other hand, given the semester is coming to an end, class cancellations allow students to better prepare for final exams.

Meanwhile, faculty get more time to finish up the grades for the fall semester.

Most importantly, by closing the campus, FDU guarantees the safety of both students and faculty. ■

Snow Brings a Break ... With a Price

By **AISHWARYA GANDOTRA**
Guest Writer

Snow days are what every child hopes for during the winter season besides Christmas.

The night before a big storm, they wish to wake up to a recorded call from their school, canceling any activities for the next day.

For college students, snow days are a day to catch up on school work or catch a break.

Sophomore Isabelle Isamenscu loves snow days. “We all need a day off once in a while,” she said. “I feel like snow days give families a chance to spend a day at home together. Most of the time, we are running

around doing errands and going to school or work. But snow days force us to take the break we need, and relax with our loved ones.”

For educators like Maureen Vanacore, a Communication professor at FDU’s Metropolitan campus, snow days have a price.

“Snow days give me a break, but it messes with my curriculum. I am not able to do the work that I need for that class with my students — which pushes us back a week,” Vanacore said.

With it only being the first week of December, and the winter season still waiting to begin, who knows how many more snow days we will have. ■

A Normal Day for Athletes



KYLE HUBER

Student athletes don’t have a day off on the snow day.

By **KYLE HUBER**
Guest Writer

While the first “snow day” of the 2019-2020 school year cancelled all classes for the day, athletics did not fold to the snow and sleet blanketing the area.

“I was surprised we had anything today, but it’s inside so I’m just glad to get some work in,” said Ryan Widmeier, a freshman pitcher on the FDU baseball team.

Baseball was not the only team getting work in despite the snow, as the men’s and women’s track and field teams and the men’s basketball team also held practices inside the Rothman Center.

“We play tomorrow, so as long as we could get in the gym today, we needed to get some reps in,” said Xzavier Malone-Key, a redshirt-

junior guard on the FDU basketball team.

For the basketball team, an indoor sport, the weather does not pose much of a concern besides traversing the icy roads in order to get across the river to the Rothman Center.

According to NCAA rules, it is the athletic director’s decision about what, if any, activities can be carried out on campus during days of inclement weather.

This decision is based on the goal of protecting the student-athletes and athletic personnel from any possible harm that could come as a result of having to commute to campus under potentially unsafe road conditions.

This leads to full excusal of any athletics personnel or student-athlete who fears for their well-being from commuting to practice during times of inclement or hazardous weather.

Participating in college athletics is a strenuous experience for athletes due to the long hours of practice, maintaining their academic success and even some unanticipated sacrifices, such as spending a “snow day” practicing instead of relaxing.

A snow day does not mean a day of relaxation for student athletes. ■

Closing Alerts Cut It Close for Commuters



NICOLE FUCHS

Snow day announcement wasn’t early enough for commuters.

By **NICOLE FUCHS**
Guest Writer

The first snowfall of the season on Sunday evening and Monday had FDU Metro commuting students depending on the university’s weather alert system, which broadcasts information in severe weather. Monday’s closing was announced at 5:18 a.m., via email.

For Metro’s 6,000-plus commuters, some traveling over a 100 miles to school, but most living in a 30-mile radius of the campus, that wasn’t early enough.

“Living in Vernon, I give myself about two hours on a regular day to get to my 8 a.m. nursing classes,” said Rachael Razze, who has about a 50-mile commute to school.

“Today, the weather alert went out at 6 a.m, and because I live in Vernon, the weather is much worse up here, so I would have left my house around 5 a.m. This

means I would have already been on the road, which has happened before. I really wish they would let us know the night before in these cases.”

Razze said that, with two kids at home, knowing the closing the night before would help her plans, and her kids.

Even those who live a few minutes away would like earlier notice.

“Living eight miles from campus is not that bad on a typical day, but on a day like today, with snow and sleet, the commute that is usually half hour can turn into an hour or more, making me need to leave over an hour earlier than usual,” said junior Stephanie Gaona from North Bergen. “Waiting until 6 a.m. to let us know is selfish as I was already up getting ready for a dreaded commute.” ■

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Disney+ Enters Streaming Equation

By KENNY LO
Staff Writer

In the battle for streaming service dominance, a new contender throws down the gauntlet to join the online fray. That contender is Disney. The company has joined the fight in the form of Disney+.

As a powerhouse in the entertainment industry, it comes as no surprise that Disney would bring its massive library to the fingertips of consumers.

Brace yourselves Netflix and Amazon Prime Video, a juggernaut has arrived, with a bit of a rocky landing.

On Nov. 12, 2019, the “House of Mouse” launched Disney+ in the United States, Canada and the Netherlands for the starting price of \$6.99 per month or \$69.99 per year (which saves you \$13.89, or roughly two months of savings).

Subsequently, it launched in Australia, New Zealand and Puerto Rico on Nov. 19.

For \$6.99 a month, Disney+ offers the best movies, shows and original content from some of today’s biggest franchises like Marvel, Star Wars, Pixar, and, of course, Disney itself.



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Disney+ launched on multiple platforms, including web browsers, game consoles and Smart TVs.

You also have access to some of the newly acquired Twentieth Century Fox properties like “Avatar” and 30 seasons of “The Simpsons.”

Another option Disney+ has is the \$12.99 tag that also bundles Hulu, and ESPN+ together. In comparison, Netflix offers three different types of plans. The most basic plan at \$8.99 allows you to connect just one device at a time, two devices for \$12.99 at standard, and four devices for \$15.99 at premium.

Meanwhile, Disney+ lets you stream up to four devices simultaneously from the beginning.

Trying to compete with today’s market, Disney+ launched on multiple platforms and devices, more than any other service, on its first day.

It has since added a resume and restart feature, along with a continue watching section, but these features still require some ironing out as they do not quite work as intended.

Going through the genres and categories can also be confusing. In fact, not all titles from these big franchises are available yet.

Some of the more minor technical issues involved the closed captions being off-sync and freezing on

scenes. The lack of an option for a show to transform back to its original aspect ratio can make you miss the little things meant to be shown.

Lastly, if you’re coming from Netflix and are used to binge-watching a show as it comes out, that might be a problem with Disney+, as it offers more of an episodic upload instead of the entire season.

One big factor that elevates Netflix above it, at least for now, is content; particularly, original content.

Although the Disney+ originals like “The Mandalorian,” an American space Western web TV series set in the Star Wars

Universe, “The World According to Jeff Goldblum,” and Pixar’s SparkShorts series are solid entries, which are met with good praise from both critics and audiences alike, Netflix still has the upper hand in the originals department.

Disney+ has roughly 600 titles compared to Netflix with over 5,700 titles, according to Finder.com.

Therefore, it’s only natural for its price to be lower than that of Netflix. If you’re looking for a more mature-related content, you won’t find that in Disney+, since as of this writing, their titles will not be rated above PG-13.

When it comes to original content, Disney+ still has a long way to go. If you’re a massive fan of these big franchises under Disney’s banner, or just curious about the rising popularity of Baby Yoda, then this is a service for you.

Netflix and Amazon Prime Video gives viewers more value for their money in different ways after being established for years, but for the low price of \$6.99, this allows you to discover the joy and rediscover the Disney magic this holiday season. ■

‘Frozen II’ Delivers Same Bag of Tricks

By AMAYA MORALES
Staff Writer

The anticipation of “Frozen II” has only heightened since the announcement of a sequel. Released on Nov. 22, the movie left some movie-goers unsatisfied, while others were left with unanswered questions.

Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck return to direct the sequel as well as recurring cast members Idina Menzel as Elsa, Kristen Bell as Anna, Josh Gad as Olaf and Sterling K. Brown as Lieutenant Destin Mattias.

The movie begins with a young Anna and Elsa being told to go to bed by their parents, notable absentees from the first movie.

Their father, King Agnarr, tells them a bedtime story as part of a bargain to get them to oblige. He shares a story of their grandfather,



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Anna and Elsa tie up loose ends from the original “Frozen” movie.

King Runeard (the then-leader of Arendelle), who established a treaty with the leader of a tribe called Northuldra.

By the end of the story, the audience sees how things have changed drastically and King Runeard appears to be in trouble and the story ends.

During the middle of the night, a mysterious voice calls out to Elsa. Little does she know that interacting with this voice would unintentionally awaken the spirits, causing havoc within the town and forcing the kingdom to evacuate.

Elsa, Anna and the

gang go on an adventure to the Enchanted Forest by following the mysterious voice that Elsa’s been hearing. They reached a mist that only Elsa could suppress due to her powers.

Once inside, a tornado forms and sweeps everyone into the vortex and Elsa

stops it by forming a set of ice sculptures. These sculptures form pictures from their father’s past and they learn that their mother is actually from the Northuldra tribe.

The movie’s plot continues in a similar fashion to the first installment with similar beat changes and plot twists. With the most surprising aspect being the lack of a “Let It Go” reference in a movie that runs one hour and 43 minutes.

The movie overall was great, included new songs like “Into The Unknown” and kept the audience on its feet. There was a balance between drama and comedic relief.

The outcome -- for almost any Disney movie -- was predictable, but nonetheless enjoyable. In the end, the movie was entertaining and left the audience feeling satisfied. ■

Finals Bring Stress and Despair

EDITORIAL

With finals right around the corner, a sense of dread and trepidation passes all over a college student’s body. Finals are such a consequential time of the year because they have the ability to make or break a student’s grade in a particular class. The dread, and never-ending nerves, surrounding finals causes students to not perform to the best of their abilities. Students focus too much time and energy on the negative emotions

associated with finals, and not on the implementation of strategies that would ensure success. This leads to students not performing at their best. The most pressing issue around the end of the semester is the procrastination that goes along with it. It is far too common for assignments that are due at the end of the semester to be put off until the “Eleventh Hour.” Whether it be final papers, presentations or projects, all of us in college put undue pressure on ourselves by choosing to put

off assignments until the last possible moment. Finals time is stressful enough without having to play catch up because assignments that should have been done months ago have fallen by the wayside. There are many ways for finals time to become one more full of relaxation than fear. **Do not put off assignments until the end of the semester:** Allowing assignments to be more spaced out will allow students to not have to stress about having to complete tasks at the very

last minute. **Prepare for finals all throughout the semester:** The idea behind this tip is that the information will have more time to be analyzed, and the student will avoid having to cram their finals preparation into a very small period of time. **Get a good night’s sleep, and eat well heading into finals week:** All of your finals preparation will be for nothing if the right food is not being eaten, and if you don’t sleep enough leading up to finals week.

Scientific evidence has shown there is a positive correlation between the hours of sleep and the ability to retain information over the following days. **Try not to put too much stock in finals:** While finals certainly are consequential, they are not the be-all-end-all. It is important to do well on the coursework during the entire semester. In turn, the success of a student on their final assignments of the semester will not have such an adverse impact on their overall grade. Good luck on finals! ■

From the Editor’s Desk: NJ Speaker Series

By **ADMIR DURAKOVIC**
Editor-in-Chief

(NEWARK, N.J.) - Bob Woodward, a legendary investigative journalist and an associate editor for The Washington Post, is known for his work and the influence he has on journalism. However, I will remember him as the person who quoted his editor saying “Where’s the f***ing story?” Attending his lecture at the NJ Speaker Series at the NJ Performing Arts Center on Nov. 21 was an incredible honor and I have to thank Christopher Groff, director of corporate and foundation relations, at FDU, for the opportunity. I got to speak to Woodward and listen to him talk about his experiences, theories and ideas, as well as how he presents them. This has helped me to see my future as a journalist. Woodward has covered eight presidents since Nixon and Watergate. The featured speaker addressed the audience at NJPAC on a Thursday night. He was the third speaker in a lineup that



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includes actor Jason Alexander, “Seinfeld’s” George Costanza; United States Secretary of State John Kerry; and former US ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice. He spoke for approximately one hour before answering questions submitted by the audience. The discussion was moderated by Steve Scott, a radio anchor for WCBS Radio. Woodward had personally asked me to submit a question on the future of journalism, so I wrote, “Are there opportunities in the field?”

My question was not selected during the Q&A portion of the presentation. I’m not bitter. At the end of the evening members of the audience formed a line in order to have their picture taken with the main speaker. While in line, an attendee said there had never been as much interest in a guest speaker before. Woodward was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1973 for the work he and Carl Bernstein did in uncovering Watergate, but his influence in journalism goes well beyond the work at the start of his career.

Before his speech, the special guests had a behind-closed-doors roundtable discussion, off-the-record dinner with him. In a setting where typically the highlight speaker would be fielding questions from the rest of the guests at the table, Woodward actually took over a more dominant role. Acting as a moderator, he polled the 30 people in the room their opinions on a variety of political topics. Woodward also gave his own input, but it was obvious that everyone was in the presence of a seasoned journalist. Despite being a young journalist, I had noticed that Woodward was gleaned as much as he could from the discussion. Being able to contribute to the discussion and speak on behalf of the students, not only at Fairleigh Dickinson University but on this generation as a whole, was an incredible honor. As probably the only person in the room who hasn’t yet completed his college education, I was able to offer a unique perspective on the topics at hand, especially as to how

they pertain to our collective future. Woodward presented his take on the social political climate. While I did not agree with how he ranked each discussion topic, I was in awe of how he presented his thoughts and ideas and it was a great learning experience in presentation and critical thinking. The NJ Speaker Series is hosted by FDU and the fact that they invite students to have an up-close experience with the guest speakers is both an honor and a privilege. I can only thank FDU, President Capuano, and Christopher Groff for the opportunity, as well Professor Krochmal and the rest of the professors I’ve had while studying at FDU who helped me along the path of journalism. An event like this is major, not only for the university, but also an incredible opportunity for the students chosen to be involved and in attendance. As a journalist, I could only walk out of the Performing Arts Center more prepared to enter the professional journalism field. ■



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Person on the Street

"What gifts are you giving this holiday season?"



01 Michelle Sinning
Junior | Mechanical Engineer

"I'm giving a family portrait that I've been working on since this summer to my sister."



02 Amaris Thomas
Senior | Psychology

"I'm excited to give my Secret Santa of my friends group their gift once I buy it."



03 Kristianna Mullen
Quest for elementary ed,
special ed | Psychology

"I'm giving my boyfriend tickets to see his favorite NBA team."



04 Jennifer Malti
Sophomore | Communications

"I'm giving my mom a mini arcade Pac-Man."



05 Emmanuel Johnson
Freshman | Mechanical Engineer

"I'm buying my mom a necklace."



06 Jonathan Corona
Junior | Electrical Engineer,
Psychology

"I'm giving a friend shoes."

STUDENT LIFESTYLE

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'Love/Sick': A Comedy for the Romantic in You

By **ELIZABETH SCALZO**
Entertainment Editor

The University Players' "Love/Sick" show is an emotional rollercoaster from start to finish.

Composed of nine scenes, the play pairs actors portraying different couples. Each pairing is at a different stage in their relationship, which attributes to the relatability of the show.

No matter what stage of a relationship the audience member is in, they most likely will relate to the show, its themes and the comedy in some way.

This semester The University Players' cast was larger than their past few shows with 12 members participating. The show was directed by faculty adviser Athos Vardouniotis, who is a theatre professor on campus.

The play had notable performances, and a few scenes stood out and made the audience laugh hard when actors brought their characters to life.

The second scene was one that stood out among them all. The scene involves



MADISON MARTINEZ

The cast of "Love/Sick" delivered a hilarious, tangled and emotional show of modern relationships.

a woman named Louise Overbee (Madison Martinez) and a singing telegram man (Michael Daniel). Louise receives a singing telegram from the man she is waiting to go on a date with, except the singing telegram man

only has bad news for her. Louise then falls into hysterics about being dumped through a singing telegram.

Martinez executed this character magnificently as she fell onto the couch in tears after being overzealous

for the singing telegram man to sing to her. The performance from both actors was hilarious, relatable and memorable.

Another scene that stood out is titled "Uh-Oh." The scene follows married couple Sarah (Nicole Mulligan) and Bill (Zachary Savage). Sarah expresses to Bill that she is bored in their marriage and wants to fix it, but Bill does not seem to care.

Sarah then creates this hypothetical situation of what if she was the type of person who kills the people she loves. Bill eventually says he would work through it with her. She then pulls out a gun which is revealed to be a water gun and scares the daylight out of her husband.

Mulligan kept the audience guessing as to where the scene was going and to no surprise had a large eruption of laughter when she started shooting the water gun at her co-star Savage. The two actors interacted well and built off one another to make the scene more complex than it was.

Another scene titled "Destiny" -- the final scene of the show -- exemplified

the true comedic nature of the work. This scene involves a divorced couple who randomly meet again in a grocery store hundreds of miles away from where they originally met.

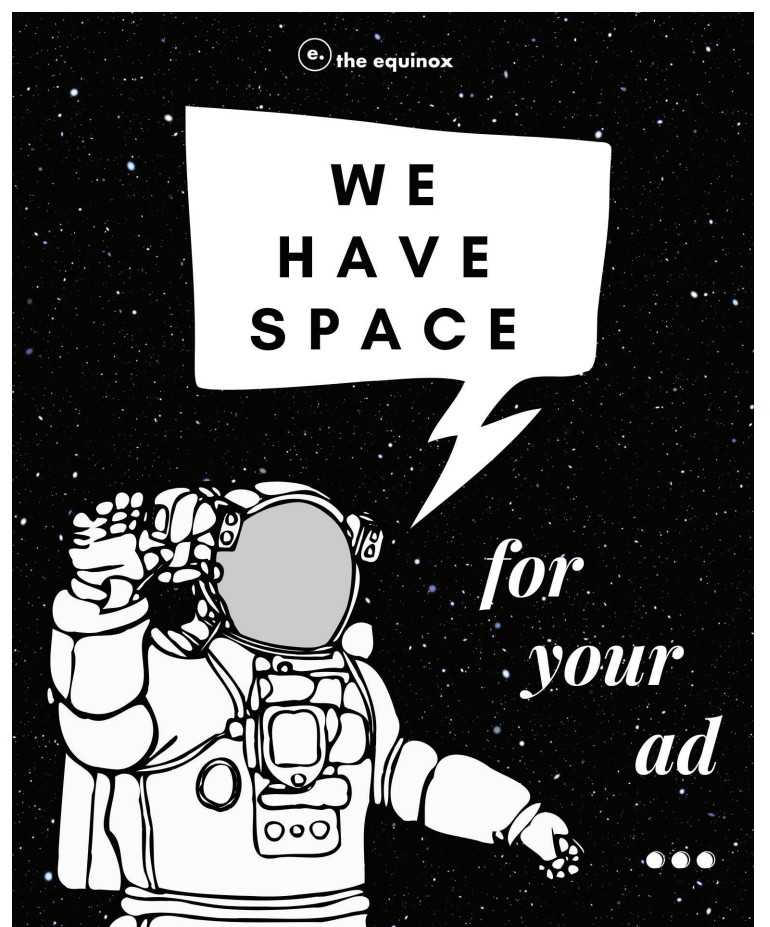
Jake (Jesse McCormick) was remarried and divorced and Emily (Taylor Hayman), recently widowed, and was stuck in this town when her flight is delayed.

They say to themselves that meeting again after all of the years that it must be destiny, but decide they really did hate each other and meeting again is just a coincidence.

Hayman and McCormick both kept the energy alive despite this being the last scene of the show. Their characters had several fake toasts with the wine that Hayman's character was buying. Each time both actors reacted to the taste of the wine disapprovingly, the audience erupted in laughter.

All in all, The University Players cast kept the audience laughing throughout the performance and made a memorable night for those who attended.

FDU Nation Hit by Procrastination



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Guide to the Holiday Season: Public Safety

The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. You can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

The following are some safety tips.

Driving

Avoid driving alone or at night. Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.

If you must shop at night, park in a well-lit area.

Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.

Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves.

Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.

Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open

the door. Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

If you must use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a police station, mall, or well-lit location. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.

Protect your PIN by shielding the ATM keypad from anyone who is standing near you.

Do not throw your ATM receipt away at the ATM location.

Shopping

Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.

Dress casually and comfortably.

Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.

Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.

Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.

Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.

Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.

At Home

Always lock your doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.

When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.

Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.

Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.

Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the

windows and doors of your home.

Strangers at Your Door

It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved.

Donate to a recognized charitable organization.

Everyone should enjoy the holiday season, but you still must always remember to practice good safety habits so you do not become a victim of crime. While you enjoy the holidays, please remember that you should never drink alcohol and drive.

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

The Department of Public Safety wants to wish everyone a safe, happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.

PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER

11/14/19 – Student reported theft of personal

property in Linden 7

11/14/19 – Student with marijuana residue

and paraphernalia in Northpointe

11/14/19 – Former students found with hookah in University Court 9.

11/17/19 – Delivery driver drove around traffic control bollard at front of

Northpointe

11/17/19 – Roommates in a dispute in University Court 3

11/18/19 – Alcohol bottles found in room in Linden 6



Fall 2019 Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10am-11am Make The Call Jack Weinberger	12pm-1pm In The Spotlight Ya Girl Nae	11am-12pm Snatched Sis Goes... Elle Scalzo	2pm-4pm ¿Qué Pasa FDU? Professor Catherine Acosta	9am-10am Benz On The Beat! Mercedes Zea
1pm-2pm The You Matter Factor Ray Fraser	1pm-2pm Music Undiscovered Brianna Kelly & Janeth Fermin	12pm-2pm Nee-Nee's Soul Show Naniyah McClain	4pm-5pm The Beats Ca\$h Money Micalina	12pm-2pm The Blue Comet Junior C.
2pm-3pm Dance To The Rock & Roll Station New Rock on WFDU	2pm-3pm The Artist Speaks Eric Kwon	2pm-4pm Backwall Records Jay Tufaro	6pm-7pm The Crazy Hour Naa Quaye	2pm-3pm Dance To The Rock & Roll Station New Rock on WFDU
3pm-4pm Sports Talk With Elmo Charles Elmo	3pm-4pm Double A-T Anthony, Anthony & Tyler	5pm-6pm Sixty Minutes, One Topic Steven Ortiz	7pm-8pm La Tarde Con Lissa Lineris Natera	4pm-6pm Lady Leakes in the Afternoon Monaquay Leakes
5pm-6pm Young Prophet Prophet Keem	4pm-5pm Rock & Pixel Hour Dylan Del Rio	7pm-9pm: Chillin' With Shofi Mistah Shofi	10pm-11pm Off The Dome Jean-Pierre Hughes	6pm-8pm Hard Rock Dungeon Jim Grim
10pm-11pm Rimpi's Radio Show Justin Rimpi	7pm-8pm Keepin' It Metrik Bobby Murugami	9pm-10pm Dance To The Rock & Roll Station New Rock on WFDU		8pm-10pm Friday Night Vibes Carly E. & Mistah Shofi
SUNDAY	8pm-10pm Rockin' The All-Ternative Carly E.			
12pm-2pm Sin Barreras Erilyn Peña		Interested in joining 89.1 WFDU-HD3? Contact ranzer@fd�.edu Visit us at wfduhd3.com		
2pm-4pm Vibin' With Shelbzz Shelbie Ulysse				

SPORTS



Cheer Team Fortifies FDU’s Home Base

By **ELIZABETH SCALZO**
Entertainment Editor

What most people do not know is what it takes to be a Fairleigh Dickinson University Knights cheerleader.

The FDU Knights continuously put in effort, both on and off the court, to make sure the men’s and women’s basketball teams have plenty of school spirit every time they step on the court.

For the 2019-2020 season, the FDU Knights have a squad of 13 women after tryouts in September. The squad is led by captains Maame Mensah and Rocky Sileshi.

The squad practices on average a total of 10 hours a week and they perform at the basketball games.

The team members are also involved in many other organizations on campus. The prime example is Mensah, who is the president of the Student Government Association.

The other 12 cheerleaders are involved in a variety of other organizations, from Greek Life to Global Scholars. The team shows what it means to be involved on



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FDU cheerleaders include Jenna Bonomi, left, Jodiann Mitchell, Lufthansa Boothe, Nyjayah Brown and Maame Mensah.

campus.

In the past, the cheer team has also participated in competitions, though they haven’t competed in the past few years. They are looking to return to competitions as they continue to grow.

The team has to stand by both the men’s and women’s basketball teams through wins, but also through losses.

The cheerleaders help get the crowd going, which

feeds into the adrenaline of the players.

Men’s basketball head coach Greg Herenda is aware of the impact of the cheerleaders on the energy of the crowd. The FDU cheer team’s energy should never be underrated.

“We win a lot of big games here (at home),” said Herenda. “We haven’t lost a playoff game here in the last four years. We beat Princeton, Delaware, and Towson here.”

A good team can become a great team when they have a crowd to cheer them on and a squad on the sidelines that has their back no matter the score.

The cheerleaders also receive scholarships like other athletes, but they aren’t offered as much support, comparatively. The cheer team does not offer full rides, which hinders a squad trying to get back into competing.

Cheer deserves to be

placed on a more equal footing when compared to the rest of the sports on FDU’s metro campus.

The women on the team set aside countless hours to practice along with their busy class schedules, other organizations and work.

The next time you sit in the bleachers, be sure to remember the women on the sideline who are sweating and giving their all to cheer on the team. ■

Women’s Basketball Team Engine Stuck in Neutral

By **JUSTIN RIMPI**
Managing Editor

The FDU women’s basketball lost a gut-wrenching double OT game at home against Army 70-68 on Nov. 30.

The Knights (0-6) are on a seven-game losing streak, which is carried over from last season’s loss to Robert Morris in the quarterfinals of the NEC tournament.

As has been the case for the Knights this season, the team has struggled to close the door on their opponents late in games.

FDU took a four-point lead into the final quarter but faltered down the stretch, which led to the game going into overtime.

The Knights were much more loose with the ball than their opponents, and it cost them dearly.



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Senior forward Lauren Francillon (11) played her first game of the season against Army.

FDU committed 22 turnovers, and the Black Knights scored 21 points of turnovers.

Madison Stanley, a

junior forward, was the leading scorer for the Knights with 17 points in the loss. Stanley also scored the team’s first six points

during the second OT.

Knights senior forward Lauren Fracillon returned from an injury and played her first official game of the

season. Francillon posted a double-double with 13 points and 13 boards.

Sophomore guard Rachael Niles scored 11.

Black Knights sophomore guard Alisa Fallon carved up the Knights defense like a Thanksgiving turkey as she poured in 22 points on 7-of-13 shooting from the field.

The Knights shot 37% from the field, 36% from downtown and 50% from the free-throw stripe.

Even in defeat, the 68 points was FDU’S highest point total of the season.

The Knights return to the floor on Saturday, Dec. 7, as they travel to Washington, D.C., to take on the Howard University Bison.

First-year Knights Head Coach Angelika Szumilo is still looking for her first victory for FDU and as a Division 1 head coach. ■