



Raises Questions for D-I Athletes

Guest Writers

The appointment of Weinman as the dean of the Maxwell Becton College of Arts and Sciences with authority over both campuses was a key part of FDU's plan to unify the academic offerings of both New Jersey campuses, Metro

"If a recruit has signed an NLI, they would need to request a release to be able to speak to other schools if their major is no longer offered," Quirk said. ■

STAFF GRAPHIC

Communication Breakdown

"I do not know how exactly this will affect students until the changes take place," said Vidal Lopez, Dean of Students. "As a non-

“No existing students in the university will be

Geoffrey Weinman, Dean of the Maxwell Becton College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said, "We will honor the curriculum that existed when they started." ■

Curriculum Changes, Reduced
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FDU Collaborates to Fight Climate Change

By **JHOANA T. MERINO-MARTINEZ**
Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, N.J. – The Equinox attended the NJ College News Commons climate change trip along with students representing five other college newspapers. This semester’s seminar was hosted on Duke Farms, a nature preserve that uses eco-friendly methods to combat climate change. The program included a tour of Duke Farms, a learning lunch and a collaborative workshop.

The tour guide John Wagar, deputy executive director, briefed the staff on what Duke Farms hopes to accomplish.

The “equation” for a sustainable climate is to eliminate the production of emissions and remove existing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

“Currently, there is no technology that can remove greenhouse gases already present in the atmosphere. In fact, the only way to do so is how nature has done it for millions of years — this is where Duke Farms comes in,” Wager said.

Originally a thoroughbred horse farm with a track, the historic building has been adapted to meet Leadership in Energy & Environment Design (LEED) standards established by the US Green Building Contract.

Architectural improvements include, but are not limited to, south-facing windows for natural light, ground source heat pumps, a 640-kilowatt solar-ray, electric-powered equipment, rain gardens, bioswales, among others. According to Wagar, updates aren’t complete as they are hoping to build another solar



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John Wagar, deputy executive director of Duke Farms, briefs students from six New Jersey colleges.

power plant so that they can be “fully green.”

Wagar took the attendees to the community garden. Its purpose is to retain the necessary carbon in the soil, which typically gets released from plowing. By using perennial produce that does not need to be plowed every year, such as pawpaws, artichokes and scarlet runner beans. Duke Farms reduces its carbon footprint with permaculture.

The most alarming part of the tour was the “sugar shack,” the place where maple syrup is made. Wagar said the maple syrup sugaring season is drastically affected by climate change. Due to the temperature differences, the sugaring season has moved up. The sap is beginning to run in February rather than March because the cold nights needed for sap to ripen have changed.

The sugar shack is where Sugar Maple tree sap is converted into syrup to be used on an assortment of

foods, such as pancakes and waffles.

The Sugar Maple tree species are becoming more exclusive in Northern Jersey since it does not do well in warmer climates. Since it cannot adapt as quickly as other maple trees, the Sugar Maple trees are declining in certain parts of the state. Though this is only one species of maple tree, it demonstrates how influential the effects of climate change can be.

The Sugar Maple tree illustrates that climate change is not years away from having an impact on day-to-day life. Instead, climate change is already here.

During lunch a presentation from Will Atkinson, a research and communications fellow for the non-profit “Climate Central,” focused on the application of climate solutions in daily life.

Climate Central was founded in 2008 and currently has 30 staff members. The non-profit

works with researchers in Princeton to analyze climate change impacts and use science to find implementable solutions.

The organization has several web resources available to raise awareness about the growing pandemic.

For example, sealevel.climatecentral.org reports on sea level rise impacts.

Atkinson mentioned the resource program “Climate Matters in the Newsroom,” which works with meteorologists and journalists to increase media coverage on the effects of climate change.

Finally, it was time for the workshop. Joe Amditis,

associate director at the Center for Cooperative Media at Montclair State University, who organized the outing, prompted the group to reflect on both Wagar’s presentation of Duke Farm’s innovations and Atkinson’s methods on how to make them relevant today.

The discussion was outlined in an online worksheet, which provided a structure for the participants to develop their thoughts. Free to mingle with student journalists from other colleges, the students were able to exchange ideas and discuss issues that were relevant to their own respective campus and come up with potential topics for stories and their college collaboration this semester.

The Equinox is planning to collaborate with students newspapers at Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rowan University and Montclair State University. We will continue reporting on the carbon footprint of commuters at FDU.

This story is a part of The Equinox’s participation in a statewide climate reporting collaboration by members of the NJ College News Commons, a network of campus media outlets working together to cover the climate crisis in N.J. ■



Reduced Gen-Ed Requirements for Fall 2020 Semester

By **SAMANTHA HART**
Lifestyle Editor

Students entering Fairleigh Dickinson University in Fall 2020 can expect fewer general education requirements to complete their degree.

As a part of the reconstruction of the curriculum, FDU will try to reduce the number of general-education requirements for incoming students, as well as for any returning students who change their major.

University Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Gillian

Small told The Equinox that student interests are a top priority in the restructuring.

“We’re really trying to put the students at the forefront of this,” Small said. “They’re our main consideration ... to make sure that they have the opportunities that would give them a little bit more flexibility.”

Geoffrey Weinman, dean of Becton College, said a reduction in the number of general-education requirements would offer students more options.

“We want students to have more opportunities to take the courses they really want to take,” he said.

Students on the Metro campus who are pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree currently have to complete a minor in order to graduate, while their counterparts at the Florham campus do not.

This disparity is being discussed by FDU’s decision-makers and could lead to the elimination of a required minor for the B.A. on both campuses.

Dr. Benjamin Freer, professor of psychology, said there are two sides to reducing the general-education requirements.

“I think the consideration of reducing the number of general-education requirements will

have the biggest impact on the students,” he said. “As a faculty member, I would like to retain general-education requirements, as I believe an important aspect of college is gaining a breadth of knowledge.”

But Freer sees the net effect of a reduction as positive, saying that the reduction of general-education requirements would allow “students to determine the path they want their education to take rather than the university requiring a large number of courses that students may not perceive as worthwhile to their career goals.”

Small said the

curriculum changes have been in the works for two years and that the last year has been dedicated to working out the details.

Another goal of the university is to improve graduation statistics.

“We want more students graduating in four years,” Weinman said.

Despite a decrease in interest nationally among high school seniors in going on to a four-year college, FDU is hoping these changes will attract more students.

We can’t hide the fact that this is a pretty challenging time in higher ed,” Small said. ■

OPINION



White House Purge: Post-Impeachment Acquittal

By NANCY SANCHEZ-DIAZ
Staff Writer

President Trump was acquitted and now things are back to normal. Well, at least our kind of normal.

Ever since the Republican-led Senate acquitted Trump, the president has made it his personal mission to exact revenge on his perceived political enemies, particularly those who testified against him during the impeachment trials.

Trump has purged the White House of anyone who dared to testify against him about what they heard, including Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a National Security Council official. His twin brother, Yevgeny Vindman, was fired because of the relation.

They were removed from their positions at the White House and even escorted



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President Donald Trump was acquitted Feb. 5 after a 21-day impeachment trial.

out of the building Friday Jan. 31, months before their assignments were scheduled to conclude.

Ambassador to the European Union Gordon

Sondland, who said Trump engaged in a “quid pro quo” on Ukraine to Congress, was also fired the same day.

A quid pro quo is an incentive or something

given in hopes of receiving something in return.

This sat at the very forefront of the impeachment conversation as Trump was accused of

investigating his political opponents through Ukraine.

Jennifer Williams, former adviser to Vice President Mike Pence, is also leaving two months ahead of her planned departure, according to Politico.

But that doesn’t seem to be the end of it.

The White House is expected to revoke the nomination of Elaine McCusker as the Pentagon’s comptroller and chief financial officer following her refusal to freeze military aid appropriated by the Congress to Ukraine, according to the New York Post.

While some may argue that the president is allowed to terminate whomever he deems unfit for his administration, there’s no denying that these tactics are straight out of an authoritarian regime.

Not only is it an abuse of power, it is a mockery of those who choose to put their country before the leader. ■

Spring 2020 Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12pm-1pm Around The World Turk Al-Saud	1pm-2pm Music Undiscovered Janeth Fermin	10am-11am Tucas’ Top Tracks Tucas Catuogno	2pm-4pm ¿Qué Pasa FDU? Professor Catherine Acosta	12pm-2pm The Blue Comet Junior C.
1pm-2pm The You Matter Factor Ray Fraser	4pm-5pm Snatched Sis Goes... Elle Scalzo	12pm-2pm Nee-Nee’s Soul Show Naniyah McClain	4pm-6pm Hard Rock Dungeon Jim Grim	2pm-3pm Dance To The Rock & Roll Station New Rock on WFDU-HD3
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3pm-4pm Sports Talk With Elmo Charles Elmo	6pm-7pm Sports With Double A-T Anthony, Anthony & Tyler	7pm-9pm: Chillin’ With Shofi Mistah Shofi	10pm-11pm Off The Dome Jean-Pierre Hughes	6pm-8pm Rockin’ The All-Ternative Carly E.
5pm-6pm The Beats Ca\$h Money Micalina		9pm-10pm Dance To The Rock & Roll Station New Rock on WFDU-HD3		8pm-10pm Friday Night Vibes Carly E. & Mistah Shofi
10pm-11pm Rimpi’s Radio Show Justin Rimpi	Contact ranzer@fdu.edu	Come join the student voice of Fairleigh Dickinson University!	Visit us at wfduhd3.com	

2020 Election: Determining Direction of Nation

EDITORIAL

Regardless of which side of the political aisle one finds themselves on, the 2020 presidential election is certainly a very consequential one as it pertains to the direction of the United States of America. The American voters have an important decision ahead of them in November. The extremely complicated decision of who will be “The Leader of the Free World,” will boil down to a seemingly simple question. What direction would the people like to see the

United States of America go in the coming years? Do they like the current state of the country under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump, or would they like to vote out President Trump in order to have a new leader on Jan. 20, 2021. The Equinox understands how important the upcoming election is, in addition to the Democratic primary race. We have an obligation to the FDU community to cover the 2020 election the best that we can, and that is exactly what we plan on doing.

The Equinox has not been known for its political coverage in the past, but that will change in the coming months. The gravity of the moment means The Equinox has to step up to the plate and report on how the candidates’ policies impact members of the FDU community. Whether it be the forgiveness of student loan debt, a revamped healthcare system or a whole host of other policy proposals, the FDU community will be impacted. Whether its directly or indirectly by who is the President of the United

States in a less than a year. All voices deserve to be heard, and that is what The Equinox will do through the prism of our political coverage. While we cannot write anything that has not already been written by the bigger newspapers in this country, what we can do is provide a glimpse into the mind of a very important demographic, 18-25 year olds. Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for president will be heavily courting the vote of the young people. At such a diverse institution like FDU, it could provide a microcosm

of society as a whole. The Equinox will also be utilizing guest writers so the FDU community will be given the best political coverage possible. The Editorial Board will be endorsing a candidate in the Democratic primary race in the coming days, and this is something the Equinox is very excited about. The Equinox is looking forward to covering the biggest stories in politics in the coming months, and we hope that members of the FDU community will welcome this shift. ■

From the Editor’s Desk: Remember November, It Matters

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


Donald Trump cannot win again this November. The Equinox is no stranger to criticizing President Trump. Our opinion section was dominated by the bi-weekly Trump controversy in 2017. Even before his policies enter the discussion, his conduct must be examined. Trump told us that other countries were laughing at us behind our backs. Now, world leaders laugh at him to his face. Our relationships with our allies have deteriorated and we have let our rivals on the world stage walk over us. Trump threw the Kurds, our allies in the Middle East, under the bus in his talks with the Turkish president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. The peace treaty/ceasefire he “negotiated” gave Turkey and Russia the advantage in the region. If our allies laugh at us, our enemies don’t respect us and if we are divided at home,

that is a recipe for disaster. President Trump and his revolving door of a Cabinet are short on friends both at home and abroad. China has made progress on its worldwide Belt Road Initiative while the United States has adopted isolationist foreign policies. We are running away from the fight before it even begins and run the risk of losing our own influence as a (financial) superpower. The manner in which Trump carries himself at home in the U.S. does not inspire hope either. “I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn’t lose any voters,” Trump said. He proved it by proxy when the Republican-led Senate voted to acquit him of two impeachment charges. Trump was caught in the act of abusing his position of power to gain leverage over a political rival and our system of checks and balances failed to preserve the balance. The Democratic primaries are closing in soon. The

Equinox Editorial Board will endorse a candidate for the presidency. It is imperative that whoever is chosen to run against Trump receives all the support available to them. Democratic voters who were upset that Bernie Sanders didn’t win the nomination in 2016 cannot turn their backs on another election. Being able to vote in a democracy is a right that should never be taken for granted. Everyone and anyone who cares about climate change, healthcare, the student loan crisis, international relations, global relations and more needs to pay attention closely this year. Paying close attention means getting out to vote for the primaries. The schedule of the primaries through March can be seen to the right All voices should be heard when the polls open Nov. 3. Don’t be someone who is eligible and doesn’t vote. ■

Wisconsin	Spring primary election	Primary election	February 18, 2020
Nevada	Democratic Presidential Caucus	Primary election	February 22, 2020
South Carolina	Presidential primary	Primary election	February 29, 2020
Alabama	Alabama statewide primary date	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Arkansas	Arkansas statewide primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
American Samoa	Democratic Presidential Caucus	Primary election	March 3, 2020
California	Primary election	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Colorado	Colorado presidential primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Massachusetts	Massachusetts presidential preference primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Maine		Primary election	March 3, 2020
Minnesota	Minnesota presidential preference primary date	Primary election	March 3, 2020
North Carolina	North Carolina statewide primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Oklahoma	Oklahoma presidential primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Tennessee	Tennessee presidential preference primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Texas		Primary election	March 3, 2020
Utah	Utah presidential primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Virginia	Virginia presidential primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Vermont	Vermont presidential preference primary	Primary election	March 3, 2020
Kentucky		Primary election	March 8, 2020
Idaho	Idaho presidential preference primary	Primary election	March 10, 2020
Michigan	Michigan presidential primary	Primary election	March 10, 2020
Missouri	Missouri presidential preference primary	Primary election	March 10, 2020
Mississippi		Primary election	March 10, 2020
North Dakota	Democratic presidential caucus	Primary election	March 10, 2020
Washington	Washington presidential preference primary	Primary election	March 10, 2020
Virgin Islands	Republican Party Caucus	Primary election	March 12, 2020
Guam	Republican Party Caucus	Primary election	March 14, 2020
Northern Mariana Islands	Democratic Presidential Caucus	Primary election	March 14, 2020
Arizona	Arizona presidential primary	Primary election	March 17, 2020
Florida	Florida presidential preference primary date	Primary election	March 17, 2020
Illinois	Illinois statewide primary	Primary election	March 17, 2020
Northern Mariana Islands	Republican Party Convention	Primary election	March 17, 2020
Ohio	Ohio primary	Primary election	March 17, 2020
American Samoa	Republican Party Caucus	Primary election	March 24, 2020
Georgia	Presidential primary	Primary election	March 24, 2020
North Dakota	Republican convention	Primary election	March 28, 2020
Puerto Rico	Democratic presidential primary	Primary election	March 29, 2020

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'Parasite:' Worthy Leeches

By KENNY LO
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A black comedy or satire that plays with the division between social classes in South Korean culture is the result of this brilliantly crafted masterpiece, "Parasite," by director Bong Joon Ho. With just the right amount of dry humor, the film masterfully sheds some light into some of the norms and taboos that linger in our global society.

"Parasite" is a story about two families from opposite ends of the social-class spectrum: the poverty-stricken Kim family and the affluent Park family. We first encounter the Kim family dwelling in a half-basement type of apartment that is commonplace in South Korean urban areas.

Tapping neighbors' Wi-Fi in the apartment, folding pizza boxes for cash or keeping the windows open during public (albeit



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Korean director Bong Joon Ho, left, and the cast of "Parasite" – Choi Woo Shik, Cho Yeo Jeong, Chang Hye Jin, Park So Dam, Lee Sun Kyun and Song Kang Ho – attend a press conference in Seoul, South Korea.

dangerous) fumigations for free disinfectants are a few things the Kim family does in order to get by.

But despite a destitute lifestyle, the Kim family has aspirations in life.

Thanks to a friend's recommendation, the Kim

son, Ki-woo (Choi Woo Shik), ends up getting hired as a tutor for the wealthy Park family's oldest daughter, Da-hye (Jung Ziso). Soon after, he gets his sister, Ki-jung (Park So Dam), a job as an art teacher for the youngest Park son, Da-song (Jung Hyun-jun).

Not long after, the Kim father, Ki-taek (Song Kang Ho), and the mother, Chung-sook (Chang Hye Jin), replace both the driver for the Park patriarch, Dong-ik (Lee Sun Kyun), and the housekeeper who helps out the stay-at-home mom, Yeon-kyo (Cho Yeo Jeong).

Unbeknownst to the Park family, the new household servants (the entire Kim family) invade like a parasite, and fully infiltrate its host.

Just when we think we know where this film is headed, the audience gets thrown a curve ball that threatens this symbiotic relationship between the two families. Things continue to spiral out of control as the Kim family tries to keep things under wraps while preventing new and surprising elements from ruining their hard work.

The film is an absolute work of art, a tour de force in filmmaking.

The picture was nominated for six Academy Awards, winning four prizes on Feb. 2, including best picture, best director, best writing (original screenplay) and best international film.

Audiences in America can catch "Parasite" as it expands to 2,000 more locations, doubling its current number. ■

Harley Quinn and Crew Take Flight

By KENNY LO & NANCY
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Staff Writers

"Birds of Prey: And the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn" is quite a mouthful to say.

Due to a recent marketing maneuver, the theatrical version of the film gets a shorter name: "Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey." The home release will revert back to its original name.

There are few people that can be considered "perfect" for a role: Margot Robbie was born to play Harley Quinn.

She nailed the personality so well that you will think it is Harley herself brought to life on the big screen.

The "Clown Princess of Crime" is back, and she is better than ever.



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One would think that the type of storytelling told from Harley's perspective should spell disaster, but surprisingly enough, it's easy to follow.

Writer Christina Hodson tailored a script that was not only appropriate for the character, but one that made the most sense, because getting inside the complex mind of Harley Quinn is not an easy task.

Under Cathy Yan's direction and supervision, the audience gets to feel the motivations of Black Canary

(Jurnee Smollett-Bell), Huntress (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), Renee Montoya (Rosie Perez) and Cassandra Cain (Ella Jay Basco) as the heroines and anti-heroines continue to drive the story.

Getting these characters together for a team-up against an eccentric club owner who also happens to be the maniacal villain, Roman Sionis (Ewan McGregor), aka Black Mask, felt almost organic.

And when you see these ladies in action together, their

chemistry is undeniable. It's something to behold.

Given the type of language used and the "John Wick" bone-breaking-style fight choreography, there are a few good reasons why this film gets an R rating.

The movie follows lead star Harley Quinn as she seeks to forge her identity after her break-up with the Joker.

Without his protection, she's left to thwart off the target on her back, and it's interesting to see how she deals with this new chapter in her life.

All the heroines of the movie find themselves dealing with their fair share of life problems, allowing for an especially heartfelt moment once all five female fighters get together for the common goal of kicking butt.

The movie tackles issues

very relevant to women today, such as pay and occupational inequality, sexual harassment and mixed forms of humiliation.

In Renee Montoya's case, she fails to get acknowledged for her successful contributions to the GCPD (Gotham City Police Department), and instead all the credit goes to a man in her force.

In the end, she stops trying to prove herself and ends up quitting to serve justice her way: as a Bird.

There is a thread of empowering, almost maternal moments, displayed throughout as the heroines take teen orphan Cassandra Kein under their wing, showing her how to protect herself from the villains. ■

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‘Changes’ in Justin Bieber’s Life

By **ELIZABETH SCALZO**
Entertainment Editor

On Valentine’s Day Justin Bieber released another studio album after a five year break from his solo music career.

“Changes” can be said to reflect on Bieber’s life over the course of the last five years. The now 25-year-old is married and has been battling Lyme disease. Bieber announced his new album and his tour in January after releasing the song “Yummy.”

Many fans were excited about “Changes” but when “Yummy” came out many were left wanting more since the song lacked substance despite being catchy.

However, many of the songs on “Changes” appeal to young hearts in love which is appropriate considering the album came out on Valentine’s Day.

“Changes” almost reaches a sophistication within the album that has not been seen from Bieber before. Much of Bieber’s music could be referred to as juvenile but this time he created songs that are



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Justin Bieber traveled around the world on his ‘Purpose’ tour. Here he is playing a show in Illinois.

great for multiple audiences. For example, on his song “Habitual” the chorus speaks about love that is not just about a moment, but about forever.

Despite the few songs with a hint of sophistication, the rest of the album drowns

in similar beats and songs that surround teen love and hookup culture which is the reality for teens today.

In the track named “Available” one of the most notable lines says “Say I’m number one on your to do list” which explains teen

relationships perfectly.

“Changes” also has multiple guest appearances such as Quavo, Post Malone, Travis Scott and Kehlani.

These vocal features also make the album stand out from the standard pop album since there are hints of hip

hop, R&B, and rap. In order to fit into the style of the featured artists the beats emulate their music style more than Bieber’s as shown when listening to his solo songs on the album.

The album overall has a lot of songs that follow the classic pop song formula of mild beats with repetitive lyrics and some form of a bridge. This formula works for artists everywhere and is the reason people could not stop playing “Yummy” even though the lyrics of the song lacked substance.

Artists have been following the same formula for years because that is what makes number one songs on the charts. No one can really be mad at that but after being featured on a number of tracks during his break many expected an album as good as his “Purpose” album.

“Changes” highly reflects the changes in Bieber’s style since “Purpose” but still follows a basic outline of what pop music should be and because of that, the album leaves something to be desired. ■

Joaquin Phoenix Addresses Climate Change

By **SONAL TULSYANI**
Staff Writer

Joaquin Phoenix won the 2020 Oscar for Best Actor after playing a leading role in Joker, but went viral for his acceptance speech.

Not only was it about giving back, but it was also about giving forward.

The efforts that people are making toward improving the environment by addressing global issues so that the world can sustain all of the people who live in it now and in the future.

Phoenix’s speech intends to get people to watch what they eat, drive, what they buy, buy it in, and how they live.

Phoenix doesn’t just touch on the topics of human rights, inequality, and animal rights. He also cited a specific example in the dairy industry.

“After all that the cows go through to make the milk, they lose their milk, they lose their baby, and the calf loses the naturally produced milk that is meant for them.”

According to Phoenix, humans basically took the milk that was made for calf, claimed it as ours and used it in our coffee.”



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Phoenix accepts an award and a challenge to do better by the Earth and the climate.

When you consider how many Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts stores there are, how many cups of coffee per day they sell and how much milk goes into all of those cups, that is a lot of milk that is being used and that is just from the big coffee chains.

That doesn’t even cover local coffee shops and places that sell other dairy products like butter, cheese, smoothies, milkshakes, ice cream etc.

The rise of consumption of dairy products has

exhausted cows but that is just one animal, one organism, one living thing, and yet, as we are eating our cereal with milk that is not soymilk or almond milk, we are seeing them as a resource.

Phoenix calls the general public out on it with no fear and no qualms.

He also called himself out on his lifestyle, his mindset, how he treated other people and he apologized for it.

He strives to do better

and to make things better to his full capacity and he is now asking for people to do the same.

In fact, he already inspired Lena Dunham to go vegan.

Not only does he ask people to work to improve this world and the future world, he expects people to meet the bar.

In fact, he expects that people will be able to meet the bar.

In his speech, Phoenix says, “And I think we fear

the idea of personal change because we think we have to sacrifice something, to give something up, but human beings, at our best, are so inventive and creative and ingenious.”

Phoenix makes it known that anyone has the capacity to make a change in the resources we use or the way we fill needs has the capacity to.

The root of this change is motivation and drive are certainly two traits that Phoenix does not lack.

He also says, “And I think that when we use love and compassion as our guiding principles, we can create, develop, and implement systems of change that are beneficial to all sentient beings and the environment.”

He not only inspires everyone to believe in their ability to take positive actions but also to find their source of inspiration and drive and let it take it to a limit they have never reached before.

That is when people strive for their best. In order to make sure that the world will be a home to live in, and not a series of natural disasters to survive. ■

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STUDENT LIFESTYLE

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Green Team Looks to Leave Mark at FDU

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A new solar charging station will be inaugurated at FDU Metropolitan by The Green Team, FDU’s environmental club run by students.

Installing the solar powered charging station has been one of The Green Team’s most urgent environmental action plan. “It took us a year to make this dream come true,” said Yara Bittar, a junior student at FDU and vice president of The Green Team.

Prior to the unveiling of the station, The Green Team developed a detailed fundraising strategy and collaborated with The Green Club from FDU-Florham to raise money as well as sending out surveys.

“The Green Team managed to get the Independent College Fund of NJ’s \$10,000 grant for the two solar charging stations,” Bittar said, “which includes one on the Metropolitan and one on Florham campus.”

Having this equipment on campus helps students, staff



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The Green Team preparing for the unveiling of FDU Metro’s first solar charging station.

and faculty at FDU be more aware of solar energy as a cleaner and more sustainable alternative to fossil fuels. This system converts solar energy to electricity and stores it in a battery bank. The station also has a microcontroller that prevents the batteries from being overcharged.

According to junior Victoria Demmene, the charging station which was placed behind the Student Union Building provides a convenient and free of charge

method to charge mobile devices such as cellphones, laptops and tablets.

An outdoor power source not only encourages students to spend more time outside but also minimizes the demand for power from other methods.

“The station definitely costs a lot,” Demmene told The Equinox, “but now The Green Team got that out of their way, it is cool that the university has their first two stations that provide

electricity through permanent and natural energy.”

The Green Team will promote the newly installed station. On the challenges facing the team’s advertising efforts, David Lisboa - a junior and The Green Team’s PR officer - pointed out that many FDU students’ lack of knowledge and care for the environment is a major obstacle. “We need to look at the bigger picture and start taking responsibility,” Lisboa

said.

“Our planet will run out of energy if people keep generating electricity from oil and gas,” Bittar said, “so everyone needs to be involved, and you don’t have to be a part of The Green Team to do that.” By spreading the word about the availability of renewable energy on campus or equipping them with basic knowledge of different forms of energy, students can be effective change-agents.

The newly installed solar charging station is a fresh beginning for FDU Metro to develop efficient energy sources that match modern technology. If successful, this project will create a more environmentally friendly campus and further motivate other colleges to adopt this new technology.

In the long run, FDU may consider investing in another solar battery charging station on campus, preferably near the Frank Giovatto library or Dickinson Hall. Given the array of options on the market, FDU can choose what best meets the budget and the needs of each campus. ■

Meet Three FDU Students Balancing Work and School

By **BAILEY O’DONNELL**
Staff Writer

Being a full-time student at FDU is no joke. Adding a part-time job can also add a major difficulty to the already challenging life of a college student. Having a job where you can crack a book is a luxury, but not all students are able to get these jobs.

Dylan Del Rio is a senior who is majoring in English. He works at the Bergen Family Community Center. There, he works at the front desk, answering and transferring calls, buzzing people in and out of the building, and maintaining the cleanliness of the building. He works two days a week. Having a job and taking classes, can be very tiring for him, especially on Wednesdays, which he considers his busiest day of the week.

Students may often feel like they are under a lot of pressure because of their job and school work.

Ashamir Mohammad, a

“Try to find something you might like but can realistically squeeze in alongside your class schedule.”
-Dylan Del Rio

freshman majoring in political science, says that his job can be stressful if you do not have the proper time management skills. Mohammad works for the Network For Responsible Public Policy.

He is responsible for distributing flyers, getting students interested in events, and engaging in discussions with the network. Mohammad says that using your time wisely and putting schoolwork first is the better path to take in regards to school and stress.

“If the work is too much for you, it is ok to cut back a little. Remember to put your coursework first and remember to take care of yourself too,” he says.

There are also many benefits to having a job and being a full-time student.

Jasper Macatulad, a freshman studying finance,

works as an office assistant for the Silberman College of Business. He works involved in working with students, administrators and professors, answering phone calls and helping various programs like the Outreach Program. Major benefits that Macatulad receives from working while in school are learning how to effectively communicate with clients/customers, gaining additional income to help pay for college and other expenses, and gaining real world skills.

There are many ways that students can successfully manage their busy work and school schedules.

“Time management is key,” Mohammad says.

Macatulad keeps up with his schedule by using a planner. He says this is the most effective way that he manages his meetings, coursework and work shifts.

“Try to make it manageable, try to find something you might like but can realistically squeeze in alongside your class schedule,” Del Rosa says. ■



Hangue Park, Via Wikimedia Commons

Person on the Street

How are you making the Earth greener?



01 Jazmyn Lewis
Junior | Digital Marketing Major

"I recycle properly, sort garbage and use bamboo straws."



02 Jenna Bonomi
Freshman | Education Major, Environmental Science Minor

"I don't use single-use plastic, and I try to keep the environment green."



03 Jeremiah Cruz
Senior | Psychology Major, Art Minor

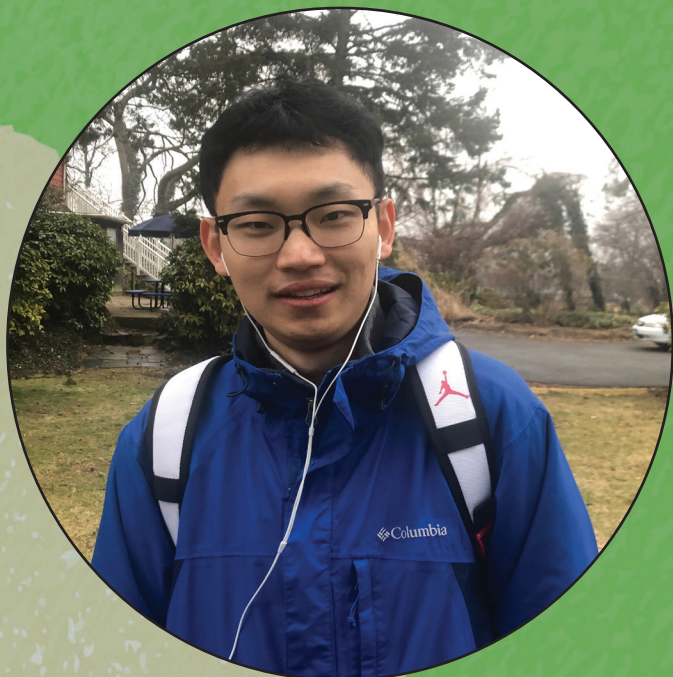
"I use public transportation as a way to make the planet greener."



04 Siyuan Li
EPS Program | IT Major

"I put rubbish in the trash bins."

Designed by Cindy (Binh) Nguyen



05 Pengfei Niu
EPS Program | ME Technology

"I don't throw rubbish anywhere [where it doesn't belong]."



06 Zhuangzhuang Wang
EPS Program | IT Major

"I take my backpack or other types of bags when I go to the market."

Prince's Music Rains Down on FDU

By **PATRICIA
RESSELL-DERAS**
Opinion Editor

If you don't see him in class, you may find him in the Fitness Center surrounded by friends and peers.

What some may not know is Oluwapamilerin Prince Olatunji, known as "Prince," has played saxophone for five years.

Maybe you had the chance to see him play in the Knight Club at the Black History Month Kick-off event.

While he may have left an impression on most of the student body a few weeks ago, that was not his first event on the FDU campus. Last semester, he performed his home country's national anthem at the African Heritage Society's Afro-Gala.

Olatunji, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, always knew that he would play an instrument.

"My family wasn't that



Oluwapamilerin Olatunji

"I kind of felt like [the saxophone] was the instrument that was me," Olatunji said.

musical. But I had my dad who played the guitar, and that was enough to tell

me that I should play an instrument," Olatunji said. "It was already in me that I

should play an instrument. I was actually kind of on a search to find out which instrument I would end up playing."

And *did* Olatunji search. He tried many different instruments along the way. From piano to guitar to recorder, even the violin. Olatunji searched for the instrument that would express himself.

"My parents actually didn't push me. My dad did tell me once that it would be good to learn an instrument, but he wanted to make it my choice to learn an instrument. He never pushed me to do any instrument," Olatunji said.

It wasn't until he witnessed his family friend, Ife, playing the saxophone that his search came to an end. Following this new interest, Olatunji started to play the saxophone.

"When I tried to play it, it was kind of difficult. It was very difficult because I didn't know anything," he said.

But he didn't let that stop him from learning.

"My music teacher saw that I had a very big interest. So he took it upon himself to actually teach me day by day. So, I would be going to him every break time to practice with him," said Olatunji.

He felt an emotional connection to the saxophone. "I kind of felt like it was the instrument that was me," said Olatunji. "I like to express my feelings. The saxophone basically touches people. It's another way of expressing myself."

Since attending college, Olatunji does not play as frequently as he did back home in Nigeria. However, his goal is to play three times a week.

His constant practice is paying off, as he is already booked for two events at FDU. So, if you missed the opportunity of seeing Olatunji perform, fear not.

It seems that Olatunji is destined to become a crowd favorite, and we will be seeing him and his saxophone around the FDU campus more often. ■

FDU Presents Patriotic Art Contest Unveiling Ceremony

By **JHOANA MERINO
MARTINEZ**
Staff Writer

On Feb. 11, 2020, a \$500 check was presented to Grace Lopez following a local ceremony in the Veterans office located in Dickinson Hall. Lopez and the runner-up, Jason Ortiz, will have their artwork displayed outside the Veterans Office.

As part of their Veterans Day celebration, FDU's Student Veteran Association and the Office of the Campus Executive sponsored the 2019 Patriotic Art Contest. Three quotes were provided as artistic prompts, and the artwork had to be both related to veterans and FDU in some way in order to qualify.

The winner, Grace Lopez, is a junior/senior studying forensic psychology. For her artistic prompt, she chose the quote by Nathaniel Hill, "I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country." Her artwork features her uncle who served in the Air Force during Vietnam and Knightro, the official FDU mascot.

"We should do this more



Jhoana T. Merino-Martinez

Patriotic Art winner Grace Lopez poses with her artwork and prize.

often, because the school is so sad," Lopez said, as she pointed toward blank walls. "It would be nice to have more artwork on the walls."

The theme of Lopez' artwork is centered around inclusiveness. Noted by the pun-intended phrase, "Uknighthed we stand, America" and the insignias of the five branches of US Military. By including her uncle, Lopez intended to show how veterans can exist everywhere, thus creating a sense of familiarity in her piece.

Runner-up Jason Ortiz,

junior and fine arts major, based his artwork on the notion of "creating peace, not destruction" inspired by the famous Tiananmen Square protest in 1989.

Both contestants were in the same art class, and prompted by their professor to enter the contest. Ortiz believes that there should be more art contests like this in the future.

Martha Papson Garcia, the Director of Veterans Services, recalls that the idea for this contest came about during a conversation with Campus Executive Steve



Jhoana T. Merino-Martinez

Patriotic Art winner Grace Lopez poses with her artwork and prize.

Nelson, and they both agreed to collaborate on this project. The Campus Executive Office supplied the scholarship award and the Veterans Service's student veterans

decided on the winning artworks.

Veterans Services will start the next art contest in the Fall of 2020. ■

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Library open Sundays 12 noon - 10 PM	2 <i>Getting to Know the FDU Online Library Workshop</i> 7 PM Sian	3 <i>Getting to Know the FDU Online Library Workshop</i> 6 PM Dirk	4 <i>Getting to Know the FDU Online Library Workshop</i> 8 PM Michael	5 <i>Getting to Know the FDU Online Library Workshop</i> 5 PM Paul	6 <i>Getting to Know the FDU Online Library Workshop</i> 11AM Kathy	7 Library Open Saturdays 10 AM – 6 PM
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins Library Open Sundays 12 noon – 10 PM	9 Spring Break Library Open 8 AM – 11 PM	10 Spring Break Library Open 8 AM – 11 PM	11 Spring Break Library Open 8AM – 5 PM	12 Spring Break Library Closed	13 Spring Break Library Closed	14 Library Closed
15 Library Closed	16 <i>Getting to Know the FDU Online Library Workshop</i> 10 AM Pat	17 <i>Discover Discovery Workshop</i> 7 PM Dirk	18 <i>Nursing Research Workshop</i> 3 PM Michael and Paul	19 First Day of Spring March 19th	20 <i>Discover Discovery Workshop</i> 11 AM Kathy	21 Library Open Saturdays 10 AM – 6 PM
22 Library open Sundays 12 noon - 10 PM	23 <i>Discover Discovery Workshop</i> 5 PM Sian	24 <i>Discover Discovery Workshop</i> 3 PM Michael	25 Wroxton Tea and Interest Meeting 2:00 PM	26 <i>Discover Discovery Workshop</i> 4 PM Paul	27 Library Open Fridays 8 AM – 5 PM	28 Library Open Saturdays 10 AM – 6 PM
29 Library Open 9 AM -10 PM	30 <i>Discover Discovery Workshop</i> 10 AM Pat	31 <i>Planning Your Research Project Workshop</i> Paul and Dirk 4:00 PM	Library Open Fridays 8 AM – 5 PM		Library Open Mon -- Thurs 8 AM – 11 PM	 Sands of Time Recital April 18th

FROM THE DESK OF DAVID MILES

Public Safety Looks for Student Feedback Through Service Questionnaire and Survey



Director of Public Safety David Miles

The Department of Public Safety has a mission to make the campus safe but also to provide service to all individuals.

Officers are trained to be courteous and professional.

The officers should be responding to any calls for service in a timely manner.

This may not always be the case and in order to correct any issues or concerns, I have to be made aware of them.

As the Director of Public Safety, I am looking for any feedback that can not only improve our services but also correct any issues or concerns.

On the new university website under

the Metro Campus section, you will see that there is a Public Safety section.

In the Public Safety section, you will see that there is information on dealing with emergencies, parking information and a variety of other useful tips.

There is also a Public Safety Survey and a Public Safety Questionnaire.

The Public Safety Survey asks you to list the five most important service activities of Public Safety, any weaknesses you see, any changes you feel need to be made and your overall impression of the department.

The Public Safety

Questionnaire asks you to rank helpfulness, friendliness, quality of service, professional conduct and response time. You can also add any constructive criticism, comments or recommendations.

Both of these can be printed and faxed to 201 692-2179 or emailed to dmiles@fdu.edu.

In addition, we have an inquiry, complaint and exceptional performance form. We ask for any feedback, good or bad.

If you do not want to fill out any forms, I am very easy to get in contact with. You can leave a voicemail on my office telephone, 201 692-2227 or email me at dmiles@fdu.edu.

I am always available to schedule and talk with anyone in either a group or individual setting.

I believe that if you provide quality feedback, good or bad, we can continue to make improvements so we can provide even better service to all members of the campus community.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY BLOTTER SPRING 2020

2/7/20 – Odor of marijuana in Linden 1.

2/8/20 – Executive Chef at SUB Café reports student taking food, plates and silverware from cafeteria.

SPORTS

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Bishop's Last-Second Tip Stuns RMU

By ANTHONY COVINO
Sports Editor

FDU secured the most important win of this season, defeating Northeast Conference rival Robert Morris 72-71 in a thriller on Feb. 15. The Knights snapped the Colonials' six-game streak with this away win. Kaleb Bishop muscled the crucial tip-in with less than 2 seconds left to give the Knights the lead. "We have it on the board for every game — 'every second of every possession for 40 minutes' — and Kaleb took that literally today," said FDU head coach Greg Herenda in post-game notes. "I told him before the game that this was going to be a senior game and he made the big play. That was just a very gutty victory against a very good Robert Morris team in a beautiful

building," Herenda said. Morris head coach Andrew Toole credited Bishop. "[He] jumped over three people and made the aggressive play," Toole said in the post-game TV interview. The final seconds were not without controversy. On the inbound play after Bishop's basket, Bishop, guarding the entry pass, barreled into a stationary Josh Williams of RMU as the pass inbounds came and a halfcourt shot bricked off the top of the RMU basket. Toole protested the no-call, following the referees exiting the floor. FDU improved to 8-16 with a 6-7 record in the NEC, while Robert Morris fell to 15-12, 11-3 NEC. The teams will meet again Sunday, Feb. 23, in Hackensack as FDU tries to lock in a tourney berth in defense of its NEC championship

Junior guard Jahlil Jenkins led FDU with 21 points. Junior forward Elyjah Williams had 14 points. Redshirt junior guard Xzavier Malone-Key had a bounce-back game with 12 points and senior forward Bishop added 11. The Colonials were led by junior guard/forward AJ Bramah with 17 points. Junior forward Charles Bain and senior forward Yannis Mendy added 10 points each. FDU held redshirt senior guard Josh Williams to 8 points. This was a much-needed win against one of the best teams in the conference. FDU played Robert Morris for the first time this year, and it lived up to be an entertaining game until the very end. The Knights have beaten RMU three straight games, dating to last year. ■



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Bowling Is Family Affair for Amanda Chrzanowski

By NANCY SANCHEZ-DIAZ
Staff Writer

When Amanda Chrzanowski isn't finishing her work for her biology major, you can bet she's swinging her best arm on the bowling alley. A three-time, first-team all-conference-performer and two-time recipient of the New York State Sectional All-Star team selection title, Chrzanowski, 20, is no stranger to sports. Her mother, a former bowler herself, and her father, a former soccer player, have both played a crucial role in her involvement with competitive sports. Not only have they offered parental, they have also acted as personal coaches, too. "They've always been there," Chrzanowski said. "They've given me pointers whenever I'm struggling with something and their biggest thing for me has been to just enjoy whatever sport I decide



FDU Knights

to take up." Though her first encounter with the bowling ball remains foggy, she said that bowling had always been a part of her life. Her grandfather and mother were also bowlers. "I didn't start taking bowling seriously until

I was in the 5th grade," Chrzanowski said. "My grandfather's been my biggest inspiration. He'd always attend my meetings and ever since he passed two years ago, bowling's been my link to him." Following in the footsteps of her father, Chrzanowski took up soccer for two years during her high school career. However, her decision to pursue bowling in college was based on the unique opportunities that bowling offered. As a native New Yorker, bowling is what essentially drove her to FDU: The idea of challenging herself as a bowler and going Division I. When Chrzanowski was a senior in high school, the choice of colleges eventually came down to two — Sacred Heart and Fairleigh Dickinson. Both schools are also in the Northeast Conference. "I saw FDU winning championships and I knew I had to be a part of that," Chrzanowski said. Through hard work

and hours of practice, she's managed to become part of the eighth-ranked Fairleigh Dickinson women's bowling team. "I don't think people realize how demanding bowling is, both physically and mentally," Chrzanowski said. "We get up at 5 a.m. to prep for competitions. We spend seven hours a day at bowling alleys. And we're constantly planning ahead, trying to figure out our next move." In order to balance the college course load and travel, Chrzanowski tries to get as much work done during the week. On the weekends, she even does her course work after competitions, on the plane or at the hotel. Despite the difficulty of balancing athletics and academics, Chrzanowski's love for the game still burns strong. "I love bowling because it is such a competitive game," Chrzanowski said. "It challenges me and I'm always striving to be better." ■

Women's Basketball

2/15 @Robert Morris L 53-35
2/17 @Central Conn. W 63-55

THE SCORE

Baseball

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