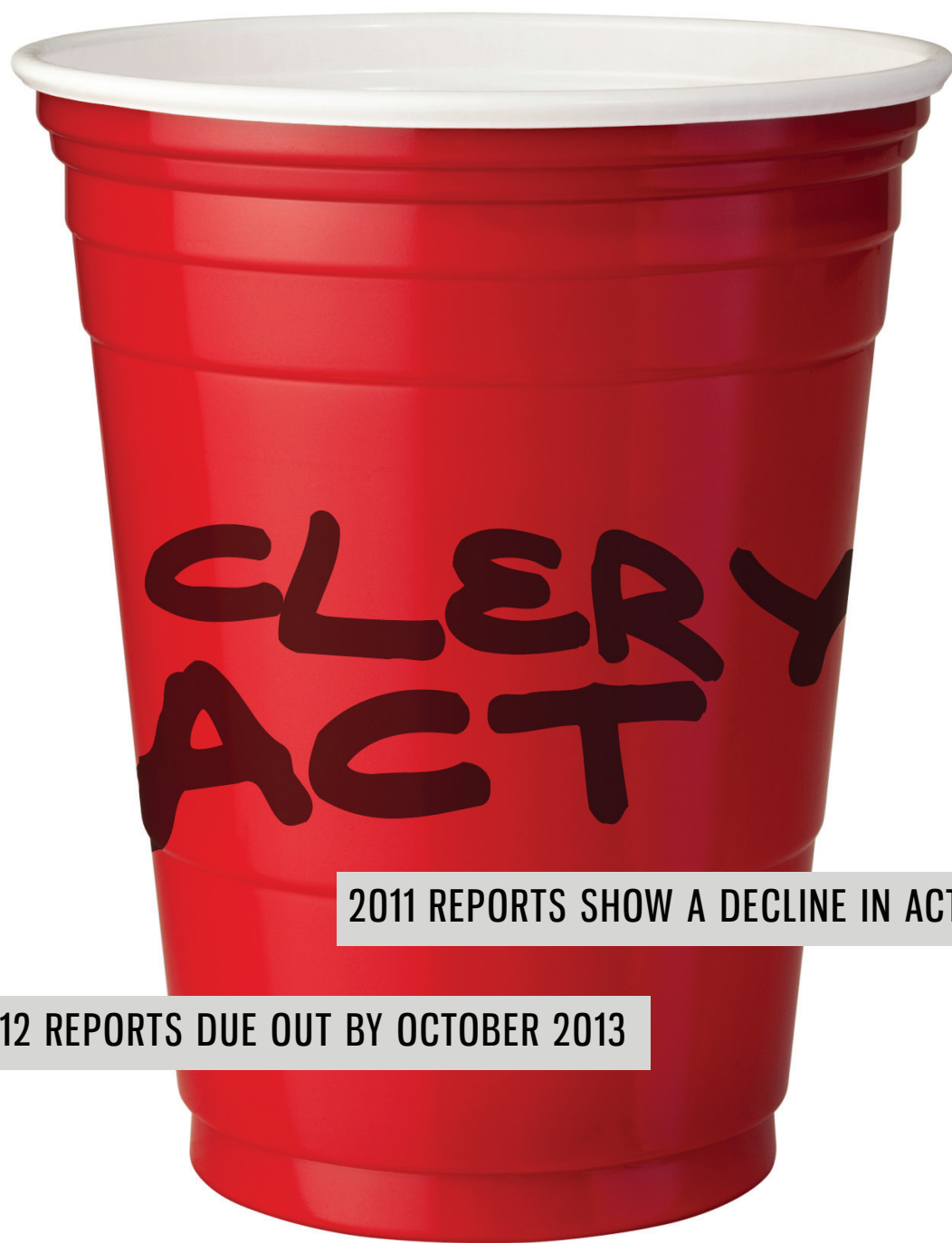


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HOOKAH, BEER & BRAWLS: DOWNSIDES OF COLLEGE PARTY CULTURE

AFTER A WILD NIGHT MANY SAY THEY'LL NEVER FORGET, STUDENTS SPEAK OUT, SAYING THAT THEY'RE PARTYING LESS, YET DON'T FEEL SAFE UNDER CAMPUS SAFETY'S WATCH

BY DYLAN SMITH
Editor-in-Chief



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Campus Safety say it was out of their jurisdiction to prep for any kind of trouble that would unfold, while many students feel as though they weren't safe and on their own when an after party for a school event got too wild and the drunken antics landed back on campus, resulting in a night full of cop cars, ambulances, and West Campus being reportedly locked down.

The night began on a high - enthusiastic students strutted down the runway set-up in The Duncan Family Sky Room for one of the first student-run events held in the top floor of the new student center, the FAME fashion show. The night was filled with entertainment and general enjoyment, as expressed by many who attended. When the show was coming to an end, however, it was when one of the student hosts mentioned details of an after party that some say is what set into motion the events for the night.

Gathered from various student accounts of the night in question - Thursday, April 11th, going into the morning of Friday, April 12th - the students spoken to claim that a large majority of those who attended the fashion show headed back to their rooms to 'pregame' (drinking in preparation for heavier drinking) and then make their way to Journal Square. They would head to the Journal Square Cafe, a hookah lounge that one wouldn't know was there unless explicitly told due to one having to enter into the building and walk up several

flights of stairs to get into the lounge. An hour into the party, though, it seemed as though far too many people were in the lounge, a mixture of guests and students, with a long line leading all the way from the second floor entrance of the lounge down out to the street.

It was around this time when students say cops came into the lounge and the music stopped, with everyone being instructed to leave. Some students, when out on the street, tried to walk into the McDonalds next door, but were instructed by the cops to keep walking down the rest of the way down from the location to campus. Left to their own on a campus with what many students say was a low security presence and the annoyance of having an after party shut down, this is when many say things took a turn for the worst.

Many students, during the course of the night, took to Twitter to rant and vent their frustrations and a cluster of rumors spread amongst the school population. Some students speculated that Campus Safety had a hand in shutting down the party. However, Art Youmans, the Director of Campus Safety, say that they had some idea of the after party, but had nothing to do with it being shut down.

"One of my [guys] had either heard a man talking about an after party outside of the Student Center [the night of the fashion show] or had seen him passing out leaflets," explained Youmans. "That area [Journal Square] is outside of our legal jurisdiction, [so we had no involvement]."

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GREEN EFFORTS Students and faculty attend the green event in NYC.

GREEN, STRUTTING PEACOCKS PUSH ENERGY-EFFICIENT INNOVATIONS

BY ROSE DRISCOLL
Managing Editor

From the 15th to 18th of August back in 1969, about 500,000 hippies gathered from across the United States in Woodstock, New York, to enjoy the musical acts of artists like Joni Mitchell, Jimi Hendrix, and the Who. The Green Festival in New York City on April 20 to 21 was mostly nothing like that.

The Javitts Center hosted the Green Festival, an

exposition of various sustainable and organic alternatives for everything from gasoline to ice cream.

According to St. Peter's University sophomore Crystal Barreiro, who volunteered at the Festival, said "There are a lot of older people, and a lot of hippies too."

The Festival featured many professionals, and Saint Peter's Sustainability Council also had a booth at the Festival.

Chaired by Eileen Poiani and joined by both students and faculty member, the

Sustainability Council spearheaded the Energy Command Center in Dineen Hall, it monitors the use of energy across campus, and the wind and solar energy generation on campus. Dr. Paul Bartlett, also on the Council, planned the participation of Saint Peter's in the Green Festival.

"We tell them about Jesuit ideals," said Barreiro, "and why it's important for Jesuits to care for the environment."

Barreiro was one of several student volunteers from Saint Peter's. Others included Schelda Isaac, Jessica Reyes,

and Zuha Ahmad.

"Everyone keeps asking, why are you here," said Reyes, "and we tell them about LEED building." Reyes was referring to the Mac Mahon Student Center, which is a silver-LEED certified building.

"This table is more about asking to go to Saint Peter's," Barreiro explained. However, the volunteers also distributed materials on sustainable nutrition and jobs in environmentalism.

Saint Peter's was alone not

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“CHANGE THE WORLD, EVEN IF IT’S ONLY A LITTLE BIT”

A letter from the Editor

When I got to Saint Peter's, I wasn't even sure what I had wanted to major in. I applied as a Art History major, got accepted, and took my placement test. During this, I switched my major at the very last moment on the online form to Communications because of a random instinct I had. This later placed me in the Communications Freshmen Seminar course taught by Professor Fatima Shaik. Suddenly, all the interests I had were combined with a new vocabulary that made sense.

Looking back, I had worked on my high school's paper, but didn't think media is where I would end up. Though the pressure to form some kind of identity within your formative years seems like a flawed method. Teachers ask us even in elementary school, when we're at an age when we're still trying to figure out long division, just what we want to be. My fourth grade yearbook is a collection of these sorts of joyous and hopeful declarations: "A fireman! A singer! A lawyer!". Some end up chasing these dreams to their ends

and some end up in a career that they never imagine they would be in.

As I went through the different classes and worked more and more with The Pauw Wow in my last three years here, I've never been more and more confident in my decision to pursue Communications, even if it comes with one big social burden - "So... what do you plan to do with that?" - a question that a bit too many people feel the need to ask me. In my opinion, most people don't know what someone can do with Communications because most people don't know what it is, despite it being the thing they consume almost 24/7. This often leads people to trivialize media and discredit the work people put into jobs under it. This kind of hierarchy of "worth" or importance occurs within all majors though. It's just the mind's way of ranking and ordering things.

For example, political journalism is often considered more important than entertainment journalism, with the latter considered to be overly populated by faceless bloggers

and citizen journalists on Twitter now. I think part of this comes from the mentality of needing a title. Everything ends up being done for the sake of it, as opposed for the need to do something potentially revolutionary.

What I mean to get across can be stated simply as - people are complicated and sometimes we don't have the reference or experience to know what we want to do for the rest of our lives, and why should we have to? I sit here as the new Editor-in-Chief of The Pauw Wow. When reflecting, I know that I want to be a journalist because something in me feels as though I can change the world. The way that Professor Ernabel Demillo, advisor to The Pauw Wow, describes great journalism comes to my mind when I need to reflect on why I feel as though journalism is so important to me - "Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

No matter what someone does, I believe that the greatest intention in life is to somehow change the world, make one's mark in some way and

to not be forgotten. Whether you're in an office, investigating injustices in the Congo, reporting on the corruption on Capitol Hill, or talking about Britney Spears' new single, people do what they're passionate about because they feel like they're making a difference. More and more, I begin to subscribe to the mentality that it's never really about what someone's title is, but more about what they have the potential to do. Even if those plans do not include college, whatever works best for people should be what they do to obtain the future they desire; there are no definites besides the goals to live a happy life and change the world for the better.

With this issue and all of what will come next year, I hope to bring this mentality to The Pauw Wow. As Professor Cynthia Walker said to my Research Writing class in the last days of the semester, "Go out and try to change the world, even if it's only a little bit." I promise to all those who read The Pauw Wow to do just that.

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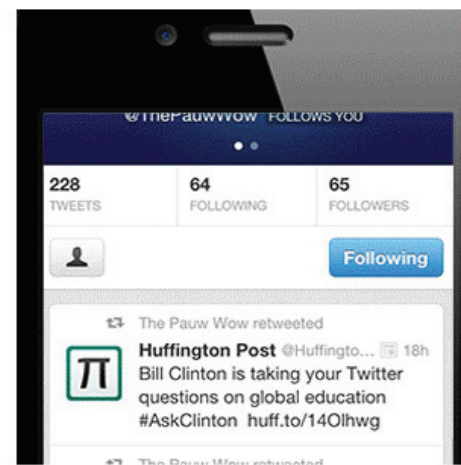
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Q & A WITH A PAUW WOW EDITOR

Why is it important to keep consistently updating The Pauw Wow's efforts and ways about doing things? Why does it seem like there's so many changes recently?

To find the answer to such a question, one much simply look at the field of Journalism

today. With the introduction of globalization and new media, Journalism is constantly changing and growing, so The Pauw Wow wants to keep up with it. We feel that it's okay we're figuring out along the way because, really, everyone else's too.

- Dylan Smith, Online Editor

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Though Mr. Youmans could not speak explicitly about the night in question - the events that occurred that night are still apparently under investigation by the Dean of Students, Anthony Skevakis - he made it clear that Campus Safety felt no need to prep the campus with an extra security that night, and emphasized the important role students play in everything, encouraging students who are scared to call Campus Safety and report what's going on.

The incidents Art Youmans could not speak on included a student being left on the steps of Durant Hall passed out in their vomit, as several students reported seeing, and several fights in the main area courtyard of 140 Glenwood. The names of any and all students involved in the incidents that night, however, will not be printed to respect their privacy.

Many on campus still wonder though - just how did so much happen in one night? None of the staff or students spoken to would call Saint Peter's a party school. Some would even suggest a possible correlation between the amount of students on financial aid and those who don't party too much, with research from both the University of California and Brigham College in Utah finding that students who have their tuition paid for by parents are more likely to party and drink heavily throughout college, while those on financial aid and handling their own finances do not party as much.

Even in comparison to other 4-year private universities in New Jersey, Saint Peter's falls in the middle between campuses with little-to-no activity to campuses with nearly 6-times as many incidents of alcohol or drug violations.

When examining Clery Reports, Saint Peter's has had a reported 34 drug disciplinary actions on-campus between 2009 and 2011 and 132 alcohol disciplinary actions on-campus. Drew University, a 4-year private Madison institution, in comparison has a

total of 871 total accounts of alcohol-related disciplinary actions in the same 3-year time period. Caldwell College, another 4-year private university with a similar number of students as Saint Peter's, showed similar numbers with 165 disciplinary actions for alcohol during the 2009-2011 timeframe.

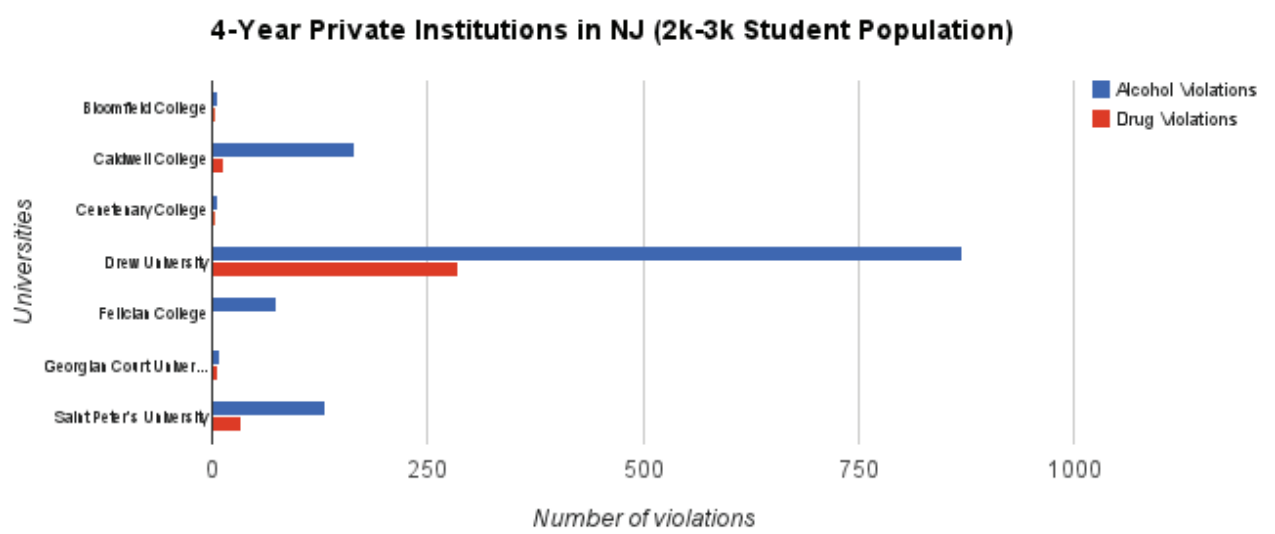
Some similar campuses, however, report much smaller numbers. Bloomfield College, a 4-year private liberal arts school with Presbyterian affiliations, reported only 7 alcohol-related disciplinary actions between 2009 and 2011. Centenary College in Hackettstown also reported 7, while Georgian Court University in Lakewood Township reports only 10. Many students claim it was just something in the air that made people feel a bit more wild.

"The campus that night was bizarre," said Afua Baafi, a junior. "I live in 140, so I got to witness the ruckus first hand. I had finished helping my friend with her paper and we were watching a show when all we heard was people screaming and shouting. Judging from the intensity in some voices, I automatically knew it had to be a fight. I looked out my window when all I saw was a group of angry young men ready to engage in a brawl, a hyped crowd ready to cheer them on, and cop cars arriving shortly after."

Baafi isn't alone with her observations on the night in question. Another student, Sofia De Pierola, witnessed a student being left on the steps of Durant Hall, and saw that no one was helping them despite their obviously impaired condition.

"It was complete and utter mayhem," described De Pierola. "It looked like the riot scene from Project X."

De Pierola expressed concern that many of the events that unfolded that night could have been prevented had Campus Safety taken extra precautions once they found out that an after party was going to take place. The result of such unpreparedness, in her opinion, contributed to a window of time where students



were left vulnerable.

"There was a girl who was quite intoxicated and under a few influences," added De Pierola. "She was unresponsive, vomiting, and left by herself. Her friends ditched her"

Another student, a junior who wishes to remain anonymous, said that what they saw last night was more of a reflection on the student population's indifference to helping people than those up the hill in Campus Safety.

"The [person] on the steps of Durant was just left there in their vomit," said the junior. "No one helped them. People were asking, over and over, who [the student's] friends were. No one spoke up. People made fun of them, but they had to have gotten to those steps somehow. That was the most disturbing thing out of everything I saw that night... it just felt disgusting that people would leave their friend like that. Some people eventually helped them, it seems, but a lot ran away once the cops showed up on Glenwood."

The reported fights in front of 140 Glenwood, however, seemed to grab students' attention more and left the many inside fearful from all the noise happening.

"At that moment, I felt unsafe," added Baafi. "It was hard to believe that I was actually on a University campus. Campus that night was 'crazy' and 'live', as some have described it and it was definitely a night to remember."

Both Khalif Jackson and Omar Mahmoud, admins for

Residence Life, were contacted for information about the night; Mr. Jackson, however, could not be interviewed by the time of deadline. Mr. Mahmoud, when contacted, informed us that he could not comment on the event in general.

"Unfortunately, I will not be able to provide you with further details about the events that took place earlier this month. The Dean of Students is investigating the events that took place on that day," responded Mr. Mahmoud after being contacted twice for an interview.

Dean Skevakis, who could not make official comments on the night due to it being still under investigation, explained that he feels that, in comparison to the many large schools he has worked at previously, that Saint Peter's is not a party school.

The Director of ResLife, Rochelle Gabrielle, was scheduled to do an interview about party culture on college campuses, but could not meet at the very last night, and an interview could not be rescheduled in time for publication. Though like Dean Skevakis and others, a majority of faculty on campus seem to recognize that the students at Saint Peter's don't feel the need to party often.

"College kids now, definitely party a lot. And they can't seem to party without alcoholic influence. I personally know students from other colleges and universities and from the stories they tell, the amount of partying that goes

on at Saint Peter's is incomparable," explained Baafi. "Yes, Saint Peter's students party, but I don't think it's too much. At our school, drinking seems more popular than partying."

Despite the lack of partying, the problem - as covered in multiple previous issues of The Pauw Wow - seems to be that students do not feel safe, citing Campus Safety unable to deal with the small amount of partying that happens.

"Campus Safety would rather keep things in-house it seems and not actually call the police, who could help the most in situations," said a senior who wished her identity be kept anonymous. "If you can't do your job, then why not have people who can do it well help? Most students consider them a joke, if anything."

Other students share similar sentiments.

"They could get some type of training in how to deal with situations like that night, I feel they are ill prepared," explained De Pierola. "They aren't cops. They can't protect me from anything."

Art Youmans expressed that though Campus Safety consider the safety of the students their first priority, the students are also responsible as adults.

"I don't think I can say it enough," said Youmans. "If you feel unsafe, call us. Be smart and be aware, that's all [Campus Safety] need from students."

MAJORING IN MOTHERHOOD

BY HELENE MCGAVIN
Staff Writer

For the most part, the only job that many college students have to worry about is going to school. For others who are both students and mothers, attending college comes with more difficulties and obstacles than normal undergraduate students have to face. These women must juggle being a mother, student, and breadwinner, twenty-four seven. This may seem daunting, but, for they do what they have to in order to receive a college degree.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, more than one-fifth of all undergraduate college students are a parent. This is followed up from a study by the Institute for Women's Policy Research that shows there are more than 3.9 million students in college who are parents and nearly 1.9 million parents in college are single parents.

"Parenting and going to college is a full-time job," said Ericka Jeanty, a junior at Saint Peter's University. "With work, school, homework, and spending time with my daughter, it just seems like there is not enough time in the day to

get all these things done."

Jacqueline Pischettola, a senior at Saint Peter's, is in agreement with Jeanty.

Time management or lack of time in a day seems to be one of the biggest, if not biggest, struggle for mothers in college. Time is a precious commodity for a mother attending college with crowded schedules and meeting difficult time constraints. Finding the time and a quiet place to study is just another added struggle to an already stressed and busy day.

"More times than not, studying doesn't happen until after my baby is asleep," said Ivis Molina, a junior at Saint Peter's University.

That means less hours of sleep for the mother during a day that is overpacked as it is.

"On a normal day, I wake up at 5:30am, get my daughter ready for the day, take her to the babysitter, drive forty minutes to school, be in class from 9 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon, with a lunch break at noon for an hour. I then go to the gym until 6pm. When I get home at 6:30pm I feed my daughter and give her a bath. We then go for a walk before putting her to bed at 9pm. I then do my homework till midnight. This seventeen hour schedule is the normal everyday schedule for my life

as a mother and college student," said Molina.

Ericka Jeanty and Jacqueline Pischettola are also faced with hectic schedules that affect how they see themselves as mothers.

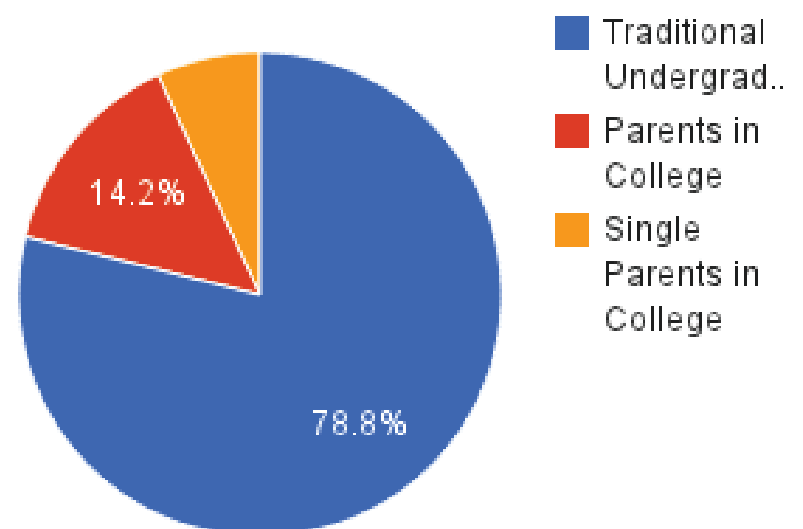
"My first priority is being a parent first, but I need to work to support my daughter. So I just have to do what I have to do," said Jeanty.

Pischettola said, "I struggle with the fact that I cannot always help my daughter with everything or be there for her all of the time because I work during the day and have class in the evening. By the time I get home, she is already asleep. I feel as if there is never enough time. I always tell her she needs to finish school and go to college right after high school so she won't have to go through what I am going through."

Molina adds, "If school was a real job, I would be able to go home after work and spend time with my daughter. But, because it is not and I have homework to do, I feel like a bad mom when my daughter wants attention and I can't give it to her because I am doing school work. That makes me feel guilty, so I sometimes put my work aside to be with her."

Paying for college is one of the biggest economic troubles that any college student faces.

Statistics of College Students



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With the amount of single mothers in college and the time constraints on their busy schedules of attending classes and taking care of their children, maintaining a steady income is difficult. With costs of tuition and fees, textbooks, and transportation many women who are in college and who have children, find funding to be tight. Luckily there are scholarships and grants available to help women with children pay for college. For both Jeanty and Pischettola, working jobs on top of their education is just what they have to do to continue with

their schooling.

Even though it is very difficult and time consuming to be both a mother and college student, Pischettola adds, "It has been the best time of my life. I love going to Saint Peter's. I work with some wonderful people and I have had fantastic professors. I have learned so much and there is still so much more to learn. I am so happy I have been able to be a part of this world and even though I feel like I need a good vacation every now and then, I wouldn't change a thing!"

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Others at the Festival also had creative ways to interpret environmentalism. "There is a lot of cool stuff here," said Isaac. "They even have dog food."

In addition to the dog food, vendors were giving samples of vegan and vegetarian foods, which are often more sustainable and healthy options. Reyes suggested that next year, Saint Peter's should have chocolate at their table.

Although lacking chocolate, Saint Peter's did pass out information on both nutrition and sustainability-based jobs.

"They want job info, all these companies now are going green. They want programs," said Dr. Laura Twersky, who is the co-advisor of the SAVE Club, sits in the Sustainability Council, and volunteered at

interested in sustainability," Poiani said. "New students look for green colleges." She pointed out our university's commitment to being as green as we can, and that the Sustainability Council was also present at the Open House for prospective students.

"It's not just an interest," said Poiani, "it's a real need."

"We're using some extraordinary technology. We're combining the Jesuit commitment to sustainability and social justice. Behind the honors house, there's a labyrinth and a garden for the poor. And we have some very good ideas that were gonna bring back."

"Dr. Cornacchia is very supportive, and we are thrilled to be here," said Poiani.

Which makes a Saint Peter's student wonder, what were



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only in attracting incoming students, but also in volunteering. Bard College Office of Admissions recruited students for their graduate programs in sustainability, and Baruch College volunteers collected garbage and recyclables throughout the Festival.

Yinyi, a volunteer from Baruch College, says she "just wanted to get to know the fair, to know more about environmental issues." Although she's not studying environmental science, she tries to make small efforts for sustainability.

"Everybody can be environmental," she says, and suggests bringing your own bottle and lunch.

the Festival.

"New students are very

our administrators up to in the 1960's?

E.O.F.S.A. HOSTS CARNIVAL

BY ALEX LIVINGSTON
Staff Writer

Laughter, shouts of excitement, and cheering resonated throughout the Jesuit Courtyard as students, faculty, and Jersey City community members ate food, played games, and bobbed for apples. The Educational Opportunity Fund is a program that is geared towards students entering college and aims to help those who need financial or academic support. Many of

the students who were in this program during the summer prior to their freshman year at Saint Peter's are also in the E.O.F.S.A. club, which is the student-run portion of the program.

The E.O.F.S.A. held their second annual carnival-themed event where different clubs, like the Social Justice "Cool Cats," each had a table and did interactive activities with the students. One of the main goals of the carnival was to bring different clubs together to create a fun and diverse,

yet informational environment. Attendees enjoyed free food, face painting, games, and the entertainment of a DJ. The carnival was a huge hit amongst the students and the club hopes to host many more fun events in the future.

To see what happened at the carnival, check out our report on it for Pauw Wow-TV, which can be seen on our website, PauwWow.com.



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PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING: NEW DINING SERVICES HAUNTED BY OLD PROBLEMS

BY MATT SPECKMANN
Contributing Writer

The Saint Peter's University student body has reacted quite strongly to the relocation of the campus dining hall, formerly the Hudson Room, to the new Student Center.

The opening of the Mac Mahon Student Center brought joy, excitement, and fulfillment to residents and commuters alike. In the building's opening month, students walked up Montgomery Avenue excited to eat a meal in the new cafeteria. Students commented on the look of the new Loughran Dining Room as an enjoyable and welcoming eating environment. There was plenty of new food offerings and the machinery was not only new, but also working.

"They opened with a bang," said sophomore Nick Henriquez. "To see the improvements they made to the cafeteria was really promising. It has the feel of a bigger school. It was nice to be in a building on campus that was packed with students throughout the day, which isn't usually the case at our small school."

And like a new car smell that eventually wears off, the shine of a new Student Center is also starting to dull, according to students. The turnout in the new dining room has been scarce. The crowds have started to thin, and the lines are now shorter. Many of the complaints in the past are disturbing students once again.

"The space looks way nicer", said junior Ariel Ramirez. "It's not dark and small like the old caf, but the problems are still the same. The food management process hasn't improved. The food and drinks run out before closing hours." The Dominican Republic native says that he will continue to eat at the cafeteria, but would like to know why the problems can't be corrected.

Sodexo manager Christine Torio feels otherwise and believes students are still excited about the new dining experience.

"Business has been really good," said Torio. "Our resident dining has been better than our retail dining. We are getting a lot more commuter students coming in. It has been really good."

Torio was enthusiastic when speaking of the new Student Center and dining services. She was specifically pleased with the new space and kitchen. "The equipment is brand new, so we don't have any breakdowns. The equipment is more efficient which makes things a little bit easier."

Equipment has become a

hot topic among students, who complain about "Out of Order" signs commonly posted on milk and soda fountains.

"The out of order signs were a staple in the Hudson room," said junior Ed Mejias. "Everything is supposed to be brand new, but things like the dishwasher and the milk spouts are constantly out of order."

Mejias is not too frustrated by the lack of functional equipment, as he has become accustomed to the process. "It's not too bad. You learn to work around it. What I question though is whether the milk and soda machines can possibly be out of order, or do they just not order enough milk, soda, and so on?"

When told of the broken machine complaints, Torio said her department was working on it. She emphasized the fact that the students' satisfaction is extremely important to her.

"We have had some issues where our tray conveyor has been out of order, which is very strange because it is a brand new piece of equipment," said Torio. "We have the chocolate milk and we have the skim milk, but the machine is broken and we are waiting for it to be repaired. If the chocolate milk ran out it would be replaced, we don't budget. We figure out our food cost based on how many students there are, and that's what we can spend."

Members of the Sodexo work force have had mixed reviews on the new dining room as well. The relocation has created trouble as the new equipment has made for a learning curve, according to one anonymous Sodexo employee.

Another Sodexo employee that wishes to remain anonymous shared the same opinion in some regard, but had this to say, "Ever since we moved to the new building, at least in the area where I work, things aren't as accessible as before. I have to depend on my co-workers a lot. There are little factors that have affected certain aspects. However, I enjoy working at Sodexo, we are like one big family here."

While Sodexo works hard to maintain the quality of their service, many improvements are still needed before the Loughran Dining Room will be considered a first class facility, according to students.

"I'm still excited", said Ed Mejias. "The potential is there. What could be better than a great meal and some ping pong!"

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'MINOR MAJORS': UNCOMMON PROGRAMS AT SAINT PETER'S

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"What's your major?"

Every student at Saint Peter's has probably been asked this question. For some though, the answer is not what you might expect.

There are some majors that only a few students take, but are always available to study nonetheless.

"Not many people even know that there's an occupational therapy program," said Brianna Small, a senior and Occupational Therapy major. "There are only a few people in this major."

This year, Small will be the only student to graduate Saint Peter's with an Occupational Therapy degree.

"Saint Peter's actually has a program with one of the top schools in occupational therapy, which is Seton Hall," Small explained. "And I figure if I can get in, that would be great."

However, the lack of participants in this program could likely result in the removal of the Occupational Therapy program. According to Small, Saint Peter's will likely close the program due to a lack of participation and financial aid.

It is not only Small who studies an uncommon

subject here at Saint Peter's. Junior Eric Racioppo studies Environmental Science.

"I saw that there's a boom in green renewable energies," said Racioppo, "I feel like there's probably gonna be a job market once I get out of college for that."

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THE IMPORTANCE OF A GRADUATE EDUCATION

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With the stress of paying off your college loans right out of undergraduate school, the last thing you want to think about is how you're going to afford graduate school. Some would even say that students now question if graduate school still even matters.

"Attending graduate school is absolutely vital if one wants to live comfortably," said senior Blake Boles. "When considering a job candidates leverage in an interview; yesterday's Bachelor's is today's Master's. That is to say, a Master's degree has the same leverage of a Bachelor's degree ten years ago. A Bachelor's degree is still desirable, of

course, but a Master's degree tells a prospective employer that you are serious about employment and advancement. As there are so many people looking for employment, the higher your qualifications the better."

Many seniors share Boles' sentiment when discussing the importance of graduate school.

"A bachelor's degree is equivalent to a high school diploma in terms of value," said senior Joel Dilone, who will be coming back to Saint Peter's this fall to begin his graduate studies. "It's important, but not for everyone, because not everyone has the financial requirement or will obtain a job that matches the degree they obtained."

"I do think that going to grad school is very important

in today's day and age," said senior Jency Mathew, who will be attending graduate school in the fall. "An advanced degree always looks good on your resume and can please some employers."

However, some feel that graduate school is only necessary if pursuing a rigorous career.

"I don't feel it's as important, unless you're going into something scientific or you plan on being involved with academia," said junior, Dean Ballestros. "It seems like a waste of money since jobs are likely to hire you on what relevant skills and past experiences you have."

However, Ballestros does intend on pursuing graduate school to become a professor.

"Personally, I don't feel that it is important," said senior

Daniel Miniet. "The profession I want to go in [radio broadcasting], you need skill and personality. Graduate school won't help with that."

Many students feel that graduate school is something they've always planned for.

"I always knew grad school was something I wanted, because I knew I wanted to become a professor, so I had to obtain my graduate degree," said Dilone.

"Grad school is something that I planned from an early age. I have always wanted to earn an advanced degree and a good, solid job with that degree," said Mathew.

Boles just recently considered graduate school.

"Graduate school was something I only considered within the last year, after spending years in other

careers and out of school," said Boles. "One big reason I'm going to grad school is because I used to find jobs for other people as an employment consultant, and the importance of advanced degrees was brought into sharp relief."

However, many students are still left wondering how they will afford graduate school.

"I'm fortunate enough to have one year remaining on the G.I. Bill, which pays for 36 months of advanced education," said Boles. "I'd be a fool not to take advantage of such an opportunity, though for the life of me I have no idea how I'm going to pay for the second year of my Master's degree."

'#SPUMMER' - WHAT STUDENTS ARE FILLING THEIR SUMMER ON CAMPUS WITH

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While some students are spending their summer home, working, or doing an internship, other students are complacent with spending the three months on-campus.

Some students stay on campus to work as an O-Team leader and be Resident Assistants, or because they are taking summer courses. According to students, other reasons for staying on campus include to the ability keep away from family drama,

his time on-campus, although there might be less students on-campus to interact with.

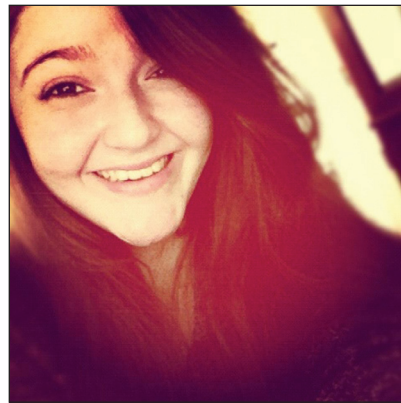
When asked about a possible disadvantage about staying on-campus during the summer, Ugaz says "not being close to the beach." Otherwise, Ugaz said "I have no reservations" about spending his summer on-campus.

"In general, living on campus offers students many benefits. For example, less worries about traffic and parking, they are close to everything on campus, there are also many amenities such as free laundry, Internet and



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best place to go for a walk. I feel like I can't make most of my summer living in Jersey City," said sophomore Ianiro, a Jersey City native that



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things to do if they stay in this area, but it gets redundant after a while with the limited options that they have," said Ianiro.

Jersey City has an urban environment, with restaurants, parks, bars, art galleries and cafes; although the options aren't as unlimited as New York City.

For students 21 and over, bars like Zeppelin Hall Biergarten and Park Tavern are easily accessible from campus to have drinks outdoors. While in NYC, there are museums, parks, restaurants, parades, free concerts and festivals; such as the gay pride parade and Shakespeare in the Park. However, beaches at the Jersey shore or in Long Island are further away, but are accessible through NJ transit and the Long Island Railroad.

"I basically don't want to go home," said Mary Steele, Class of 2014. Steele is excited to be closer to NYC, be with her boyfriend, and her friends, but one of her incentives to stay on-campus during the summer is to keep a distance with her family.

"There's a different dynamic with my family now," said Steele. "You're comfortable with the freedom of college. You can do whatever you want, whenever you want."

For Steele, this is her second time staying on-campus during the summer as an O-Team leader. In addition, she is a Resident Assistant during the academic year.



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Steele has had much independence from her family through-out her college years as a resident. The freedom of being a resident has given Steele an uneasy feeling about interacting with her parents when she goes home.

O-Team leaders receive free housing for the summer, a \$1,000 stipend, a free course, and \$300 in munch money, approximately.

For students who are not O-Team leaders or Resident Assistants, staying on-campus has a price. A student must pay \$175 for every week he or she stays on-campus if enrolled in summer courses, excluding meal plans. Students enrolled in an internship program also have the option to stay on-campus, as well as international students.

"It is important for all residents to know that there is very little flexibility with the departure date due to the use of the housing facilities during the summer months," according to the Office of Residence Life Extended Housing Application, found on the Saint Peter's University website along with summer housing and the summer storage applications.

During the summer, Saint Peter's will be hosting the Academic Success Program, freshmen orientation weeks, and athletic teams for practice.

"I would highly recommend staying elsewhere," says Ianiro.



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gain independence, and be near New York City.

"A summer in Jersey City means free concerts in NYC," said Christian Ugaz, Class of 2016, whose working on-campus during the summer as an O-Team leader.

For the most part, Ugaz is looking forward to spending

computer labs," said Director of Residence Life, Rochelle Gabriel.

While Ugaz remains positive about his summer, commuter student Meghan Ianiro thinks the summer could be better spent elsewhere.

"Of course there aren't beaches around, it's not the

lives a few blocks away from school.

As a native, Ianiro has experienced Jersey City in the summertime. Ianiro explained that there is a Jersey City public pool, but otherwise there are not many "summer activities."

"People are bound to find

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The Environmental Science major was only added to the curriculum about two years ago, so at this point, it is uncommon to find someone who is studying it. Racioppo attributes this to the school's lack of reputation within the field, but also believes that students may be "turned off" by this study because of the "dark truths" taught about the food and water industries.

"They'd rather stay willfully ignorant about the world and stay on that single-track mind," said Racioppo.

In addition to the majors that students may simply not know about, there are also majors that are well-known, but still not taken by many students.

Philosophy is a core requirement for all students, but junior Jake Hankinson has chosen to take this study further by taking it as a major.

"Philosophy develops your understanding of what is good, what is bad, and there's a lot of study on virtues," Hankinson said, "So, by studying philosophy, you

learn more of what it means to be a good person."

Hankinson went on to say that Philosophy is a much more "open" major, as opposed to other, more popular majors.

"It gave me the most options with regards to what other classes I could take," he said. "There's less requirements and more open classes."

He also explained how class discussions played a large part in philosophy. He said that the classes are "just a conversation that you figure stuff out in."

These "uncommon majors" are not limited to just these three studies. With the great number of people in the larger, more popular majors, the new or disregarded majors tend to go unnoticed. There are over 70 fields of study listed on the Saint Peter's University website.

So the next time you ask a fellow student, "What's your major?", don't be too surprised if you hear something you may not expect!

SPEEDING UP CAMPUS COMPUTERS

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Minutes before class starts, students rush to the nearest computer lab to print out essays, power points, study guides and homework, but find themselves spending more time getting the computer to function than printing or opening what is needed. The result, besides frustration, is that they receive a lateness for the class and a possible missing assignment grade.

This is the case for Courtney Bowen, a double major in Elementary Education and Fine Arts, who said, "There has been times when I had to print papers last minute and I was late to class because I couldn't get on the computer for fifteen minutes."

Bowen isn't the only one who shares the frustration.

"To access the Internet and pull things from my USB takes forever," says Nadia Ritter, a Criminal Justice major, as she struggled to open her document in the Dineen computer lab.

But IT may have a solution that can help computers work faster. CIO, Dale Hochstein explained that the department is currently in the process of installing a new, state of the art, technology called VDI, which stands for Virtual Desktop Infrastructure.

"VDI uses the same old machine but instead of putting all the programs on each individual computer, they will be saved on a big robust server," said Hochstein "What we are doing now is converting all of our labs and classrooms to VDI. It's going to allow us to continue to use the older machines, because they are going to act as a 'dumb terminal'. It's your view to your programs, but all the processing that's going on is going on the main big hefty server, and all the storage is on a big storage device."

The reason behind installing this new system, stems from the amount of complaints students on campus have regarding the slowness of the computers. Saint Peter's has over three hundred computers in twenty labs for the more than 3000 students who attend. "In addition," according to the Saint Peter's University website, "each residential hall

(except Murray) has a mini-lab that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

When asked why she doesn't use the library's lab instead, Ritter answers, "I'm not really in the library. I don't feel like walking that far when all my classes are close to this one."

The computer lab in Dineen is the perfect one to go to if you have classes in McDermott or Dineen, but some students say it's not reliable.

Mary Anne Pacis-Lizares, a Junior double majoring in Elementary Education and American Studies describes the lab as, "useful but inconvenient because not all computers are functioning properly."

If it is not the computers that are running slowly, the printers always seem to be down.

"Today, it's not working," Ritter said. "There's no paper and, every time somebody swipes their card, it gives an error message."

Pacis-Lizares shares Ritter's frustration, adding, "The computers in the labs are beat down and need an upgrade."

But not everyone feels the computers need upgrading. Business administration major, Antonio Pali, agrees that the computers are slow, but feels the university is spending their money wisely on the computers because, as he explains, "They have good programs updated."

According to the university's more recent 990-Form, provided by GuideStar, the school spent over 1.8 million dollars on information technology in the year 2011. A little over \$63,000 goes towards program service expenses, while over \$1.7 million go towards management and general expenses.

IT worker, Melanie Ramirez, who is a student majoring in Computer Science, explains that they are about 15 people working in the department, including herself. The department is called whenever anyone has a complaint or problem with any of the on campus technology.

"Complaints a day range from zero to ten," says Ramirez.

When asked what the biggest complaints were about, Ramirez responded, "A lot of them could be with printers, new deployments for new computers that they're

TIME TO CELEBRATE, CLASS OF 2013

THE PAUW WOW'S BREAKDOWN GUIDE TO SENIOR WEEK



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Classes are officially over, and for all graduating seniors, the only thing left to do before graduation is celebrate! Senior Week is the chance for the class of 2013 to enjoy fun activities, reminisce about memories of the past four years, and give back to the Saint Peter's community one last time as Saint Peter's University students. Follow the Pauw Wow's special guide to the Class of 2013's senior week!

Tuesday, May 14th

Have your camera ready! A cruise boat will sail along the Hudson River and you'll see gorgeous views of the New York City skyline. Dinner will be served on the cruise, and alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase at the bar. Guys, get your suit and tie ready, and ladies, put on those pumps! The dress code is semi-formal, and the buses will depart at 6PM, and return by 10PM.

Price: \$35 and \$45 for a guest

Wednesday, May 15th

It's time for some good,

old-fashioned fun! Skee-ball, air-hockey, Dance Dance Revolution, and virtual bowling are just a few of the games at Dave & Buster's in West Nyack, NY. The bus will leave at 6PM to head to the restaurant-bar-and-adult arcade and will return to school at 12 midnight. Your ticket will get you food, transportation, and a gaming credit!

Price: \$20 (no guests allowed)

Thursday, May 16th

Campus Ministry has organized a Junkyard Dogs Cleanup for the graduating class. This community service activity is designed to bring the students together to clean up the litter and trash scattered on the streets surrounding the Saint Peter's campus. Afterwards, freshen up and put on your business casual attire for the Delaney Reception that evening at 6PM. Held in the Duncan Family Skyroom, this cocktail reception is the first opportunity for the Saint Peter's University Alumni Association to welcome the Class of 2013 as its newest members.

Price: Both events are FREE! (\$25 for guest to Delaney Reception)

Friday, May 17th

Put on your sneakers and head down to Jaroshak field! At 1PM, the Senior vs. Faculty Softball game will take place, where the graduating class will go head-to-head for one last time with the teachers and staff at Saint Peter's, but this time it won't be about grades or past-due payments! The softball game will be followed by a BBQ on the grass for the winners, the losers, and any spectators at the event.

Price: FREE!

Saturday, May 18th

The final event of the week will take place at Tropicana Resort and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. The bus will depart from Saint Peter's at 3:30PM, and upon arrival, students will receive a \$20 gaming credit for the casino. The Tropicana has slot machines, tables for blackjack, poker, and roulette, five-star restaurants, and a shopping area, so there's a lot to do! But keep track of the time – the buses will depart at 12AM!

Price: \$20 for transportation and gaming credit

getting, or it could be a simple installation of Adobe."

The new computers Ramirez is referring to are the ones any department purchases.

"If they have a budget they can afford, and let's say someone new comes in and has a really old computer, only if that department's budget has enough for a new computer, they can give it," Ramirez explains. "We don't give everyone new computers."

Hochstein provided a reason as to why the computers, especially the ones in the Dineen lab, are so slow.

"Every year the companies that provide the software, like Microsoft, are always at competition to provide the latest and greatest capability. With each upgrade of an operating system, the code for that operating system becomes very large and requires a lot of memory

and space on that machine. On top of that the applications that are now revamped to work with these new features of the operating systems become bigger."

Hochstein added, "Each semester, the professors are given an application to indicate what software they would like on the lab machines, and most of this is because they will be teaching a particular course, and they need a certain piece of software, or they need to upgrade a piece of software, and we try to accommodate them the best way we can."

"It's like trying to get an old jalopy car to ride at 130 mph," said Hochstein jokingly. "It doesn't have the engine to do it."

When informed about the new VDI system, Bowen responded, "I think that it'll be really great, as long as it makes the computers faster."

Faster speed is the main goal for this installment, according to Hochstein. The IT department is hoping that the VDI system and server will be active starting this upcoming Fall semester. The first lab it will be introduced to is the Dineen computer lab, since it contains the oldest set of computers on campus. In the meantime, Hochstein suggests student's call the IT department whenever there is trouble with the computers and she promises they will be fixed and dealt with right away.



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AFTER CHALLENGES FACED FOLLOWING SANDY, SAINT PETER'S PREP RECOVERS

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On the night Superstorm Sandy landed on the shores of New Jersey, many sat around in their dark, powerless homes and prayed that the places they love the most were spared by this terrible storm. Hoping for the best on the morning after, students, parents, and alumni of Saint Peter's Prep, an all boys, Jesuit high school located on the corner of Grand and Warren Street in Jersey City, awoke to receive some distressing news.

Out of all the places affected by Sandy in Hudson County, Saint Peter's Prep was one of the ones hit the hardest. Taken aback by the news, faculty and students alike wondered how long it would take to recover.

Now, six months after Superstorm Sandy battered much of the east coast, a sense of normalcy is beginning to return to the halls of Saint Peter's.

For many of the 950 students who attend the school, Prep is more than just a high school, it is a second home.

"I love Prep more than any other place in the world," said senior Matt Biscaldi. "We all knew Sandy was coming, but I don't think anyone expected it to effect us this much."

While the damages Sandy inflicted on Saint Peter's could have been far worse, the school suffered setbacks that it had never before seen in its storied, 140-year history.

The Humanities Building, as well as the beloved Memorial Gymnasium, known by students as "The Barn," were both left unharmed. The rest of the campus, however, suffered severe flooding and ruin. Floodwaters rose beyond 6 feet high in some areas key to student life, including Mulry, Hulgan, and Shalloe Hall. Not even Saint Peter's athletic field was spared, as the damage done at Keenan Field put much of the fall sports season on hold.

When students returned to school in the days following the storm, they realized that school would just not be the same in the coming months. Schedules were drastically changed, restricting students from attending classes in the damaged and contaminated buildings. In the weeks after the storm, freshman and sophomores had abbreviated classes from 9 AM until noon, while the juniors and seniors went from 12:30 until 3 PM.

"A few of my friends from other schools were jealous of our half days," recalled senior Evan Cain. "But it's my last year at Prep, I wanted to get every second I could in, and it was depressing that Sandy took a lot out of our year."

While every student was affected by the results of Superstorm Sandy, no group was dealt a more crushing blow than those in the music and arts department. When Prep refurbished the old Saint Peter's Church, they transformed it into O'Keefe Commons, the school's cafeteria that also featured the offices of many school administrators. The crammed basement of O'Keefe is what the music and arts department calls home, a home that was hit hard by the storm. No part of the school saw worse flooding, as student's instruments

were destroyed and several pieces of equipment, including amplifiers, microphones, and Mac computers had to be thrown away because of water damage.

"It's frustrating because no one ever thought the storm would effect Prep the way it did," said junior and member of the Saint Peter's band and choir Jonathan Costaldo. "When we left school, no one even thought to bring their instruments home or prepare for this in any way. It was a real shock when I heard the damage was this bad."

The school's brand new media center was also damaged. The B.J. Giannone Media Center, located in the basement of the brand new Moriarty Science Center, included state-of-the-art video production equipment and desktop publishing facilities. In November of 2011, it was opened and dedicated in the memory of B.J. Giannone, a member of the Saint Peter's class of 2011 who tragically passed away at a school swim meet during his senior year. Almost all the equipment in the media center was ruined.

"B.J.'s memory is something that is celebrated every day at Prep," said senior Joe Nicoletti. "The media center was one of the many reminders we had of his legacy. It was a proud moment when it opened and a sad one to see it get destroyed."

While the wounds opened by Superstorm Sandy are still fresh in the minds of many, Saint Peter's Prep has been successfully rebuilding. The storm also brought about community support from across the country.

Almost immediately after the storm hit, Saint Peter's created a Sandy Recovery Fund, with a goal of \$500,000 dollars. After six months, the fund has well surpassed its goal and greatly helped cover some of the cost of repairing the damaged classrooms, arts and athletic facilities.

Saint Peter's also saw an outpouring of support from fellow Jesuit high schools across the United States. Institutions from as close as New York City and as far away as Oregon helped the cause, raising more than \$20,000 dollars.

The music and arts department is back on its feet, as the school put on "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" in early January, Prep's first theatrical performance since the storm. The show was even attended by Saint Peter's alum and famed Broadway and Hollywood star Nathan Lane, who donated the previously destroyed stage lights in his name.

The B.J. Giannone Media Center is up and running again, as well. After months of hard work and refurbishing, B.J.'s legacy continues to live on through his media center, which reopened the first week of April.

"Prep treated Sandy just like we'd treat losing a football game," recalled Biscaldi. "It hurt, but we brushed ourselves off and kept moving forward. Prep teaches us about brotherhood and the bond we share together as a school. That bond is stronger today because of Sandy."

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES & COLUMNS

STUDYING ABROAD IN SOUTH KOREA



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WHAT'S IT LIKE STUDYING IN A PLACE MANY CONSIDER DANGEROUS

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Editor's Note - DeJesus' column is a reflection on his time currently in Seoul, South Korea, as a study abroad student. Through this column, DeJesus hopes to offer insight due to the special circumstances he's found himself in. The opinions expressed by DeJesus are his own.

When I was given the chance to study abroad in Seoul, South Korea, I didn't hesitate. After visiting other countries such as Italy, and experiencing a culture so different from the United States, I was inspired to take the chance. It seemed like the perfect opportunity to study at Sogang University, located in the Sinchon-dong district of Seoul. I thought, "What could go wrong?"

The last thing I considered was a potential war between two neighboring nations.

That is the case in terms of the rising tensions between North and South Korea following the start of joint-military exercises between the latter and the United States. However, N. Korea has not only threaten S. Korea with intimidating rhetoric, such as turning the capitol into "a sea of fire," but also moving ballistic missiles for a potential attack on both Seoul and the U.S.

This would not be the first confrontation between the divided peninsulas; S. Korea believe N. Korea to have been responsible for two attacks that occurred in 2010: an artillery attack on Yeonpyeong Island, killing four people; and the sinking of a naval ship, the Cheonan, killing 46 sailors (though N. Korea has denied any involvement).

Wanting to understand the ongoing tension between the two groups, I read a local newspaper, "The Korea Joogang Daily," published in Seoul. In an article written on March

13, it explained that the confrontation between North and South Korea has lasted since the end of the Korean War in the 1950s, and beyond following the armistice treaty that kept a fragile peace between the two. That is, until now; N. Korea has claimed the "end" of the armistice, declaring war on S. Korea and the U.S. in the process.

Despite northern threats, it has seemed not to bother many of the citizens in Seoul. In fact, people have been living their lives normally. From students attending school and dining at local restaurants, to enjoying the nightlife that arguably rivals New York, people appear unnerved by the danger N. Korea has placed.

"It has been more than 50 years since we have been separate from each other," said Jeongsub Lim, a professor teaching in the School of Communication at Sogang. "The Korean people, specifically South Koreans, have been used to it."

Dr. Seoungwon Lee, a fellow professor who teaches politics, feels that there is a deeper meaning behind North's recent rhetoric.

"It is not a very political issue, but a very economic issue," said Lee. "I think there will be no war in North Korea because if we have the war, it will not only create damage between North and South Korea, but the United States will lose a huge hegemony."

While this situation has been the norm for the natives of South Korea, it is different for foreigners, especially the 185 exchange students studying at Sogang this semester. For them, they worry over the tension, and question whether to return to their respective countries for their safety.

"It has been a bit bad because of what has been happening with the North," said Lilly Tuell, a U.S. exchange student studying in the Korean Language Program offered at Sogang. "It's been a little bit

scary."

Despite the understandable fear, Tuell has chosen to remain in Seoul, continuing to enjoy the experience of studying in one of the world's largest metropolises.

"It has been a good experience," said Tuell. "I like the city and what it has to offer."

Foreign professors teaching at Sogang are also following the same attitude. Michael Ugrner, who teaches film production and editing, said that despite the occurring threats, he is not too worried.

"I don't think there is a real imminent threat," said Ugrner. "If there is, there is not much I can do about it because my life is here. My wife is Korean, and were not planning to move or do anything if push comes to shove as of now."

In fact, Ugrner argues that the fear people are going through is due to the media over accentuating of the conflict in the Korean peninsula.

"Every time I check Yahoo or anything, there is always mention of the latest blow-by-blow, step-by-step engagement," said Ugrner. "My parents and my friends back home and in Europe are more concerned because of the type of media they have been exposed to."

As for me, to say that I am not worried over the tension would be a lie. However, as Dr. Lee said best, "Please don't worry. Just do what you are doing now."

My experience in over the month I have arrived in Seoul has been rewarding; I have met people from all over the world, and have gained memories and experiences that I will surely use once I return to the U.S. In the worst case that a potential attack occurs, I will take action and decide if I should head home or not then. Until then, if ever such a time comes, I will continue to enjoy Seoul, learning in a country that I may consider residing in one day.

FACULTY PROFILE: PROFESSOR RAYMOND CONLON

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You've probably seen him or even took a class with him, the man with the best blazers, funky glasses, and down to earth personality. Yes, it's Dr. Conlon, an English professor here at Saint Peter's University. He's usually found walking through the Quad or sitting with a group of his students on a beautiful sunny day by the fountain, filling their minds with knowledge on Dante or Don Quixote. He's the kind of Professor who would easily lend you his jacket if you were cold and give you the best kind of advice for life. He's got a passion for teaching and a genuine love for his students.

Q: How long have you been

a professor at Saint Peter's?

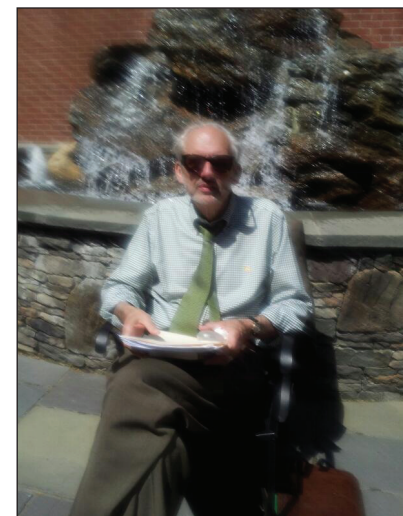
A: I have been at Saint Peter's thirty-two years.

Q: What do you enjoy most about teaching at Saint Peter's?

A: The students; they are unspoiled and in their own way very innocent and vulnerable.

Q: Where have you traveled?

A: I go to Europe every year at least once. Mainly, I am in Italy, specifically Bologna, because that is where my son lives. I lived in Spain for two years. I have been going abroad (my first trip was to Mexico City when I was nineteen) for many years. When I retire I will divide my time between the States and Europe, more or less equally.



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Q: Do you speak any different languages?

A: Yes. With varying degrees of competence I speak Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian. I read French, and am especially keen on the French

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mystery writer Simenon.

Q: Did you do anything out of the ordinary when you were in your 20's?

A: Yes. It sounds strange to say but that is when I decided that I would become an intellectual, that I would devote my life to study.

SLOWLY BUT SHORELY

BY TATIANA FERRARO
Lifestyle Editor

Jersey shore residents, business owners, and summertime shore house owners are gearing up six months after the super storm, Hurricane Sandy, for Summer 2013.

General Manager, Glenn McCarthy, of Klee's Bar and Grill located in Seaside Heights has high hopes for the revival of the shore for this upcoming summer.

"As of now, the boardwalk is being rebuilt on schedule and should be ready for Memorial Weekend, but a lot of the stands and restaurants are still in limbo," said McCarthy. "We are all hoping that people will stop in and support the area businesses and not give up on the area, we are rebuilding and a lot of things will actually be better than they were before!"

After Sandy hit, business owners had to wait two weeks until they could get onto the island. Once on the island, it would be another month before the utilities were repaired and operating.

"We got to the restaurant after the two weeks and had no power or gas service, but were able to throw out all the spoiled food. We had sustained a lot of wind damage and we were spared flood damage due to the way the ocean flowed down the street next to our building," he said. "We were without the utilities for another month and then had to go through many procedures to assure that we could get our utilities turned back on."

A local Jersey Shore artist, Patrick Whelan, has been contributing his time and talent to restoring the shore and raising money for the cause.

"I have two albums currently on iTunes, Amazon, and Google Play," said Whelan. "My debut entitled, 'Slowly But Shorely,' and the second is called, 'The Progress Report.' I'm currently donating all the online sales generated by, 'The Progress Report,' and my latest single, 'Sho Love,' each month to Holy Family St. Vincent De Paul Society. I will continue to do so until we offer something substantial enough to make a true change. I am working with different elementary and middle schools in Ocean and Monmouth County, and will be participating in plenty of fundraisers until further notice."

Whelan also suggested that the "Go Home Benny" bumper stickers be removed from the locals cars. "BENNY" is the word for an out of townner who visits the area, which is used by many locals in the shore towns to describe those from (B)ergen, (E)sex, (N)ewark, and (N)ew (Y)ork.

"Now is not the time to tell people who drive business into our community to go home! We need their presence more than ever," Whelan said.

So much of the area was destroyed, affecting many

Q: Best part of Saint Peter's?

A: The people, both my colleagues and my students. I have known thousands of students and hundreds of staff people and liked almost all of them. I look forward to going to work every day.

shore communities. It will take years to rebuild, which is a testament to the way the storm affected people in ways that go beyond property loss.

James Roofe, a shore house owner, had his summer house devastated by Sandy. Two weeks after Sandy he was able to board a bus along with many home owners to see their homes.

"What we witnessed was shocking," said Roofe. "Homes turned upside down or moved from their footings. Images of homes tossed about from the force of the storm like a shaken and turned over snow globe. Houses settling in intersections, boats and other watercrafts swept away, boardwalks and stores destroyed. The silence on the crowded bus was deafening. The silence broken by the sounds of sobs and sniffing."

James Roofe is not hopeful for a summer this year in Ortley Beach since his house is still in the process of getting repaired.

"It doesn't seem like much progress is being made and it appears that Ortley Beach remains a ghost town for now," said Roofe. "I believe it will come back and be a thriving shore community again just not this summer. Our shore house was a place for gatherings where family and friends would meet and enjoy a day at the beach. The beach is a place to go and leave all your worries behind. I could get into all the reasons one enjoys the beach but you already know them. We'll be back though and we'll pick up right where we left off."

Ronald Ducoli and Diane Ducoli live in Bayville which is about thirty minutes from Seaside Heights. Although their houses were not damaged they are familiar with the Seaside area.

"We have seen first hand how the storm changed the landscape and peoples' lives overnight," they explained. "We were fortunate not to get a lot of damage to our home just 11 days without power or heat, not too bad compared to families who lost everything."

"I see this Summer as a mixture of good and bad. We think some places will do better than others. Private residences will be the last to come back to normal, business's have priority to get retail, restaurants and other vacation oriented businesses back, and allow workers to get their jobs back," Ducoli said.

Although it may take a few more months before houses are repaired, businesses such as Klee's, Bamboo, Karma, Captain Hook's, and Djais (to name a few) are back in business and ready for summer 2013. A portion of the Seaside Heights boardwalk is prepared, and Spicy's Bar is up and running. These businesses will be ready for Memorial Day Weekend to kick off the summer.



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FACULTY PROFILE: DR. ALAIN SANDERS

BY HELENE MCGAVIN
Staff Writer

Dr. Alain L. Sanders is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Saint Peter's University. He has been a member of the Saint Peter's faculty since the fall of 2001. Before becoming a professor and upon graduation from Columbia University Law School, Dr. Sanders practiced law at a small New York City law firm, as well as a journalist for TIME Magazine.

Q. What was it like to work at a law firm?

A. The practice was varied and high powered. The problems the firm handled covered the full range of legal matters from corporate law, to labor law, to real estate law, to banking law, to even First Amendment law. Our adversaries were often represented by some of the biggest and most powerful law firms in the country.

Q. Why did you decide to leave the law firm?

A. I realized early that this was probably the best law firm in which I could ever wish to work. The lawyers were brilliant, friendly, supportive, and along with most of the clients and their causes, progressive. But at heart I had always remained a politics major. In fact, I had studied law because I viewed the subject as an advanced political science degree. So when the opportunity arose to cover politics and become a journalist at TIME Magazine, I did not hesitate to make the jump.

Q. What was your favorite part about working for TIME magazine?

A. Among the many things I enjoyed at TIME Magazine—the old hefty TIME magazine, not today's trimmed-down version—was the real feeling of sitting on top of the world surrounded by some of the most talented people in the world. My colleagues on the TIME Edit staff came from all parts of the globe, many held law degrees, M.A.s, Ph.D.s, and all were experts in their fields, either because they had studied it or experienced it. TIME Magazine in those days was the closest a corporation could ever come to resembling a university.

Q. What type of stories did you cover at TIME?

A. I covered law—and eventually national and international affairs—but just steps away from my office were the religion staff, the science staff, the business staff, the sports staff, the books staff, the movie reviews staff, the politics staff, the world staff, all of whom I crossed and talked to on a daily basis.

Q. What were your greatest experiences you took with you when you left TIME magazine?

A. One of the most precious experiences TIME ever gave me was the opportunity to work weekly with the most brilliant person I have ever met, Albert Rosenthal, my former constitutional law professor and the Dean of the Columbia University Law School. Al served as a consultant to TIME and he would come in every week to read for legal accuracy the law stories I had either worked on or written, and which typically involved Supreme Court decisions. The priceless result for me was endless hours of discussing constitutional law at the highest intellectual levels with one of the leading experts in the country. It prepared me for perhaps my biggest journalism coup: Interviewing a Supreme Court Justice, Lewis Powell, at a time when justices rarely agreed to sit for an interview by a reporter.

Q. Why did you want to become a professor at Saint Peter's University?

A. After 21 years of chasing people and writing furiously to meet daily and weekly deadlines, I decided that it was time for a change. What I liked most about my TIME job was informing people, and I thought that teaching would be a natural continuation of that part of my journalism career.

As the resident Americanist in the Political Science Department, I also get to explore and teach the whole length and breadth of American politics—from the presidency, to the Congress, to the media, to constitutional law—in ways that often parallel what I once most enjoyed as a journalist.

Additionally, I get to meet many students one-on-one

and help steer them in productive directions towards their personal and professional goals. Political science is a very enabling and versatile degree. And so, like my departmental colleagues, I am most pleased and satisfied when I have successfully helped guide one of our majors or minors towards a promising career—in fields such as government, business, law, journalism, public interest activism, or international affairs—or an advanced degree that leads to such a position.

Q. As the liaison for the Washington Center, why is it important for Saint Peter's students to participate in a program like this?

A. The Washington Center provides a gateway for students to observe, network, and impress the world of elite employment while earning Saint Peter's academic credit. The Center places students in real jobs for an entire semester in Washington D.C. Internship opportunities are available across the full gamut of employers in the nation's capital: Members of Congress, White House offices, government agencies, businesses, think tanks, interest groups, news organizations, and international organizations. Saint Peter's students have interned in nearly all of these places and come back better students for it. The experience has taught them what the real world demands: Employees who are knowledgeable, analytical, hardworking, versatile and dedicated.

Q. What is your favorite course or courses to teach at Saint Peter's?

A. I am a generalist at heart. The world is too fascinating to limit yourself to just a few interests. I like the fact that at Saint Peter's I have the opportunity to teach a wide variety of American politics courses.

Q. What is your favorite pastime?

A. Travel. It's the only way to really get acquainted with the world. The downside, however, is that it's unearthly expensive.

Q. What is your favorite food?

A. No contest for me: French. I was born in Paris.

EMILY'S LIT PICKS - UNREQUIRED SUMMER READING

BY EMILY ALEQUIN
Arts Editor

1. *Delirium* - Lauren Oliver
Summer Lovin'? Not exactly, at least not in this YA novel. Readers can add this book to the shelf of 'futuristic and dystopian' novels, while

their minds. Music, literature and even art is thought to be a dangerous trigger and all things are kept in moderation or surveillance. But not everyone believes that love is such an evil thing meant to be contained and controlled, and many more would rather die than be cured of it.

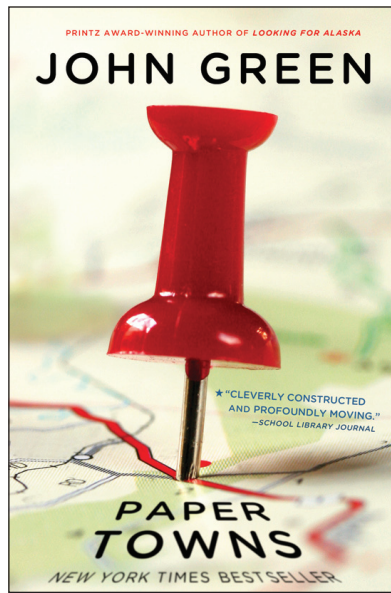
designed to be impossible for anyone to get in, get out or even survive. The original prisoners have always died within its iron walls and all others born of them are doomed to the same fate. But there is one person who has escaped from the horrors of Incarceron, yet few actually believe the tales. Finn, a young prisoner, believes there is a way out of the torture and he will fight for that one slim chance at escape.

4. *Grave Mercy* - Robin LaFevers

A convent full of nuns trained in the art of assassination. That was the summary of this book that pretty much grabbed my attention. At St. Mortain, the sisters believe and serve in the gods of old and the most vital to their cause is the god of Death. Ismae, a young woman who has escaped the clutches of death before - most recently after a failed, arranged marriage - has been rescued by the nuns of St. Mortain and must choose whether she wants to return to her old life or begin anew as a servant of Death who will now learn what it means to take the lives of others.

5. *Paper Towns* - John Green

After reading *The Fault in Our Stars*, I knew I would still give John Green a second chance and this novel, with its map and thumbtack cover, feels perfect for summer when thinking about taking a road trip. Margo Roth Spiegelman is a girl of complete mystery to Quentin Jacobsen. Quentin has always admired Margo and only admitted so from afar, so when this



Margo goes missing the next day. The teen girl has always seemed like an outsider but now that she is gone, Quentin will have to try and find out where she is and why she disappeared so suddenly. Good thing there's a seemingly never-ending line of clues for him to follow.

6. *Poseidon* - Anna Banks

A sort-of flipped version of *The Little Mermaid*, (Okay maybe not really.) There's still the strong elements of the beach, ocean, plenty of fish, and a young prince surfacing from the seas to find a human girl that is said to be able to communicate with fish. It sounds pretty crazy but it might just surprise you to see how interesting the story can play out. Emma, the young girl in question, is on vacation when she meets this prince of the ocean named Galen. He claims he is searching for a girl who can speak to creatures of the sea and once Emma proves she's the one he is searching for, he'll take any risk to bring her back with him so they could save his kingdom that has been thrown to danger and peril.

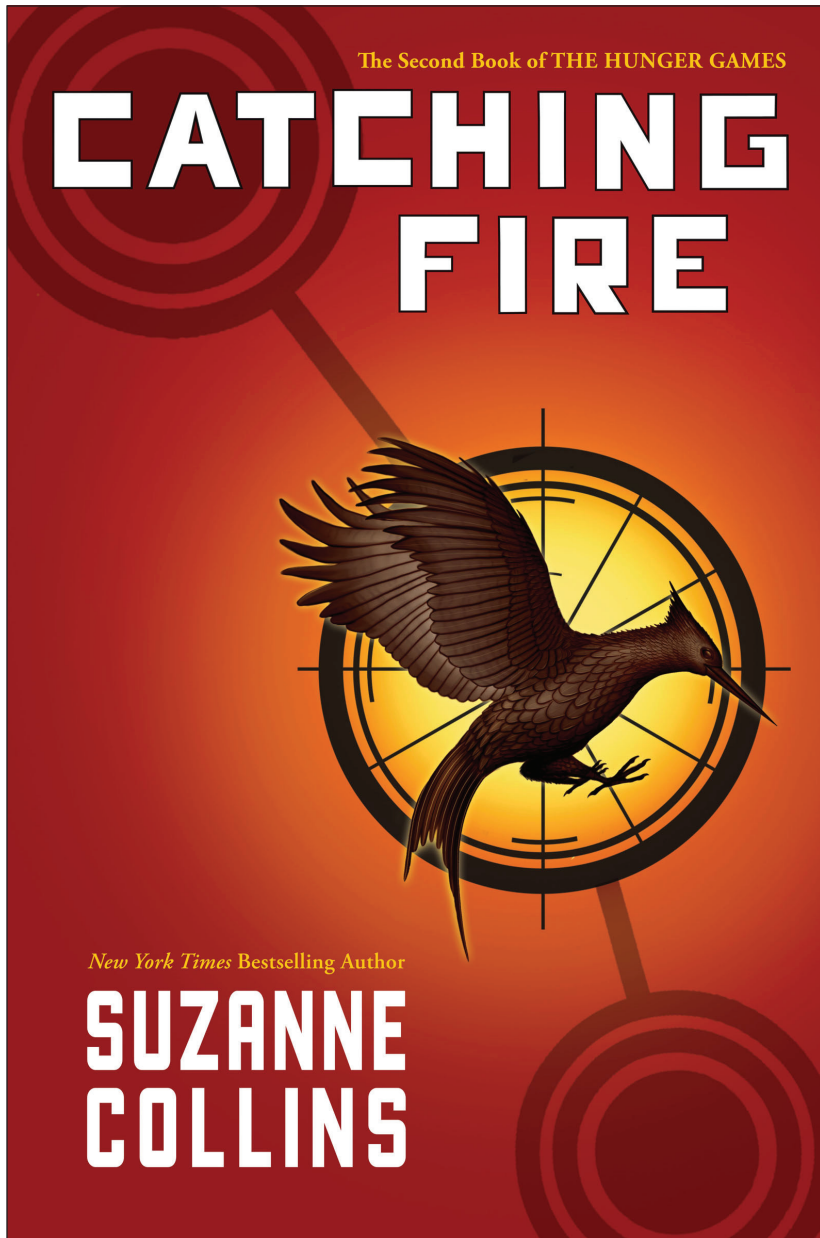
7. *Dearly Departed* - Lia Habel

For those who still haven't moved passed loving the undead - and I mean zombies. *Dearly Departed* takes place in the distant future where our society has turned into New Victoria. It is a nation where technology and the designs of past eras have come together as one but the people are still caught in the webs of political unrest, doubts, and growing fears. A virus is spreading; one that raises the dead and assaults the living. 16-year old Nora Dearly is almost the victim of the walking dead one night but is rescued by those who fight against these ravenous zombies. Rather than face a dull and unhappy life in the home of her heartless aunt, Nora chooses to join the fight

and search for a way to stop the virus that could destroy humanity.

8. *Catching Fire* - Suzanne Collins

If you haven't already read *The Hunger Games*, or even watched the movie, I suggest getting started on at least one of those. *Catching Fire*, the second novel in Suzanne Collins' trilogy, is set for movie release in November and there's been plenty of press releases and photos to get the fans excited. After surviving the perils of the hunger games in the previous book, Katniss Everdeen and



experiencing the interesting twist the author has placed upon her created society. In *Delirium*, love is considered a disease by the blinded mem-



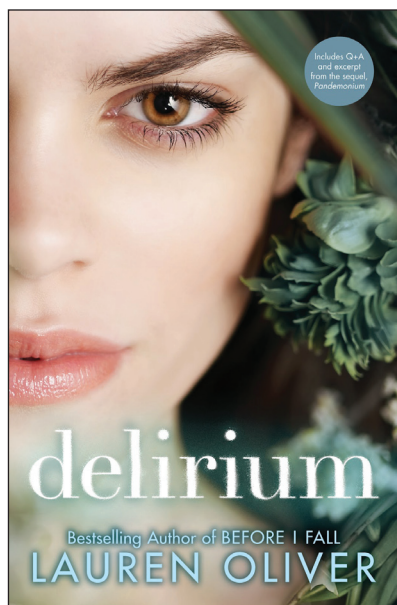
bers of society. Boys and girls are kept separated until they are old enough to be administered the cure scientists have created to remove all feelings of passion and sympathy from

2. *Very Valentine* - Adriana Trigiani

After reading *Lucia*, Lucia! earlier this year and learning that Adriana Trigiani has many more books to offer, *Very Valentine* was next on my list of books to buy. This time Trigiani writes about the story of Valentine Roncalli, a 33-year-old who is the granddaughter and apprentice of the master shoemaker of Greenwich Village, Teodora Angelini. The business, however, has been suffering in this modern day and age and Valentine must find a way to beat all of their rivals to stay on top. So, what better way to make a fabulous pair of Italian shoes than to travel to Italy with her grandmother and create a pair that will be legendary.

3. *Incarceron* - Catherine Fisher

A living, breathing, and brutal prison. *Incarceron* is actually the name of this futuristic vessel that was



extremely peculiar girl shows up at his house in the middle of the night and dressed as a ninja, he of course chooses to follow her. When things have just started to be getting better for Quentin, they crash right back down once

GROOVE BOSTON COMES TO PEACOCK PALOOZA, DON'T FORGET THE GLOWSTICKS

BY KSENIA STSYETEPKINA
Pauw Wow-TV Exec Producer

The end of the spring semester brings a lot of mixed feelings to the students of Saint Peter's. The long awaited summer break is right around the corner. Only one thing stands in the way, finals. The timing of this year's Peacock Palooza could not have been more perfect.

The Student Entertainment Board, with the help of GrooveBoston, threw a rave in the Yanatelli Recreational Center for the students and their guests to let loose before the semester

finally comes to a close on Thursday, May 2nd.

GrooveBoston is a company that throws 'legendary dance parties' at colleges and universities all around the country. The Visceral Tour was a hit at Saint Peter's. As the crew was setting up for the show they were excited about the energy on campus.

"It's going to be a great night," a crew member said in passing.

Once 10 PM hit, the front doors were flooded with students eager to party. They were greeted by campus safety, a hired security team, and the Jersey City Police Department ready to inspect all who enter. Students were

thoroughly examined and scanned with metal detectors as they entered. No one was



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allowed to bring any bags or bottles inside the building.

The tight security did not dampen anyone's mood. Once

inside, students grabbed their glow sticks and sunglasses and danced the night away.

"As soon as I walked in, I thought I was at a light show," said Jose Gomez. "If you ever saw the movie *Project X*, that was a chunk of it."

Gomez's only complaints were how early the night had to end and the decision to host the party in the gym instead of the bubble.

Past Peacock Palooza events were rock concerts held outside. This year, SEB decided to take an entirely different direction and it worked well in their favor. GrooveBoston Peacock Palooza has, as far as the students are concerned, set a new standard for the Paloozas to come.

"I raved so hard my feet were killing me the next day," said Yaomi Lopez, a freshman.

EMBRACING YOUR NATURAL SELF

BY ESSENCE ROGERS
Opinions Editor

Society has always been harsh on what women have to look like, the roles they have to play within the home, and how they have to behave. Women spend their entire lives trying to fit into the mold that the media promotes in an attempt to “fit in”.

Unfortunately, some of these molds women are encouraged to fit into are not healthy, emotionally or physically. Many women have put their health in jeopardy in an attempt to become what society deems as beautiful.

According to eatingforlife.org, it is estimated that clinical eating disorders affect 10 to 20% of female university students compared to 4% to 10% of male university students.

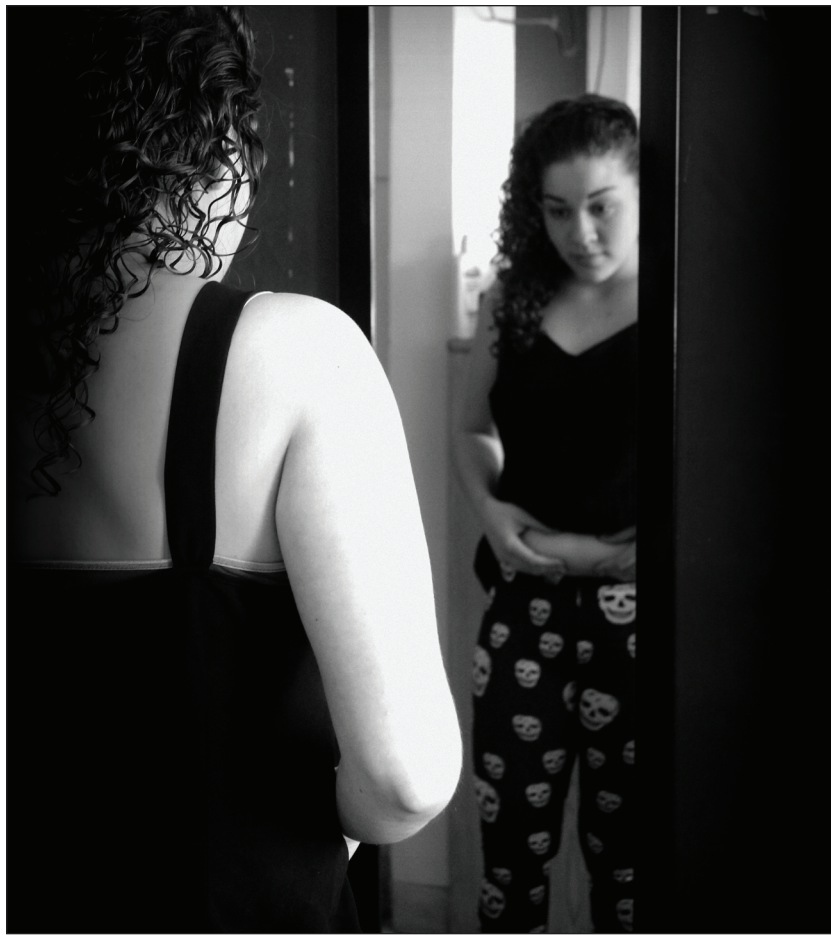
For women who experience the “freshmen fifteen”, a weight gain that many first year students face, it can be a very difficult time to deal with. Some women crumble under the pressure to stay thin and go as far as using laxatives, eating and then vomiting, or simply not eating at all to keep the weight

by some that she needed to lose weight.

“People at school would tell me I’ve gotten “thicker” and the guys liked the weight

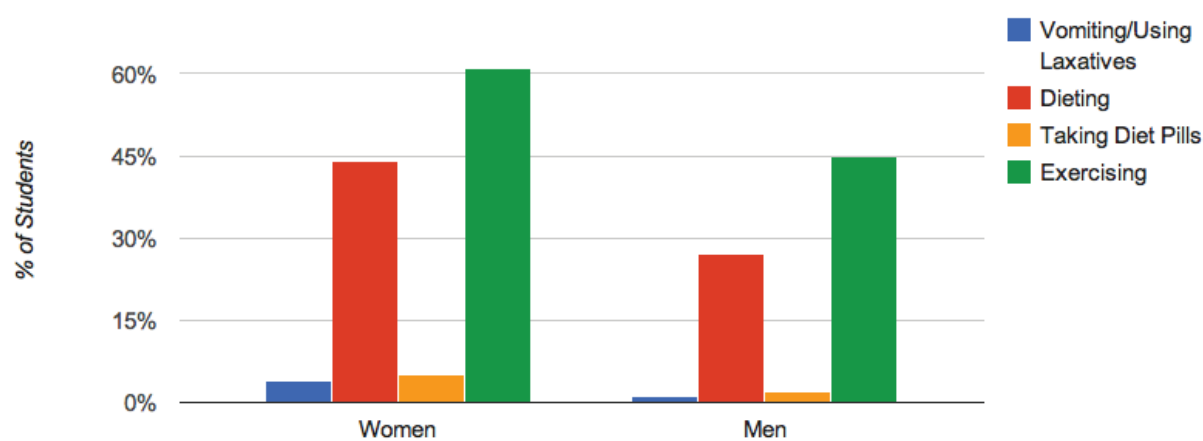
commercials on quick ways to lose weight did tempt her.

“When I was at school, I started going to the gym and I tried it for a while, but I



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How College Students Lose Weight



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off.

Luckily, students such as Malaisha Pierre-Louis, a sophomore at Saint Peter's University, do not feel a need to always fit such standards. Her weight gain of thirty pounds her freshman year did not affect her self-esteem, yet she was still told

I had gained”, said Pierre-Louis. “But once I got home, the weight gain was a no go. My mom, aunts, uncles, and church family told me I needed to drop the newly added addition.”

Pierre-Louis then began going to the gym in order to lose the weight; however,

didn't stick to it to the point that it would have made a difference”, said Pierre-Louis. “I didn't take any dietary pills or laxatives. Don't get me wrong, when I was at my biggest, I would see the diet pills commercials and think that would be a great quick fix, but I never actually went

through it.”

A much smaller demographic in the United States has recently decided to denounce the expectations of society and the media and wear their hair as it grows out of their head.

In the past few years, there has been a trend of Black women who have decided to embrace their natural hair. Many hair care products and commercials have been marketed towards straight hair, and most Black women do not have straight hair; they have curly and tightly coiled hair.

Many Black women have gone as far as putting chemicals in their hair in order to straighten it. Some have even added hair to their own hair constantly, rarely even seeing their natural hair. And in the process, many have diminished the health of their own natural hair.

This natural hair trend has made so much noise that many hair care companies who previously sold perms, relaxers, texturizers, and other products that straightened hair are now beginning to promote lines of products for “healthy curls”.

Christal Mendez, a graduate student at Saint Peter's University, is one of the many black women who have decided to wear their hair naturally. She made the transition twice, once as a high school student and another time as a sophomore in college.

“I decided to return to my natural state for many reasons,” said Mendez. “I was at a point in my life where I didn't know myself truly, other personal problems and also because I was honestly fed up with the salons and my perms sweating out from track and field and other athletic activities.”

Unfortunately, for many Black women, they face a wave of criticism when they do decide to go natural.

“I received a lot of rude comments when I first started my journey”, said Mendez. “No one expected this from me and they would say things like ‘Are you trying to chase

your roots?’, ‘What's that puff you are wearing?’, ‘You always got your hair in a ponytail’, ‘Hey Afro girl!’. However, I ignored them because I was growing as a person with the journey that I was on to be myself and how god created me.”

Mendez described the transition from straight, permed hair to natural hair as “a journey of getting to know yourself and embracing the natural you.”

Although many women are suffering from attempting to fit a standard, many are deciding to live up to their own standard and become the best version of themselves.

Pierre-Louis had some sound advice for the women out there who have trouble with the way they look in the eyes of society.

“For women, young and old, we have to remember that we are not society; we are our own person”, said Pierre-Louis. “We need to stop worrying about what they, the outside people, need and focus on ourselves and what our body needs to be strong and healthy. We make it look good by being confident with what we have and who we are! They say shake what your mama gave ya, I say LOVE what your mama gave ya! No one is perfect and we all have our flaws, but before we expect others to love them, we have to love ourselves first.”

Everyone must remember that health comes first. If attempting to fit a mold requires risking your health, then that standard was not meant for you to abide by. Besides, everyone is beautiful and no matter what television and radio tells you, there are plenty of people in the world who appreciate you for what you look like naturally, whether you're a tall, skinny blonde bombshell, a big, beautiful brunette, or a chocolate goddess with a huge afro.

As long as you love yourself, you will lead a happy, healthy, and successful life.

OPINION

REMEMBER TO CLICK SAVE BEFORE CLOSING

BY NICHOLAS MEDEROS
Staff Writer

At the end of every semester so far, I've looked through a file on my computer labeled “Pauw Wow” and look through all of the articles that I've written and each semester I find myself surprised. The surprise doesn't lie in how many articles I've managed to write in my busy schedule or in the changes of tone over the years. The surprise lies in the fact that, in two years, I don't feel as though my writing has changed. I still use long-winded phrases that are exhausting to the reader and I still make references that maybe two out of my five consistent readers understand and appreciate.

More than that, I began to feel at the end of this past fall semester that I was pumping out articles for the sake of writing articles. I was running dry on inspiration and started writing about topics that I wasn't passionate about and it was palpable in my work. When I started writing for Pauw Wow, I didn't write with the intention of building up a resume for a journalism career. I'm not a fan of the

field. Instead, I thought of it as a writing exercise; a way of being forced to consistently write well-written pieces I could be proud.

The quality of my articles began to wane over time and nobody was pointing it out to me. I'm not entirely sure how many people read my articles or just claim to but nonetheless, I wasn't being told that my articles were dry and uninspired. My writing exercise became less of practice for the sake of getting better and instead became an exercise in writing for the deadline. Moreover, I wasn't spending enough time dedicated to my articles and it became so obvious to me that I was surprised when nobody told me that I should be spending less time gaming and more time writing.

I was disgusted when I noticed this decline. I was embarrassed that my articles were still being published despite the significant drop in readability. It wasn't the fault of the editors of the paper. The problem lied in my own views of my own writing. I personally don't feel as though I've improved as a writer and it's no one's fault but my own. As a result, I decided

at the end of the fall semester to change the directions of my articles and hope that it would improve my experience with my own writing. I started the spring semester writing about incredibly personal issues that I was dealing with, not for myself, but in the hopes that someone reading them can empathize or find solace in the fact that they're not alone in certain aspects of life.

After writing my article on depression, my inbox became littered with emails from people with depression on campus and telling me that they understood where I was coming from and reassuring me that things would get better. One email came from a student who, after reading my article, decided to seek help. I then started writing about some of my more personal details of my life and looked back at my articles from previous semesters where I had done the same and I remembered how much I loved writing them and getting responses from the people that read them.

I feel comfortable giving out details of my life because I see it as a trade-off with my readers. I give

them the specifics of my life in exchange for their willingness to read my articles and to give me a few hundred words to vent. I love this exchange because it forces me to ensure that my articles are concrete because they need to be in order for my personal stories to bear weight. These are the articles that I don't regret when I do my end of semester reviews because there were products from them, proof that my articles did something.

There isn't room for these types of articles in the new Pauw Wow and that makes me incredibly proud of the progress that I've been a part of as an editor. The Pauw Wow is heading for newer and greater things and I don't feel as though my articles fit anymore in this new paper. This isn't a criticism of the paper but rather a difference of what was needed at the beginning of my freshman year and what is needed now. I have nothing but love and respect for the paper as a medium of student concerns and wish it nothing but luck in the future. I've had a hell of a time exploring myself as a writer and as a person through the Pauw Wow and

I have no other words for the staff except “thank you”.

So that's it. This is the last article that I'll be writing for the Pauw Wow for the foreseeable future. Thanks to all those who've read and to all those who've responded. If my articles meant anything to you, positive or negative, I'd like to say that was my intention but in all honesty, I love hearing myself type almost as much as I love hearing myself talk. It's meant the world to me that other people have had the chance to feel what I've felt and to understand from where it is I'm coming. So again, and finally, thank you.

Nick would like to hear from any of his readers at nmederos1@mail.saintpeters.edu

“BURNT GRILLED CHEESE”

BY GARVEY POTTER
News Editor

On a cold, black night in the dead winter, a scream is heard that will shatter the still winds and many hearts to come.

This scream came from my Mom, who has just suffered a giant aneurysm two centimeters wide in her brain, instantly filling her head with blood. Her last words were to my father, “No, it’s a sharp pain.” My Mom spent the next three days in the Intensive Care Unit of Bayonne Medical Center, unable to move, speak, or even breathe. Finally, on Sunday, January 6th, my Mom was pronounced clinically dead at 4:23 pm.

She left behind many who loved her: friends, co-workers, several nieces, nephews, and cousins, five older brothers and sisters, my father,

my sister, and myself. My Mom touched many lives and hearts, some that will never fully recover from her sudden departure. This loss has especially affected my father, whom I have seen cry more times than I would care for.

She took all that she could take with her, which was only her spirit. Her things are still here, cluttering the closets and dressers and drawers and other various spots throughout our house. But most importantly, her love is still here and I can still feel it within me; a love so warm and lasting, I may never know true coldness.

When someone’s mother passes away or they experience another form of great tragedy, that person gets treated differently. Sometimes I feel people treat me like an artifact in a ruin, an object so old that the slightest whisper in the wrong direction could force



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me to crumble into a pile of ash and dust. In order to be preserved, I must be daintily handled and put in a calm, sterile environment.

But what most people do not realize is that bringing up my Mother does not plunge me back into an abyss of dark despair. The bleak truth is that I am always there. It is hard to go more than a few minutes without thinking about my Mother, especially when I am at home where her presence lingers

like a gentle scent throughout the house. It is not something that I could take a holiday or vacation from.

To be truthful, I want people to bring up my Mother around me. Then I could tell them that her hugs were so tight that I can still feel them wrap around my body today. I could tell them that she made the best grilled cheese sandwiches, the ones that when you rip it in half, the melted cheese cascades down to the plate in perfect, gooey strands. I could also tell them that she is one of the greatest women I have and will ever know, one that I still strive to make proud even though she is no longer physically here. I could also mention that her love was so open and so vast that there was plenty for anyone seeking it.

While I may strain to hold back the tears when I talk about my Mother, I want more people to know about

the type of person that she was. I want more people to know her story because I believe that the only way she truly dies is if people cease to talk or forget about her.

There will be plenty of more tears to come, but every tear shed is only a tiny, salty reminder that what I had with my Mom was something truly special. She gave me twenty years that were paradise, filled with experiences that I would not give up for any treasure found within the universe.

The grilled cheeses will be burnt, the tears will be plentiful, and the home will be a little cooler. However, her love will continue to grow and expand as the people she touched carry the spirit of her close with them and, in that way, my Mother will never truly die.

THE FINAL CHAPTER

BY JESSICA HARTLAND
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With graduation right around the corner, it’s now time for the mixed emotions to set in. Of course, there is happiness standing first in line, with the pride that one of the hardest, most stressful parts of life is now completed. But without being too cliché, this moment is nothing short of bittersweet.

It seems like yesterday that high school was coming to a close and now another four years have passed in the snap of our fingers. But as I was always taught, every good thing must come to an end. It is now the time that our real lives begin, whether we like it or not. It is an opportunity to show the world everything you have learned and the reasons you have worked so hard. You now have the chance to prove why you have come so far and to settle for nothing less than you deserve. In this moment, you can now break out of your shell, change the norms and ultimately become the person you were meant to be.

These past four years have had their ups and downs. But all the memories made, whether they are good or bad, will never be forgotten. I will always remember the “best friend bonding nights” with my roommate and all of the holidays that were celebrated with good company. Those intense debates in classes will always stick out when telling a story and the away trips with my team, during

my short lived softball career, will instantly bring a smile to my face. But what truly matters most is not just the time spent, but the people who made it worthwhile. Years from now, when I tell people about my college experience, the first things that will come to my mind are the people that were by my side when I needed it most. The bonds that were formed throughout these years are unforgettable and will always be one of the most valuable aspects of the time spent.

Throughout these years, even the smallest of happenings made an impact on my life. A chosen group of professionals, as well as students, have allowed me to not only mature, but change for the better. I am blessed to say that I was able to receive an education and all the crazy learning experiences that come with it and help shape me into the person I have grown to be today, which makes me proud to say. It was much more than the chapters assigned in a textbook, but the hands-on training and lessons that were necessary for success.

It is simply crazy to think that soon I will be walking across that stage, dressed in a cap and gown, holding a diploma in my hand. There will always be a sense of disbelief that life has progressed so quickly. The next stop is the real world. Having to meet the demands of a “big girl job” and no longer using the excuse, “I’m just a college kid” to justify many actions is an enormous step ahead.



Throughout my 22 years, my biggest fear in life has been to be forgotten. Every place I step foot into, every person that I encounter, and through every choice that I make, ultimately, I want to leave an impact. If I successfully changed someone’s life for the better, or when my name is mentioned, a smile immediately lights up someone’s face, I believe that I succeeded. I had four years to make not only a difference, but leave my mark on this school, as well as its

community. Regardless of mistakes or actions, people will always remember how you make them feel. To be remembered shows that you were not afraid to take risks simply to show people who you are. It portrays a specific individualism and confidence that could lead to even bigger, better things for the future. It shows that you are comfortable in your own skin, and I hope that people could take the advice of simply being yourself in order to be the change you wish to see.

As the final chapter of my college career is running out of pages, I am just excited to see what the next series has to offer. If you want great things, you must chase them. As an ambitious female with such a positive college experience now under my belt, those dreams are right in front of my eyes. As I will miss the memories of these past years, it is just time for new ones to fill up my book.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013. It’s been great, guys.

WORKING IN THE REAL WORLD

BY MICHELLE CHALEN
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Ever watch a news station and wonder what the people sitting behind the computers are doing? Well, I could tell you, because I was one of those people..

“What’s Contango?” 30 pairs of eyes look at you to see if you know the answer and, at the Consumer News and Business Channel headquarters, you better know it.

As an intern, you could expect those random questions by editors during the daily 3 p.m. meetings. As a Communications Major, business terms have never been my forte, but as one of the new interns, I knew I

really had to amp up my business knowledge in order to get noticed and better understand business news.

At CNBC, I was a paid intern and we were all treated like employees. There were three of us in a row along the wall near Flash Cam two, just some of the highly complex equipment part of the television set-up.

CNBC is the business news channel owned by media giant NBC Universal, the owner and operator of American television Networks, numerous cable channels, Motion picture companies, television production companies, and branded theme parks.

Our duties as interns were to produce content to be edited and then published

by adding pictures, videos, links, and whatever else was asked of us. I had done some random tasks like transcribing interviews that were to be aired. I even got to write a small piece on “The Walking Dead” and the economy that was published online late March this year.

“It’s a step in the real world and they expect a lot of you,” my roommate Heather would say, and I could not have said it better myself. Except, I must add that with this expectation came a lot of responsibility, but I was ready.

As soon as you walk in, it’s like a wind hits you; a wind of aspiration that you can do anything you want to. I learned so much from my

supervisor Christina and the other editors who really took the time to explain everything. They always would take their time to let me know what I could do to better myself despite the sometimes hectic workplace.

Now reaching the end of my internship at CNBC, I have produced over 25 stories published nationally and internationally.

If it was not for Professor Ernabel Demillo, I might have never known about a possible intern position, have gotten the chance to email Albert Lewitinn, or have had my resume forwarded to CNBC. Once it got to CNBC, it was interviews and a whole lot of paperwork and contracts.

Now that I will be

graduating, I have a piece of advice for you all. It is never too late to start interning anywhere or making networking connections. Nothing is easy, but if you really want something and you work for it, you will get it. You need to jump at every opportunity that comes your way.

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Soccer Coach Hits The Ground Running

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After 6 months without a leader, and a missed spring season, Saint Peter's finally hired a Women's Soccer head coach.

Rob Bielan was hired as the head women's soccer coach at Saint Peter's on Monday April 22, for the upcoming 2014 season starting in August. Bielan is the 10th women's soccer coach in Saint Peter's history, hired by Athletic Director Joe Quinlan.

"I am pleased to welcome Rob Bielan as our women's soccer head coach," said Quinlan. "Rob brings a great deal of energy and experience to our team and I am excited to begin working with him. Rob's coaching base and expertise comes from within New Jersey and we believe his background will position us well especially in recruiting women's soccer student-athletes."

Bielan has been a neighbor to the Peacocks as the head women's soccer coach at New Jersey City University, a Division III school, for the past seven years.

"It is an honor and a dream to achieve a position like this at Saint Peter's University and I really appreciate the chance that Director of Athletics Joe Quinlan has give me," said Bielan. "I look for our program to very competitive in the future and I am excited to showcase this great university in the conference. I not only want to make the Saint Peter's community proud, but also the area where I have spent my entire life in Hudson County and in the city of Bayonne."

Soon-to-be senior, Chelsea Gray, speaks of her excitement to hear her soccer team finally has a coach.

"We haven't had a coach since the end of November,"

said Gray. "I'm looking forward to my senior year here at Saint Peter's, especially now that we have a new coach."

Bielan comes into Saint Peter's with motivation and goals to start off the Peacocks on a good foot. "My short term goal is to get in excellent student-athletes to represent Saint Peter's and to give back to the community," said Bielan. "Our long term goals is to make it to the MAAC Tournament if not win it and bring Saint Peter's women's soccer back to the forefront in the country."

With his goals, he brings a plan and priorities. Bielan has gotten to business, jumping on the recruiting process. With a roster consisting of only eight players after multiple transfers and graduating seniors, recruiting for the upcoming season is crucial.

"A goalkeeper is a priority and everything else is open right now," said Bielan. "We need to mesh the new and returning players together as a family. To foster and to the new players the Saint Peter's University concepts and make sure that they are all great ambassadors or our university."

Gray agrees that a goalkeeper is one of their major priorities.

"We really do need a goalkeeper," said Gray. "But our biggest priority is being able to field a team before our season that starts in August."

Bielan speaks of great confidence for the upcoming season, and for the girls, they're



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A Successful Year in Athletics

BY TEVIN CUNNINGHAM
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Championships have been won, awards have been received, and big changes have been made. It has been a respectfully successful year for Saint Peter's University Athletics. There has been team, individual, coach, and department accomplishments. Nevertheless, each peacock, win or lose, played hard as they represented Saint Peter's University.

Women's track & field won their third consecutive MAAC championship this year. Ever since 2011, the women's track team has been dominating the competition, winning race after race and going home with their heads held high. They have high hopes of winning a fourth championship in 2014. Track & Field head coach, Michael Massone, won coach of the year for the third time in a row.

The Swimming & Diving coach, Mohamad Abdelaal, won men's coach of year. Demonstrating genuine leadership and expressing

inspiration throughout the whole team, men and women, he coached the men through a well-accomplished season and the most successful season for the women to date.

Senior Lovro Bilonic, swimmer, won male athlete of the year. He was also named the Men's Most Outstanding Swimmer of MAAC and he broke the MAAC 200m Breaststroke record. He was the first member of the Saint Peters swim team to make it to NCAA.

Senior Renee Bryzki, track athlete, won female athlete of the year. She is a heptathlete so she does many events such as hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put, sprints and mid distance events. She is the 60-meter hurdle indoor champion. Not only is Renee and excellent athlete she is a distinguished scholar. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta National Sociology Honor Society, Tri Beta National Biology Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society, Psi Chi International Psychology Honor Society and Sigma Alpha Pi National Society of

Leadership and Success.

Senior Alex Frakes, tennis player, won male scholar athlete of the year. Frakes is a member of Phi Alpha Theta History honor society and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. He will be attending the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in the fall.

Senior Jamie Lisanti, soccer, won female scholar athlete of the year. Lisanti has proven herself to be an outstanding scholar through her hard-work and meritorious accomplishments. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society and she was awarded most noble order of the peacock. She was also accepted to Columbia School of Journalism.

Saint Peter's University's athletics continues to produce excellent athletes and honorable scholars. Never giving up and striving to accomplish their goals, the peacocks and peahens show their spirit during competition and in the classroom.



Athlete of the Week: An Athletic Q & A

BY JAMIE LISANTI
Staff Writer

Stephanie Gilronan is a red-shirt junior on the Saint Peter's softball team, and is weeks away from getting back into the swing of things on the field after having two knee surgeries.

Pauw Wow: How long have you been playing softball? Why did you choose Saint Peter's to continue your career?

Stephanie Gilronan: My brother would make me play baseball with him when I was three years old, but I started softball competitively when I was five. The location and atmosphere of the school made me want to come to Saint Peter's. I love the fact I could hop on the train and be in the city or Hoboken in minutes, and that I am close to my family but have the experience of living on my own.

PW: You are coming back from various knee injuries and surgeries. Can you

explain what happened with your knees?

SG: A year ago, after having patella tracking disorder and structural problems in both my knees that had progressively gotten worse, the team doctor gave me a choice - to either stop playing, or get surgery to cure my condition for life and have a chance to return to my last two years of softball. On April 16th, I had distal patella realignment surgery, and 3 months later on July 18th, I had MPFL reconstruction. In simple terms, they cut my ligament to detach the patella, reshaped, cleaned up, lowered my patella, and reattached the ligament where it is suppose to be. Then they cut and repositioned my shinbone to agree with the new path my patella would be on.

PW: How has everything you've gone through in the past year affected you?

SG: It has certainly been a physical struggle for me, but more of a mental struggle more than anything. It's been torture sitting out while

my team is out there playing. Now that I am weeks away, I have never been so ready and excited for something in my entire life. Having something you love get ripped out of your life has given me a whole different outlook on life. You discover who you are when you are faced with adversity.

PW: If you could describe your team in three words, what would they be/why?

SG: Fun, family and hardworking. Fun, because we are weirdly hysterical and just weird together as a whole. A family, because we are more than just teammates and friends, we would do anything for each other on or off the field. And hardworking, because this is the hardest working group of 16 girls I have ever played with.

Favorite food: Alaskan King crab legs and asparagus

Favorite Athlete: Derek Jeter

Favorite color: Light teal

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