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Candidates Combat Climate Change

By Callan Sheridan
News Editor

The recent Democratic debate has kept the 2016 Presidential race in the front of people's minds. It also brings major campaign issues to the public's attention. Among these issues is climate change, a topic that is still unable to capture the full support of candidates - and voters.

Despite claims that climate change is a fabricated phenomena, researchers and scientists continue to assert its validity. NASA has confirmed that multiple studies published in peer reviewed journals show that 97% or more of climate scientists agree:



NASA Global Warming Line Graph.

climate warming trends over the past century are occurring and they are very likely due to human

activity. Several scientific societies including the Intergovern-

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No Stress No Stress No Stress

By Briana Benitez
Staff Writer

Celeste Agosto bites her nails down to nibs. She's on her fourth cup of coffee and it's only 11am yet somehow it doesn't feel like enough. Her thoughts are all over the place and she feels her anxiety slowly rising. There's one reason behind this: she's stressed.

According to the American Psychological Association, more than half of working adults- and 47% of all Americans- say they are concerned with the amount of stress in their lives.

"I always feel stressed out, but to alleviate my stress I write, listen to music, and smoke cigarettes," said senior, Kevin Ruta.

Many individuals look to the comfort of cigarettes or alcohol to reduce the amount of stress they are facing. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, this is in fact the opposite of what individuals should do. They may seem like a temporary quick fix to your problem but can ultimately cause health problems along the road and lead to more stress.

"I used to smoke cigarettes to ease my stress, but I quit because I wanted better health for myself. It's funny cause if you think about cigarettes psychologically it's a way of damaging yourself and what people don't realize is that even if your stress is gone momentarily you're still causing self harm in the end," said sophomore, Vera Jimenez.

Jimenez added that since quitting, she now uses chocolate to reduce stress because it releases endorphins in your brain and makes her feel happy instead of stressed.

During a press conference, Ronald Becker, Director of Center for Personal Development, gave insight to the cause and effects of stress as well as the cause and effects of drug and alcohol use.

"What typically happens to students in this age group is they start to deal with the consequences of actions when living alone with no one looking over their shoulder. Now they're in a position of having to take ownership of something entirely themselves. As a result, what typically happens is you develop a hierarchy of importance. We look at this in the context of what's immediately relevant."

Becker gave an example of what hierarchy importance looks like: an individual choosing to go out rather than complete his or her paper that is due in a week. As opposed to having done that paper in the last three weeks. In this scenario, the individual has prolonged their stress.

"Right now in my life work, school, pledging for the business fraternity, living up to the best person I can be for my girlfriend, making my parents proud, and making myself proud is what stresses me out," said sophomore, Karl Horvat.

Horvat added that his best weapon against stress is time management.

"I plan my day out so I have ample time to get everything done and what I can't get accomplished I will make time for and sacrifice personal time so that I can get them done," said Horvat.

According to the American Psychological Association, reducing your stress levels not only

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Abandoning Traditions for the American Dream

By Bridget Whitefield
Contributing Writer

"When I was 15 my dad told me he had a big plan ahead of me, when I turned 18 or 19 and when I would be thinking about college," she said. "He told me he wasn't going to tell me about it so I wouldn't worry, but he said to work hard and do my best every day so I could make his dream come true."

5,774 miles and an 11 hour and 44 minute plane ride away. Cairo, Egypt is one of the most populated countries in the Middle East and has one of the largest Arab populations in the world. Ethnic Egyptians fill 95% of this country, being very conservatively Muslim and the most widely spoken language is Arabic. Hala Mostafa Elshaarawy was born and raised in this country and decided to leave home for the first time to



Hala Mostafa in her game jersey
@Neechelle Ingram

come to the United States and attend Saint Peter's University to join the women's basketball team.

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News

Candidates Combat

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mental Panel on Climate Change and the American Association for the Advancement of Science have released statements confirming this opinion.

In 2007, the American Physical Society released a statement saying “The evidence is incontrovertible: Global warming is occurring. If no mitigating actions are taken, significant disruptions in Earth’s physical and ecological systems..., security and human health are likely to occur. We must reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses beginning now.”

The majority of Americans seem to have accepted the facts of climate change, and are

looking to their government for action. This acceptance and push for action seems to arise more from liberal America, as 89% of Democrats say they will see the effects of global warming in their lifetime, and 81% agree that it is a result of human activity. This is compared to 37% of Republican who say they will see the effects in their lifetime, and 21% who believe global warming is a result of human activity, according to a Gallup poll.

Junior Nick Chciuk agrees that global warming is real...to a degree. “I think...yeah, it could be real. But I don’t think it’s something we need to be worried about.”

Candidate Stance						
Candidate	Has said climate change is real	Has said climate change is man-made	Has called for some degree of action on climate change	Has explicitly said humans will combat climate change if elected	Has made specific proposals to reduce emissions	Opposes Keystone XL
Carly Fiorina (R)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Jim Gilmore (R)	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	No	No	No
Lindsey Graham (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Mike Huckabee (R)	No ²	No	No	No	No	No
Bobby Jindal (R)	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes ¹	No
John Kasich (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
George Pataki (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Rand Paul (R)	Yes ³	No	No ⁴	No	No	No
Marco Rubio (R)	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Rick Santorum (R)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Donald Trump (R)	No	No	No	No	No	No

Nonetheless, a Pew Research Center poll found that 71% of Americans believe the government should do whatever it takes to protect the environment.

Public sentiments on climate change may prove to be a motivating factor for candidates, as some donors are prepared to back candidates who cite climate change as a major issue. In the 2014 elections, billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer spent \$74 million to support Democratic candidates who made climate change a critical issue, according to NPR.

The right side of the political spectrum is getting behind environmentally conscientious candidates as well. Republican

businessman Jay Faison has said he will put \$175 million behind the campaign of a conservative who embraces the need to combat climate change, according to Politico.

That must mean Donald Trump is out of the running for that money - an NPR article has stated that Trump responds “no” across the board in response to whether climate change is real, whether it’s man-made, if he has called for any action on climate change, if he has said he will combat climate change, and if he has made specific proposals to reduce emissions.

Fellow Republican Ben Carson shares the same answers to those questions as Trump, along

with Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, and Ted Cruz- although those last three candidates do admit at least that climate change is real.

For Chciuk, this doesn’t matter as much. “It’s not a big issue for me. It’d be better if [a candidate] at least recognizes it as a thing... [but] whether or not [they do]... doesn’t really affect my position.”

In stark contrast to Trump is Democratic poster child Hillary Clinton, who responded “yes” to all questions which Trump answered “no.”

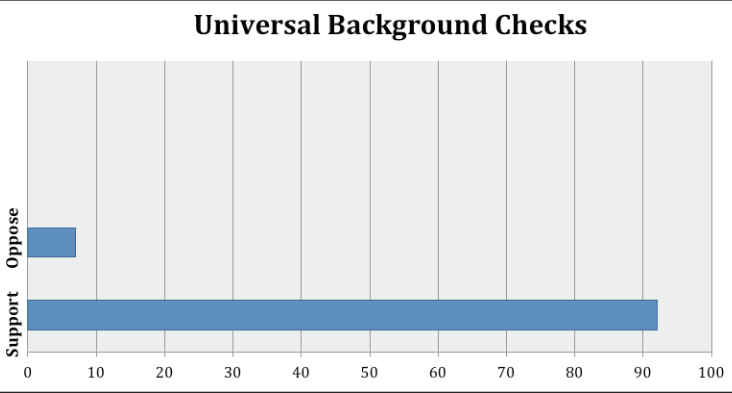
Student Cian Kneeshaw would be more apt to support a candidate like Clinton, who makes climate change a priority. “It’s a big deal,” he says, “and it affects us all as humans.”

Regardless of the effect climate change will have on the environment, it seems the issue will certainly impact the Presidential race. The issues a candidate feels strongly about very well may affect the direction of the country for the next four or eight years.

Candidate Stance						
Candidate	Has said climate change is real	Has said climate change is man-made	Has called for some degree of action on climate change	Has explicitly said humans will combat climate change if elected	Has made specific proposals to reduce emissions	Opposes Keystone XL
Lincoln Chafee (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Hillary Clinton (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mark O'Malley (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bernie Sanders (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Webb (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Joe Biden (D)	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	No	No	No
Ben Carson (R)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Chris Christie (R)	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	No	No	No
Ted Cruz (R)	It's complicated ²	No	No	No	No	No
Carly Fiorina (R)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Jim Gilmore (R)	Yes	Yes ¹	Yes	No	No	No
Lindsey Graham (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Candidate Stance

Clinton and Sanders Clash on Gun Control



By Christopher Flores
Contributing Writer

Gun control was the first issue raised at the first Democratic debate, and it’s an issue that deeply divides the two frontrunners, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. While the two candidates refrained from any cheap, personal attacks, they did not refrain from debating their discernible differences when it comes to one of the most controversial subjects in the country. The recent mass shooting at a community college in Oregon has brought gun control back into the spotlight. Since

the tragic shooting in Newtown, Connecticut in 2012, there have been 142 school shootings – 45 occurred just this year, according to The Guardian. The Center for Disease Control reported that 33,000 people die every year in America from guns, concluding that guns kill more people in America every six hours than terrorist attacks did in the entire year of 2014.

“It scares me because rates are showing that the place I’m most likely to be shot at is a college campus,” student Kaitlyn Sitton said. She is an advocate for

stricter gun control laws and believes our next president needs to be more aggressive when dealing with this issue.

Bernie Sanders voted five times against the Brady Bill, which mandates background checks on gun purchases. The Senator also supported a bill that protects gun manufacturers from being sued if their gun was used in a crime.

While Sanders is typically more left than Clinton on issues of economics, this is one matter where Clinton can really tout her progressivism. At the debate, Clinton called for universal background checks and proudly cited her vote against the bill that protects gun manufacturers.

Sitton, like Clinton, does not believe Sanders is tough enough on guns.

“I’m a big Bernie fan but his gun policy is the only thing that I don’t like,” Sitton said. She went on to say that Clinton’s stance on gun control is one she more agrees with.

However, not all students believe that the way to solve gun

violence is by enacting stricter gun control laws.

“[Gun control laws] won’t make a dent,” Nicholas Chciuk said. “Criminals are criminals... there’s a black market out there and criminals are going to get those guns anyway they can,” he continued.

But according to a Quinnipiac poll conducted last year, 50% of voters support stricter gun control laws and 92% support universal background checks.

Democrats overwhelmingly support enforcing stricter gun control laws, which is why Clinton has been capitalizing on the issue.

“This has gone on too long and it’s time the entire country stood up against the NRA,” she said at the debate.

Chciuk believes the United States should treat mentally-ill people rather than enforce gun laws.

“If we treated mental health issues in this country like they do in other places around the world, it wouldn’t be as much of an

issue,” he said.

Sanders discussed the importance of raising mental health awareness at the debate.

“There are thousands of people in this country today who... can’t get the mental health care they need because they don’t have insurance or are too poor,” Sanders said. “I believe everyone in this country who has a mental crisis has got to get mental health counseling immediately,” he continued.

President of St. Peter’s University, Eugene Cornacchia, believes the next commander-in-chief should enforce common sense gun laws.

“It is my hope that the next president is dedicated to reducing unnecessary gun deaths and is focused on keeping guns out of the hands of children, the mentally-ill, and of course, criminals,” President Cornacchia said.

Are We Prepared?

By Claudia Loh
Management

Would you know what to do if there were a shooter on campus?

In the wake of all these school shootings, have any of us stopped to think about our safety?

In 2015, according to Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, there have been 52 school shootings nationwide. Of those 52, at least half of them occurred on college or university campuses. In the month of October alone, there has been eight shootings.

These shootings spark debate about mental health and gun control.

National policy debate aside, has anyone stopped to ask about our own school? What is Saint Peter's University doing to keep us safe?

After speaking to a few students, they expressed that they have a lack of knowledge of what to do in the situation of an active shooter on campus.

Saint Peter's University is a small and older campus compared to other universities. There are obvious gaps in the security on campus.

Though every building requires a One Card ID we still are an open campus. What measures is Saint Peter's doing to keep us safe?



Campus Safety Building @Claudia Loh

Scott Torre is the Director of Campus Safety. Torre began working at Saint Peter's in January of 2014. Torre previously worked as the deputy chief of police in New Providence, NJ, with more than 30 years of experience under his belt.

Saint Peter's is such a small and old institution, and so many policies are either out of date or do not exist at all.

Torre explains, "When I got here they didn't have an active

shooter plan in place. That is something that I am currently working on with the board of trustees and president."

"But presenting a plan is only the first step in creating a more secure university," Torre explains.

Over spring break last year, locks were installed on all classroom doors. And Torre says that by the end of this 2015 we should have 18 new high-end emergency boxes on campus.

"Most of the emergency boxes are yellow and old. When I walk around and ask kids if they know what that box is, almost all of them say they don't know," said Torre.

Torre says that action plans are not the only way to keep the University safe. He said that, "During the snowstorms last year we sent out a message through our Text Message Security Alerts and only 800 phones received it. That is not nearly as close as many students that we have."

Torre explains that this is one of the ways that the school would notify everyone in case of an

emergency on campus. He urges that everyone should sign up for these free text messages provided by the school.

Currently there is no University wide active shooter plan. Torre has assured me that an action plan is in the works but it is being reviewed and he cannot discuss it at the moment.

He has promised that once he can speak about what the university-wide plan is he will be giving The Pauw Wow an exclusive interview regarding what is to come.

Saint Peter's has some catching up to do with their security procedures, and we as a community have to be more informed regarding safety.

Do you think you are informed about our schools emergency measures? What does Saint Peter's need to do to make you feel safe?

Tell us your opinion! You may see it in next week's issue!

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Sugar Daddies Gain Popularity

By Sam Storms
Contributing Writer

Courtney* turns down the dimness setting on her phone so that she can check the sugar daddy website that she recently joined.

According to seekingarrangement.com, a site for sugar babies and daddies to find each other, "An arrangement is where people are direct with one another and stop wasting time. It allows people to immediately define what they need and want in a relationship. Our profiles allow members to effortlessly state their expectations. This is what we like to call 'Relationships on Your Terms.'"

The point of having a sugar daddy is to be involved in a "mutually beneficial" relationship that

benefits both parties involved. Typically, it includes an older male and a younger female.

Lee Harrison, a senior at Saint Peter's University said, "It's a good way to make money - if you're able to get passed the problem of self dignity, and you're able to live with yourself."

A sugar daddy is defined as, "successful men and women who know what they want. They're driven, and enjoy attractive company by their side. Money isn't an issue, thus they are generous when it comes to supporting a Sugar Baby," according to seekingarrangement.com.

Candice Koch, a junior at Saint Peter's University said, "They can't say that you have to sleep with them but it is implied. It is basically prostitution without

saying it's prostitution."

Sugar babies are, "attractive people looking for the finer things in life. They appreciate exotic trips and gifts. Sugar Babies get to experience a luxurious lifestyle, and meet wealthy people on a regular basis."

Max* has had experiences with a sugar daddy and he feels that sugar babies can learn a lot from their sugar daddies. "The whole relationship dynamic is genuine because they are not only looking for sex. Many are looking to spoil their sugar babies." Max feels that they are responsible people and generally they are divorced or just haven't found the one they are looking for.

* - These names have been changed

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Life Style

Benefiting from Pleasuring Yourself

By Krystal Nurse
Contributing writer

Tired, worn out, and satisfied — how people usually feel after having sex, and according to multiple studies, they are not wrong, but there's more to gain.

According to Planned Parenthood's 2007 "Health Benefits of Sexual Expression" study, sex plays a major role in improving a person's quality of life from their physical health, to psychological.

For one's psychological health, sex plays a big factor in reducing stress. During and after an orgasm, the neurotransmitter and hormone oxytocin is released. When it's not present, levels of stress soar and become difficult to breakdown. If it isn't tackled in a timely fashion, mental health issues can arise.

"For example, low levels of oxytocin are correlated with higher incidence of anxiety disorders," reported David Weeks, former head of old age psychology at Royal Edinburgh Hospital, from Planned Parenthood's study. "Further, increased levels of oxy-



different items of clothing, @Krystal Nurse are gone! It's the greatest thing in the world."

tocin have been shown to reduce stress and alter an individual's response to stress. Orgasm relieves tension as oxytocin stimulates feelings of warmth and relaxation."

All interviewed agreed with the report, however, some students' names were changed in compliance with anonymity.

"It does relieve it," said Samantha Wilson*. "I pick fights purposely so that he can get mad, and I can get mad, and we just sex it out."

"I've used sex to relieve stress multiple times," said Chris Brabson. "It's a great thing. Best way. All of your trials and tribulations

It also has more health benefits than being an alternative stress reliever.

According to the same report, it found that men and women had a lower risk when they had sex more than once a month. Women's risk for breast cancer lowered with a higher amount of sex partners.

"A woman's lifetime risk decreased as the number of male sex partners increased, leading to further speculation that this immune response may be a result of sperm antigens, as well as fetal antigens," reported Planned

Parenthood.

As far as prostate cancer, a 15% decreased risk was related to ejaculating more than three times a week. Researchers concluded that carcinogens could be getting flushed from the prostate or as a result of the release of oxytocin.

Male students, however, do not like the idea of masturbating due to the lack of feeling another person since it's a solo activity.

"It feels different," said Joe Smith*. "For one, you know it's yourself doing it. If you're with someone, you do it with them. Second, a vagina feels different than a hand."

When asked if he had the same relaxed feelings after masturbating opposed to sex, Brabson replied, no.

The Huffington Post sided with the report's notion that sex adds benefits to life other than satisfying the drive or fulfilling the horny sensation.

According to a 1985 article written by sexologist Beverly Whipple, "Pain tolerance threshold and pain detection threshold increased significantly

by 74.6 percent and 106.7 percent respectively."

Science has also found that it adds years to your life. In 1993, Duke Longitudinal Studies published data that stated men with active sex lives live longer. Women who enjoy their sex lives add eight years to their lives, opposed to those who were indifferent.

As far as actually having sex, Chris Brabson advises that consent needs to be clear among both participants.

"It really depends on the person," said Brabson. "If you really, really care about them, you wait. You definitely wait, you both have to be on the same plane. But if you just 'hit it and quit it,' then you don't have to wait."

It is highly recommended that a couple, whether heterosexual or homosexual, should practice safe sex. Condoms, birth control pills, or spermicide are readily available at any common drug or convenience store. If masturbating, use what's recommended by the manufacturer and clean regularly if a toy is being used in conjunction with the hand.

Review For The Xbox One

By Christopher Brabson
Contributing Writer

Gamers are a tough bunch. We want the best and want it as fast as we can. The first thing we need to know is what the consoles are going to be like. For Xbox fans, the latest offering is the Xbox One. This console took everything that made Xbox great and pushed it to the point to where it is more than just a video game console. It is now your one stop shop for entertainment.

The first thing that catches your attention is the design. It is heavier than the Xbox 360 but the lines are smoother. There are a few color choices as well. There is the normal black one and there are some special edition versions. The one used for this review is the Forza Motorsport 6 Xbox one. There is a Halo 5 version that has just hit retailers and there is a white version as well. Space varies from system to system. The original version has 500gb of space. The version used

to have 1TB of space, which is double the original version. The power button is a touch and go. Setting it up is easy. When you first turn it on it asks you your language and time zone. It also tests your Internet connection so one can get online really easily. After the setup is complete is where the Xbox One really comes into its own.

For a long time, video game consoles were just about video games. There wasn't anything extra to them. They played the games you wanted, and that was it. As years progressed, video game consoles became more than just about the games. Entertainment has changed, so consoles are used for more than just playing video games. The Xbox One proves this. The interface is amazing and easy to navigate.

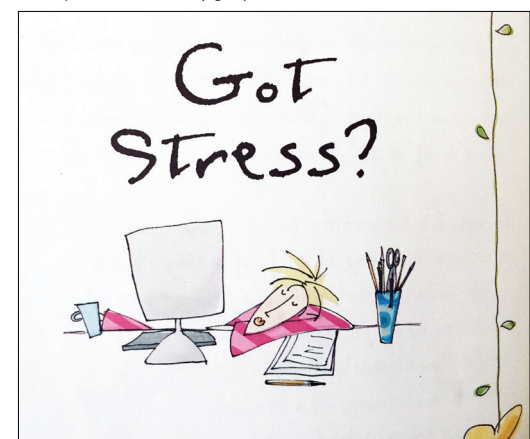
When one thinks of apps on a console, one would think there aren't too many. Netflix, Hulu, and other services like that are common. However, there is much

more. Not only are there music apps, but there are also services like NBA GameTime. CBS Sports is also on the console. There is even programming for gamers. Major League Gaming, or MLG, is featured as well to download. It turns a console into an entire playground for everyone to enjoy. The entire family does not have to sit and watch you play Call of Duty while they are bored out of their minds. Now, everyone can sit, watch Netflix and have a movie night without having to worry about the cable box anymore. Or, you and your friends can watch Sports without turning on ESPN.

The Xbox One has taken the console world by storm. Competitors like Sony Playstation 4 are also pushing the envelope for consoles. The fight for best console will always live on and the Xbox One's sheer variety and flexibility allow it to be a serious contender for being the best in stores.

No Stress

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@ Briana Benitez

make you feel better right now but may also protect your health in the long-run.

The APA gives self-help tips to reducing your levels of stress:

Identify the source- once you know what's bothering you; develop a plan for addressing it.

Build strong relationships- reach out to friends/family let them know you're having a tough time; they may be able to offer practical assistance or advice.

Rest your mind- try to get the recommended 7-8 hours of sleep; cutting back on caffeine and removing distractions such as a phone or TV can make the falling asleep process that much easier. Research shows that yoga and relaxation exercises not only reduce stress but also boost immune functioning.

Class Registration

By Olivia Monahan
Lifestyle Editor

As Eric rushes to class to make his 11 AM midterm, he gets a notification to his Saint Peter's email. Hopeful for a class cancellation, he opens the email. What Eric finds is a little less exciting than a class cancellation but a notification that spring semester registration begins in November.

Picking classes and perfecting next semester's schedule can be a daunting task for some students. Priority registration, registration for athletes, honors students, and upperclassmen, begins on November 2. Regular registration begins on November 4.

Here are some helpful tips to make registering for classes a little less stressful.

MEET WITH YOUR ADVISORS: Make sure to meet with ALL of your advisors before your registration date. In order to be allowed to register online you have to be approved by your advisors first. Meeting with your advisors will also help you figure out what you still need to take to graduate on time.

REVIEW YOUR AUDIT: On SPIRITOnline you can find your

academic evaluation which is an audit of all the classes you have taken and the classes that you need. Make sure to review the audit with your advisor to make sure you're taking the classes that you actually need. Your academic evaluation will also tell you where you are with graduation and what would happen if you were to change your major.

PICK YOUR CLASSES: Before you meet with your advisors, pick the classes you find interesting. Your advisor will be able to help you decide which classes to actually take.

PICK BACKUP CLASSES: Popular classes will fill up very quickly and if you're not fast enough, you might miss it. Make sure to pick at least 3 classes that you wouldn't mind taking in case some of your top choices fill up fast.

WATCH FOR OPENINGS: If that one class that you were really excited about taking fills up fast, don't be discouraged. Check back during the first week of school for any available openings. It's likely that some people will drop the class after the first class meeting so make sure to be alert!

The Haunting of The Refund Check

By Chris Williams
Sports Editor

Gucci belts, gold chains, and Jordan sneakers are usually what you see at Saint Peter's University on every student in October and March. If you're wondering why those specific months were named, it's because the glorious and illustrious refund check is handed to students.

When the loan you take out is more than the actual loan needed, the remainder of the money is given to students. While some students take out exactly how much is needed, others would take out up to \$3000 extra.

"I mean, I don't take out too much," said sophomore Gary Stanford. "But I'll take out maybe \$1500 extra. It's money to get me new things while it's also a necessity for food for the year in case I don't have a job."

Most students on campus are braggadocios when they get their refund check. All of a sudden, you see kids wearing the latest sneakers, buying the iPhone 6s, or even going on vacation to California. Do students realize that they have to pay all of this money back including interest?

"I know I have to pay it all back which is why I take the exact amount out" said Junior Naeem

Queen. "If I do take more out, that money is going right back to Sallie Mae."


Sure, if the school is emailing you that your \$1750 is in Enrollment Services waiting to be picked up, you're going there with no hesitation loving your newfound wealth. But six months after you graduate, the trips to California and the \$300 sneakers don't seem so important when you are looking at the debt collector dead in the face.

Just do the math. If you take out \$2000 each semester for all four years and don't spend anything on books or paying off some of the loan, that's an extra \$16,000 you're paying off which is not even including your overall debt from the other loans if there are any.

Some students grow smarter over the years. After taking out so much money for their refund check freshman year, they won't take out nearly as much the following three years because they grow a substantial amount of understanding of what lies in the future.

While some students understand this, the other's still don't care. The kids who rocked Gucci freshman year will be rocking Gucci senior year. Unfortunately, when you see those people two years after graduation, they won't be rocking Gucci anymore.

We'll just have to wait and see how everything plays out. If there was a virtual camera recording everyone's reactions after viewing his or her loan papers, the world would be a funnier place.


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Dear Student,

Your refund check will be ready for pick up on **Thursday, October 15, 2015** at the Enrollment Service Center, located on the 1st floor of McDermott Hall.

Our office hours are **Monday** through **Thursday** 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and **Friday** 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Please bring a valid ID with you to pick up your refund.

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Lillian Pereira
 Student Accounts Specialist
 Controller's Office/Finance & Business

@ Chris Williams

WHO'S THE REAL WINNER IN FANTASY FOOTBALL?

By Gabriella Robles
Social Media Editor

The use of fantasy football sites has easily become one of the most vital parts of the football-watching experience. FanDuel and DraftKings have raised more money in the past year than in the history of the fantasy sports industry combined.

Although, these two fantasy sports outlets have been subject to debate after a DraftKings employee won \$350,000 on his FanDuel account.

This has caused many to question the integrity of these companies' access to data that could provide them with an unfair advantage when participating in fantasy football games.

This incident has raised the question—Should the employees of fantasy football companies be allowed to participate in leagues?

"If there was a way to prove that the employees aren't cheating, then I guess it would be okay for them to play as well. But there are people out there that treat these websites as if it were the stock market and insider trading is illegal...So it's hard to say," said Jerry Neri, a player of both FanDuel and DraftKings.

Both companies followed up the same week by issuing statements that they have banned employees from playing fantasy sports games for money.

"We are temporarily restricting employees from participating in DFS contests as an interim

measure while we work with the fantasy industry to develop and implement a more formal policy," the statement said.

Despite the issued statements, DraftKings and FanDuel's integrity continue to be criticized by the media.

After the press release, news platforms such as Bloomberg Business and The New York Times wrote stories including the titles "You Aren't Good Enough to Win Money Playing Daily Fantasy Football" and "DraftKings and FanDuel are Not Your Friends", which urged participants to beware.

"I've virtually given up on ever winning. You cannot win no matter how good or lucky you are when employees and owners

of these companies are rigging the lineups," fantasy player, Chad Levinger, told CNNMoney.

Neri provided a similar outlook: "I don't go into leagues that cost more than 10 dollars because of the possibility of cheating going on."

Although, it is difficult to say that employees should not be allowed to participate when the companies identify themselves as non-gambling. If this is the case, the participation of employees would not be considering insider-trading and is not illegal.

On the official FanDuel website, the company describes themselves as "a game of skill." They continue by stating, "Winners are determined by the individuals who use their skill

and knowledge of relevant professional sports information and fantasy sports rules to accumulate the most fantasy points."

"We look at it and say, 'It's not gambling,'" Matt King, FanDuel's chief financial officer told USA Today. "It's an entertainment product."

Yet, despite the scandals that have risen, DraftKings and FanDuel's member-base still continues to rise. Jerry Neri provided a possible answer for this.

"Most people I know play for the bragging rights of beating their friends rather than for the actual money."

GHOSTING

By Jenna Carbin
Editor in Chief

Imagine you've been dating someone for six months, everything is going great in your opinion, when out of the blue your significant other stops contacting you or replying to your calls and texts. Now imagine every time you go to their dorm or home their parents or roommate tell you they aren't there, nowhere to be found ever until a week or two later you see them in the quad kissing someone else. This type of break-up is the latest form of relationship scandal referred to as Ghosting.

Ghosting has nothing to do with Halloween and the month of October, rather it has everything to do with hook-ups, relationships, and cuffing season. This term is used when a person in a relationship decides to leave the other person. The different part about this from a regular break up is the person leaving doesn't tell their now ex-significant other. Hence the ghost reference.

This type of "hi and bye" can be emotionally scarring to the person who was just ghosted.

Nicholas Dawybida, a freshman, explains what he saw when his friend was ghosted "Severe emotional toll, a heavy toll for sure. really upset, just a complete lack of understanding as to what is going on. It certainly made me mad to see my friend going through that. Just the confusion and sadness, and just pure upsetness."

Originally, most people believed that the text message break-up was the worst thing to happen to this generation in break-up types. Now that ghosting is possible people have a similar negative opinion on it as well.

Gabriel Russotto, a freshman said, "I think it's a pretty selfish thing to do. So like you don't really care about the other person, you're just looking out for your own self and what's best for you. I think doing that is pretty selfish of a person."

Dawybida agrees saying, "I think it's pretty cowardly. I honestly can't understand how a person could do that. In a relationship if you're trying to break-up that's really something

you should talk about not just disappear."

These men have these options based on how they assume or have seen the outcome of a situation when ghosting someone or being ghosted, but Rachel Villa, a freshman, has been a victim of such a break-up.

Villa recounted on her experience, "I have not ever done it, but I have had someone do it to me and it was the most annoying thing I could ever experience, because you think the person dropped off the face of the earth and they forgot about your existence. It's like: I'm still here, I'm still here, no, no, don't do that. It's like I need to know, at least, if you're alive or not. even a little card slide it under my door saying: I'm still here but not with you."

This type of break-up has many effects on the person who is receiving the ghost disappearance. Abandonment issues, as well as trust issues, thus leading to a negative place for the next relationship to grow. So, the consecutive opinion of ghosting seems to be: Don't.

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Weave: The New Remedy for Insecurity

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The salon is open where you sit for 4 hours as your hair is washed, combed, and blown out. Your hair is parted and braided in cornrows, tightly wrapping around in a crop circle around your head. Then, the sewing needle goes in and out through the braided hair and the long, beautiful, and expensive extensions are attached.

You can buy it in any length, color, texture, and even ethnicity. It ranges from 40 to 200 dollars and young girls of all races are lacing up and sewing in the hair of their dreams. Weave or extensions are being promoted everywhere, from social media to television, and has become a popular choice by the women on campus.

"I see more girls with weave than natural hair on campus," said Celesté McElveen, a senior at Saint Peter's University. "Girls of all races wear weave on campus."

According to Chris Rock's Documentary, Good Hair, the

hair industry makes 9 billion dollars a year and 65% of hair care revenue comes from women buying weave or extensions.

"I think all females on campus care about their hair", said McElveen. "It's a fight just to get to the mirror in the bathrooms. Everyone's always checking themselves out."

A study was done by Dove in 2011, and found that only 7% of women in the United States love their real hair. Weave has become the remedy, making women feel better about themselves.

"When I was younger I thought long hair was a necessity to be considered beautiful", Celeste says. "Every model I saw on television had hair down their back and that's what I wanted."

For Tashea Mccray, a sophomore at Saint Peter's University, hair is the most important accessory.

"If you're having a bad hair day, even if you look nice, you still don't look nice." She said seriously, rolling her eyes. "Your hair is the most important. Like if you

look bad, but your hair is done, you feel better about yourself. It's just a thing."

A Michigan feminist study said, for African Americans, hair can affect how they are treated, and in turn, how they feel about themselves. According to author Nowlie Rooks, African Americans can be accepted or rejected from certain social classes, and can possibly open up career opportunities based on style.

Weave is the easiest way to insure that you and your hair looks perfect. Many young women are looking at celebrities' long locks and feeling they need to add some length to be accepted.

According to Chris Rock in an interview with CNN, Janet Jackson spends over \$5,000 dollars on her hair before she goes to the Grammy's.

"Some women wear weave because most women in the entertainment industry sport weave. Young women have a desire to look like celebrities," said McElveen. "There are more women wearing weave in the in-



Store Manager assisting a customer, @Bridget Whitfield

dusty than those sporting their natural hair."

Whether it's weave or natural, people are choosing the hairstyle they prefer fits them best.

"Some people think wearing weave is bad or wearing weave isn't embracing your real hair",

Mccray says. "It's what you feel like what you look best in."

"It's what you feel makes you look good, and not about anything else."

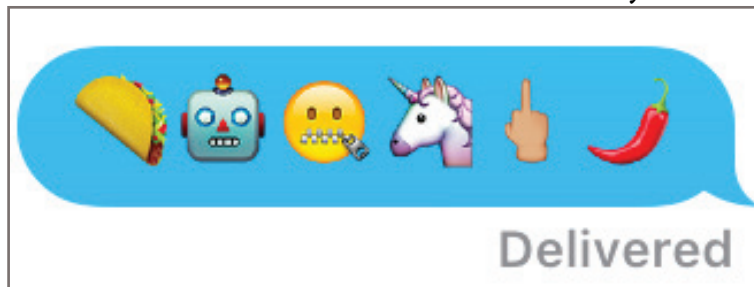
ART

The New Emojis Are In

By Daniela Franco
Arts Editor

Apple's iOS 9.1 update has introduced a total of 184 new emojis. Some of the most requested emojis such as the middle finger, taco, and the unicorn have all been added to your keyboard. Unicode, the emoji developer, has made the figures adaptable across various platforms including Apple and non-Apple devices. This allows the software to read the code for the emoji and place it on your screen while communicating with friends that

During that time, nearly 33,000 of you stood by our side and helped raise awareness of this issue. Well, today we are excited to announce that the Unicode Consortium, the group that oversees the creation of emojis, has approved the taco emoji."



In order from left to right, Taco Emoji, Robot Emoji, Zip lips Emoji, Unicorn, Middle Finger Emoji, Hot Chili Pepper Emoji, @Daniela Franco

have different software.

Unicode received requests from emoji users and even petitions from taco fanatics. Taco Bell felt so passionate about having a taco emoji they decided to start a petition. Change.org, the website that helped pioneer the taco emoji, has 32,802 supporters. The petition titled 'The Taco Emoji Needs To Happen' reads as follows,

"America wants a taco emoji. America needs a taco emoji. Help us. Sign this petition. Let's make the taco emoji official, Love Taco Bell."

As history has it, American democracy triumphs. After seven long months of petitioning, the taco emoji was approved by Unicode Consortium. Taco bell released a triumphant statement for all the taco enthusiasts.

"It's been seven months since we began the fight for food emoji equality and created the petition to get a taco emoji."

On October 23, 2015, emojitracker.com tracked 11,800,000,000 emojis being used by twitter users. Emojitracker.com is a website that helps track the most popular emojis by tracking billions of tweets every second. The most popular emojis suggested by Emojitracker.com are the laughing emoji with tears coming in first place, the black heart suit in second, and the red heart in third place.

The quick popularity of emojis began in Japan during the 1990s when a brand of pagers introduced emojis. The once geeky fad of Japanese teenagers quickly became a sensation with smart phone users. Emojis were introduced to Apple products in July 2011 during the Mac OS X Lion release. Since then, emojis have been a vital aspect of modern day communication and have changed the way smartphone users connect.

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They're Baaaack!

By Diamond Reid
Editor in Chief

You walk into Forever 21 and make your way to the shoe section and see a pair of jelly shoes and you begin to think, when did these make a comeback? History always has a way of repeating itself, even in the fashion world. You may think that we were the first generation to start some recent fashion trends but jelly shoes and a bold lipstick have definitely been around before. Take a look at some fashion trends from yesteryear making a fierce comeback today.

1. PLATFORM SHOES

You may remember the Spice Girls sporting these around and maybe even wearing them as a kid. In the '90s these were all the rage and defining "girl power" they seemed to fade away in the shift from the '90s to the '00s but recently they have made comeback being seen in stores like Forever 21 and even on the catwalk.

3. NEON COLORS

Gaining popularity in the '80s, bright neons were the colors to wear. With the colors being fun and vibrant, it's a wonder why these colors ever went out of style. Today, you can see them making a comeback with Jansport backpacks and sneakers.

5. AVIATOR SUNGLASSES

A big hit in the '80s after being sported in movies, these specs actually were developed in the 1930s for pilots to protect their eyes (hence the name aviator). They're even more popular than before being a staple in the fashion world made by almost any brand imaginable including Ray Bans.

"I never even knew these were around before, I thought that they were something new, until I saw Tom Cruise wearing them in a movie that came in like the '80s", Alexis Had-dock a senior at Saint Peter's said.

7. BACKPACKS

Back in the '90s everyone sported a backpack or a mini backpack and now in 2015 everyone is doing the same. They're not just used to school anymore, they have become a fashion trend coming in different prints, styles, and colors.

"I personally enjoy wearing a backpack, not because I carry a lot of things but because they can make a nice fashion statement."

9. WIDE LEGGED PATTERNED PANTS

You would see both men and women rocking this trend back in the '70s and '80s. This comfortable trend is back adding to the bohemian fashion trend. These pants can be found in H&M and Marshalls for as low as \$14.99.

2. HOOP EARRINGS

Becoming relevant in the disco era of the '60s and '70s, and then again in the '90s, these big earrings definitely made a statement. These accessories were popular in the past, but faded away due to criticism of being "trashy" and un-ladylike.

You can now see these earrings being sported again with a new attitude, paying homage to the '90s and being worn by celebrities like Khloe Kardashian and Rihanna. You can find these even in beauty supply store for only \$1!



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4. OVERALLS

"I remember wearing those as a kid in the '90s, and then they became played out and corny in the early 2000s. It's so crazy that now in 2015 they're popular again," Noelle Borders, a student at Saint Peter's said. Whether they're jeans or patterned, overalls have made a comeback.

6. JELLY SANDALS

Yes! Another classic throwback that many girls in their 20s-30s wore as children have come back to bring back some joy into every girls life. These shoes come in different styles including clear, colorful, and glittered, leaving many options to choose from. Designers like Vivienne Westwood have even jumped on board to revive the shoe.



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8. BUCKET HATS

They gained popularity in the '80s and '90s when rap was on the rise and rappers like LL Cool J were seen sporting the hat. This big floppy accessory disappeared for a few years, but it has returned coming in all types of colors and patterns being both fashionable for men and women.



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Selena Gomez Revival



Selena Gomez 's cover of her current album

By Danielle Pimentel
Online Editor

Long gone are the days of Wizards of Waverly Place, Selena Gomez has successfully broken free from her child star image. On October 9th, Gomez dropped her sophomore solo album, Revival. The sound is mature and polished. The content is aimed more at adults, rather than her previous fanbase of kids. The deluxe cover of the album even features a nude Gomez, sitting Indian style. Her new album contains elements of jazz and R&B. Gomez is moving away from her usual EDM and pop style she has become known for.

The lead single "Good For You", shows how Gomez grew as an artist. The song is an electropop and R&B slow jam, that incorporates elements of hip-hop. This song marks the first time Gomez collaborates with a rapper. The lyrics are sexually suggestive, especially A\$AP Rocky's verse. Gomez also makes references to Tiffany & Co. and Greek mythology.

The second single "Same Old Love", is an electropop song, with jazz elements to it. Though this song is break up song, it also speaks out on staying with a partner who isn't good for you. The lyrics depict a woman telling her lover to leave after a fight that they've had many times before. This single features uncredited background vocals from Charli XCX.

This former child star is officially all grown up. Revival is now on iTunes and Google Play, as well as streaming on Spotify.

Spotlight

Abandoning Traditions for the American Dream

(Continued from pg. 1)

She's now a senior, starting her last season of her career in November and graduating in May.

"I wanted to come to the US just for basketball", she shakes her head like she's said something wrong. "Well also for a better education, but mainly basketball."

"In Egypt, they don't really care about women's basketball," she said. "I wanted to try something different. When I would see women playing college basketball on tv, I said, I want to be a part of this."

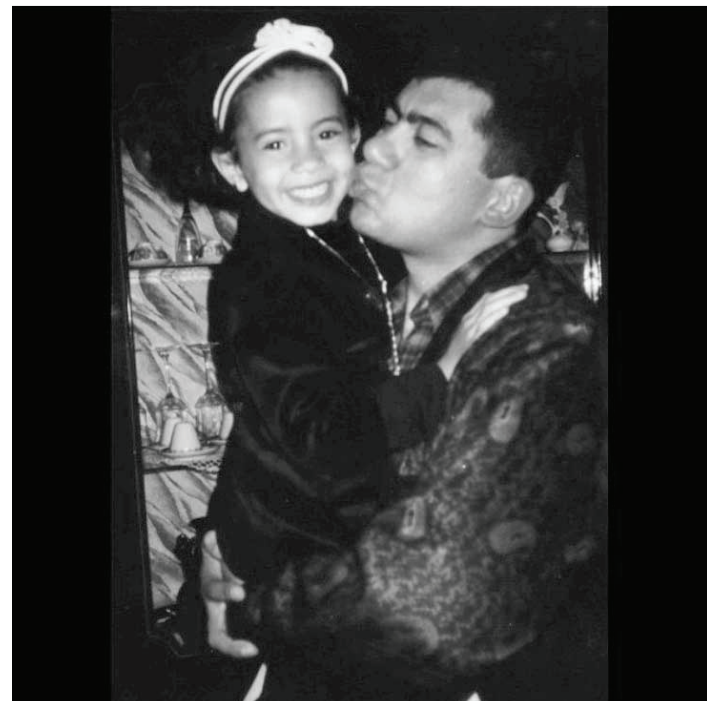
Her father, Mostafa Elshaarawy, was someone who understood her dreams, more than many people in her life did.

"Where I'm from, it's really strict and really really religious," she said. "The families are not like how my Dad raised me. He's very open minded and he trusts me, but all my friends and family fought my dad, because he let me go (to the US) by myself, as a girl."

Women in Egypt are the caretakers and housewives, they have equal rights, but men have more power than women at home, according to everyculture.com. That's their culture, but Elshaarawy's father wanted her to experience something different and be an independent woman.

"My dad fought them back and said you're fighting me now, but when she comes back you'll see how much she will change for the better, and nothing bad is going to happen to my daughter."

Elshaarawy has played a total of 88 minutes of division 1 basketball, averaging 5 points a game, and has 100 blocks, which is 28 away from beating the record at Saint Peter's University.



Hala Mostafa at the age of 4 with her father @Hala Mostafa

She'll graduate in the spring of 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a minor in business law.

And she's done it all for her father, wearing his name, Mostafa, on the back of her jersey.

"When he was a player he got offered to play in the US, but his dad was strict and closed minded," she said. "He thought my dad would have went crazy in the US and he didn't want to risk it. So my dad wanted me to go, so he can see how successful he could have been through me."

"How do you feel about graduation coming so soon?"

She looks around; she smiles slightly and puts her head down.

"Well I don't know", she said. "I'm so excited but at the same time I really really sad and I don't want to leave because I don't

know what the future's going to bring me."

Not only has her dad had dreams for her to fulfill, her mother has aspirations for her daughter as well.

"My mom wants me to get married and stuff but I don't really think about that right now," she said. "But that's our tradition. When a girl hits 24 or 25, know she needs to think about getting married, getting a house, and having a husband."

"But is that what you want?"

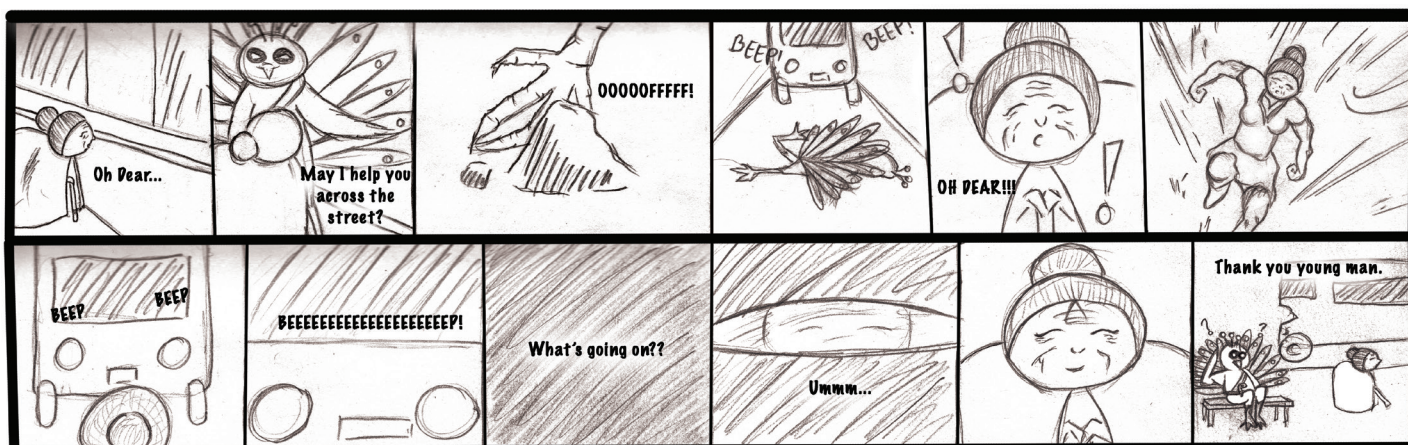
She scratches her head and looks at me giggling with rosey cheeks.

"I want to play basketball", she said. "I don't want to ever quit. I just don't think about getting married and stuff because that's not how I wanna live my life right now."

Comics

Saving Granny

By Nelsa Richardson



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Opinion

Where Yo' A\$* Was At: A Bandwagon's Tale

By Chelsey Forbes
Staff Writer

The verdict is in. The New York Mets have REALLY made it to the 111th World Series, which hasn't happened since I was six years old. I'm twenty-one now. As someone who has been created and designed to live and breathe the Amazin' Mets, this is kind of a big deal. As excited as I am however, loyalty and compassion from the team's fan base is what I believe brought the Mets to this place. Because the Mets have had such sore seasons over the past couple of years it is widely known that some people really just have not and cannot claim the boys as their go-to team. Yet, now that they have had such consistent wins this season, the outpouring

of support and excitement from people I have never seen to claim the team is UNCANNY. Usually when you walk the streets of New York or New Jersey, you can't go a day without seeing a Yankee t-shirt or even a Boston Red Sox baseball cap pass you by; but it will be awhile before a Mets jersey is in your peripheral. It makes me think: Where Yo' AS* Was At???

Nicholas Dell'Aquila, a freshman from North Arlington, suggests that most Mets fans were probably ashamed for the past couple of seasons. "We haven't been to the World Series since 2000 and haven't won since 1986. More than half of the people wearing Mets jersey's since the season started are bandwagoners though," he says. Sal Gambino,

a student from Bayonne agrees. "Most on campus are absolutely bandwagoners. Coming from someone who's been a fan from the beginning, even during the Jose Reyes and Mike Piazza days, it's kind of offensive. I've been there with them through it all."

Not all loyal fans are annoyed by new playgoers. "I've been a Mets fan since I was born. Sure, I've seen more Mets hats and shirts a lot more lately than I have earlier in the year. I don't have conversations with these people so I don't care," says Dan Betts, a freshman from Toms River. "The more support the better. That's definitely another reason why we've gotten this far."

For Catherine Montemarano, a sophomore from Manhattan, regardless of if the Mets win or lose



A Dog in a Mets fan gear @Chelsey Forbes

the series, it won't change her or her families everlasting passion for the team. "All Mets fans have always worn their merchandise, even when they sucked. I'll be wearing my Mets fitted until the day I die."

So there you have it folks. By the time you read this, we will most likely already know the

winner of the 2015 Major League Baseball World Series. If you're a Kansas City Royals fan, welcome to New York. And if you're a New York Mets fan, next time you see someone at SPU walking around wearing a David Wright jersey, make sure to ask them to name five players on the team; Mr. and Mrs. Met don't count.

Sports

Why Boxing In The United States Is Punching Itself Into Irrelevancy...

By Harvey Cruz
Contributing Writer

The first time I watched a boxing match was memorable for a few reasons. This fight made me become a boxing fan. It featured two great boxers at the time who would end up becoming future Hall-Of-Famers. It was hyped up as "The Ultimate Showdown" and the "Fight of the Millennium". The fight was on September 18, 1999 and Felix Trinidad defeated Oscar De La Hoya by majority decision. 1.4 million people bought the fight and watched on pay-per-view, making it a pay-per-view record for a non-heavyweight fight at the time.

And oh, how much has changed since then.

These days, the sport of boxing has become a mere shell of itself. Almost all of the superstars of the last decade have retired. There aren't as many superstars anymore, which means there aren't many big fights that get the fans excited to pay Pay-Per-View to watch on TV.

But the biggest problem, especially here in the United States, is that Olympics boxing have become an embarrassment for the US, just look at this quote explaining how bad they did back in 2012 when the Olympics were in London.

"The bottom line? Zero medals for the American men. That is a first. Not even a stinkin' bronze."

That was Dan Rafael, boxing analyst for ESPN, expressing his disappointment. He wasn't the only one disappointed as many old-school boxing fans have been waiting for the future of the sport to step up to the forefront for years now.

The last time any United States boxer in any weight division has won an Olympic medal was in 2008 at the Beijing Olympics, when Deontay Wilder won a Bronze medal as an amateur heavyweight. He is also the current WBC Heavyweight Champion of the world.

Gone are the days when Olympians from the US boxing team

would win medal after medal after medal. The names listed below that have won medals as a US Olympian is just astounding.

Muhammad Ali, "Sugar" Ray Leonard, Oscar De La Hoya, Floyd Mayweather, Andre Ward. Just to name a few of course. But you get the idea.

Boxing in the USA isn't what it used to be, just look at other sports. Football has eclipsed boxing for almost two decades now. Baseball draws more numbers during a single month, October, than boxing can if they held three events in the same month. And don't get me started on basketball, because that sport, along with football and baseball, attract what boxing isn't.

The youth.

Just take a look at what all the high school kids are playing on a Friday or Saturday night under the lights. It's either football, basketball or even soccer. Kids are more interested in doing MMA instead of boxing because of how great the UFC is doing

and because the fights are fun and more interesting to watch. UFC President Dana White must be smiling every time he sleeps knowing that his company is doing far better than guys like boxing promoters Bob Arum and Richard Schaefer at the moment.

But when was the last time boxing fans were excited about an up-and-coming future superstar? Oh yeah, that's right, Adrien Broner. Well, he definitely lives up to his nickname "The Problem" on more than one front.

Adrien had so much hype around him, to the point where people were calling him the next Floyd Mayweather. Then losses to Marcos Maidana and Shawn Porter put all that to a halt. And then followed the controversy. Just take a look at this post-fight quote after Broner defeated John Molina back in March of 2015.

"I'm the Can man. I'm Af-ri-can, I just beat the f*ck out of a Mexi-can"

And this quote after he defeated Khabib Allakhverdiev back

in September, calling out one of Floyd Mayweather's top prospects, Ashley Theoplaner:

"Bring him to come see me, and I bet I bring the girl out of that boy like Bruce Jenner."

I mean, seriously who is going to support a young boxer, aged 26, who says those things? It's ridiculous!

Here's one more stat, per ESPN.com, out of the seventeen professional boxing divisions, there are three, YES THREE American WBO champions, which the biggest boxing championship in the profession.

So, here's the state of boxing, it's going down for the count. And unless the US Olympic Team, or promoters, or boxing gyms start getting putting their gloves up and literally give it their best shot, the sport that once had millions and millions glued to their TV screens will soon get knocked out for more than a 10 count.

STUDENT BOWLER



By Xavier Pearson
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Amanda Santos @Xavier Pearson

There was just one other player on the Saint Peter's University bowling team when Amanda Santos first arrived her freshman year.

Santos noted that they waited a whole year before they could compete in any bowling tournaments. The team needed five players to reach compliance.

"The summer before my fall semester of sophomore year, we got a head coach Jen Houseward and over the summer she

recruited 3 girls which completed the team for the year," Santos said.

Now in her junior year of college, the Cuban, Dominican, Puerto Rican and Italian Amanda Santos can often be spotted in active wear complete with a Saint Peter's Athletics t-shirt. Santos works as an Sports Information Director (SID), assistant for SPU. As an SID assistant she loves managing the equipment, as well as filing and creating athlete bios for their website. Her team still remains five strong, a number

that is unsettling to Santos.

"It is risky because if one of us cannot make it to a tournament then we have to forfeit."

The bowler and the rest of her team weight lift, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and on Wednesday and Thursday evenings the team packs up in a van and heads to Lodi Lanes, Bowling Alley approximately 30 minutes away, to practice.

The team has not started any conversation about team captain, but being the eldest members of the bowling team, Santos says she has taken some responsibility making sure everyone is updated on upcoming events via email.

Amanda Santos has been bowling ever since she was 7 years old. Both of her parents are bowlers, and they bowled together for local leagues until she got older.

"As a child I bowled at Hudson Lanes in Bayonne, NJ. Bowling with my parents was very fun. We would join Family Fun leagues that would meet once a week and enjoy family time together while bowling," Santos said.

As Santos got older her father began coaching her. Santos says, "We would always bump heads trying to figure out the best way for me to bowl, from throwing the ball to what equipment I would use.

But he taught me everything I know and that is something I'll always be grateful for."

When deciding which college to go to, Santos had to go to one with a bowling program. She plans on becoming a professional bowler.



Amanda Santos @Xavier Pearson

Why the WNBA Will Never be the NBA

By Christopher Williams
Sports Editor

The WNBA Finals are over! The championship bout fought between the Minnesota Lynx and the Indiana Fever ended on October 14th as the Lynx captured their third championship in three years and nobody knows this nor cares. In other news, everybody in the world is freaking out that ESPN has recently just ranked Kobe Bryant the 93rd best player in the NBA. The craziest part about this headline is that it's only the preseason in the NBA.

In Game 3 of the WNBA Finals, the best player in the WNBA, Maya Moore, scored 24 points, 8 rebounds, and hit the game winning three as time expired to help the Lynx defeat the Fever. If you think I knew that because I watched the game, you have another thing coming. Google is my best friend!

There's really no way to sugarcoat the following sentence: Nobody cares about the WNBA.

The next time you're having a sports debate with a friend, tell them you'll give them \$100 if they can name all 12 WNBA teams. I bet you they can't come

up with 5.

"Hold on I can do this," Qu'adir Welton said while laughing. "The LA Sparks...um...Phoenix Mercury...um...The Minnesota... Minnesota...man the team Maya Moore play for. That's all I got."

Sad isn't it? The WNBA and the NBA play the exact same sport, with the exact same number of players on the court including the exact same rules. So why doesn't the WNBA TV viewership and paychecks add up in comparison to the NBA?

"No disrespect," said Sophomore Chazz Patterson. "But nobody is going to pay money game after game to see females play. You won't see anybody get dunked on, crossed over or things of that nature."

When it comes to the truth, you can't fabricate anything. With that being said, it's a known fact that nobody watches the WNBA as much as the NBA. A video of LeBron James signing autographs has double the amount of views on YouTube than a highlight reel of the WNBA Finals. One has to think: What's the difference between the two professions aside from the "W" in front of NBA, the dunking and the crossovers? Well, when you compare the

"behind-the-scenes" factors of the WNBA and the NBA, nothing is the same. The NBA plays 82 games a year while the WNBA plays 34 games. The NBA has 30 teams, while the WNBA has only 12. The NBA plays on ESPN, NBA TV, and worldwide on the ABC network during the NBA finals. The WNBA plays on ESPN 2. If you don't find that disrespectful, Saint Peter's plays on ESPN3 for goodness sake!

It's also crazy to know that the lowest ranking rookie in the NBA has to at least make \$550,000 in his first year playing in the NBA while the best player in the WNBA only makes \$550,000 in all four years in her contract. If your career doesn't live up to expectation yet you've been in the NBA for two years already, the lowest they can pay you is a million.

Unfortunately, dunking and crazy crossovers are the things that separate a \$130 million player in the NBA and a woman who makes \$550,000.

"I don't even think it's all of the dunking and crossovers to be honest," said Laurasia Clark. "I feel like just because it's women period, nobody is going to watch it. They don't pay as much atten-

tion to us as they do men."

Whatever you want to call it, the NBA will always be superior to the WNBA. That's just how the "basketball gods" wanted it to be.

The WNBA and the NBA is David vs. Goliath, without the happy ending. In the Bible, David was the small underdog who had to fight the humongous, destructive Goliath in a fight to the death in which everyone believed David had no shot. Long story short, David killed Goliath and proved that anybody can overcome anything.

In comparison with the WNBA and the NBA, the WNBA will never surpass the NBA in terms of views and recognition which is why I stated "without the happy ending." Fans not only want to see dunks and crossovers, but they want to see a player like LeBron James take over a game when adversity strikes. They want to see somebody score 70 points or get a triple double.

The most points ever scored in a WNBA game was 51 by Riquana Williams. Even though that is great for her, a player in the NBA scored 51 or more in a single game over one hundred times. Kobe Bryant scored four straight 50 point games at one time and

didn't even crack a smile.

This is what fans want to see. I've made many bets with my friends on if guys like Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, or Carmelo Anthony would reach 50 points or dunk on somebody before the game is over. You can't do that with the WNBA!

In February, the NBA has an All-Star weekend where NBA players take a break from the tough grinding of trying to win a championship and have fun with their friends playing in friendly competitions such as: the three point shootout, dunk contest, celebrity game, rising stars challenge and the illustrious all-star game. The WNBA only has the simple all-star game.

All in all, statistical wise it's sad how far the NBA is in terms of recognition in comparison to the WNBA. I know a couple of girls who play division one college basketball and can't even name all 12 teams in the WNBA. I bet you \$100 that if you stopped a random stranger in the street, he could name 12 teams in the NBA. Another reason why the WNBA will never be the NBA.

Correction

“We’re Playing Bas...ket...ball.”

By Christopher Williams
Sports Editor

From waking up at 7:00AM to the coaches trying to discipline us, the life of a basketball player isn't as simple as you may think.

Regardless of how the NCAA perceives college sports in regarding stipends, basketball can be compared to the average “9-5” phrase that is used for workers who traditionally work eight hours a day, because that's basically what we do.

“It's a job,” said Sophomore Elisha Boone. “This is what we're doing for the majority of the day. We're gaining skills in our particular sport to be great at it in hopes of one day getting paid. Regardless of not getting paid now, it's still a job because of the demanding hours, and I love it.”

For everyone who thinks college basketball is all smoke and mirrors, the average day we go

through involves a lot of sweat and discipline.

The gym opens at 9:00A.M., and if the person playing the sport doesn't have class, they're usually in there for an hour and a half getting extra shots up to better their game. Then they have to rush and take a shower before heading to class. Also, if they're involved in any extracurricular activities involving the school, they usually have meetings at noon.

Then, we try to balance what we eat because we don't want to eat too much before heading to watch film at around three. Then comes the demanding, grueling, yet extremely energized practice, ranging anywhere from two to four hours.

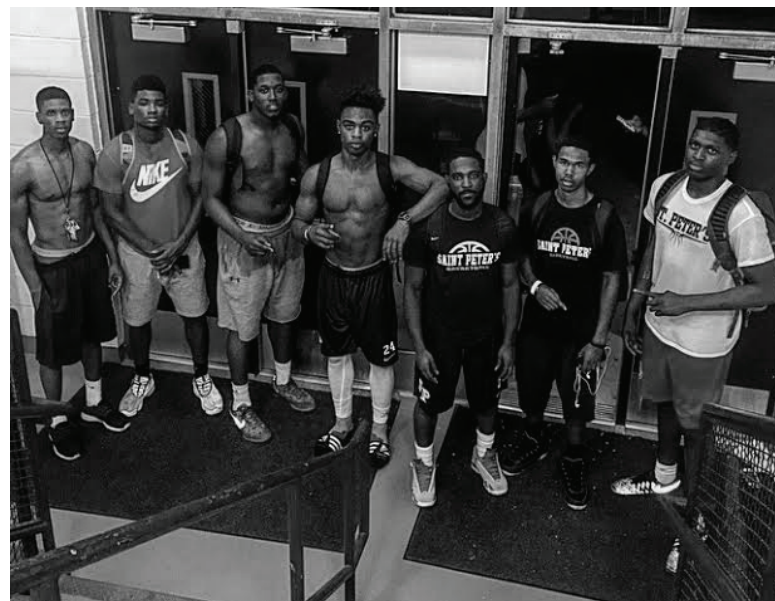
“The practices are so productive,” said Freshman Samuel Idowu. “Although it's tiring, we don't really worry about that. I'm just trying to better my game because this is a great experience

as a freshman.”

That's not all. After practice, you'll usually see the Men's and Women's teams both stay an extra thirty minutes to get more shots up after the coaches leave. After rushing to the cafeteria to try and eat before it closes, most of the athletes head to study hall until 10:00P.M., because it's required by the Athletic Department to keep your G.P.A. above a 2.5.

If you're an athlete and you have time for a relationship with the opposite sex, good luck on finding some time to be with them! Although I say that, it's always good to have someone to go to after the practices and the games to help you ease your body and have fun.

“Personally every athlete is different because it depends on your goals,” Said Senior Elias Desport. “In my opinion, there's no time for that in our schedule.”



Picture of the Saint Peter's Men's Basketball Team

If you add all the activities we must complete on a daily basis, the time a basketball player is dedicating to the sport ranges anywhere between five to eight hours. Luckily, none of it is boring because it is a sport we love

and the coaching staff makes it easier for both the Men's and Women's team; but damn is it tiring! As an athlete myself, I think the life of a basketball player is harder than any other sport on campus and it is much harder than people perceive it to be.

Saint Peter's Pink Game



Women's Volleyball in a rally against the Jaspers @Jay Hill

By Jay Hill
Staff Writer

The Jaspers (12-10) top Saint Peter's (3-19) in a MAAC conference game on Wednesday night at the Yanitelli Life Center in Jersey City, NJ. The Manhattan Jaspers are sitting at third in the conference while Saint Peter's sits ninth.

Lauren Behrens had 10 kills and 19 digs on Wednesday night completing her 10th double-double in the third set against the

Jaspers, with Marlana Budna following up with 9 kills and 12 digs. But it wasn't enough to overcome Calire Van Dyke's 10 kills and 15 digs or Milena Janjusevic's 15 kills and 15 digs.

Saint Peter's fought to protect their house. The Jaspers won the first set 25-10, but Saint Peter's would come back to drop 23 points in the second set to the Jasper's 25. Instead of giving up, they forced a fourth set. Saint Peter's having only 1 able player on the bench won the next third

set 25-18 to show they weren't going down easy.

On top of having only one able body on the bench, they also played with an injured player, Greta Varvell.

“I think Greta played a spectacular game despite her injury in warm ups,” Said Lauren Behrens.

Greta had 8 kills and 11 digs despite being injured from warm ups until the end of the game.

“I was more of a mental challenge than a physical challenge,”

Said Greta, “you always think what could I have done different or better if I didn't turn an ankle in warm ups?”

Being that Saint Peter's have only 9 players, substitutions are very uncommon.

“Normally with a team with 12 to 15, it makes it a lot easier to just sub in a player if another is injured,” Said Lauren.

Lauren explained that having a team of only nine players makes it hard to rally for comebacks

because of the toll the game takes on their bodies.

On September 27th against Marist in the third set, Lauren became the 10th in Saint Peter's history to reach 1,000 kills and on Wednesday night she became the 4th player in Saint Peter's history to have 1,000 digs.

Saint Peter's looks to improve their record to 4-19 against the 4th seed in the MAAC Marist (13-8) on Saturday October 24th at 1pm.



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