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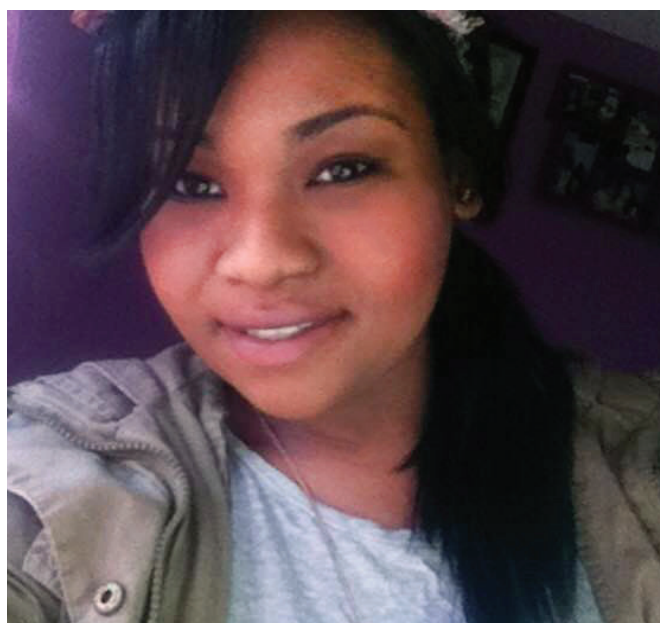
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NEW CHIEFS IN TOWN



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By Diamond Reid
Co-Editor-in Chief

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! This year, I will be serving as the Co-Editor-in-Chief for the Pauw Wow and I feel honored and lucky to be in this position. As a child, I always dreamed of being a journalist and reaching out to people through my writing, and coming to Saint Peter's has helped me with this. Before college, I used to write as a hobby and did not allow others to view my work out of fear and nervousness. I soon learned that if I wanted to turn my hobby into a future career, I had to overcome these fears. As a Communication major, I felt drawn to writing for

the Pauw Wow but did not pursue these dreams until my junior year. To this day, I can recall seeing my name in print and it giving me such a thrill that I did not want to let go of. For my junior year, I mainly wrote for the Opinions section which allowed me to write about various topics that I was passionate about and was able to voice my opinion on, while also including the opinions of others. Towards the end of last year, I decided to take my love for writing a little further and applied to be the editor-in-chief. I wanted a new challenge and I was blessed enough to get the position along with my partner Jenna Carbin. This year, Jenna and I are looking forward to revamping the Pauw Wow with

bigger and better things. Along with changing the actual format of the paper, we have also added new sections and aspects to the paper including comics, puzzles, word searches, and even a 'Go Green' section! Anyone who wishes to be a part of the Pauw Wow please keep in mind that writing is not the only skill that you can have. While we are looking for writers, we are also looking for photographers, graphic artists, advertisers and distributors. Our office is located on the 5th floor of the student center and newspapers can be found all around campus. A special congratulations to the new editorial board! I believe in our team and I look forward to having an amazing school year. I am confident that we will continue to produce the best possible newspaper for Saint Peter's and hope that we continue to grow and expand as the year goes on!

By Jenna Carbin
Co-Editor-in Chief

First off, I would like to introduce myself as Co-Editor-in-Chief. I have always loved writing and wanted to be able to become an official writer since I was 12 years old. My dream is to become a novelist as well

as work with films. I am a Communication major, minoring in Journalism. I've grown to love working with journalism whether it be written, on video, or in photographs. I started out as a contributing writer to The Pauw Wow. I was originally published only on the website, but then became more involved as my years at Saint Peter's continued. In my junior year, I was asked to be the new Lifestyle editor. This was where I found my deep love for this paper, and when I found the passion

to work hard and become Editor-in-Chief to make the people of Saint Peter's enjoy and become excited for The Pauw Wow as much as I had. Hopefully, this year, Diamond and I will be able to make that dream come true with our total revamp of the old Pauw Wow. This year, we will be adding a lot of cool new add-ins, a comic, more amazing photos, an advice column, and more! We look forward to having more people read our new-styled papers, and hope that you enjoy what we bring to you!



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Commencement Speaker

By **Olivia Monahan**
Lifestyle Editor

Last semester, seniors gathered with friends and family at the PNC Bank Arts Center to celebrate graduation. One of the most important aspects of the commencement exercises is the commencement speaker. This year, Cornell W. Brooks was the commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Brooks is president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). According to President Eugene Cornacchia, he “epitomizes the university’s concern for justice issues and service.”

While the Saint Peter’s University community acknowledges Brooks’ qualifications, many students and faculty wondered why the university chose a male to lead the graduating class off into “the real world.”

To answer the question why there hasn’t been a female graduation speaker since 1999, there has to be an understanding of how the speakers are chosen.

“There’s a nomination process,” President Cornacchia explained. “Each year we put out requests for nominations to the campus community. After receiving the nomination forms, they go to the Vice President for Advancement. That begins the process of filtering the forms and making a list of people that fit our mission and who doesn’t. Then we have a meeting in my office to look at the list and decide who seems to be the best fit for us. Then we begin the process of trying to get somebody.”

President of the Speakers Platform, Michael Frick, said in an interview with The Los Angeles Times that approximately 30 percent of all colleges pay their commencement speakers. However, according to President Cornacchia,

Saint Peter’s will not pay a speaking fee.

“We have a long standing policy that we do not pay our commencement speakers. We consider it an honor to receive an honorary doctorate from us. To get famous people like Hillary Clinton is very hard to do because they want to go to a big university where there’s a lot of press coverage and public attention.”

Dr. Cohen, the Director of Women’s Studies, said that it was not a coincidence that most of the commencement speakers have been male.

“We live in a sexist society,” Dr. Cohen said. “All institutions reflect that in one way or another. There are various ways in which gender-based inequality will be manifested.”

According to the U.S Department of Education, in 2014, 140 females received their Bachelor’s degree for every 100 males. In 2022, it is estimated that 148 females will receive their Bachelor’s degree for every 100 males. However, there have only been seven female commencement speakers at Saint Peter’s University so far. The last female speaker was in 1999, when most of last year’s graduates were still in kindergarten.

“I think the challenge that we have is that many of our connections are more male than female. Unfortunately, we have more male trustees and we find most of our connections that way,” President Cornacchia said.

Many of the students on the Saint Peter’s campus were upset that the commencement speaker was not female for yet another ceremony. Janjeet Grewal, a graduating Biology Major, found the small number of female commencement speakers offensive.

“There should definitely be more women speaking at graduation,” Grewal said. “Most of the people graduating are women. Why is a man going to stand up there and tell me about where I could be going in my life?”

The small amount of female commencement speakers is not unique to Saint Peter’s University. Most universities, including Harvard, have had very few female graduation speakers. According to the Harvard University website, there have only been eight female speakers since 1831.

“I think saying that ‘our connections are only male’ is a sad excuse,” Grewal said. “There are a lot of female professors at Saint Peter’s and I doubt that they are only recommending male figures that could deliver a good speech.”

Dr. Cohen also expressed that the way the commencement speakers are chosen is not an answer that satisfies the question.

“My ideal candidate would be an African American woman,” Cohen said. “There are so many women that fit the criteria of our University that our faculty recommends. So it’s difficult to accept an answer as simple as ‘we don’t know anyone else.’”

President Cornacchia said he understands that the lack of female speakers is a problem but the university is not “just trying to fit a demographic.”

“We need someone who fulfills the values of the institution and speak to the school’s core values. They need to be able to inspire students as they go forth from here and also represent the students in our population,” President Cornacchia said.

The last female speaker that Saint Peter’s has honored as the commencement



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Depiction of a podium on stage as a Artistic Illustration

speaker was Honorary Shirley Jackson, Ph. D. in 1999. Dr. Jackson is the 18th President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Dr. Jackson also holds a Ph.D. in theoretical elementary particle physics from M.I.T. according to her biography in the New York Times.

“Women like that is who I want to see speaking at commencement ceremonies,” Grewal said. “I’ve chosen not to walk at graduation because of the way that I have been treated on this campus. Not having a female commencement speaker is something that also swayed my decision.”

According to Dr. Cohen, many people will not notice the small number of female commencement speakers because it has become a normality for men to speak at a graduation. However, Edwardo Rodriguez, a Resident Assistant on campus, said that he valued having a female commencement speaker at his high school graduation.

“The speaker brought a different element that I wasn’t getting from my male professors,” Rodriguez said. “It’s something that we need at our campus. I think a lot of students would value

from seeing a successful woman delivering a commencement address.”

Cornell W. Brooks, the commencement speaker, delivered an inspiring speech to the class of 2015. However, many female members of our community didn’t expect him to touch upon the great disparity between genders.

“I hope Brooks does talk about the incredible statistics on the young men of color who are incarcerated and the challenges which that poses,” Dr. Cohen said. “How that is a woman’s issue as well as a man’s, and the intersection of race and gender.”

Grewal hopes that as she leaves, a new generation of administration and faculty come in to serve the incoming classes.

“I’ve been at this school for four years and even though my experience wasn’t the best, I love this school. I truly hope that the people running this school will realize that we’re not in the 1950s anymore and women are just as influential as men.”

Foreign Language Requirement

By **Diamond Reid**
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Foreign Language Requirement
Here at Saint Peter’s University, students are required to take at least six credits of a language course in order to graduate, which causes a bit of a discussion on campus.

According to a Survey of Core Requirements at Our Nation’s Colleges and Universities, 86.9% of colleges do not require intermediate-level foreign language for students to receive their

baccalaureate graduates. Saint Peter’s

falls into the 13.1% that does.

The language requirement at Saint Peter’s has been causing quite a debate.

“There shouldn’t be a foreign language requirement because I don’t think you can fully learn a language in two semesters, what’s the point in taking the class?”, said Aliquan Smith, a junior at Saint Peter’s University.

Foreign language at Saint Peter’s seems to be taken lightly in the eyes of some students, as they do not see how much these courses can truly help them out in life.

Foreign language requirements vary from school to school, and the exact requirement is often not clear for any individual school. It doesn’t seem to be taking the language that is a problem for some students, but the required two classes that is a topic of discussion. Can one really grasp a language in a year or two? Are two college classes enough to help a student out?

“The biggest problem is that students come to Saint Peter’s only looking to fulfill a requirement, they have no desire to learn a language which to me is the most ridiculous thing in the universe given the global aspect of our lives now in every way. That should be one of the prime skills,” said Father Mark DeStephano, S.J., professor and chair of Modern and Classical Languages.

Saint Peter’s tries to give students a variety of languages to choose from including Spanish, Italian, American Sign Language, Chinese, and many other languages.

“I don’t think that college should make a foreign language a requirement,” Senior Alexis Haddock said. “I think that it is great for someone to want to know more than one language and it is a great skill to have for work but I feel it should be up to people to decide if it is something they want to take it and learn. I feel that not everyone can excel in a foreign language unless they really want to and instead can take a class in something good they are interested in it.”

There is a tremendous field of diverse classes that students do not know about,

and Father DeStephano hopes to see the foreign language field at the school grow.

Taking on a foreign language in college can help open up career fields for graduates.

Twenty-five thousand jobs are expected to open up for interpreters (who focus on spoken language) and translators (who focus on written language), between 2010 and 2020, the Department of Labor estimates. That represents 42% growth for the field.

Colleges across America require students to take a language of their choice before graduating but this varies. Rutgers University requires a student to take 3 credits of a language and the University of Southern California requires students to take 2 years of a language

International Student

(international students whose native language is not English are exempt from the foreign language requirement).

In January 2006, President George W. Bush announced the National Security Language Initiative, with an inner-agency that is coordinated by the White House to increase the number of Americans learning, speaking, and teaching critical need foreign languages.

Foreign language skills are essential to engaging foreign governments, and are also fundamental to the economic world and security interests of the nation, according to the National Security Language Initiative.

Students do not seem to be grasping the importance of learning a foreign language.

“If they really tried they would be amazed at how much language they can really learn. I have people and even some faculty members say, ‘How much are can they learn in a year?’, and my response to them is if you pay attention,

you can learn a hell of a lot in a year,” Father DeStefano says.

He hopes that learning a language at Saint Peter’s does not stop after a student takes the required courses. Father DeStephano goes on to say that if a student sees that they made progress in a language, then don’t stop there, they should try to team up their major with a foreign language and it may take them to great places.

“Having the ability to learn and comprehend another language can be beneficial for individuals in the career field. It enables the individuals to interact with people of different races while enjoying learning about something out of your comfort zone,” Deja Love, a freshman at Saint Peters said.

“Sometimes it doesn’t work because the students don’t give it a chance. They need to just give it a chance,” Father DeStephano, added.

schools that is a relatively low number,” said Quinlan.

Many of the international student athletes have never visited or toured the school before deciding this is where

government.

“I know my international student athletes can not receive financial aid through the government so I try to help them out by giving them as much mon-



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Variety of different country flags

they want to attend. They have either looked it up online or opted to come to Jersey City because of its proximity to New York.

“When I first got here I did not know what to expect. It was my first time traveling alone as well as my first time in the states. Everything looked so different than what imagined,” said Lucia Radovic, a sophomore from Croatia, who is a member of the women’s tennis team.

According to Julian Richards, the men’s head soccer coach, who does a lot of international recruiting, the players he has recruited from five different countries have all told him that one of their favorite parts of Saint Peter’s University is the easy commute to New York.

“Being from England myself I know the culture shock many of my players have and will go through during their experience of studying in the States,” said Richards.

Many of the international students also find it very expensive to attend school in the States, because along with tuition, students have to pay fees that the average American student does not.

“I find myself struggling with money now that I am in the States. Tuition is very high and my flights often cost well over 1000 dollars. I also find myself spending money trying to do as much sight seeing across the United States,” said Claudia Hellman, a sophomore international student from Spain.

According to Homeland Security, there are additional fees that international students need to be aware of. Before an international student can enter the United States, they must pay an I-901 SEVIS and student visa fee. If a student decides to come and study in the States, they will have to pay taxes and report all income to the U.S.

at Rutgers University, but I hope that I made the international students at Saint Peter’s University feel as if they had someone there for them who understood the struggles they maybe have been going through, academically, socially and financially.”

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Meet Your New SGA President

By Marisa Carlucci
Copy Editor

Michelle Perez, a senior at Saint Peter’s University will be the newest president of the Student Government Association.

As a member of the Class of 2016, Perez’s love for student government goes deeper than her desire to help students and enhance the school. Michelle talks about her deep love for politics, both American and Colombian, and attributes that as one of the reasons that she sought this coveted position.

Though she anticipates the opportunities and excitement that this position has to offer, Michelle does fear the backlash that may arise since the school year has officially begun and her role as president officially starts. However, despite her anxiousness, Michelle is confident that her new title will help her to make an impact in bettering the school.

Michelle said that she is “humbled by the fact that students are going to look up to me as an example, as someone to turn to in case that something does come up”.

This desire to help students and prepare for whatever the job throws at her ties in with Michelle’s focus on community and empowerment. Michelle’s aspirations to someday be a member of the United Nations is also a contributing factor to why she wants to pursue this role, and she thinks of this as a small step to someday achieving that dream.

By M O’Halloran
Contributing Writer

As the semester comes to an end, senior international student from Romania Adina Ungurean- Halagian is starting to look back on her four years at Saint Peter’s University and how her life has changed from the experience of studying in the States.

“I am getting nervous to graduate because now I have to apply for OPT and I am not overly sure how it works,” said Ungurean- Halagian.

According to the U.S Citizen and Immigration services, OPT stands for optional practical training.

“I need to start looking for off campus housing because my student visa expires May 30th and I start my OPT during the summer,” said Carlos Carrera a senior international student from Ecuador.

The OPT is a period of time in which undergraduate and graduate students with F-1 status who had been pursuing their degrees for more than nine months are permitted by the USCIS to work for a year on their student visa to get practical training to complement their field of studies.

“When I first got off the plane I did not know what to expect but I was happy the first person I meet was also an international student because I knew she was going through the same experience as me,” said Elena Melian Puigventos a sophomore student from Spain who is a member of the women’s tennis team.

According to Joe Quinlan, the athletic director of Saint Peter’s University, there is a total of 40 international students from the combined 17 varsity sports at the university. The 40 students come from 22 different countries.

“Forty international student athletes may seem like a lot but compared to big

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THE GREEK IN SPU

By Krystal Nurse

Contributing Writer

In late April, Florida University closed its Zeta Beta Tau chapter for insulting disabled veterans. Pi Kappa Phi at Pennsylvania State University was suspended for violating the standards of conduct. The list goes on, but the result is that people's perceptions of Greek life on college campuses are negatively altered.

With the surge of public allegations against members, fraternity and sorority supporters are making attempts to repair the image of Greek Life, which is not usually highlighted in the news. For example, University of Southern California's sorority Gamma Phi Beta donated money to their housekeeper for a car, and University of Iowa's Delta Tau Delta raised money for diabetes research.

Students such as Felix Figueroa, a senior at Saint Peter's University, are not happy with a lack of social fraternities or sororities.

"If you look at any college movie, and what's there? College: Greek life. They have all of that. We have no Greek life here and that's a problem. We're not saying that we have to have 'Project X' in every household, but let's have the school spirit." Figueroa says, "Let's have the competitiveness. Let's have the step team, band, and everything. That doesn't cost money to do. That just costs time and effort, in which I feel, as a student, the school doesn't want to do. And as many students here, they don't want to be a part of."

Carla Tharp, Vice President of Student Affairs at Saint Peter's University, spoke about the college's moratorium on Greek Life.

"The idea for the moratorium is that there was a committee, a university-wide committee, put together over a decade ago to review whether or not fraternities and sororities should be on campus," says Tharp, "and they decided against it as a group. They did research, they looked at other institutions, there were student representations on the committee; and as a committee, they recommended that a moratorium be put on fraternities and sororities for Saint Peter's."

The moratorium is a document which stopped Greek Life from expanding at Saint Peter's in the 1970s. It was made because of low interest. The moratorium was challenged in the 1990s and Jan Reimer, Director of Student Activities, said that Saint Peter's has had a debate and a panel discussion to lift the moratorium. The discussion included universities who have Greek Life and people who were against it. They decided not to lift the moratorium.

Yet Saint Peter's University – much like other universities in the country who banned social fraternities and

sororities – has academic and honors societies that follow the Greek distinction, thus, excluding students who do not meet the grade point average or the required major.

Anthony Skevakis, Dean of Students at Saint Peter's University, said, "Generally, I can't think of any student organization where a student would be excluded from participation."

"I think it's a hindrance to the social aspect here [at Saint Peter's]. Only because within these respective organizations, if you don't pertain to a particular field, but you want to contribute to an overall purpose or cause, where do you fit?" Says Willie Emanuele, who chose to keep his fraternity at Rider University anonymous, "Not even necessarily expanding it to social organizations, but there are community based organizations, there are religion-based Greek affiliations I feel like are baby steps in the right direction in establishing framework or model for a Greek life."

Tharp addressed the concern that the academic and honors societies have been in the school for a while.

The in-depth process of initiation is meant to only be discussed between the members; however, potential members are disclosed on what they need to do in order to be considered.

Emanuele said that his fraternity's prospective members are taught about the chapter and what its purpose is. Following that, community service is pushed, and if they were consistent with community service and other undisclosed criteria, then they would be inducted into the chapter. Because a chapter's detailed initiation process is only known to members, it was spoken in broad terms. Hazing, he emphasized, is not condoned.

Students, members, administration, and the national headquarters of chapters do not tolerate hazing. Serious action will be taken in order to hold those responsible. Per their "Get Involved" section of the website, Rutgers University – all campuses – says, "Individuals involved in alleged acts of hazing and/or individual officers who knew of or should have known of these activities may also face charges pursuant to the University Code of Student Conduct." In April, Rutgers banned fraternities and sororities from having parties due to misconduct.

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania State University removed Pi Kappa Phi's recognition until 2017, and housing until April of 2018, due to multiple violations of Penn State's and the national governing body's policies. University of Florida closed Zeta Beta Tau because members were drunkenly insulting disabled military veterans. Zeta Beta Tau were previously in trouble with the



Mac Mahon Student Center is home to all student clubs and most activities. It is the main place where campus events, sometimes directed by a fraternity, are held."

University of Florida last fall for hazing and were placed on a conduct probation.

Hazing can be hidden in off-campus housing. Members of Pi Delta Psi of Baruch College, killed a student pledge during a hazing ritual off-campus in December of last year. Off-campus housing is also a home for parties and other activities frowned upon by many. There isn't much worry about off-campus activities at Saint Peter's, but Jan Reimer, Dean Skevakis, and Carla Tharp all agreed that there is a worry about students' health and well-being. If an issue were to happen, Dean Skevakis says that the school treats all students the same with the Code of Conduct.

Aside from being known to throw and host parties, fraternities and sororities do community service work and aid in campus life.

Willie Emanuele's chapter required a minimum of 100 service hours per semester, per brother at Rider. Members would come together and do the hours so it could be easier keeping track of one another's hours. Jon Wilson and Albert Carr, both alumni of Saint Peter's University, said that they would do more community service if they were members of a fraternity or sorority.

Jan Reimer noted that Saint Peter's is "on the Presidential Honor Roll for service," meaning that students at Saint Peter's still complete an adequate amount of hours, despite the absence of social Greek Life on campus. Most of the community service work comes out of Campus Ministry; yet, some students decline opportunities for personal religious beliefs. Tharp's solution is that "we [Saint Peter's] need to do better at explaining and opening up a department that does community service to folks outside of a religious base."

Every person interviewed agreed that membership in any group promotes higher academic excellence.

Brotherhood and sisterhood in a Greek organization lasts until someone hands their Greek letters into the headquarters. The realization that yourself and another person came from the same school promotes the togetherness found in Greek Life.

"When I went to work at a different institution, as a resident director, in the Office of Residence Life at that institution, a fellow resident director had worked at a Jesuit institution — and I graduated from Saint Peter's." Says Tharp, "And she and I got along and we created educational curriculum and residence life curriculum very similarly and it only took us a few weeks to realize that we both came from a Jesuit institution. What we found is that we shared some of the same core values and it binded us together even though we didn't go to the same institution."

Greek Life benefits students within through personality growth and networking.

Greek Life changed Emanuele's life. "I was a very introverted person, lacked a lot of self-confidence, and those are a couple of things I know I changed about how other see me. Do I attribute all of it to my induction process? Not necessarily, but I can say without a doubt that it definitely got the ball rolling. It got me thinking about 'hey, these are things about myself that I feel I need to change for the better.'"

Tharp, Reimer, and Skevakis all advised that if students wished to start a Greek organization on campus, the process begins with the Student Government Association. Student Activities requires at least ten members for club status and a written-out constitution. When given the documents, the Association will decide if this is something administration should consider or not.

A request for a comment was denied by Rutgers Newark, Camden, and New Brunswick. A sorority member at a different university declined an interview due to an ongoing illness.

ADVICE FROM THOSE WHO'VE BEEN THERE

By Gabriella Robles

Social Media Editor

The fall semester is in full swing! Whether you are a first year, international, or transfer student, the adjustment into college life can be a little intimidating. With so much going on, it's comforting to hear some advice from students that have already been through it. Luckily, a few students that graduated last spring were open to discussing what they felt the current students at Saint Peter's should know...

1. **GET INVOLVED!**

"My biggest regret would probably be not getting involved as much as I could have," said Ruben Ceballos, Class of 2014.

German Rojas, also a part of the Class of 2014, had a similar outlook, "I didn't take college as seriously as I should have. I didn't take advantage of internships...I didn't make connections with professors."

According to the National Association of College and Employers statistics, 60% of 2012 college graduates who participated in an internship received at least one job offer.

Along with this, 95% of employers stated they would like to hire an applicant with experience within their field of study.

When it comes to preparing yourself for the workforce, you can never start too early!

2. **STAY FOCUSED!**

"Take school seriously. Don't mess around because it's real out here. If you want a good job, you need to do well in college," said Class of 2014 graduate, Raphael Braga.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers found in 2007 that 66 percent of employers screen candidates by GPA.

Fifty-eight percent of those also stated they would be less likely to hire graduates with a GPA less than a 3.0.

"I regret not getting organized earlier with my prerequisites," said Braga.

Your GPA is a measurement of qualities such as persistence and conscientiousness that future employers are interested in seeing.

"Stay on top of your grades and just be proactive," Ceballos stated.

In order to stand out, your GPA needs to speak for itself!

3. *DON'T BE AFRAID TO OPEN YOURSELF UP!*

“Talk to as many people as you can and make as many friends as you can because it will help you in the long run,” Ceballos spoke about forming college relationships.

Statistics from Hallmark Research show that friendships formed between the ages of 15 and 25 tend to last significantly longer than friendships formed at any other time within a person's life.

Making connections as quickly as possible at the start of your collegiate career can assist you greatly within your time at Saint Peter's.

But when making friends, it's important to surround yourself with those who will help you grow as a student and as a person.

“Become friends with like-minded individuals that have similar goals and ambitions. Try to stay away from individuals that you know aren't doing the right things,” said German Rojas on the subject. “Go out with friends... but also understand that if you have an exam the day after, you should probably be home studying.”

While college is a great platform to meet new people and enjoy being young, it is also important to stay conscious of your objectives.

“Enjoy college, meet people, have fun... but also work hard. Play hard, work harder!” Rojas concluded.

By Briana Benitez Contributing Writer

There's a beautiful sunset in front of Zoe O'Donnell, and the first thing she does is pull out her iPhone 6 to take a picture of it. She immediately posts it on Snapchat, Twitter, and Instagram. Gone are the days of enjoying something in the moment. Now everything has to be put on a social media outlet. Otherwise, did it really happen?

According to a recent study from the Pew Research Center, 92% of teens say they go online daily with 56% going online more than once, which includes the 24% who admit to going online constantly.

A key factor to these numbers is the accessibility of mobile devices. Almost three quarters of teens have or have access to a smartphone.

Despite the connection that many people notice between teens and their social media use, the users are not only adolescents, as even adults over the age of 65 are getting more technologically savvy.

“Social media is a good way to connect with people and keep up with the fast-paced world that we live in. I have Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Snapchat. I'd say I spent more than half my time on social media because I am checking constantly,” shares Christian Ugaz, a senior at Saint Peter's University.

But Ugaz also finds social media to be distracting and wishes people put the networks to better use like finding out how to help with current events going on

By Danielle Pimentel Online Editor

There is a feeling you get when you watch a show that you absolutely love so much that you don't miss any of the new episodes. You make it all the way to the season finale and are excited to see what comes next, only to find out that it wasn't renewed for another season. We all know the pain of watching well-written shows suddenly end after only a single season. It really is a shame that a lot of great shows just end with no warning. The television network Fox has even been made a running joke because the network has canceled so many shows after such a short period of time. Here is a list of some of the best five shows to get axed after just one season on the air.

ABC's 'My So Called Life' (1994-

The Best Five Shows That Lasted A Season

1995)

'My So Called Life' was said to be one of the best things to come out of the 1990s. This show perfectly displayed what it was like to be a teenager finding your way. It dealt with very important issues that teenagers still face today, such as puberty, and depicted it in an extremely realistic way. However, the most amazing part of the show was the classic mid-'90s wardrobe.

NBC's 'Freaks and Geeks' (1999-2000)

Many feel that 'Freaks and Geeks' should have lasted way more than one season. This show followed teenagers Lindsay and Sam Weir as they navigated their way through high school in early '80s Michigan. This series also had the best soundtrack, bringing you all the

best music from that time.

MTV's 'Clone High' (2002-2003)

Serving as a parody of teen dramas, 'Clone High' depicted clones of famous historical figures while they navigate through high school. The main characters are the clones of Abraham Lincoln, Joan of Arc, Gandhi, John F. Kennedy, and Cleopatra. The show makes fun of the stereotypical "issue" episodes that many teen shows are known to have. By far the best thing about the show was the quotable jokes and amazing one-liners.

Fox's 'The Finder' (2012)

Most crime shows are very straightforward: watch the crime, see the investigation, and catch the bad guy. 'The Finder' somehow found a way to make that formula quirky. The show revolved

around Major Walter Sherman, who, after surviving a roadside bombing in Iraq, left him with the ability to find anything, seeing patterns where others wouldn't.

ABC Family's 'Twisted' (2013-2014)

The series revolves around a teen who rejoins society after being in jail for killing his aunt as a child. This show had everything: hot people, long-lost siblings, conspiracies, psychopaths, and murder. It was not your run-of-the-mill teen drama show; it was more like a Spanish telenovela. This show left you guessing what would happen next and sadly, after one season, it got cut from ABC Family's lineup.

Social Media: A blessing or a Curse?

in the world.

“It's a big distraction especially when I have things to do like write a paper or studying for finals,” Ugaz states.

Social media accounts allow individuals to create personal profiles. It connects with users on a personal level by requesting date of birth, gender, and interests, among many other things. Once a person makes an account, the content is up to the profile holder. Individuals are free to post and upload whatever he or she deems appropriate for their timelines as long as the content falls within the account's rules and regulations. By requesting personal information, the accounts give the person a sense of individuality and makes the user believe everyone wants to see their content.

“We start to curate our lives when we use social media. We present one image and then there is another image. We're not our Facebook lives or our Instagram lives; our lives are a lot more complicated, layered and contradictory,” said Saint Peter's University philosophy

professor,

Edgar Rivera-Colon.

Fatima Shaik, a communication professor at Saint Peter's agrees. She said that individuals are now “grooming” themselves online. People are altering their images to the point where the person you are online is not who you actually are to strangers and friends.

Individuals start to ‘curate’ their lives for social media, according to Colon. He said they tend to fabricate their lives and make them seem more colorful and

interesting than they actually are.

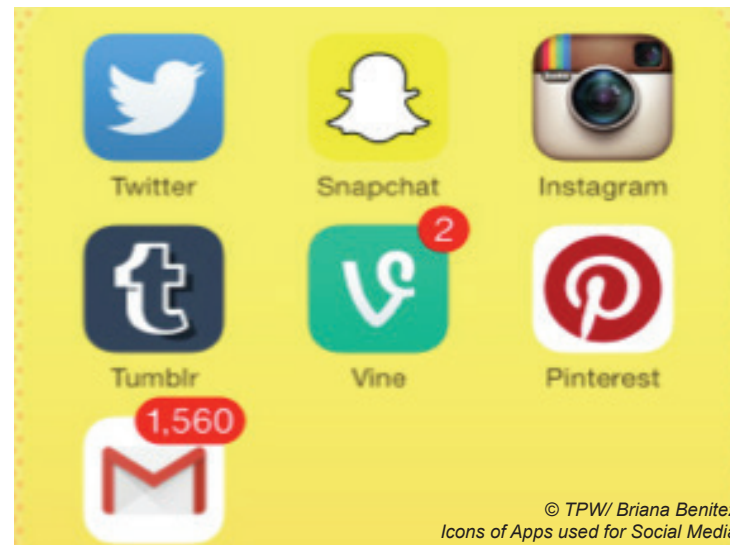
In Douglas Ruskoff's recent project, Generation Like, he explores adolescents today and their obsession with 'likes'. According to the documentary, if the content published on an account receives a decent amount of 'likes', the individual receives a sense of gratification. In contrast, when the content is not 'liked' the individual quickly removes or deletes the content from the account. The need for likes can quickly become an obsession.

“I am on social media every time I'm able to be on it. I check Twitter and Instagram roughly every 10 minutes. I fall asleep with my phone next to me. I'm obsessed to the point where I wake up in the middle of the night with notifications and respond then have little recollection of it the next morning,” shares Alexandria Theodorou, a current junior at Montclair State University.

Theodorou admits her accounts do distract her from important academic work and it becomes hard for her to focus. She also feels as though social media is isolating us and today's generation lacks the social skills society once had. But she also added that social media is also bringing us together. Individuals can now communicate and have information at hand in less than a split second.

When an individual spends a majority of his or her time checking and updating social media the outside world is shut out. The attention of the individual shifts from reality to cyber space. This causes the individual to miss out on the world going on around them, making it very easy to lose track of time and spend hours active on social media sites, according to Shaik.

Smartphones, iPads, and tablets will



become essential tools for the social relationships of tomorrow if not already, and, according to one professor, it's not going away.

“This is just a change, the next step in the evolution of social relationships. I think we will adapt, this is not going to go away so technology will be more of a mediating factor in people's relationships,” according to Dr. Barna Donovan, professor of Communications at Saint Peter's.

Donovan is an optimist when it comes to social media. However, when it comes to the question of whether or not the 'Generation Like' is growing intellectually from their use of social media, his views alter.

“I'm so dismayed when I realize that never before in human history has so much information been available to people. Now just about anyone who has a smartphone can whip it out and push a couple buttons to retrieve information. You would think we would be growing intellectually, unfortunately I do not think that we are. When people have access to this much information

they tend to misuse it for trivial things,” said Donovan.

Many believe personal relationships are slowly diminishing and becoming more awkward.

“Instead of encountering people face to face you're now encountering them online based on certain likes. It's not isolating people entirely because it is making them get together with other people who are similar to them. But in face to face we are not connecting,” Shaik said. “I see addictions, the addiction is to the technological phenomena, I think when we see likes, lights, sounds, we get a rush and we want to get that feeling more.”

Shaik says while she sees addictions she does not feel as though the addiction is being acknowledged.

“We want our friends to see our pictures, but we are not present in our own moment. A real human quality is to live in time and space, when you're on the phone you're somewhere else you're not in your own moment,” Shaik said.

Who Really Owns The Rights To Our Faces?

By Daniela Franco

Arts editor

What are you really giving away when you agree to those “terms or service?” I bet you are not really sure because who actually reads them, right?

Artist Richard Prince has been screenshotting selfies and has been able to sell them for up to \$90,000. Prince displayed the selfies in the Frieze Art fair in New York where art enthusiasts have been purchasing the selfies for their own private collections. Prince was never granted permission by the people in the photographs.

According to Instagram's Terms of

Use, you own your own photos and videos. However, a small loophole legally allowed Prince to sell your Instagram selfies to strangers.

Instagram's Privacy Policy states that “once you have shared user content or made it public that user content may be re-shared by others.”

“I would be honored if someone took my selfie and thought ‘wow you took this beautiful selfie let me put it up in my home’. I would be an art piece,”

By slightly modifying the pictures



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A Sample of a “Selfie”

and by changing the captions and filters on the photographs, the selfies have now become Richard Prince's original pieces.

Ronaldo Sanchez, a Saint Peter's student explains.

Meanwhile other students feel as though their privacy is being violated.

“The only person that should have a picture of my face in their home should be my mom,”

said Chelsey Forbes a junior at Saint Peter's University.

Other websites such as Facebook and Snapchat have had their own problems in dealing with the copyright of pictures

and users' privacy rights.

It is undeniably the year of the selfie, and people have been seeking ways to make some easy money out of this social media trend. The invention of the selfie stick, Kim Kardashian's new selfie book, and now a large print of a selfie that costs up to \$90,000 are all ways that the selfie has prospered in today's commercial and social worlds.

Although selfies can be harmless, it is important to understand the privacy settings of online websites.

What Makes a Slut a Slut?

By Chelsey Forbes

Contributing Writer

“Tell me you saw what Sam Parker* had on at the baseball house on Thursday night! She was all over Nick AND James too! What a slut.”

Parker, a petite brown-eyed track star at Saint Peter's University can be described by her friends as a friendly, determined, and academic student among other things. Typically, she can be found at practice, or in the library, but she, like other college girls, enjoys letting loose from Thursday to Saturday. Some college students reserve this time of the week to forget about school and have fun. Whether it be getting ready for a party or getting ready to head to the bar, Sam always dresses to impress and has a flirtatious relationship with many boys on campus.

To her friends, Sam is considered your average college student at Saint Peter's. By those who may not know her personally or just know her through photos on social media and trivial gossip on campus, she is known as a ‘slut’.

Sam is not the only female on campus that is referred to as a ‘slut’ by her peers. At least ten girls at Saint Peter's all ranging from freshman to seniors agreed that they have either called a girl a slut or have been called one, for reasons including how they dress and who they associate themselves with.

In 2012, Sandra Fluke, a Georgetown University law student, was berated by controversial commentator Rush Limbaugh for her outspoken birth control advocacy.

“The reaction that they are having to what I said yesterday about Susan Fluke — or Sandra Fluke, whatever her name is — the Georgetown student who

went before a congressional committee and said she's having so much sex, she's going broke buying contraceptives and wants us to buy them,” Limbaugh said on his radio show. “I said, ‘Well, what would you call someone who wants us to pay for her to have sex? What would you call that woman? You'd call ‘em a slut, a prostitute or whatever.’”

Millennials often allow derogatory sayings and gestures to mask daily conversation. The term ‘slut’ is a term used daily, and is directed towards women, specifically young women, who may wear suggestive outfits or exhibit promiscuous behavior that deviates from gender and societal expectations. Sometimes, the term ‘slut’ is even used against rape victims. There is an overwhelming number of people who feel as though rape victims ‘ask for it’ depending on the circumstance. Of course, a term like this can hurt more than it can help, because of its negative nature.

Students at Saint Peter's and at universities and colleges across the country have recently been addressing the topic of gender inequality and sexual misconduct on campus.

Associate Professor of Sociology at Saint Peter's, Marilyn Cohen, believes that institutionalization has a lot to do with how young adults determine whom they can and cannot call a slut.

“We have to ask ourselves, how is sexual misconduct a problem frequent enough to warrant thinking in such broad terms? When you try to put together ‘way of life’ with sexual misconduct, it asks us to see how the ideas are institutionalized in all aspects of our society: family, education, sports, even in our houses of worship,” says Cohen.

The term ‘slut’ is actually so

widespread that there is a worldwide movement known as the ‘SlutWalk’. The ‘SlutWalk’ occurs nationally every year in protest of excusing rape when referring to how a woman may be dressed. On January 24, 2011, a Toronto-based police officer was quoted speaking on the issue of campus rape at York University.

“I've been told I'm not supposed to say this — however, women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized,” said Officer Constable Michael Sanguinetti.

SlutWalks are conducted in major locations around the world in the month of April, which is also Sexual Assault Awareness month. SlutWalks have also been held at colleges, including the University of Central Florida. The idea of a SlutWalk has been brought up at Saint Peter's, yet will probably ‘never happen’ because of the school's Jesuit beliefs, according to students. President Eugene Cornacchia could not be reached for comment on the protests and did not reply to emails sent.

There are efforts made by colleges to address the growing issue of sexually violent culture. Professor Cohen is responsible for the current task force at SPU, which targets sexual assault on campus. “We're comprised of student activities, the Dean, the nurse, athletics, Campus Ministry. Right now I'm the only one of faculty on board,” she said. Cohen makes efforts to raise awareness by talking to her students about the issues females face on campus, but she is actually the only active faculty member involved in really promoting this kind of discussion at the University.

Many students have seen the posters for Dr. Cohen's efforts to promote

campus awareness of sexual violence on campus, but they assume that the task force is just another club at the school.

“I had no clue sexual violence was as big of a problem at college until you just told me,” says Jose Mercado, an athlete in his sophomore year at Saint Peter's. “A lot of students would probably want to at least help each other and talk about it if it was more widely advertised like events like basketball games or even ‘Peacock Palooza.’”

Dr. Anna Brown, the Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science at Saint Peter's University is also outspoken on the subject of gender equality. Brown feels that the word ‘slut’ is a class issue. “Why do we objectify women's body parts and see them as hypersexualized? The problem is that the way it's read in society, you are automatically a slut or loose, or whatever we call these women, because of what they're wearing. Clearly there is no obvious connection. The problem for women is that we need to think, ‘are you wearing these things because you want to be accepted?’”

According to The National Sexual Violence Resource Center, it is estimated that for every one thousand women attending college or university, there are thirty-five incidents of rape each academic year. Yet, The Center for Disease Control has found that at least one in four college students have an active STD. So, is there really an issue of defeat upon the female collegiate community, or are girls simply vying for attention from their male counterparts through promiscuity?

“Rather than asking women what they drank or what they were wearing, realize that either way, slut-shaming

reflects a sexual double standard. If a woman student decides she wants to have as many sexual partners she wants, why is she immediately going to face this hate? We don't have a comparable word for men that compares with slut or whore. Because if you call them a player, it's cool,” says Brown.

The opposite is also true. Women say they are judged for remaining a virgin until marriage. Girls feel as though with whatever they choose, it is a losing game. Men however, rarely receive any kind of flack for their dress or behavior.

“Women- if we decide we want to remain a virgin until marriage, we can be judged in many ways. It could go good or bad. The sexual double standard is a part of the rape culture. If a woman has a lot of sexual partners, she's got to be a slut. For example, a prostitute could never be raped in some people's eyes, because she is somehow ‘asking for it’, says Brown.

Cohen agrees. ‘Men in church, the Ivies, the army, athletes, it's difficult. It puts an added pressure on women.’

Dr. Brown sees this kind of divide between genders as a constant fight within gender classes. “Women of a certain social class are supposed to find a husband. The pressure of this is intense. Younger women don't see the world this way. There is a weird gap between women recognizing that they are their own independent agents and are in college and can support themselves and don't need a man's gratification. Yet, they still act at these parties as if men are some kind of scarce commodity. Then the competition is raised, because men don't feel this way. Women have not evolved culturally as a whole as they have economically.”

Regardless of whether or not women have evolved as a whole, women are part of a greater population that has not evolved entirely. Dr. Cohen hopes that there is a change made regarding how girls see themselves and others like them, not only within the Jesuit environment of Saint Peter's, but in all colleges across the country.

"Every person in this world reflects a society. When we're born, we are unique and don't have instincts. We learn how

to eat, how to act, and all societies have sexual norms. Everyone is a reflection of his or her families, culture, friends, and media. And if what we are learning has been infused with gender unequal misogynistic ideas, women get that, too."

First Day of School

By Neechelle Ingram
Layout Editor

The Quad floods with old and new faces filled with laughter and excitement, eager to start the new semester. An approximate amount of 650 freshmen and transfers started classes at Saint Peter's on August 26, 2015. The first day for students is the day of first impressions and expectations for the rest of the year.

A first year student, Yalimar Sanchez, shares her experience at Saint Peter's University.

"I enjoyed it," she said. "I only had a couple of classes, but it gave me the opportunity to explore campus."

The day before classes started, a couple of students walked around the campus and familiarized themselves with the buildings and classrooms. Freshman, Jaida Johnson, a Communication major, was prepared for the first day of school.

"It was better than I thought it was going to be," she said. "I knew where I was going, and I didn't get lost."

Resident assistant, Eduardo Rodriguez, talks about orientation team and praises them for doing a good job preparing the students.

"The O-Team was amazing," he said. "They did most of the work for the freshman to get acclimated to campus

so that we RAs can take it from there."

Some freshmen thought the Ice breakers that they participated in during orientation helped make it easy for them to make friends.

"I'm real shy," Sanchez said. "But with the icebreakers it gave me an extra push."

First year student, Gabriella Marte, says that the first day was easygoing and that everyone one welcoming.

Kevin Colon, president of S.E.B., shares his experience as a freshman and his expectations for the new school year.

"My freshman year was everything I expected and more, I joined some clubs and became a part of the Saint Peter's family," he said. "Now that I went through this whole process as a freshman I'm going to make it even ten times better."

Karalyn Floyd, first year student, talks about her expectations and preparation for the rest of the year.

"All my professor gave out syllabus stating the list of assignments, and dates when they are due," she said. "I plan to do my assignment beforehand and so that I won't be behind."

Class of 2019 seemed prepared and excited to continue the rest of the school year with expectations to excel academically and socially.

By Nelsa Richardson
Contributing Writer

Imagine walking down the street where, by chance, you witness a dispute between a couple where the woman is continually striking the man who is restraining himself from hitting back.

"I would be shocked, like everyone else would be. Then if a woman were hitting a man I would be judging her because it's not like she's asking for it if she gets hit back but it's just not right; neither should be hitting the other," said Sarah Molina, a sophomore at Saint Peter's University.

In a survey taken by the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Justice in 2011, it was found that 40% of the victims of severe, physical domestic violence are men. More than 830,000 men fall victim to domestic

violence every year. A man is the victim of domestic abuse every 37.8 seconds in America.

Many social experiments have been done to raise some awareness to this issue, including a viral Youtube video called Domestic Abuse In Public! When watching this, the creators want you to see the difference in reactions between the man hitting the woman and vice versa.

"The fact that they got a pretty Asian girl made her seem even more vulnerable. So when she was getting hit, people reacted quickly obviously because she looked all sweet and innocent, and when she was hitting the guy no one took it seriously. People were giggling and judging the guy for letting a little girl like that hit him," said Molina.

The double standards between

DOUBLE STANDARDS AND DOMESTIC ABUSE: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



domestic violence on men compared to women are very common. Many men report that hotline workers say they only help women, as well as imply that the men must be the instigators, according to studies done by the

U.S. Department of Justice. The studies also report that the hotline workers will then continue to ridicule the men or refer them to batterers' programs.

"Men are naturally, physically stronger and women are not as strong as men are so we are usually more vulnerable to getting hit and sometimes not being able to defend ourselves," said Molina. "They overreacted and went crazy when the guy was hitting the girl because it looked intense. I would would feel bad if a guy like that hit a girl like that. But the girl hitting the guy... he looks physically capable of defending himself and the fact that he wasn't makes me think that it's his problem and he's not doing enough to fend her off."

Being judged on physique, men are expected to "take it" and half the time men are too embarrassed to admit to being abused. People tend to look at the strength the abuser holds, which then influences their response. They expect a man to be capable of withstand attacks from a female and oftentimes do not recognize the emotional harm it places on the male.

"Men often have a physical advantage and can inflict serious physical harm and death. Men seeing another man hitting a woman clearly recognize the potential harm men can inflict. When the woman is hitting the man, the public does not assume that she can harm him in the same way, and if he chose to hit her back, probably she would stop due to fear or being hurt," Dr. Marilyn

of the stereotype of men being stronger and more violent than women."

There are many viral videos on the web showing men taking a stand and defending themselves, but these actions aren't taken as lightly as if it were a woman in their place. While raising awareness, these videos can assist in defeating the double standards between men and women and help reach out to those men who endure such abuse.

Dr. Cohen wrote, "Both men and women are capable of violent and non-violent behavior. Women do hit their partners, children and the elderly. The violence that women perpetrate is not excusable unless it is in self defense."

Cohen, a Women's Studies professor at Saint Peter's University, explained in an email interview.

"Because men are viewed as tough, strong, and dominant while women are viewed as weak and fragile, having the 'weaker sex' attack the 'stronger sex' is laughable and nothing is going to come of it while the stronger one could do some serious damage to the weaker one," said Anthony Marchia, a former student.

Donal Malone, a Sociology professor at Saint Peter's University, agrees. "I think the woman beating the man



seemed less serious. I think it is because

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The Co\$t of Consideration

By Robert Perry
Contributing Writer

I was chastised by a homeless woman a week before I left for the District. Interning was supposed to be an opportunity to better myself and my career outlook, while simultaneously learning new theories to apply to old ideas. It is rare to have a prestigious organization like the Congressional Black Caucus accept you. It is uncommon to have an organization such as the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; it invites people of color to learn about policy firsthand in the Olympus of Democratic politics and theory. So my mind was a billion theories away when my friend and I came across her, baking in the sun. She sat dressed, on my friend's stoop, in a business suit left dingy from sweat and the weight of social order. We gave her hurried glances and a quick "excuse me." We were like church missionaries in a foreign land, blissful in the idea that our customs are innate to every environment, yet ignorant to the plight taking place all around us. In retrospect, each oft-handed "excuse me" was a weak offering. It lacks genuine feelings of connection; it is polite yet unfamiliar. It is the language equivalent of holding open the door at your local mall. The act is kind yet the personality is lacking. She was not accepting of our colloquial response. She wanted something more tangible than politeness and less demoralizing

than a hand out. Consideration.

According to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, in the United States of America, 1.7 million homeless people live on less than \$350 per month. So while we project a bright economic future post Trans-Pacific Partnership passing, we cannot forget about those who are still struggling from prior trade agreements and market shifts. Corporate dealings have a way of gaining money yet dropping people in its wake. Consideration.

"You can say 'excuse me', but you can't ask me if I am okay?" Her words penetrated deeper than any knife or syringe, yet there is no rehab from shame. At that moment, I asked her if she was okay. She didn't want my excuses. Instead, she wanted answers our society has yet to offer. I told her the only philosophy a 26-year-old black male could give an older black woman who has clearly seen double my age in hardships. "Sometimes before the brightest moments, you hit rock bottom". It sounded like it came off a pure high school detention poster. The words lost meaning as I said them. Oftentimes, we fall into the trend of blaming victims for being victimized.

How can we eradicate stigmas in relation to black Americans, while simultaneously perpetuating stigmas of homelessness? According to Statisticbrain.com, There are 12 million children in the U.S. who live

below poverty level. Twenty-two percent of homeless women are so because of domestic abuse, 40% are veterans, and the number that resonates loudest in terms of the organization that has given me room and board as well as enough to be comfortable: 50% of the homeless population is African American. Sometimes to fix an issue, you need to consider the facts. When a boat is sinking, the unwritten rule is to save women and children first. No matter your opinion on war, most make sure to exclude disrespecting the soldiers. Yet when these groups cannot sustain a livelihood economically, we cast them asunder to a world of "excuse me" and "no loitering". Consideration.

She stumbled back into the sweltering heat. Our conversation yielded no answers, just further questions. One underlined fact remained behind: when going forward in the world, we need to recognize the consequences of our major actions. While sitting in the nest of bureaucracy, the people on the ground can become distant reminders. Yet if society is gauged by how the poor are treated, what does that say about all of us? So donate, help, reach out, and let someone know that you consider them. Look for your local area shelters and pantries, and lend a hand. Don't just project a story of wasted potential into the outreached cup or hand of someone who might ask for assistance.

FROM 6-2-7

By Chris Williams
Sports Editor

With 6 people graduating, 2 transferring, and 7 newcomers, the term "out with the old and in with the new" never felt so relevant for the Saint Peter's University Men's Basketball team.

"Although we lost eight guys, I feel the new season is going to be different because with seven newcomers, you don't know how anybody is going to act towards the team and if you want to win, you have to figure that out as soon as possible," said men's basketball team Captain Qua'dir Welton.

After the six seniors graduated and now two athletes transferred after the 2014-15 season, Coach Dunne and Coach Henry had to search profoundly for a new class of basketball athletes for the 2015-16 season. The returning players are welcoming the new import of Student Athletes with open arms.

"Losing the eight guys last year was tough because we knew exactly what we had to do to win if we had another year with them. Since we don't, we only can move forward and genuinely welcome the newcomers, and whip them into shape as fast as

possible," said sophomore Rodney Hawkins, who is also a forward.

With newcomers such as Mamadou Ndiaye, Cameron Jones, Nick Griffin, Nnamdi Enechionya, Antwon Portley, Samuel Idowu, and Cavon Baker, the seven athletes hope to play immediately and instantly make a name for themselves.

"I'm here to help the team in any possible way I can. I'm a big guy and I believe Qua'dir, Rodney, myself, and the other big men can really do some damage in the MAAC Conference," said Mamadou Ndiaye.

The seven incoming basketball players that the Men's Basketball Team signed believes they should be picking up where the eight departing guys left off from the previous season. Last year, the men's basketball team made it to the Final Four in the MAAC Tournament. This year, they don't believe they'll fall any shorter than that because they have a brand new team.

"We have good chemistry already despite losing six high role players. I believe the incoming freshmen will come in and learn quick, quick to the point where we're somewhere around the same place we were last year if not better," said Sophomore Elisha Boone, who is also a guard.

With returning stars such as point guard Trevis Wyche, and center Qua'dir Welton,

the two captains believe the men's basketball program has a bright future in front of them. With only one senior graduating this upcoming year, Elias Desport, the men's basketball team will be bringing in the same exact guys for the 2016-17 season.

Wyche believes that the team they have now puts them in a great position to bring the championship back to Jersey City, New Jersey.

"Of course we'll miss E, but I believe we are in the exact spot we want to be in order to win a MAAC championship. We have two major years ahead of us and we plan on taking full advantage of it," said Wyche.

With a new team learning how to create chemistry, the Saint Peter's Men's Basketball Team has a tough challenge ahead of them this year. With the 6-2-7 ratio, The Peacocks hope to not only have a successful year, but bring the MAAC championship back to Jersey City, New Jersey.

For more information about the Saint Peter's University Men's Basketball team, you can follow their schedule that is posted on the Saint Peter's Athletics website at www.saintpeterspeacocks.com or follow @PeacockNation on Twitter.

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