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Wednesday, Nov. 28
Partly Cloudy/Wind
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Thursday, Nov. 28
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Friday, Nov. 29
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Administration Responds to “Common Sense”

Administrators deny the “Common Sense” authors’ claim that professor and board of trustees member, Cherie Serota poses a conflict of interest.

BY JOSH TOLENTINO

STAFF WRITER

In the second anonymous “Common Sense” pamphlet, the authors suspect that appointing Cherie Serota, board of trustees member, as the director of the fashion merchandising program, was a political move. The authors insinuate a conflict of interest, saying, “Cherie Serota’s husband Daniel Serota, is the current mayor of Brookville, in which a portion of our campus resides,” including, “the part where the supposed veterinarian school is going to be built.

Michael Soupios, tenured political science professor and president of the faculty union, confirmed that “in order to advance the construction of the vet school, there needed to be permits from the town.”

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PE Students Teach at Middle School

Students in Secondary Methods in P.E. took a trip to William Floyd Middle School to teach middle schoolers. pg 7



Students Ill with Suspected Norovirus

BY JADA BUTLER

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Before the Thanksgiving break, at least three students reported experiencing “stomach discomfort” to the Center for Healthy Living, and many other students contacted the Nassau County Health Department with complaints of food poisoning. The Health Department conducted a health inspection of campus dining locations on Nov. 16.

The Pioneer requested the results of the inspection from Aramark, instead a member of the Aramark leadership responded via email through Michael Berthel, dean of students.

“Nothing is more important to us than food safety. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy dining experience everywhere we operate. The Department of Health indicated that the recent illness on campus was likely a virus and not related to the food service operations. A virus can be spread



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Students experienced symptoms common with norovirus or food poisoning



JADA BUTLER

A poster reminding students to wash their hands appeared on bathroom doors in residence halls

person to person in any environment where people are in close quarters. The food on campus is safe to eat,” Aramark leadership wrote.

The inspection included the dining operations at the Winnick Student Center and at Hillwood Commons, and identified some

“minor infractions that were corrected immediately.”

“We took this opportunity to retrain staff on our standard operating procedures for the entire flow of food production. This includes providing an environment that protects the safety and integrity of food from its delivery,

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SGA Town Hall on Athletics & Student Involvement

BY ALEX ESPINOSA, ANGELIQUE D’ALESSANDRO

STAFF WRITER, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Student Government Association held their second Town Hall panel of the fall semester on Tuesday, Nov. 13, focusing on the topics of athletics and student involvement.

The panel included senior associate director of LIU Promise Joseph Vernace, dean of students Michael Berthel, university athletic director Debbie DeJong, and director of recreational sports



ANGELIQUE D’ALESSANDRO

Panel (L-R): Rick Hamilton, Debbie DeJong, Michael Berthel and Joseph Vernace

Rick Hamilton. Approximately ten students were in attendance.

Many of the questions focused on the changes to the athletic department resulting in the One-LIU merger.

One student asked what would happen to the Pratt Recreation Center once most indoor sports move to the Brooklyn campus.

The panel did not answer the question with specifics. Instead,

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Sr. Exhibition “Out Lost in my Head”

Jeffery Gomez described the show’s theme as “getting lost in the city,” where he frequently visits to escape Long Island’s boredom. pg 9



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Winter is a rough season for commuters; snow and ice slow traffic and leads to lateness or even potential absence. pg 13



Bowling Anticipates Winter Season

The bowling team hopes to strike out the competition this season and plan on sparing no one. pg 14



Narcan Training Event Preview

BY TRAVIS FORTOUNAS

STAFF WRITER

There will be a Narcan training event on campus on Wednesday, Nov. 28 in Pell Hall room 139 during common hour. The training is open for students, staff and faculty members interested in education on preventing an opioid overdose by way of Narcan.

Narcan is a nasal spray used to immediately reverse an emergency opioid overdose. It can be used in crucial situations by blocking the brain's opioid receptors. The spray can stabilize a person going through an overdose.

This presentation will focus on life saving practices and harm reduction.

Linda Gomez is a certified Narcan trainer, family addiction coach and peer advocate working with families impacted by the epidemic raging in our country.

Gomez made this her "ascending passion" in 2012 after she lost someone very close to her. Since then, she focused on being an advocate to shatter the stigma that comes with addiction.

More than 700 people lost their lives in 2017 to an overdose in Suffolk County, one out of three families are impacted today by opioid overdose.

The heroin epidemic is a growing issue within the Suffolk County area and combatting addiction is a main focus on Long Island. Recovery programs such as "out patient" assist those suffering from addiction by integrating them into a new lifestyle.

Those interested in the event can email Post-sna@my.liu.edu to RSVP. Free kits are available to those who pre-register. Supplies are limited.

SGA Town Hall on Athletics & Student Involvement

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Hamilton responded by saying the absence of indoor sports will be positive for students. "[Students will have] the ability to come in and use the space more often than they've been able to over the past 15 years," he said.

Berthel also felt the newly free space in the Pratt will be a positive for the campus. "From a student life perspective, we're excited to get more access to the space," he said. "We're constantly trying to fit in events like Pratt After Dark, Midnight Madness, Move-A-Thon and Relay for Life."

When asked about Greek Life expansion on campus, Vernace said that there were no current caps on the possible size of fraternities or sororities.

"We don't have a cap on Greek Life. As our enrollment continues to grow, as more and more start continuing LIU, especially with going D1 and having that prestige of the University, enrollment in theory should increase," Vernace said. "Greek life should increase, so your chapter sizes should get bigger and bigger."

Erica Ferrara, a senior geology and environmental sustainability major and vice president of SGA, acted as the facilitator of the event.

When asked how SGA and the administration plan to respond to comments brought up by students, Ferrara said there are many avenues by which a solution could be reached.

"We contact the appropriate administrator and see what they can do about the specific concern. If it's a personal issue, we immediately have that students' email sent to the administrator and they're contacted," she said. "We're [also] doing a QR code, where



ALEX ESPINOSA

Erica Ferrara, vice president of SGA, facilitated the town hall meeting

students can log in to a comment form and students can fill in an anonymous comment."

In response to student concerns over the OneLIU merge, Ferrara said events like the town hall series are vital to address student concerns.

"A lot of [students] have come to us with [concerns] and we've been working with athletics. That's why we have a town hall like this, just so athletes and people who are concerned about athletes can come and ask questions," she said.

The next town hall meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 12:20 p.m. in the Krasnoff Theater, and will cover academics.

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Events this Week

Wednesday, November 28

- *Comedy Show, 6 p.m.*
Comedian Hailey Boyle will headline at the Gold Coast Cinema in Hillwood Commons. Comedian, Pioneer staff writer, and student Josh Tolentino is featured to open the show. Dinner will be provided.

Thursday, November 29

- *Ask the Dean Series, 12:30 p.m.*
Michael Berthel, Dean of Students, will be at Kumble Hall at 12:30 p.m. to discuss academic advising and financial aid with students.
- *Baked Ziti, 6:30 p.m.*
Alpha Xi Delta will be hosting their Baked Ziti event at 6:30 p.m. in Hillwood Commons. It is \$5 for students to participate, and all proceeds from the event will go to Autism Speaks.
- *The Colors of Christmas, 11 p.m.*
The Colors of Christmas: Peabo Bryson, Taylor Dayne, Jon Secada, Deniece Williams will be performing at the Tilles Center at 11 p.m.

Friday, November 30

- *Let's Talk About Sex, 2 p.m.*
The Black Student Union and Alpha Xi Delta will be hosting a "Let's talk About Sex" event from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Long Island Room in Winnick Dining Hall. A representative from Planned Parenthood will be talking about consent and healthy relationships. Snacks will be provided.
- *The Colors of Christmas, 3 p.m.*
The Colors of Christmas: Peabo Bryson, Taylor Dayne, Jon Secada, Deniece Williams will be performing at the Tilles Center at 3 p.m.



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Letter from the Editor: My Awkward Encounter

Dear readers,

I found myself in an awkward position last week after meeting with the dean of students, at his request, regarding a section of the anonymous "Common Sense" pamphlet about an alleged conflict of interest involving board of trustees member and director of the fashion merchandising program, Cherie Serota. At Michael Berthel's request, the Pioneer held the part of our Nov. 14 story, "New Anonymous Pamphlet Found on Campus," which discussed Serota, until he could provide an administrative response.

We agreed to hold that part despite the fact that Serota is a faculty member, and we have never had to go through the university's PR, or the dean of students for that matter, to speak with a faculty member. But to be fair, we did not publish that part.

I set up a meeting with Berthel before the Thanksgiving break to obtain the requested information about Professor Serota, who would not speak with us. Josh Tolentino, the staff writer who has been covering the series of anonymous pamphlets, accompanied me to the meeting.

We assumed the meeting would include Serota, Dean Berthel (since he organized it) and Gordon Tepper, the university director of public relations. Berthel and Tepper were present, but Serota was not; instead, via phone call, was Michael Best, the university counsel. To have the university's lawyer present was unusual, considering the topic. My adviser was not invited, nor was the chairperson of my department or any other faculty member from my department.

What we wanted to know was: Is there a conflict of interest in Serota being a member of the university's board of trustees and a faculty member and director of a program? Is she paid as a faculty member (even though she is a board member)? What are her qualifications for the faculty position? Was she hired through a search and interviewing process as all other faculty are?

We didn't get answers to our questions that day. Instead, the first 20 or so minutes of the meeting were spent with both Best and Tepper berating us for The Pioneer's coverage of the "Common Sense" pamphlets. They never told us not to publish anything, rather they speculated about our reasoning behind covering these pamphlets. They asked that their questions and comments be kept off the record continuously. But, in essence, they believed we were wrong for covering what they called falsehoods and details they said were exaggerated. They even asked me

whether, if there had been an anonymous pamphlet spread around campus saying that I was a child molester, I publish it.

The simple answer: yes.

My job as a journalist is to report on the news. Dozens of anonymous pamphlets dispersed on campus, written by students, being read by students - that is considered newsworthy. The difference between PR and journalism is this: in PR, only the good news should be shared, they want to control the narrative in their favor; in journalism, we don't care if the news is positive or negative, news is news. So if a pamphlet saying I was a child molester was spread, would I want it published? No, I wouldn't like it, but my opinion on the matter is irrelevant to the newsworthiness. I have a duty to report on it, and to debunk it if I know it not to be true.

With the "Common Sense" pamphlets, the Pioneer has done just that, covering the reaction from students, faculty and administrators, and fact-checking the bold claims the authors made. The Pioneer has been applauded for our news coverage and fair reporting, even from readers outside of the university, which is why the topic and tone of this meeting came as both a surprise and an insult.

I began writing for The Pioneer even before my first semester as a freshman at Post during the summer honors institute in journalism. Since then, I've worked hard to cover news on the campus as a staff writer, assistant news editor, news editor and now editor-in-chief. I always aim to write balanced and fair stories under the guidance of my advisor, Professor Carolyn Schurr Levin. I've interviewed students, faculty members, administrators and even President Kimberly Cline twice. I strive to get every side of a story to best inform my readers when presenting them with the news of the week. To be told that if I want to run the student newspaper and have a career in journalism, that I should "do it right," is beyond insulting.

I'll continue to use journalistic integrity and good news judgment in all of my own work, and I will ensure that the entire Pioneer staff does the same.

Sincerely,
Jada Butler
The Pioneer Co-Editor-in-Chief
WCWP News Director
Journalism Major

Letter to the Editor: Dr. Barbara Fowles

To the editors,

I was appalled and saddened to learn about recent treatment of the Pioneer editor and a staff writer by LIU administrators. It is my understanding that in the Pioneer's reporting on the "Common Sense" pamphlet, the Dean of Students asked the editors to leave out information about Professor Cherie Serota until he could research a response. I am proud that the Pioneer made an independent and responsible decision to omit that information until it was fully and fairly reported. However, when they went to meet with the Dean of Students again, supposedly to obtain the requested information, they were faced with not just the Dean of Students, but also the university Public Relations Spokesperson and the University Counsel (by phone).

Not only is such a meeting intimidating for a student, but her adviser or another professor should have been invited to attend with her, especially given the participation of the University Attorney.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that the three administrators never did answer the Pioneer's questions about Professor Serota regarding her dual roles as a faculty member/program director while also serving on the Board of Trustees, but instead spent most of the meeting berating the editor and staff writer about the Pioneer's

reporting on the "Common Sense" pamphlet, claiming that it was inappropriate content that should not have been reported. Of course, the editors of a student newspaper must make independent decisions about what is appropriate and not appropriate content for their newspaper, and administrators cannot and should not dictate that content. If the students make a considered judgment that a story is newsworthy, then administrators should not question that judgment. This is a critical First Amendment standard that all members of an academic community, at whatever level, should respect.

I am incredibly proud that the Pioneer is keeping our campus informed in a professional, unbiased and thoughtful manner. Administrators should not stand in the way of that hard work, and indeed should be praising and supporting our students for it, rather than throwing obstacles and threats in their paths.

It is extremely disappointing to see university administrators stooping to this level. They should all be ashamed.

Sincerely,
Barbara Fowles, Ph.D
Professor of Communications and Film
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Plans for the veterinarian school, however, have been in the works for several years. Construction of the school has yet to begin, as the university is still waiting on building permits, according to Gordon Tepper, university director of public relations. Areas slated for construction have been marked, but are not set to begin until 2019.

The authors of the pamphlet claim Serota was unfairly made director of the fashion merchandising program. The Pioneer reached out to Serota for comment, but she denied the request. Instead, dean of students Michael Berthel, Gordon Tepper and university counsel Michael Best, met with The Pioneer before Thanksgiving break to take our questions. Tepper later responded to inquiries via email after the break.

“Cherie was working as an adjunct professor, and she agreed to serve on the search committee to find a director for the Fashion Merchandising program. When the search committee was unable to find the right candidate after two national searches, Dean Valli (of the College of Management) and other members of the committee concluded that Cherie was the best fit, and she had done an excellent job,” Tepper wrote in an email.

Some faculty members questioned Serota’s teaching qualifications. Serota had her own fashion line called “Belly Basics” which revolutionized the maternity market in 1994 with the introduction of the Pregnancy Survival Kit, which gained worldwide recognition and changed the way pregnant women dressed across the globe.

“Under Ms. Serota’s direction, LIU’s Fashion Merchandising program is widely respected and offers students unique opportunities to prepare for a career in the fashion industry,” Tepper said. “Ms. Serota’s knowledge and connections in the industry allow students to gain access to fashion events and businesses around the world.”

Tepper said the Board of Trustees is pleased that one of its members is teaching at LIU. “Ms. Serota brings a first-hand perspective on student experiences and issues. She is an asset to the Long Island University Board and its students.” he said. “As is standard practice in all organizations, LIU has a policy governing the disclosure of any university ties by its trustees and officers. Ms. Serota has fully complied with this policy and the board has approved her teaching assignment from inception. Ms. Serota does recuse herself when issues affecting her department come before the board in accordance with university policy.”

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throughout its storage, preparation, transport, and ultimately, to the point of service to the customer,” Aramark leadership wrote.

The students’ symptoms could have been caused by a norovirus. Norovirus is an extremely contagious virus that causes diarrhea and vomiting, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, symptoms similar to food poisoning.

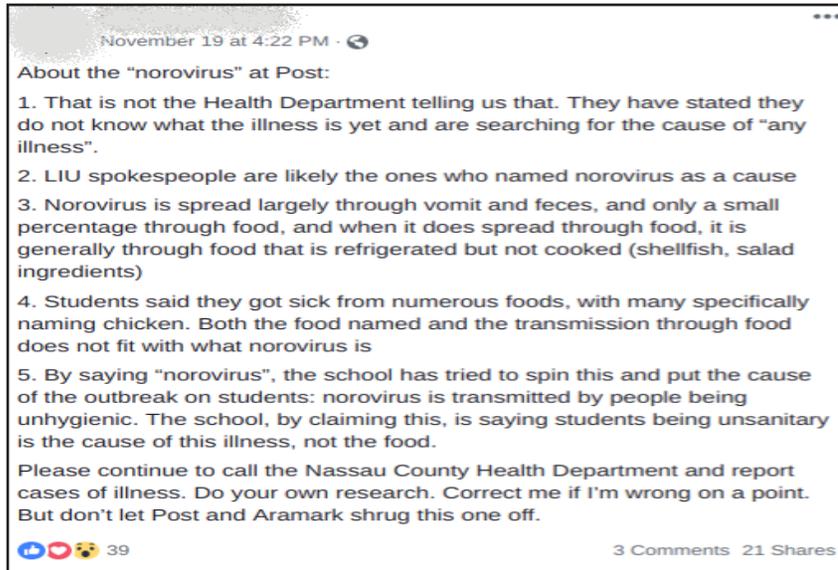
“While there were no confirmed cases of food poisoning, given the similarity in symptoms, the University worked with its food service provider, Aramark, to take precautions as well. Aramark immediately brought on additional staff to ensure quality assurance,” Michael Berthel, dean of students, wrote in an email. Berthel is coordinating the possible virus containment with facilities services, the Center for Healthy Living and Aramark.

There have been no confirmed cases of a virus at this point, according to Randy Burd, senior vice president of academic affairs. The university took action to disinfect and sanitize high-trafficked areas on campus. “We will continue taking all necessary measures to minimize the spread of germs as the season progresses,” Burd said in an email to faculty.

The Center for Healthy Living emailed students with a health notice and prevention tips on Saturday, Nov. 17. The notice described symptoms of the norovirus, including diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pain. Most people sick with norovirus get better in one to three days, according to the email.

Norovirus can be spread easily through direct contact with an infected person, consuming contaminated food or water and by touching contaminated surfaces and putting unwashed hands in the mouth, according to the CDC.

The Center for Healthy Living shared the guidelines from the CDC to help students prevent and contain the spread. Students were advised to take more sanitary actions, like



(To the right): A student took to Facebook to share concerns on the possible norovirus on campus.

Many students shared this post and the Newsday article on the break, also sharing their frustrations and concerns with health risks on campus

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thoroughly washing hands with soap and warm water after using the bathroom and before eating; disinfecting surfaces, especially after you vomit or have diarrhea; and washing soiled clothes with hot water and drying at the highest heat setting.

Tove Sparrman, a senior international business major, was one of those who felt sick after eating at the Winnick Student Center. “I got a stomach ache. I thought I was just tired, but then I started throwing up all night,” she said.

Sparrman attempted to report her symptoms to the Center for Healthy Living, but after three days of calling, she still couldn’t get through to the center. The center only recorded three students reporting symptoms before the break, and no further calls were received afterwards, according to Berthel.

Many students took to social media about the possible norovirus, and held the campus dining staff accountable. Students on Facebook and Instagram shared the Nassau County Health Department’s phone number and encouraged other students experiencing symptoms of sickness to report directly to the department.

One student, who The Pioneer kept anonymous to protect their identity, shared a post on Facebook which condemned the university for

allegedly blaming students as the cause.

“By saying ‘norovirus’, the school has tried to spin this and put the cause of the outbreak on students: norovirus is transmitted by people being unhygienic. The school, by claiming this, is saying students being unsanitary is the cause of this illness, not the food.” the student wrote.

Health conditions on campus are “not encouraging,” according to Juliana Caputo, a junior English education major. Caputo, a commuter student, believes there is more of a danger of catching germs on campus than at home. Since the norovirus scare, she is taking more precautions to avoid germs. “Most spaces on campus don’t look clean. Recently, the second floor bathrooms in Humanities had empty soap dispensers for over a week,” she said.

While a cause has not been found yet, the university took precautions. “Over Thanksgiving break, an extensive cleaning protocol was implemented by both Aramark and Facilities to prepare for students to return. Since then, no students have reported any symptoms to the Center,” Berthel wrote in the email.

Students experiencing symptoms of norovirus can call the Center for Healthy Living at 516-299-4162, or the Nassau County Health Department at 516-227-9697.

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P.E. Students Teach at Middle School

BY ALECIA SEXTON

LAYOUT MANAGER

Editor's Note: The writer was one of the students who participated in teaching the PE classes at William Floyd Middle School.

A group of students enrolled in Secondary Methods in Physical Education (PE) took a trip to William Floyd Middle School on Wednesday, Nov. 14, to teach physical education classes to sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

The instructor Dr. Lois Kahl set up the field trip as trial run for her students to see what physical education is like in the field, rather than in textbooks and class lectures.

This was the first time this class visited and taught real PE classes, and Kahl expressed her excitement. "It's very important that future educators get hands-on and real life experiences in the gymnasium," she said. "It exposes them [on] how to deal with increased class sizes, a diversified student body, language barriers, and how to continually adapt to certain situations throughout a lesson."

The students arrived at William Floyd Middle School at 8 a.m. and spoke with the physical educators there about the incoming class sizes and dynamics. Students in the class team-taught with one or two partners and had a few weeks to come up with a unique and dynamic lesson plan.

During certain periods, there were almost 100 students in the gymnasium at the same time.



LOIS KAHL

(Top to bottom fr. left) Nico Morabito, Michael Ciserano, Jacob Carlock, Richard Foley, Luke Brush, Paige Sherlock, Sara Stephens, Megan Sneeden, Alecia Sexton, Kristal Hernandez

"[The trip] brought me to reality and helped me realize what actually goes on. The big class sizes and all the children made the experience super realistic," Kristal Hernandez, junior physical education major, said. Her favorite part of the experience was seeing her lesson "come to light and it collectively working out well."

"I think that teaching in front of a real class gave me an opportunity to experience all the things that could happen within the classroom that we wouldn't normally get through teaching each other like we do in some classes here at LIU," Megan Sneeden, junior physical education major, said. "I loved seeing the students genuinely enjoy the activity I was teaching. It reminded me of why I chose physical education in the first place and made me that much more excited about becoming a teacher in the future."

Sneeden was one the students who taught the class when there were about 100 students in the gym. "It was difficult to correct things that students didn't quite understand after the initial introduction to the activity," she said. "The gym was very loud and that made it difficult at times to reign in the students so they could hear me."

Kahl said that students at the event were able to work on their professionalism. "The students were very detailed in developing and implementing their lesson plans. They conducted themselves in a professional manner and were very receptive to the constructive criticism from the middle school physical education teachers after they taught their lesson," she said. "I was very pleased with their first-time teaching experience and the future looks bright for them as future physical education teachers."

Club of the Week: Muslim Student Association

BY JADA BUTLER

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) club promotes acceptance and aims to prevent Islamophobia. One of the religious clubs on campus, MSA began late in the spring 2018 semester. President Humdia Barakzai, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major, said the club came to a slow start as they worked on obtaining a budget and building an executive board.

"LIU Post is a diverse school, and there are multiple religious clubs here, so I wanted to introduce the MSA because I don't want anyone to mistake the religion as a bad religion. I want people to become more aware of what Muslims believe in, what we're about, and why we do what we do," Barakzai said.

The executive board members echo Barakzai's sentiment.

"Our mission in MSA is to promote knowledge about the Islamic culture and participate in fundraisers to help groups willing to help others," Nakeeb Ahmed, MSA treasurer, said. Though being treasurer goes beyond money. "I voice my opinions in the meetings and what our goals are for this club," Ahmed said.

"Our group consists of people born from different descents, which makes it a very diverse group of members," Muhammad Umar, MSA's secretary, said. Umar's job is to make sure that every member is up to par with their duties and responsibilities.



IDA YNNER LAGERQVIST

MSA & MESA hosted a vigil for victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting

MSA hosted its first event of the fall semester with the Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA), a vigil service on Wednesday, Oct. 31, for the victims of the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, Penn.

They plan to host a formal with MESA, where the proceeds will benefit countries that need assistance. They also plan to celebrate World Hijab Day on Feb. 1, where they will invite guest speaker, alumna Daisy Khan, author of "Born with Wings: The Spiritual Journey of a Modern Muslim Woman."

The club is open to both Muslim and non-Muslim students. Barakzai said she wants club members to have an understanding of their religion and culture. "I know there are so many people who have questions, and I don't want anybody to give them a wrong answer," she said.

Anyone interested can contact the president at Humdia.Barakzai@my.liu.edu or the club's faculty advisor, Dr. Shaireen Rasheed at Shaireen.Rasheed@liu.edu.

Artists' Take on the World



SHANNON MILLER

"Ocean Series" Danielle Savarese

SHANNON MILLER

STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Celestin Parks, an elementary art teacher anticipating her MFA, found a note in her office from her former student and current MFA student, Danielle Savarese. Savarese invited Parks to attend her first solo art show upon graduating with her B.F.A. in art education. They presented their artwork in the the S.A.L. Gallery located in B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library from. After reconnecting almost 20 years later, their relationship has transformed from teacher and student to fellow classmates. They share a passion for art and education, and each of their collections advocates for a cause.

Savarese's display contained four separate pieces that communicate a message when viewed together. Her acrylic paintings form a metaphor about the pollution affecting the oceans. "In the last couple of years, it's been a growing concern," Savarese said. "They say in 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. It's a very scary thought."

The intention of the paintings depends on how proactive the person viewing them is. The top of the paintings begin with blue hues which coincide to create a metallic vision of a clean ocean, then the viewer ends at the painting of a completely blacked-out ocean.

Savarese uses darker tones to represent an abyss; what she believes the ocean may soon become if human interaction with the environment continues negatively affecting it. She applied a layer of resin glaze over it to further the idea of a plastic atmosphere. Those who stand directly in front of the painting can see their reflection, forcing the observer to question their efforts to make a change.

"You can begin at the piece that is completely blacked out and work your way up to where lifestyle has changed for the better, and the problem has resolved, or at least your own footprint has lessened," Savarese said. "If you live in the negative, the series of paintings can have the opposite effect."

The painter brings science into her classroom. Many of the projects she does with her students involve environmental awareness, and she wants her students to understand the connection between why they discuss things like a sea turtles in the ocean and how they relate to them. "If I teach it in the classroom, I should also teach it in real life," she said.

"You didn't even really need to speak to the artists to understand the message that they were trying to portray," Victoria Paveglio, junior art education, student said.

Parks' artwork is also a form of activism. As obstacles and controversy facing women's rights appear in the news, she turned the stories into art. In the MFA exhibition, she displayed two pieces that



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"No More Wire Hangers" and "Shhh" by Kathleen Celestin Parks

belong to a complete collection series dedicated to women's rights issues.

Parks' began the piece "No More Wire Hangers" in fall 2018 in response to Judge Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court.

"I have a fourteen year old daughter, and I started thinking about what would happen if we take a huge step backwards and we outlaw abortions," Parks said.

The thought of women taking a step backwards spurred Parks to research the history of Roe v. Wade. She began searching through newspapers from that day in 1973 and found that the country was just as divided then over a woman's right to choose as it is now. Parks explains the stagnant progress through printmaking. Park copied phrases from the news articles she researched, then transferred them on to the canvas to serve as a foreground to what she calls an "anonymous women" without a face, painted completely in red, and intertwined with a wire hanger.

Her second piece is symbolic for the country's reaction to Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's sexual allegations against Kavanaugh. Parks saw Ford's decision to come forward 30 years later as liberating; meanwhile, others told her to be quiet. The words "Don't speak; Be quiet; Don't tell; Be silent," are printed behind a pair of closed red lips with a finger resting upon them. Hence the title of the piece, "Shhh."

"Here's the thing; in that same moment, they put Bill Cosby behind bars for similar crimes he committed 30 years ago, and yet, they weren't even willing to hear the woman that had the courage to step up and say something," Parks said.

Parks and Savarese will graduate in May but will continue to create art that makes a difference.

"Aside from voting, this is how I speak up about it. This is my soap-box," Parks said. Whoever said, 'When words fail, art speaks,' was a genius," Savarese said.



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Kathleen Celestin Parks and Danielle Savarese

Senior Exhibition “Out Lost in My Head”



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“Green Doors” by Jeffrey Gomez

BY SHANNON MILLER

STAFF WRITER

Jeffrey Gomez, a senior fine arts major, often walks the streets of Manhattan in search of light within the darkness. He passes by window-fronts and strolls through doorways with an appreciation for their potential to become fascinating film photography.

Until Nov. 24, Gomez featured these snapshots taken on city sidewalks in his exhibition, “Out Lost In My Head” in the sculpture gallery. He described the show’s theme as “getting lost in the city,” where he frequently visits to escape Long Island’s boredom.

His art provides an opportunity to join him on his journeys. He avoids titling his photos, and leaves the interpretation up to those who find personal meaning within them.

“The body of work speaks for itself. I’m of the mindset that the title, and even an artist’s statement sometimes, will distract what people [see] in the piece,” Gomez said. They want to experience it for themselves. They’ll already have some preconceived notion of what it might be, instead of their first initial reaction.”

Popular among the exhibit crowd was a photo taken in Greenwich Village, the city’s epicenter for 1960s counterculture. Filling most of the frame is the back end of an ice-cream truck where the sliding glass window reveals a reflection of marshmallow-like clouds against the backdrop of a pale sky.

“It has fluorescent light on one side, and then you have the natural light on the other side. So, it [the light] breaks the frame down in the middle,” Gomez said.

“And at the top, is the little ice-cream cone in the corner to make it fun,” Chris Saccente, a fellow photo enthusiast and friend of Gomez, said.

The photo featured in the exhibition poster is Gomez’s favorite. A single light illuminates the doorway below it, allowing the color of midnight to frame the picture’s perimeter. He’s drawn to it because it’s darker than the others.

“All I’m looking for is light; a lack thereof, or the abundance of,” Gomez said. Only two of the photos on display were taken with the help of a flash.

His signature technique isn’t a particular lens, filter, or shutter speed, he walks with his camera into the early hours of the morning looking for the beauty in the banal.

“I walk all over the place; stay away from the bigger avenues. I just walk, and walk, and walk, and walk around. Up and down, to midtown, downtown, and back up again,” he said.

Alex Greco, a friend of Gomez since elementary school admires the photo of a storefront to what looks like a bodega with yellowish-green paneled doors held ajar.

“[The photo] invites us into his perspective of the world with a color palette that is timeless,” Allison Rufrano, photography professor said.

Gomez transferred to Post in fall 2017, and fellow B.F.A. students and professors are saddened to see him move on. “We all know him well, and that’s because he cares a lot about the artistic community here at LIU Post,” Rufrano said. “He is a multi talented artist working with various media which include painting, sculpture, print-making and photography. We are very lucky at LIU Post Photo to know and work with Jeff.”



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Jeffrey Gomez leans against the gallery walls of his photo exhibit*Jeffrey Gomez gives fellow B.F.A. students a private viewing and the opportunity to give their interpretations of his work*

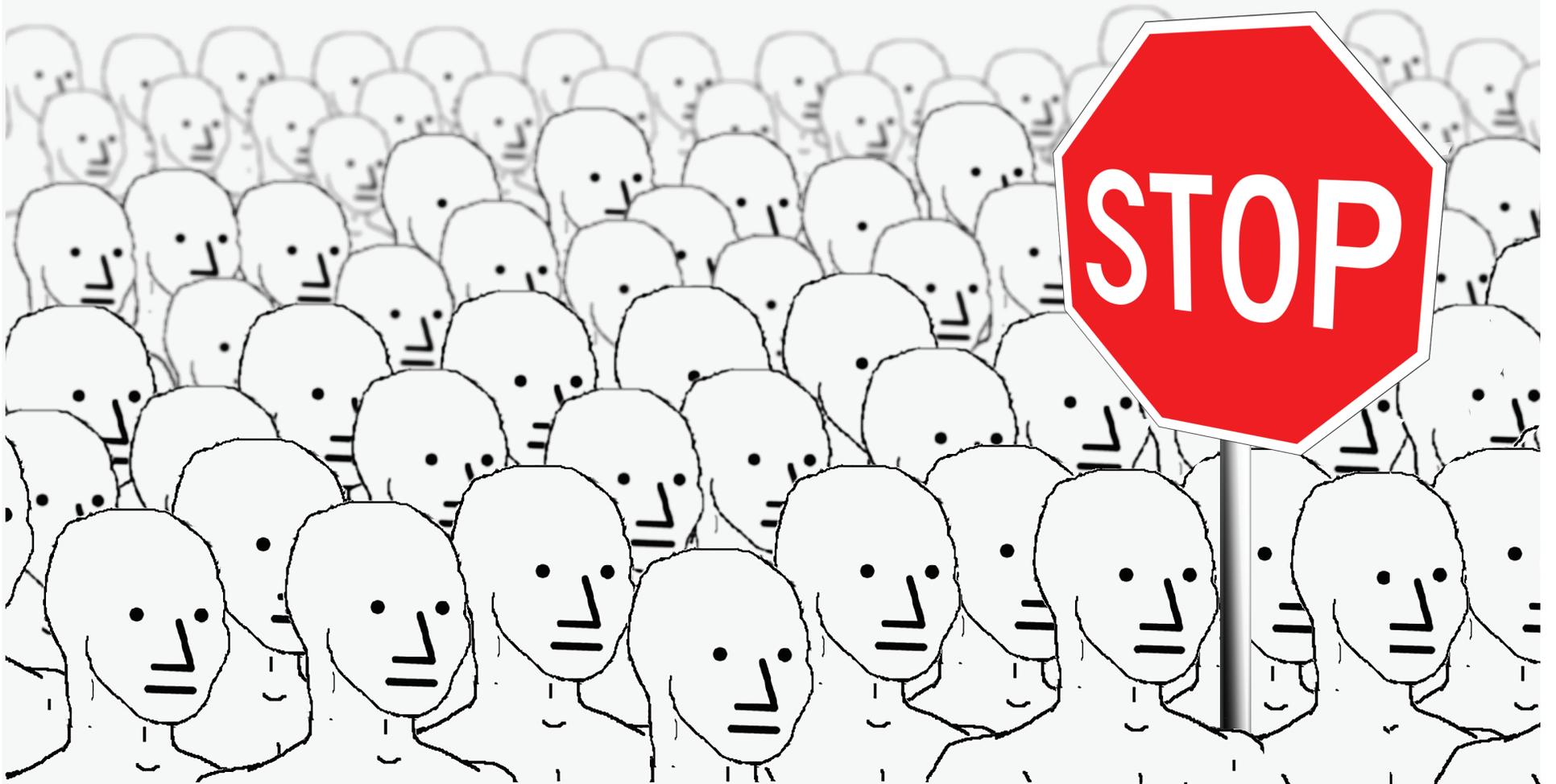
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Game Review: Fallout 76



BY MYLES GOLDMAN

STAFF WRITER

Ever since Bethesda Game Studio announced “Fallout 76” at the 2018 Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) this past summer, there have been mixed reactions about the game being online-only. All of the previous Fallout games were single player only, which is a rarity in today’s gaming age.

The setting of “Fallout 76;” takes place in a fictional version of Appalachia, West Virginia. Like every other “Fallout” game, the timelines are different; “Fallout 76” is the prequel to all of the previous installments, taking place in 2102. Vault 76 has opened its door after being shut for 25 years due to a Great War that resulted in a nuclear holocaust. The events of “Fallout 4,” the previous installment, don’t take place for 185 years.

Since “Fallout 76” is so early in the “Fallout” timeline, everybody who didn’t get to make it to a vault in all over the United States is dead or has mutated into some sort of creature due to the radiation. The only other real people that are alive are the players in your match. Players haven’t been too kind, which leads to an issue with the game.

Whenever I play a video game, I like to play as the “good guy” and I’m trying to do that in “Fallout 76,” too. Since the game’s creators want the players to team up and do missions together, I thought I’d give it a shot, which resulted in my character getting shot. I was helping a player defeat a group of Feral Ghouls and after we defeated them, he shot me. At least there was a bounty placed on his head afterwards and somebody else took care of him for me. Luckily for me though, for the most part, other players have left me alone.

Some moments in the game were more awkward than irritating; my character was inside an abandoned firehouse and an enemy creature was standing there as if the game hadn’t rendered its motions and no matter how many times I walked up to it, it would not attack me. On a more irritating side, I had finally found a power armor, and when I went to enter the suit, the game crashed.

Aside from the bugs and glitches in “Fallout 76,” the biggest flaw is the story; since there are no other characters in the game to give you information on your mission or provide backstory, you’re stuck reading journals from terminals. Personally, I didn’t mind the reading part at first, but I don’t play video games to read about the story, I’d rather hear somebody tell me it.

Another issue with the story is that the task list in each quest takes up a large portion of the screen, leaving the game less immersive.

A good thing about the game are the new creatures; since it’s only been 25 years since the bombs hit, not every creature has fully mutated yet. Some of the new creatures are giant sloths, bees with hives on their backs and Mothman, an urban legend of West Virginia.

While “Fallout 76” is just the multiplayer version of “Fallout 4” and the next installment of the franchise is at the very least 10 years away, it was a nice try by Bethesda Game Studios to give the fans some new content but at the price of \$60, “Fallout 76” is not worth it.



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Commuter Column: Winter's Effects

BY TRAVIS FORTOUNAS

STAFF WRITER

With the season's first snow on Nov. 15, it's always a surprise of what kind of wet slushy cold weather it can throw at us.

Winter is a rough season for commuters; snow and ice slow down traffic and can lead to being late or even potentially missing a class. As a commuter, it is very important to leave some extra time for road closings, shoveling and all the other things that come with commuting.

I find it necessary to heat my car up in the morning, as it saves time and is beneficial to the car itself. A cold car in the winter can lead to engine problems and frosted windows. Don't forget an ice scraper, they can become your best friends when needing to chisel off the ice build up from overnight frost.

Being a commuter for almost three years now has showed me every obstacle winter has to offer. Being conscious of changing road conditions is so important when commuting over an hour. I've dealt with road closings, traffic delays and multiple car pile ups during the winter commute; winter is the most dangerous time to commute.

In these kinds of conditions, the size of your car certainly helps. Trucks and SUVs are more accessible on the highway and can handle treacherous road conditions better than small cars. In the long winter days, 4-wheel drive can be your best friend.

If you have a small car like I do, you find it very hard to travel with only a 2-wheel drive transmission; slips and slides are more common due to the minimal traction you have on the road. Your best bet is taking it slow and steady because your life isn't worth rushing in these kinds of conditions.

Bad weather mixed with heavy traffic during the winter can be a reason for any student to dislike commuting. For me, time management is key to a long commuting day. I wake up over an hour early to check the news for accidents and closed roads. Leaving enough time in the morning to get to where you have to be can be critical when traveling long distances.

This is the time of the year where the dorming students have the advantage over commuting students. It's easy for them to wake up and walk to class while commuting students wake up hours before they do and have to deal with all the problems the road has to offer. It's during times like this where I wish I was a dorming student.

Health Column: Understanding Iodine

BY ALECIA SEXTON

LAYOUT MANAGER

With the stress of finals approaching, holiday shopping, trying to stay warm in this frigid weather, commuting long hours, and anything else you might be juggling, it's easy to feel tired and run down. Unfortunately, quick meals are often stripped of nutritional value and leave our bodies starving for many essential nutrients, one of them being iodine.

While often overlooked, iodine is an essential nutrient- meaning our bodies cannot synthesize it on its own, but must consume it through food or supplement. According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), iodine deficiency, which had previously been remedied by the development of iodized table salt, is potentially re emerging due to the acute decrease in nutritional status of growing soil.

Iodine is only naturally present in fish, seaweed and soil. In fact, just as we get iodine from certain vegetables, dairy and grains, these foods get their dose of iodine from the soil they grow on. This simply means if there's no iodine in the soil, then there's no iodine in the food, and so no iodine for us to consume. Unfortunately, intense farming practices and alkaline fertilizers, both of which are practices that are used and applied widely in the agricultural industry, strip soil of this nutrient.

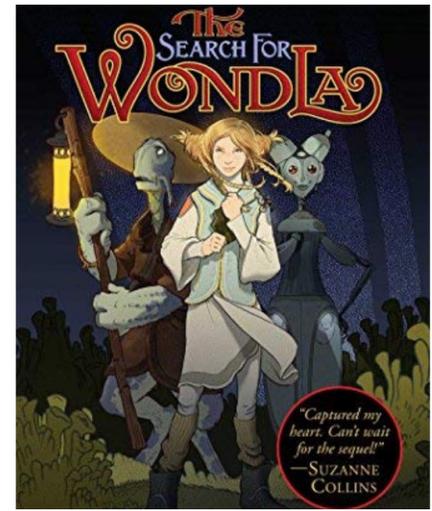
In fact, many are unaware that iodine deficiency is the number one preventable cause of brain cell damage and mental disabilities in America according to NCBI. Additionally, iodine affects brain development before birth which is why pregnant mothers are instructed by healthcare professionals to increase iodine intake. Once born, iodine continues to contribute to the strength and longevity of brain cells, making this mineral imperative for memory, reaction time and overall cognitive function.

It's important however, to get iodine levels checked by a medical professional before increasing consumption since elevated iodine levels can be toxic to the thyroid and create hyperactivity and other nervous system disturbances.

While we don't have control over farming practices, we do have control over what we buy at the supermarket. If we chose to consume organic dairy, meat and vegetables, then the likelihood of ingesting a sufficient amount of iodine from diet alone increases since organic farming practices are kinder to soil and often preserve nutrient levels.

Editor's Note: *The Pioneer is not responsible for giving medical advice. Please refer to a medical professional for serious concerns regarding personal health.*

The Bookshelf: The Search for Wondla



BY JOSIE RERECICH

STAFF WRITER

"The Search for Wondla" by Tony DiTerlizzi is the first book in the Wondla trilogy, which chronicles the story of Eva Nine. Born in a subterranean sanctuary and being raised by multi-utility task help robot zero-six (Muthr), Eva has never seen another human, yet she dreams of meeting others on the surface. Although Muthr insists that Eva is the only one of her kind, Eva has proof that she is not the only human on Earth. The proof comes in the form of a strange artifact that Eva found, the only thing she did not receive from Muthr. Eva dubbed it her Wondla, because those were the only letters on the object that she could decipher. A picture on the Wondla depicts a human girl and man, walking with a robot through a field of flowers.

When a mysterious hunter invades the sanctuary, Eva is forced above ground to find flora and fauna unlike anything she studied. Eva soon discovers that she was not living underneath the planet Earth, but beneath an alien planet called Orbona. An alien named Rovender Kitt and a behemoth creature joined Eva and Muthr. Throughout the book they travel Orbona to discover why Eva was put on an alien planet, all while being pursued by the hunter that destroyed the sanctuary.

By the book's climax, the plot of "The Search for Wondla" turns toward a twist ending about Orbona that was hinted at throughout the story. However, just before the twist is revealed the surprise is spoiled by a sign that Eva and Rovender read just before realizing the truth behind Orbona. And the other big reveal, which tells the reader just what the Wondla is, happens to be a bit anticlimactic.

Despite its flaws, "The Search for Wondla" is a great sci-fi read for readers who enjoy mysteries and twists in their stories. This first book is fun read, with excellent world building, and yet isn't afraid to make a reader cry. Altogether, "The Search for Wondla" is the perfect start to a fascinating trilogy.

Voiced: Diversity is a Strength

BY JOSH TOLENTINO

STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: *"Voiced" is political opinion column taking a liberal stance. While "Voiced" reflects the thoughts and beliefs of the columnist, it may not reflect views of The Pioneer, which is an objective, unbiased entity.*

Some people find diversity to not be a strength but a thorn in today's political climate, staggering the growth of the American people. Certain individuals feel that equality is our strength, but what happens if there is no equality?

People have different economic and social standings all the time. How can you say there is equality if "stop and frisk" affects people we know personally? How can you say there is equality when the law stunts the growth of certain cultures? How can there be unity when our country is more divided than it has ever been?

Affirmative action at colleges exists to help certain students who did not have the same opportunities others were. If you criticize the ideas that the less fortunate should not be helped, what does that say about what you stand for? Where is the equality in that? Policies like this exist to level the playing field. It is not special treatment, but it's to help make up for the treatment some people did not get.

When looking at the country as a whole, diversity has helped us progress; many opportunities are available for a wider variety of people. Our way of life is a cultural diffusion of other societies.

On the basis of international relations, what neo-conservatives argue is the United States must encourage the spread of democracy around the world. But what is a country's place to assert its sphere of influence on societies that may not want it? People who blindly follow conservatism and whine about foreign countries tend to forget that the citizens of a society mean no harm just because they are different.

A government is not always representative of its people, as clearly evident in the United States, where many Americans do not always support government decisions. Continuing this notion of spreading democracy has not always benefited people. For example, Yemen, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Syria, and the Philippines were all "given" democracy by the United States with the notion it will create equality; instead it resulted in civil war. Look at the lives lost because a certain first world country thought it was right.

Diversity is not only our strength but it is the crux of American society. It drives us to do better. It teaches us to understand the world around us. This country was forged by immigrants meant to welcome people with open arms, regardless of their race or creed. Inequality will always exist; racism, prejudice, spite will always reign in the echoes of certain groups. But in between the lines and at the tables of the legislative chambers, acceptance will as well.

Letter from the Editors

In the Nov. 14 issue of The Pioneer, we published a political opinion column, "Trick's Take," that gives one student's perspective on the issue of diversity. While the column reflected the opinions of the writer, and the Pioneer takes great pride in providing a forum for all students to express their opinions, The Pioneer does not support any political perspective, and strives to be a neutral, unbiased entity.

That being said, this week, we are publishing an opposing viewpoint about diversity in America in order to reflect as many student points of view as possible. We also invite other students to share their views on diversity or other issues of importance to them, either through a letter to the editor, or by submitting a column to The Pioneer at liupostpioneer@gmail.com. We will do our best to publish as many as we receive, space permitted. Please keep the columns from 350-450 words and letters to the editor under 200 words.

Finally, we apologize for publishing the Nov. 14 "Trick's Take" column without attribution for the quotes that were used. They were generalized thoughts rather than quotations from specific people.

Sincerely,

Jada Butler & Ashley Bowden
Co-Editors-in-Chief

Trick's Take: The Conservative Argument Against Big Business

BY CHRISTOPHER TRICK

STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, Amazon announced that it would move its new headquarters to New York City and Arlington, Virginia; the corporate giant also said that it would invest about \$5 billion, and each location would see around 25,000 new job openings. Sounds good, right? Well, there is another side to this story.

Corporations usually decide to locate in areas with sturdy infrastructure, a skilled workforce, and reliable transportation, so they can operate effectively. According to The New York Times, Amazon was given \$2 billion in tax subsidies for its decision to build facilities in these locations. Why is it that one of the nation's most prosperous companies was just given \$2 billion?

The answer is simple: Amazon is just one example of an alliance between the business class and the political class. Amazon's decision to move one of its new headquarters to New York City is no accident, as the city is run by Mayor Bill de Blasio, one of the most liberal mayors in the country. Big corporations often lobby before Congress and give contributions to the politicians; in turn, the politicians give favors to the corporations.

Unfortunately, the Right has defended large corporations for years. Corporate America, however, hates the idea of free markets and competition, which are conservative ideals: according to The Daily Beast, a left-leaning website, "That's be-

cause they have the resources to hire the lawyers needed to navigate regulations, and the lobbyists who can help change the rules if necessary." Companies like Amazon end up becoming monopolies, and competition from small business is crushed. There is nothing conservative about this practice, just as there is nothing conservative about most big corporations. It is just the opposite: they are the backbone of the Democratic Party.

If you were to check the donor lists of Democratic candidates like Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, you would find that many large corporations often donate generously to Democrats. According to AlterNet, the Walton family, the owners of Walmart, gave over \$300,000 to Hillary Clinton in the last election. For all the yammering we hear from Democrats about the evils of corporate America, they certainly have no problem taking donations from large corporations for their political campaigns.

The Republican Party deserves some blame, too: in order to satisfy the business interests that fund their campaigns, establishment Republicans often are silent on the issue of illegal immigration and border security, as they want to provide cheap labor to their corporate donors. A mass influx of low-skilled labor often puts downward pressure on the wages of Americans. Many on the Left are right to say that corporate America deserves some skepticism; the problem is, they are enabling the very practices they claim to be fighting against.

Men's Basketball Falls to New Haven

BY MATTHEW WEINSTEIN

STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team began their 2018-2019 season on Wednesday, Nov. 14, with a 74-43 home loss to the University of New Haven in a non-conference game.

Seven players were eligible to play that day. With the news of the upcoming merger between LIU Post and Brooklyn's athletic departments, a large majority of the men's basketball team decided to transfer, leaving the Pioneers in search of extra players. Of the seven remaining, Alonzo Ortiz-Traylor, sophomore forward, is the only person to have played for the Pioneers last season. He led the way with 22 points and 10 rebounds and played all 40 minutes of the contest. Alongside Ortiz-Traylor, Jackson Jordan, sophomore, played the whole game as well, contributing 6 points and 10 rebounds. He also achieved a one-handed jam in transition in the first several minutes of the game.

New Haven outscored the Pioneers by 48-17 in the first half of the matchup. The Pioneers shot 24 percent from the field during the first half, while 0-14 from behind the arc. They finished the game at 29 percent from the field, and 3-28 from behind the arc.

The New Haven Chargers were led by Quashawn Lane. In 26 minutes, the freshman point guard scored 8 points on 4 of 5 shooting, while grabbing 8 rebounds, and dishing out 7 assists. Najee Larcher, senior forward, added 8 points and 10 rebounds in 22 minutes.

The Pioneers have four more non-conference games left on their schedule before the East Coast Conference opener against Molloy College on Dec. 5. The upcoming three games will take place in the Pratt Recreation Center. On Dec. 1, the Pioneers will travel to Nyack College.

Bowling Anticipates Winter Season

BY DYLAN VALIC

STAFF WRITER

The bowling team hopes to strike out the competition this season and plan on sparing no one. The team has been practicing since the second week of September 2018 and aim to keep improving.

Members of the team practice three days a week and they work out for two more. Each practice consists of a combination of specific drills to improve accuracy and run-throughs of normal matches. The team has placed third and second place in the two tournaments they have competed in.

The winter 2018 season will be the team's last before they merge with LIU Brooklyn, so members of the team want to put forth their full effort and play the best they can.

"Being as though we are merging with LIU Brooklyn next year, we want to put everything we've got into bowling and leave everything on the lanes," Emily Cavanaugh, sophomore nursing major, said. "We are excited to be competing in more events this year, and with the extraordinary talent brought in by the freshman and returning players we hope to bring home a

few tournament wins."

Each member of the team brings useful assets that help make the team stronger. "I throw the ball with a slower ball speed, [so] my ball is able to read the lane more effectively," Nicole Lettich, a freshman nursing major, said.

"Rhianna Smith, a freshman, is our only left handed bowler and this is beneficial for the team because there are not many lefties," Lettich said. "This allows the oil breakdown to be minimal for her when we are bowling."

No matter what happens the team makes sure to stick together. "My favorite part about being on this team is sharing the bond that each of the team members have," Francesca Rossi, freshman forensic science major, said. "We have all gotten so close since September and we all work great together."

The team's next game will be at the Wildcat Invitational in Wilmington, D.E. on Dec. 1.

Football Unable to Advance in NCAA Playoffs



vs.



Slippery Rock struck first as receiver Jermaine Wynn Jr. scored on a 75 yard catch and run on the first play of the game. Wynn finished the game with 155 yards on 8 receptions. Quarterback Roland Rivers completed 12 out of 21 passes for 163 yards and picked up an extra 61 yards on the ground.

The Pioneers had two interceptions, one from Jake Carlock, senior linebacker, and the other from Nazir Streater, sophomore cornerback. The Pioneers had one touchdown, a 2-yard pass from Chris Laviano, redshirt senior quarterback to Jake Bofshever, redshirt junior receiver, early in the fourth quarter. Chris Laviano finished his final game as a Pioneer with 333 passing yards on 29-61 passing. Both teams converted on both of their field goal attempts throughout the game. Jake Chapla of Slippery Rock kicked a 25 yarder in the second quarter, and a 41 yarder in the fourth. Joey Tolgyesi, Pioneer senior converted on a 22, and a 25-yard field goal, both in the first half, bringing his season total to fourteen.

With the 2018 campaign officially over, the Pioneers finished with an overall record of 10-1. The 2018 season marks the final season that LIU Post will play as members of the Northeast-10 Conference of Division II, as they will join the Northeast Conference of Division I next fall.

BY MATTHEW WEINSTEIN

STAFF WRITER

The 2018 football season came to an end on Saturday, Nov. 17 as the Pioneers fell to Slippery Rock University 20-14, in the first round of the NCAA division II football playoffs. LIU Post was the number two seed in super region 1, but number 7 Slippery Rock won in front of 2400 fans at Bethpage Federal Credit Union Stadium.



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Women's Basketball
Thursday, Nov. 29 @ 5 p.m.
vs
Bloomfield College
Home

Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 1:30 p.m.
vs
Holy Family University
Home

Men's & Women's
Indoor Track & Field
Saturday, Dec. 1 @ 4 p.m.
Fastrack Season Opener
Staten Island, N.Y.

Swimming
Friday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2
ECAC Championships
Meadow, N.Y.



Back on Track this Winter

BY CHARLOTTE GELFAND
STAFF WRITER

With the graduation of two Pioneer stars, Stefan Adams and Tayla Williams, coupled with the effects of OneLIU, the men and women's indoor track and field teams embrace the recent challenges and set their sights on having a strong run this season. The season officially kicks off on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Fastrack Season Opener in Staten Island, NY. This meet marks the first of many for the Pioneers this season on their road to the NCAA Division II Championships, where they placed third last year.

Despite the early hurdles the Pioneers have faced, the women's team remains dominant and energized in time for the new season. After a successful cross country season, placing third in the East Coast Conference Championships, the women's team returns to the track with a wide array of players on their roster. Alexandria Okon, a junior and 800-meter champion, leads the team as captain this year and is joined by fellow middle-distance runner and junior, Nicolette Agostinacchio.

The team also features the talents of sophomore sprinters Nataly Ramierez and twins, Jacqueline and Kathryn Ginty. The women show strength in throws with defending shot put champion, Kaitlyn Klein, a junior from Richmondville, N.Y. Freshman shot putter, Imoniri Aghomon, joins the Pioneers this year after being named the Suffolk County Champion in the discus for

Bayshore High School. Fellow Bayshore graduate, Margaret McKeever, a freshman middle distance runner, was named MVP for the 2018 cross country season.

In contrast to the strength of runners on the women's team, the men's side has endured more of a challenge to their roster this year. In efforts to make up for the absence of Stefan Adams, the team welcomes a stack of skilled freshman to their roster: 6'2 high jumper, DeAndre Smith, shot putter, Robert Skidmore, and Andrew Ayroso. Another addition is a triple threat freshman, Ishmal Abdula who was named Nassau County All-League athlete in the triple jump, long jump and hurdle events.

The men's team has also been affected by the transfer of five of its runners due to an assortment of unspecified reasons. The affliction of transferring athletes is not unique to the men's team but has been a growing problem for many Pioneer teams, who have been confronted by the strain of OneLIU.

Despite the unbalanced teams and hardships of unforeseen departures, Coach Buckley voiced his excitement for the upcoming season and dedicates his focus on the positives, "It makes it difficult, but we will do as much as we can to have a great season," he said.

As for the teams' goals for the season, Buckley stated his hope to place second in the women's East Coast Conference Championships.

Game Results

Football
Saturday, Nov. 17
vs Slippery Rock University
Loss 20-14

Men's Soccer
Thursday, Nov. 15
vs Adelphi University
Loss 2-0

Women's Soccer
Friday, Nov. 16
vs University of Bridgeport
Loss 1-0

Men's Basketball
Wednesday, Nov. 14
vs University of New Haven
Loss 74-43

Saturday, Nov. 17
vs Franklin Pierce University
Loss 100-58

Saturday, Nov. 24
vs College of Saint Rose
Loss 90-62

Women's Basketball
Saturday, Nov. 17
vs Georgian Court University
Win 83-66

Tuesday, Nov. 20
vs Caldwell University
Win 88-67

Sunday, Nov. 25
vs Stonehill College
Loss 66-47

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