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Spring Fling Artist Announced



The announcement photo from the LIU Promise Instagram

BY MYLES GOLDMAN

STAFF WRITER

The student activities board announced grammy-nominated, electronic house musician and DJ Steve Aoki as the artist for this year's Spring Fling. The artist was announced at a reveal party in the Hillwood Commons lobby on Tuesday, March 19.

Students waited in anticipation as a DJ made the countdown to the reveal at 1 p.m. A banner of Aoki was dropped over the banister in front of Browse drawing cheers from onlookers. Following the announcement, the concierge desk was bombarded by students lining up to purchase their tickets.

Tickets are available for \$15 at the campus concierge until March 28, and for \$20 on Ticketmaster afterwards. Reserved seating is available for \$5 until March 28, and \$15 afterwards.

Steve Aoki @ Tilles Center

Tickets \$15 w/student ID

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Men's Soccer Gives Back to Youth Community



IDA YNNER LAGERQVIST

Javier Rehberger Martin, member of the soccer team, reads to the children

BY IDA YNNER LAGERQVIST

SPORTS AND PHOTO EDITOR

The men's soccer team went to Huntington Montessori School to read books and lead soccer sessions for students between the ages 3 to 8 in the morning of Friday March 8.

This was the second visit as part of a program called "Read, Run and Fun." "It's a mentoring program that is designed to get the players out in the community and to get them to interact with its youth," head coach Michael Mordocco said.

Arriving at the school, the players split up in two groups. One group visited the students in their classrooms, where they read to them. The other group brought students to the school gym for a soccer session where the kids ran around and played soccer-related games.

In the classrooms, the reading mostly consisted of Dr. Seuss books, as March is Dr. Seuss month, but the students also listened to stories about dinosaurs and Pete the Cat. Ajani, 6, was especially interested in the dinosaur books and their pictures. There was one particular thing he liked in one of the books the players read. "There was a big dinosaur head," Ajani said.

The program, Coach Mordocco said, is a great opportunity for his players to build character, mature and prepare for the future. "It's healthy for them to communicate with people, whether it is children or adults, in different environments and different fields," he said. "To be able to build relationships will benefit them and this program will help facilitate that."

Six of the seven players who visited Huntington Montessori School are international student

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Seniors from different programs are looking forward to graduating on May 10 of the spring 2019 semester.

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One Book, Two Book, Old Book, New Book



Members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternities collected over 500 books at a Dr. Seuss-themed book drive.

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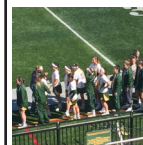
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Wins and Losses for Women's Lacrosse



The women's lacrosse team had a great start in their match against the Pace University Setters on March 6.

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Events This Week

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EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Wednesday, March 20

- Women Are Lit! Read-In*

There will be a gathering to celebrate women's voices in the Great Hall of Winnick House at 12:30 p.m. Students can come and read a favorite poem or excerpt, sing a song, or listen to others perform.
- New Zealand Vigil*

There will be a vigil to honor the victims of the New Zealand terrorist attacks in the library at 12:30 p.m.
- Celtic Woman's Ancient Land*

Celtic Woman's Ancient Land will perform in the Tilles Center concert hall at 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

- Foreigner: The Hits On Tour*

Foreigner will be performing their hit songs in the Tilles Center concert hall at 7:30 p.m.
- Pratt After Dark*

The Student Activities Board is holding Pratt After Dark at 9 p.m. in the Pratt Recreation Center. There will be activities such as laser tag and movies.

Friday, March 22

- Turtle Tournament*

The sisters of Delta Zeta are hosting a tournament to benefit their philanthropy at 12 p.m. in the Pratt Recreation Center. Food will be provided, and all proceeds benefit Starkey Hearing Foundation.
- College Night in the End Zone*

There will be a live DJ in the End Zone for College Night at 8 p.m.


Sunday, March 24


- Sunday Mass & Dinner*

There will be Sunday Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Interfaith Center, followed by dinner, and opportunity for confessions beforehand.





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Pamphlets Removed, Free Speech Obstructed

BY JADA BUTLER

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I witnessed the obstruction of free speech on March 18 when, three minutes after a student informed me of a new “Common Sense” pamphlet on campus, I watched two public safety officers gather the stacks and remove them from Humanities Hall. I was unable to get a copy.

It was approximately 6 p.m. when the officers removed the pamphlets. Regardless of what the contents of the pamphlet were, students, faculty and administrators will never know. It was gone before it could even make an impact.

That’s not to say that I support what is

written in these pamphlets; rather, I uphold and defend students’ First Amendment right to write what they believe and to read it. That right is more important than ever on a college campus.

While watching the stacks of student speech be confiscated, I was disappointed. Disappointed in the university for not being able to handle criticism by any other means than removing it before it could spread.

I obtained a copy from a table in the Hillwood Commons Fish Bowl an hour later. There were no new claims made in the pamphlet, but there were student complaints about the following topics which were already covered by The Pioneer this semester: mold, the “recall of “Dr. Kushner the terrorist expert” after his

recent appointment to the new position of Vice President of Faculty Affairs, Hutton House and the removal of Dr. Kay Sato, a call for transparency on President Cline’s salary, and the phasing out of the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP).

The Pioneer reached out to Michael Fevola, director of public safety, for comment, but he did not respond to an email or phone call regarding who gave the instruction to remove free speech on campus and why, as well as how these pamphlets were discarded. The public safety officer on duty around 2:45 p.m. who answered the phone call identified the pamphlet as “propaganda,” but did not comment on other inquiries.

February Crime Blotter

COMPILED BY MORGAN KASHINSKY

STAFF WRITER

In order to keep the student body aware of occurrences on campus, the Pioneer compiles and publishes crime reports. The reports are public and are available to view at Public Safety. All names have been redacted for privacy purposes.

Sunday, Feb. 3

At 12:04 a.m., a busted sprinkler head outside a Winnick Dining Hall first floor refrigerator set off a fire alarm. The building was empty. The alarm was reset at 2:23 a.m. with the okay of the Chief of the Roslyn Fire Department.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

A robbery was reported at 2 p.m. that happened on Monday, Feb. 4 in Brookville hall. The incident was reported to the Nassau County Police Department as the Old Brookville Police Department does not have a detective to handle robbery cases.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

At 4 p.m., a public safety officer responded to a report of a damaged vehicle. A commuter student stated that she parked her vehicle on the west side of the Tilles Center on January 29 at approximately 7:50 a.m. She returned to her vehicle around 5:00 p.m. and noticed a note on her windshield. The note said ‘sorry I hit your vehicle’ and had a phone number, but no name. The student said she no longer had a copy of the note. She stated she may call the Old Brookville Police Department at a later time. She said her driver’s side rear bumper and rear corner panel were damaged.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

At 4:45 p.m. on February 6, a student reported damage to her vehicle while parked on campus. She stated that at 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, she had parked her car in the Brookville Hall

parking lot, and her car was damage-free. She had returned to her car at 8:30 a.m. the following morning, drove to Hillwood commons and parked her car in the south lot. Around 4 p.m., she drove her car to the music rehearsal parking lot and upon exiting realized that there was damage to her passenger side front bumper. She stated that she was not sure at what location the damage had occurred, but that she was sure it had occurred on campus. She declined to file a police report, stating that she may do so on a later date for insurance purposes.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

At about 5:10 p.m. a public safety officer responded to the northeast corner of Suffolk Hall student parking lot for a report of damaged vehicle/property. A student reported that while driving eastbound through the student lot next to Suffolk Hall, he lost control and hit a university lamp post. Weather conditions were 30 degrees, with sleet. The roads were also covered with snow and sleet. The student reported that he wasn’t injured and didn’t want any police action. The vehicle had driver’s side front bumper damage.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

At approximately 10:45 a.m. a public safety officer on patrol between the Gold parking lot and the Green parking lot observed a car traveling at an excessive speed headed west on Pioneer Blvd fail to stop at a stop sign. The officer put their lights on and the vehicle pulled over. The officer asked the driver of the vehicle for their identification, and the subject identified themselves as a dorm student. The subject was issued a ticket.

Friday, Feb. 22

A bus on campus for an event at the Tilles Center, was blocking a turn-around on the

North Side of the Tilles Center, and no vehicles could pass through. An ambulance, which was on campus for the event, drove over the grassy island in order to pass the bus. A second ambulance, belonging to Northwell, attempted the same path and became stuck. Pictures were taken, and the ambulance was pulled off the grass.

Saturday, Feb. 23

An incident of criminal activity took place on University Drive at 1:19 a.m. The incident was reported to the Old Brookville Police Department.

Monday, Feb 25

At 12:30 p.m., larceny was reported to the department of public safety to have taken place in the Alumni Office between the dates of Feb. 22 and Feb. 25. The investigation is closed.

Monday, Feb. 25

At approximately 5:24 p.m., a public safety officer responded to a report of a fallen tree branch in the administrative parking lot, which had caused vehicle damage. The owner of the vehicle said it had been parked in the same spot since midnight that day. The owner made arrangements through insurance to have the broken rear window fixed, and has requested no further public safety action.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

An drug arrest was made on campus in Brookville Hall at 3:40 p.m. The case belongs to the Old Brookville and Nassau County Police Departments.

Wednesday, Feb 27

An incident of criminal activity was reported at 5:45 p.m. to have taken place some time between Tuesday, Feb. 26 and Wednesday, Feb. 27. The investigation is closed.

Seniors Prepare for Graduation

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Seniors are looking forward to graduating on May 10 of the spring 2019 semester. Those eligible for commencement include students in graduate, professional and dual-degree programs, and the deadline to register for graduation was Feb. 22.

"I'm really excited for all of my family to be here to celebrate something that I've worked so hard for, they've been a huge part of this journey," Elise Strange, senior psychology major said about the commencement ceremony. After graduating, she hopes to attend a graduate program in Virginia.

The March 15 deadline to reserve your cap and gown online has passed, however reservations can still be made at the campus bookstore. In order to participate in commencement, as well as pick up a reserved cap and gown, students must be in good financial standing with the university.

Senior journalism major Dondre Lemon is excited to prepare for graduation and to try on the cap and gown he recently ordered. "I'm looking forward to getting off the island, definitely, and going to grad school," Lemon said. "It's like ending one chapter and starting a new one." Lemon will attend Iona College for sports communications and media.

Graduates should make sure to verify the spelling of their name to printed on their diploma. This can be done by logging onto my.liu.

edu. Once logged on, click the "Degree Progress/Graduation." From there, choose "View Graduation status." Two more links under "Student Information" will allow students to edit the way their name will be printed on their degree, as well as update the address to which it will be sent. If you will be moving off-campus, make sure to give an address where your diploma can be shipped.

Senior musical theatre major Julia Vaughn anticipates attending her final company class as part of the Post Theatre Company. "I get to see what I'm leaving behind and know that it's going to be okay because generations before and after us have been okay without their seniors," Vaughn said. "It's like graduating from the company as opposed to graduating from the university."

"I'm definitely going to miss the friendships I've made in college," Strange said. "Attending college out of state is such an amazing experience, but leaving these people behind is so hard."

A graduation fair will be held in Hillwood Commons from 11 a.m. 7 p.m. on April 16 and 17. During this time, students can pick up their cap and gown, order a class ring, and meet with representatives from various departments.

Handicapped reservations for the commencement service, as well as various other information is available at www.liu.edu/Post/Commencement. The ceremony will be one to remember for all students. "It's major. Just walking across the stage, being handed my diploma; it shows I accomplished something," Lemon said.



COURTESY OF DONDRE LEMON

Dondre Lemon, senior journalism major



COURTESY OF ELISE STRANGE

Elise Strange, senior psychology major

Nursing Students Mold their Future

BY SAMANTHA CAVANAUGH

STAFF WRITER

Three nursing majors, Jessica Alvarado, Melanie Lopez, and Arianna Cavallino were recently selected to be a part of the Nursing Students Association of New York State (NSANYS), which aids in the transition from undergraduate nursing students into the professional world. Its goal, according to the website, is "to help mold the future of nursing by developing accountable, responsible and motivated leaders."

The three campaigned for their positions and gave speeches at the NSANYS convention. Alvarado, sophomore nursing major, was elected as NSANYS president. Lopez was elected as the regional director of Genesee Valley, and Cavallino was elected as the regional director of Long Island.

"Being the president of the NSANYS, I oversee a board of 16 students with the help

of a presidential advisor and two faculty advisors," Alvarado said. She also oversees committee projects and programs, plans the council of school leadership summons, and helps with planning the annual convention. Being a part of the NSANYS will help them learn many different skills and open up a lot of opportunities for each of them. "Being a regional director for the NSANYS will help me build my communication skills and help me make connections while leading other nursing students. It will also set me up for a very successful future as a nurse," Cavallino said.

All three students have big plans for their futures. Alvarado intends to go to graduate school for nursing, and then hopes to work in critical care in a hospital specifically with clinically unstable patients. "Getting to see patients come in and be unstable or maybe even not able to breathe on their own, but having them leave in good health, and eventually maybe even come back to visit," is what Alvarado looks

forward to most in her future career as a nurse.

Lopez's passion for nursing stems from her hands-on experience as an emergency medical technician (EMT) at Exchange Ambulance of the Islips, from which she is currently on school leave. She is eager to start working with patients as soon as possible. After hopefully attending graduate school for nursing, she is excited to "make a difference in patients' lives, even if it is only for a day, because as nurses we are usually with the patients the most."

Cavallino plans to further her education after she gets her bachelor's degree. She wants to become a pediatric nurse and eventually work at Sloan Kettering in Manhattan.

Alvarado, Lopez, and Cavallino encourage other nursing students to join NSANYS, and get involved. More information on volunteering, running for state office, and more can be found online at nsanys.org.

New School Colors to Cover Campus



SHANNON MILLER

Green and gold merchandise for sale at the campus bookstore

BY SHANNON MILLER

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As LIU Post and LIU Brooklyn merge to become OneLIU, so will their school colors. The arrays of green and gold across Post's campus will soon become a distant memory, and shades of blue and gold will take their place this fall to represent a unified LIU.

Green and gold have given Post an identity for over half a century; they served as a base for building a sense of belonging among students and faculty; and they've been an expression of the Pioneer school spirit at sporting and recreational events. The Pioneer theme is everywhere: on the walls and furniture, in the tiled floor patterns, upon the banners aligning the

campus roads, and printed on school merchandise, uniforms and the gymnasium floor.

Some students are left wondering when the color changes will take effect and how much it will cost. Academic halls and athletic facilities will have to undergo renovations to reflect the merger. Freshman business major, Alec Salgado, has concerns about the transition. "Since the colors are changing, it's going to be a huge financial thing for the school. A lot of the buildings are going to be changed because we have a lot of green and gold stuff around. It's everywhere. It's going to be really hard," he said.

The Pratt Recreation Center, where the merged athletic teams will practice, is saturated with Pioneer colors. According to Casey Schermick, director of athletic media relations, there are hundreds, if not thousands of items around campus consisting of green and gold. "As time goes on, these items will be rebranded to match the new color scheme," he said. "This will definitely be a rollout project that will be transformed over time." He added that the new combination of colors is one of many ways to carry on the traditional spirit of each campus. "LIU will be recognizable with accenting colors from both Post and Brooklyn athletic departments," he said. However, he cannot confirm a timetable as to when it will be completed.

Pratt's gym floor displays the Pioneer brand in big, bold lettering; it's a definite change needed before the switch. "During summer break each year, the gym floor is stripped down to the base wood and refurbished. Once decided, the plan would be to make the color changes during this time," Roy Fergus, executive director of facilities, said.

Blue and gold will eventually be reflected in all aspects of athletics, including signage and website design, social media, and uniforms.

Currently, the university is exploring options for a "unified apparel company" to outfit all athletic teams beginning in the fall, according to Schermick. New uniforms will be ready to wear for preseason in late summer. A new mascot, which has yet to be determined, will also receive blue and gold gear with a new logo, wordmark and icons.

The campus bookstore will also undergo various changes that will occur over the summer break. "Discussions are ongoing as to the extent of a makeover," bookstore manager Jorge Lanias, said. New products and clothing displaying the school's brand will likely become available this fall. "The bookstore will continue to be an important proponent of LIU's brand awareness to all current and prospective students," he said. "Students should be excited to be part of this new venture in LIU's history."

Some students are disappointed in the change. Freshman Annalise Argento, a music education major, imagined herself in Pioneer colors since she committed to Post her senior year of high school. "I'm upset about it because I liked the green and the gold. Now we're going to be in blue and gold, and it's gonna be like the next version of Hofstra," she said. "I read about it a while back in the newspaper. Other students said they didn't like it either; even Brooklyn [students] said they didn't like it."

According to Schermick, the athletic department is eager to honor both campuses through a unified LIU. "It was extremely important to the university, athletics, and administration to honor the traditions of both campuses when making the decision," he said. "We as a department are very excited to see our stands filled with blue and gold as we compete at the highest level of competition."

Students Employed at Tilles Center

BY JACQUELINE ESCOBAR

STAFF WRITER

The Tilles Center continues to be known as the largest employer of students on campus, according to Daniel Coners, the Tilles Center's director of business operations. Approximately thirty students work at the Tilles Center.

"Students employed at the Tilles Center do meaningful work in customer service, theater production, marketing, fundraising, education, and event management," Coners said.

Coners said the experience is enriching for those who need to seek experience and to learn manageable skills for the workforce.

"We pride ourselves on the resume building work that our students perform and many of our student employees have gone to gain

meaningful employment in the performing arts and entertainment industry with the experience they have gained here," Coners said.

In addition to the students employed by Tilles, a number of the full-time staff members are LIU Post alumni. Milankumar Patel, senior biomedical science major, was employed by the Tilles Center from Sept. 23, 2017 to May 16, 2018 as an usher. Patel also worked from May 16, 2018 to Sept. 15, 2018 as an event attendee (EA).

As an EA, Patel ensured patron safety in the facility and prepared and ran pre-show performances, including stage set up. Patel also had other responsibilities as an EA such as concessions setup, which involved coffee making, snacks and sometimes bartending.

"We would also use surveys to find out what current attendees value and I would guide the patrons if they need any help finding their

seats, I also arranged the seating for the handicapped so they don't have any problem," Patel said.

Patel said there are roughly 25 ushers and 10 to 13 event attendees. "The Tilles Center has a [large] budget and they always hire more students, for example, sometimes events/shows are almost full and the total number of seats we have is 2,242," Patel said.

To work at the Tilles Center, students must be in a bachelor's or master's program. They must be able to work well under pressure, in a fast paced environment, must have customer service experience, cash handling experience, and good communication skills.

Students interested in employment at Tilles can contact Amanda Dupuy, the operations manager, at amanda.dupuy@liu.edu, through jobs.liu.edu.

One Book, Two Book, Old Book, New Book

BY DYLAN VALIC
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Members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) and Kappa Kappa Gamma (KKG) fraternities collected over 500 books at their Dr. Seuss themed book drive on March 6 in Hillwood Commons. The books will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Long Island.

The theme was inspired by a friend's little sister who didn't know who Dr. Seuss was, according to RJ Ayroso, a junior nursing major and member of TKE. There were several Dr. Seuss cardboard cutouts for students to take pictures with. The drive accepted any type of children's books.

TKE is a fraternity "built on the honest con-

victions of love, charity, and esteem," according to its mission statement. KKG is a sorority that "seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles."

The book drive is one of several events these Greek organizations host on campus. TKE raised money for St. Jude's Children Hospital last September during the St. Jude walk/run, an event where teams of volunteers completed a 5K walk or run to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. KKG recently joined campus in September 2018, and its members plan

to participate in more events in the near future.



Health Column: National Nutrition Month

BY ALECIA SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

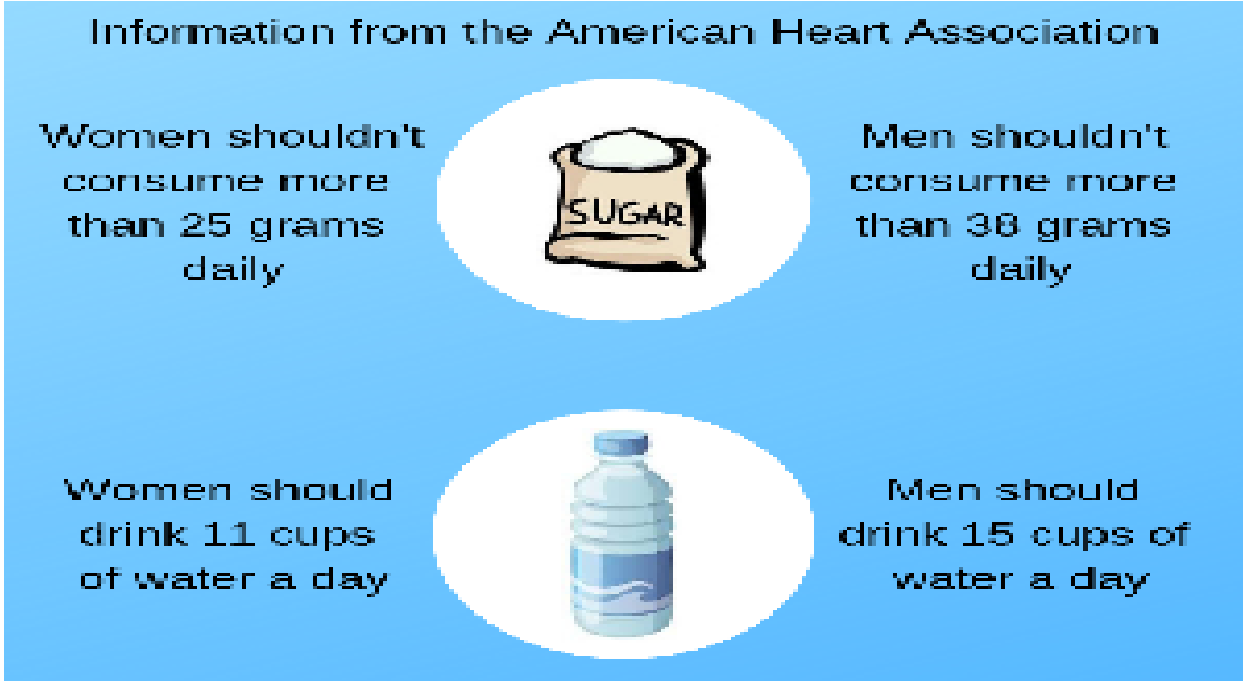
Happy National Nutrition Month! While NNM may not sound as exciting as National Doughnut or Taco Day, it's far more important, and stands for a bigger picture of health and wellness that we as college students too often forget.

As young adults we tend to blindly consume whatever food is in front of us without taking simple steps like thinking about its nutrient composition or even making sure we are actually hungry. NNM was devised by the American Dietetic Association in order to increase mindfulness, promote conscious eating, and draw attention to food and mealtime.

Some of the many key messages of NNM include "choosing foods and drinks that are good for our health" and "discovering the benefits of healthy eating," however these points are vague and require elaboration. For starters, we can all benefit from learning about the nutritional composition of some of the common foods and drinks we consume, and work on making more informed decisions.

I often see students walking around campus with the fruit drink, Naked. Many students believe Naked is a healthy alternative to water. While full of phytonutrients, vitamins and minerals, a typical bottle of Naked has 285 calories and a whopping 58 grams of sugar. Naked drinks may suffice as a snack consumed in moderation, but they don't fulfill the daily water intake requirements.

Another key message of NNM is "discovering the benefits of healthy eating," but what constitutes as "healthy" when it comes to eating? One component of healthy eating is portion size. A general rule of thumb to balance our plate is to limit portions of grains and meats to about the size of our palm, and to load up on fresh vegetables in every meal. Also, the



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more colorful the meal, the better since different colored fruits and veggies are packed with vital vitamins and minerals. It's important to rotate our diets, too, since consuming the same foods day in and day out is a recipe for nutrient deficiencies.

The last goal of NNM is to draw attention to the quality of food we consume. Fast food and packaged foods tend to be less nutritious and filled with salt, harmful fats and sugar. We rarely think about the quality of produce we are consuming; there's an environmental effect on food that affects the nutrient bio-availability of produce as well as the nutritional composition.

This is evident when considering the effects of travel on food. Produce with a large amount of "food miles" will inherently have less vitamin C and A and other minerals; these components are sensitive to heat and other conditions that come with travel. A batch of grapes that were grown in California, then gathered, packaged, transported by truck or plane, and put onto the

shelves at our local grocery store won't have the same nutritional composition as those that were grown on the east end of Long Island. It's beneficial not only our local farmers, but also our own bodies when we choose to consume local produce.

If you're interested in learning more about National Nutrition Month and reading some of the other key messages we should all be thinking about, visit eatright.org and click on National Nutrition Month. There are power points, worksheets and articles available to educate the public on food and nutrition. The more informed we all are, the healthier and better we'll be.

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Read-In for Women Empowerment

BY KARIS FULLER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The 'Women are Lit' read-in will take place during common hour on March 20 in the Great Hall in Winnick House. The event will celebrate women and their uniqueness in society. Mary Pigliacelli, director of the writing center, organized this event for the second time after last year's success.

The event encourages women to share their favorite pieces of written work by other women, whether it be an essay, a tweet or a stanza from a poem. Pigliacelli explained how the event came to be.

"We received so much good feedback on last year's event, which was a celebration of the diversity of women's voices in the world and on our campus, so we're very excited to be holding the event again," Pigliacelli said. "Last year, students and faculty read authors such as Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Rosario Castellanos, Audre Lorde, and Adrienne Rich, and many people shared their own writing as well."

As for this year, there are several sponsors involved in running the events. The Black Student Union, the Rainbow Alliance, the Writing Center, and the Dept. of English, Philosophy, and Foreign Language will all co-sponsor this event.

Pigliacelli believes that the event encourages women to share not only their favorite work, but gives them the confidence to spread their own unique pieces. "I really believe that coming together to share the poems, the essays, the words that move us can very powerful," she said.

"As Audre Lorde explains in her essay 'Poetry is Not a Luxury,' poetry is 'a vital necessity of our existence,' Pigliacelli said. "It forms the quality of light within which we predicate our hopes and dreams toward survival and change, first made into language, then into idea, then into more tangible action. Poetry is the way we help give name to the nameless so it can be thought." Pigliacelli hopes that students, faculty and staff come and share their favorite literature or just listen and enjoy the



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Captain Marvel Movie Disappoints



BY MYLES GOLDMAN

STAFF WRITER

Most Marvel fans can agree - it feels like "Captain Marvel" has been in production for a long time, even for a superhero movie. Until the official announcement that the movie was made, I didn't think much of Carol Danvers (played by Brie Larson), the given name of

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Run Time: 2 hr 4 min

Captain Marvel. Anticipation boiled for the movie when the post-credit scene for "Avengers: Infinity War" showed Nick Fury (played by Samuel L. Jackson) paging Captain Marvel as humanity's last hope.

I haven't seen much of Larson since she starred in "Room" in 2015. Her big transition to a lead superhero role was bold, but it worked. Larson's acting showed a lot of eagerness, similar to Luke Skywalker in "Star Wars" when he was trained by Yoda. Unfortunately, the eagerness is met with confusion after a dramatic plot twist makes it hard to decipher where the film's climax is.

It took awhile to figure out the plot of the movie, up to the point where I felt like I was watching a DC superhero movie. I wanted to get up and walk out of the theater.

The plot is slow to develop; Larson's character smashes into a movie rental store

that is now a relic due to the birth of digital downloads. The humor following her crash landing on earth kept the movie alive, and fortunately didn't over-saturate a shoddy story into a comedy.

All Marvel movies are a part of the same canonical timeline, so Fury is in this film as well. Jackson's character adds familiarity to the film and is used almost as an archetype to emphasize the importance of Larson's character in the next film, "Avengers: Endgame."

Viewers can tell Captain Marvel wants to do what is right, but this realization comes without depth. The lack of a backstory in the film makes it harder for non Marvel comic book fans to understand the reasoning behind her actions. The movie is more desirable to the dedicated Marvel fans because they know who the characters are. A movie should be for the entire audience, not half of it.

Cedric Sanz, a junior astrophysics major thought the movie separated the audience. "It's not a bad movie and if you're a big fan of Marvel films then you'll love it, but most people will come out of it wanting more," Sanz said.

Unfortunately for "Captain Marvel," even though Larson had great performances here and there, it wasn't enough for me to want to watch it again. Instead, I felt like I had to Google, "Who is Captain Marvel?"

Game of Thrones Comes to an End

Students look forward to the highly anticipated final season of HBO series "Game of Thrones."

BY KARIS FULLER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For "Game of Thrones" fans, it has been 569 days since the show's last episode "The Dragon and The Wolf" aired on Aug. 27 2017 on HBO. The long-awaited finale left fans to create theories and ideas as to who they think will sit on the iron throne, and now what writer George R.R. Martin has planned is finally in our sights.

Season eight will have six episodes averaging around one and a half hours long each. As for the storyline, in true "Game of Thrones" style, we know way more than the characters, and are just waiting for them to catch up. All of the action continues in this season with what looks like the night's watch coming to the end as the wall that guarded the North for thousands of years is slowly crumbling. The wall won't last long when going head to head against a giant ice breathing white walker dragon.

Season eight marks the last installment

of the epic fantasy drama, and with the date quickly approaching, students anticipate what's going to happen to the characters, the story line and who they think will occupy the iron throne.

Senior theatre production major Katherine Keaney is skeptical when it comes to the show ending happily ever after. "There will be no iron throne, no one gets to sit on it. I don't think the chair itself will be destroyed, but I believe the battles between Kings Landing and Westeros, and Westeros and the dead will cause enough death and destruction," Keaney said. "A monarchy can't be in place anymore. There is nothing to rule. The highborns are dead and the lowborn are dead."

Alumna Elin Kvarnemar ('18) shares Keaney's skepticism. "I wouldn't be surprised if the white walkers just kill everyone and take over the world," she said.

As for Kvarnemar's predictions of who will claim the iron throne, she's uncertain "I don't know what will actually happen but I hope that



Jon [Snow] will win," she said.

When the show's pilot episode "Winter Is Coming" aired in April 2011, the show was chapters behind Martin's books. Now, after the phenomenal success, the HBO series surpassed the plot of the books. Even the most savvy readers will struggle to predict what the writers will install. The season premiere airs April 14 at 9 p.m. on HBO, so buckle up because winter is coming... and fast.

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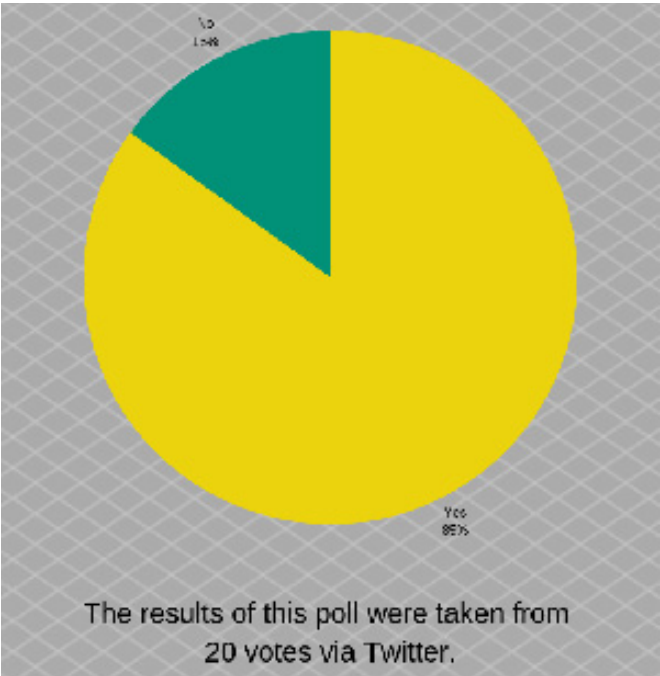
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Poll: Should There Be Stricter Gun Laws to Reduce Mass Shootings?

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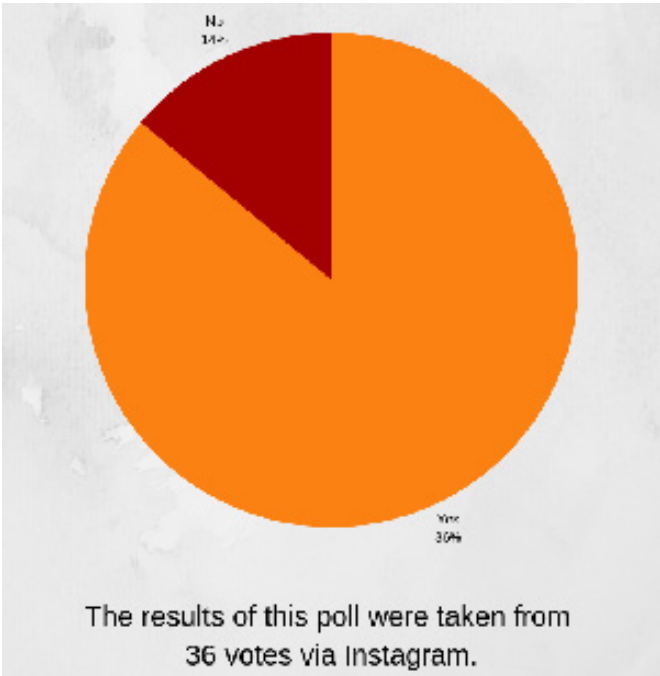
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85 percent voted yes
15 percent voted no

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14 percent voted no

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- _francescagasp on Instagram

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Two Wins, Two Losses for Women's Lacrosse

NEXT GAME:

Pioneers vs. Molloy College Lions
Wednesday, March 20 @ 4 p.m.
John A. Darcy Field, Rockville Center

BY CHRISTIAN KLIMASZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The women's lacrosse team had a great start in their match against the Pace University Setters on March 6. Junior captain and midfielder Alyssa Mallery scored the first three goals, giving the Pioneers an early 3-0 lead. The Setters made a 4-0 run to end the first half, with the Pioneers trailing for the first time in the season at 5-4.

The Pioneers pushed back in the second half with a strong offense, out-scoring the Setters at 7-4, with goals from Mallery, junior midfielders Paige Sherlock, Sara Stephens, Brianna Feldman, and senior midfielder Trish Brisotti.

Pioneers	Setters
11	9

"We lost to Pace last year, so we definitely were out to prove them wrong and that we are the better team," Feldman, who ended the game with one goal, said. Junior attacker Angela Deren had a career high six assists to help her team to the win.

Mallery scored six in a game for the second time this year, with a total of 24 goals scored this year. "To be honest, I don't pay attention to individual stats. I'm just happy if I can do my part to help the team get the win," Mallery said. "At the end of the day, I wouldn't be able to do it without the help of my teammates."

The Pioneers suffered their first loss of the season against the Le Moyne College Dolphins on March 9. "We are determined and excited to play a good competitor," Feldman said before facing the Dolphins. The Pioneers's offense was clicking on all cylinders in the first 10 minutes of the game, with the Pioneers taking an early 3-0 lead. Close to the end of the first half, the Dolphins gained traction, managing to out-score the Pioneers with a score 8-4.

Pioneers	Dolphins
7	16

The Pioneers tried to keep a close score as freshman midfielder Madeline Schaefer scored a goal to open up the second half, but the Dolphins held the lead, ending the game with three unanswered goals.

"This game showed us that we have a few things to work on for our future games," Mallery said. "I believe I fought hard, although the outcome of the game wasn't in our favor."

In the March 13 game against the Warriors, both teams scored back to back throughout the first half for a combined 18 goals. The Warriors had the upper hand and out-scored the Pioneers 4-1 in the final 15 minutes of the game.

Pioneers	Warriors
12	15

After suffering two losses in a row, the Pioneers redeemed themselves in their first East Coast Conference game of the season against the University of the District of Columbia Firebirds on March 16. The Pioneers took less than a minute to score the first goal of the game from Alyssa Mallery, who ended the game with four goals.

The Pioneers were in total control, with the Firebirds only scoring once during the entire game. The Pioneers offense was at its peak as nine different players made goals.

Pioneers	Firebirds
20	1

"Winning is always an awesome feeling. Having everyone contribute to this win makes this win even more special," Jenna Doherty, junior attack player, said. Doherty believes this win will set the tone for the rest of their conference games.

The Pioneers hope to regain their winning streak in their next match against Molloy College. "We go into each game with the same mentality and that is to win. Molloy has always been a respectful opponent. We have trust in each other and our coaches to set us up for success," Doherty said.

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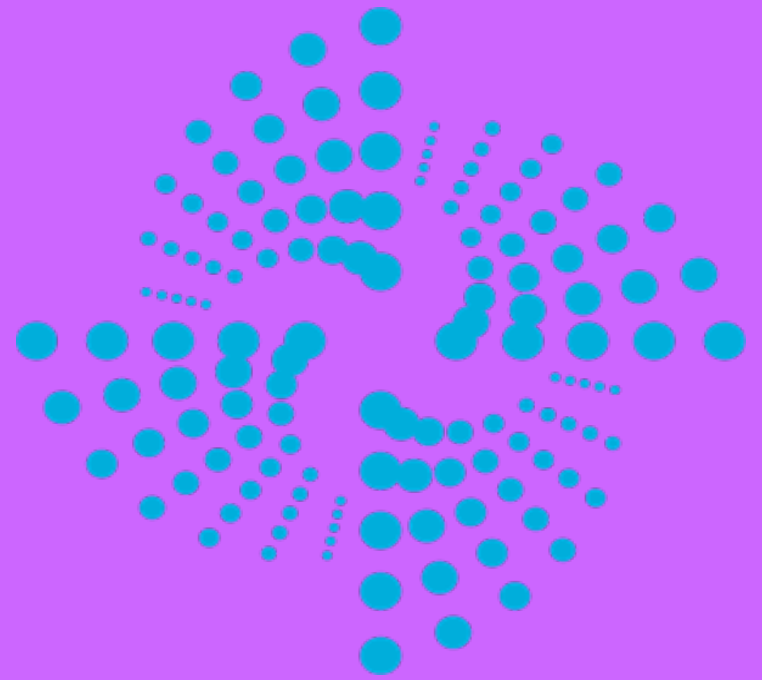
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Sunday

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Junior pre-medical major Jeffrey Reyes in action.

PHOTOS BY IDA YNNERLAGERQVIST



Sophomore nutrition major Hedda Walltott, getting a workout.



Senior international business major Tove Sparrman biking.

Mens Soccer Gives Back to Youth Community

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athletes from Argentina, Australia, Germany, Spain, Sweden, and Trinidad and Tobago. Even though some of them have distinct accents, the communication with the kids ran smoothly. “It’s a great interaction! The kids love them,” Jeff Rodriguez, head teacher for a mixed group with 3 to 6 year olds, said.

Rodriguez sees the culture differences between the players and the children as a great experience for his students. Last month they talked about diversity in his class. “We were touching on how we are all different, but how we should celebrate that and be appreciative of each individual, that we can all learn something from one another,” he said. “I think, by the team coming in and having everyone being from someplace different, the kids can learn something from them. It’s nice for them to get a perspective from someone else.”

Rodriguez also thinks is nice for the students to listen to other voices, especially male voices. “I think it’s nice for them to interact with other men. There aren’t that many male teachers, especially kindergarten teachers, so to have the guys come in gives them a chance to experience somebody else and not

just me or their dads,” he said. The students aren’t the only ones who gain perspective during the experience. By visiting the school, Paul Hein, freshman defender and broadcasting major from Germany, had the chance to learn about the American education system. “It’s very interesting to get to know the American school system and what it looks like,” he said. “It’s interesting to see how they use the Montessori method.”

Junior physical education major Kyle Parish, a midfielder and defender, also thinks the experience has been valuable. “I’m trying to do physical education and coaching, so personally it’s a very good experience for me to see what I can use and improve on to further my education,” he said. He also likes the change of pace from the university. “To have a little bit of youth is very refreshing and joyful,” Parish said.

Rodriguez would love to see the team come back, and he also thinks that more schools should invite university teams to interact with children. “I think this is a really nice experience not only for kids but for the team as well. I would really recommend this to other schools,” he said.



IDA YNNER LAGERQVIST
Anton Ocampo, member of the men’s soccer team, reads to children



IDA YNNER LAGERQVIST
Kyle Parish, member of the men’s soccer team, coaches kids

Upcoming Schedule

Men’s Lacrosse

Wednesday, March 20 @ 7 p.m.
vs Adelphi University
Garden City, N.Y.

Friday, March 22 @ 3 p.m.
vs Lincoln University
Lincoln University, Pa.

Women’s Lacrosse

Saturday, March 23 @ 11 a.m.
vs. Saint Thomas Aquinas College
Home

Saturday-Sunday, March 23-24
at ECC Championships
Reading, Pa.

Softball

Thursday, March 21 @ 1.30 p.m.
and 3.30 p.m.
vs Pace University
Home

Sunday, March 24
at NYU/Princeton Show
Selden, N.Y.

Friday, March 22 @ 1.30 p.m. and
3.30 p.m.
vs Merrimack College
Home

Rugby

Sunday, March 24 @ 1 p.m.
vs. Molloy College
Home

Baseball

Wednesday, March 20 @ 3 p.m.
vs East Stroudsburg University
East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Outdoor Track & Field

Saturday, March 23 @ 10 a.m.
at Stockton Invitational
Galloway, N.J.

Game Results

Swimming

Wed - Sat, March 13-16
@ NCAA Division II
Championships
Karis Fuller:
200-yard individual medley – 21st
place
100 backstroke – 9th place and a
program record
200 backstroke – 11th place

Sunday, March 17
University of New Haven
Game 1: Win 4-3
Game 2: Win 5-1

Baseball

Saturday, March 16
vs Assumption College
Game 1: Win 3-1
Game 2: Win 8-1

Men’s Lacrosse

Wednesday, March 13
vs Saint Thomas Aquinas College
Win 15-4

Sunday, March 17
vs Assumption College
Game 1: Loss 5-4
Game 2: Loss 11-7

Saturday, March 16
vs University of the District of
Columbia
Win 20-1

Softball

Thursday, March 14
vs Adelphi University
Game 1: Loss 10-5
Game 2: Win 10-2

