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Tuition Increase Despite Student Objections



Beatriz Villatoro speaking at the Board of Trustees meeting regarding an increase in tuition over the summer. | Courtesy of Ruthie Arroyo

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NJCU's tuition has increased by 2.9 percent for this academic year. The Board of Trustees voted on the increase during a meeting held this summer. Several students on campus including group members from the Take Back Our Education coalition (which included PEP, the Undoing Racism Committee, Anak Bayan NJ, and Dreamers) attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the proposed hike.

"We can see that increasing tuition does not improve the quality of education because colleges and universities like NJCU only see students as profit-makers, instead of citizens that are striving to get the education they need and deserve," said Shaira Cruz, a senior majoring in history. Beatriz Villatoro, a 2015 graduate, told the board that when she was an undergrad the

Tuition	FY 2017	FY 2018	\$ Change	% Change
Graduate Tuition Per Credit	\$566.55	\$583.00	\$16.45	2.9%
Undergraduate Tuition Per Credit	\$270.45	\$278.30	\$7.85	2.9%
Undergraduate Tuition Per Semester	\$4,057.30	\$4,174.95	\$117.65	2.9%
Fees				
General Service Fee Per Credit	\$53.80	\$55.35	\$1.55	2.9%
Student Center Fee Per Credit	\$22.25	\$22.90	\$0.65	2.9%
Student Activity Fee Per Credit	\$2.60	\$2.65	\$0.05	1.9%
Technology Fee Per Credit	\$18.10	\$18.60	\$0.50	2.8%
Facilities Fee Per Credit	\$11.25	\$11.60	\$0.35	3.1%
General Service Fee Per Semester	\$806.60	\$830.00	\$23.40	2.9%
Student Center Fee Per Semester	\$332.70	\$342.35	\$9.65	2.9%
Student Activity Fee Per Semester	\$77.80	\$80.05	\$2.25	2.9%
Technology Fee Per Semester	\$271.60	\$279.50	\$7.90	2.9%
Facilities Fee Per Semester	\$169.05	\$173.95	\$4.90	2.9%

yearly tuition increases forced her to take out more loans and she had to drop being a full-time student to become part-time so she could work and help pay the rising tuition prices.

Aside from tuition being raised yearly, students said education has become a business. Thev complained that many professors are being laid off, there are not enough scholarships and staff are being replaced by automated systems, such as the parking booth attendants (which students have said caused an inconvenience when the machines malfunction and there are no staff in the vicinity to accommodate anyone trying to leave or enter the parking lot.)

Rukiya Bluford, a graduate student and member of the Undoing Racism Committee and PEP said that, "If you continue to raise tuition, you continue to make the statement that our lives are for sale."

Professor and President of the local union American Federation for Teachers, Bill Calathes, spoke up in support of the students, telling the Board, "A 3 percent increase may not sound like much but it's a lot."

The board responded by assuring the students that their words did not fall on deaf ears and that they would consider freezing the tuition. Students exited the room as the meeting concluded chanting: "Money for jobs and education, not for wars and occupation!"

Jodi Bailey, the Executive Director for Housing & Residence Life went on to say that that students will be able to have more freedom in choosing their roommates, more gender-inclusive housing, and students will also be hired more on campus.

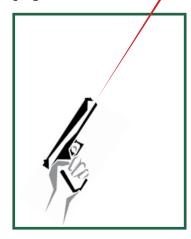
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New Book Club, New Member



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NJCU's PRIDE Center enters its second academic year after its official opening last April. Last semester on May 12, members from a Hoboken book club, donated a generous amount of items to the Center. The book club, named A Novel Bunch, donated a rug, futon, mini fridge, microwave, books, paintings, pictures, and a coat rack. Members Mallory Galbreath and Jordan Perry brought the items to campus.

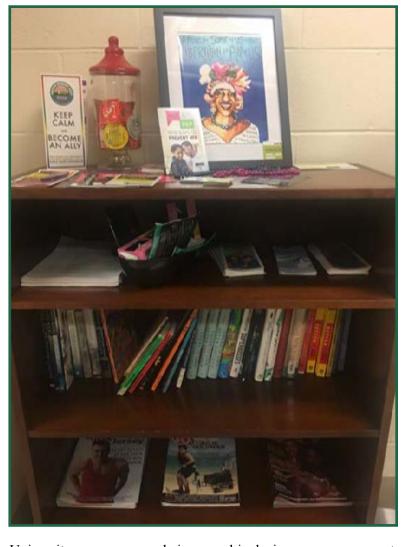
When asked what made them want to do this, Perry said, "My brother is gay and there's a special place in my heart for LGBTQ individuals." Galbreath shared how she frequented LGBTQ safe spaces when she was still a student. "When I was in college, the Pride center was my favorite place to go."

Their relatively new book club was reading "Gracefully Grayson"--a book by Amy Polonski about a transgender girl coming to terms with her gender identity--which inspired this generous community service project.

Courtesy of Monica Sormiento

September, members of the LGBTQ Friends and Alliance will have a special reunion on the 23rd. Alumni will get to see the new center and meet current members of the Alliance. Alumni can also participate in an interactive project to "leave their mark" which will be displayed on the walls of the PRIDE Center. This event will be held on NJCU Day 2017 on Saturday, September 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Pride Center, GSUB 321.

Lastly, workshop proposals for the 15th Annual LGBT Leadership Conference that will be held at William Paterson



University are now being called for. The conference and its workshops will continue to have one objective: to come together to cultivate ideas and skills necessary to continue building and supporting a united

and inclusive queer movement. The Conference will take place on October 13th. Deadline for submissions are September 7th.

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Tips for College Freshmen and Transfer Students

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Congratulations! Whether this is the first time you're stepping foot on a college campus or you've joined us from another university, your first days, weeks or months at a new school can definitely be daunting. While your

college experience is bound to come across some hurdles along the way, there are many tips on how to ensure that you overcome them. Here are a few to help you get off to a good start here at NJCU!

1 Have an open mind.

According to research done by the Education Advisory Board (EAB) an estimated 75-85 percent of students will switch their majors at some point in their college careers. Contrary to popular belief, students that wait until after their first semester of freshmen year will graduate in four years on average, and students that wait until the fall of their junior year actually have the highest graduation rate. Moral of the story: don't stress if you've just started college and you're undecided! While having an idea of what you want to do certainly helps, college is a time for you to explore your interests and figure out what you want to do. If you are really unsure of where to start, book an appointment with your academic adviser at the University Advisement Center and they can be sure to help you!

#3Get involved.

Starting out a new school can be scary, especially when you find yourself on a campus full of strangers. I've found that the best way to make friends and get to know other students is to join a club or student organization. It's an easy way to meet new people who have similar interests and also a great way to relax and unwind outside of the classroom. You can find out more about clubs and events at NJCU from Campus Life.

#5Get organized and stay oganized.

The adults in our lives were not joking around when they told us no one would be holding our hands in college. Now, it's your responsibility to keep track of due dates, exams, work schedules and everything in between. Something as simple as going through the syllabus for each class at the beginning of the semester and plugging in important dates into a calendar app on your phone can be so helpful. If you prefer having everything down on paper, you can go a step ahead and buy a physical planner where you can jot down reminders or assignments. Having an organized calendar can really make a world of difference when you need help staying on track of things in college.

#2Don't buy . . . rent!

The likelihood of opening up every textbook we buy in college after graduation is slim to none, so why spend hundreds of dollars on books every semester? Students have many options to get the reading material required for classes and there are many resources that have your books for half the price or even less! Chegg.com and Amazon.com are two great resources for renting textbooks or even purchasing them at a much lower price online. Sometimes, professors will even reserve copies of the textbook at the library, so don't rule out the Guarini Library on campus! The NJCU bookstore on campus will also price match any textbooks you may find online or in other stores. You can stop by the bookstore for more information on how to save on books this semester.

#4 Take advantage of the campus resources!

NJCU has an abundance of resources available to students, sometimes it just takes some effort to find them. It may seem obvious, but the Guarini Library is a great place if you need a quiet place to study. The Gilligan Student Union Building (GSUB) also offers a lot great places to catch up with friends or hang out between classes. On the third floor of GSUB you can also find the Speicher-Rubin Women's Center, the Pride Center and the Counseling Center among others (The Gothic Times' office is in room 301!)

If you're in the midst of an internship or job search, stop by NJCU's Career Center where you can get help with career planning. Or, if you want to hit the gym, your Gothic ID card can get you into the John J. Moore Athletic & Fitness Center. There, you'll find a basketball and volleyball court, fully-equipped exercise and fitness area and more. Speaking of your Gothic ID, be sure to get yours because it gives you access to certain buildings and entrances, allows you to take books out at the library or purchase food at the cafeteria or vending machines. Having a student ID can also get you special discounts off campus at museums, clothing stores, or restaurants.

Getting Connected

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When researchers study the habits of college students who persist through graduation, they consistently find that one factor these students have in common is taking part in extracurricular campus life. Getting involved, whether through participation in a sport, regularly attending campus activities, becoming part of student government,

at NJCU

or joining a club, sorority, or fraternity, is associated with student success. Students who are engaged on campus tend to devote more time to their studies, have higher grade point averages, and feel more content with their social lives.

Becoming an active member of a university community strengthens one's identity as a college student, helps one form relationships with faculty and staff mentors, and creates foundation for building leadership skills. Connecting

with other students understand who are coping with similar student challenges also provides important peertaught opportunities to develop strategies for academic achievement, balancing work and play,

and networking. New Jersey City University's wide variety of opportunities for engagement means there's something here everyone! Office of Campus Life is the go-to resource for information about goings-on at the Gilligan Student Union Building, about opportunities for volunteering, and about campus activities general (201-200-3585; or stop by their brand new office in GSUB 109). The Student Government Organization (201-200-3519; **GSUB** 125) advocates for the student body in campus matters, oversees a variety of student activities, and funds over 30 different

student clubs. In addition. there are a variety of clubs and honor societies affiliated with academic departments, so be sure to check with your major department to find out what they offer. The NJCU Greek Senate (201-200-3525; GSUB 315) includes 17 Universityrecognized sorority fraternity chapters dedicated to academic achievement, social development, and community service. If you're interested in joining one of our 12 varsity teams, participating in club or intramural sports, or supporting the Gothic Knights as a fan, the Athletics Department (201-200-3317; John J. Moore Athletic & Fitness Center) is your key source for all things sportsrelated at NJCU.

And of course, don't forget to check out the Counseling Center's own Peers Educating Peers Program! The PEP Program trains student educators to facilitate dynamic interactive presentations, events and information tables, both at NJCU and off campus, on a variety of mental health and social issues. Peer Educators attend weekly meetings to focus on personal growth, and also have opportunities to attend retreats and conferences. find out more, stop by GSUB 327 or call 201-200-3166



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A closer look at Joshua lannuzzi

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Joshua Iannuzzi is the Internship Coordinator for the NJCU School of Business. Prior to his position at NJCU, Joshua has held positions such as a Grants Writer for the Newark Public Library, Employer Relations Manager at the Jersey City Employment and Training Program (JCETP) and America Works of New York, and Deputy Youth Vote Director with President Obama's "Organizing For Action" campaign in 2008. In this interview, Joshua shares some career advice and a little bit of his personal life.

What led you to become an internship coordinator?

I have several years of workforce development experience, working to prepare and connect job seekers with employers. In this role, I have worked with several different populations who often experience barriers to employment, including but not limited to veterans, public assistance recipients, and the formerly incarcerated. I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to work and provide for themselves/family. I love the work I am currently doing because most NJCU students are passionate, dedicated, and truly want to excel in their careers.

What's the process of finding employers who want to receive students as interns?

Networking, networking, and networking. As in most professions (and job searches), the ability to build relationships is key. While technology has certainly changed the practice in several different ways, nothing beats face-to-face interaction. I often tell employers that I am only as good as the candidates I send them. This means that I must know the students I am working with and screen them properly. The more I interact with the student, the better I get to know them and can work on their behalf. In most cases, when a good match is made between a student and employer, the employer will likely either hire the candidate or come back to me looking for even more referrals.

What advice would you give to incoming college freshmen?

Take your scholastics seriously and get involved. Whether it is by joining a club, getting a job/internship, or volunteering locally, experience is key. The ability to juggle several responsibilities while maintaining good grades is a skill set most employers are seeking. This tells the employer that you are responsible and can multi-task. It's also important for us to always put our best foot forward.

When you leave a good impression on someone, it typically sticks and can extend to other potential leads and contacts. You never know who is paying attention and how one good experience can open several different doors.

What's your advice for students who are seeking an internship?

In addition to maintaining good grades and positive relationships with professors, peers, and professionals, I would recommend students meet with both an academic advisor and career services professional as soon as possible. The earlier a student starts planning their career goals and professional development, the more prepared they are for an internship and employment. I do not get people jobs or internships. I help connect students to those opportunities, but at the end of the day, it is up to a student to sell themselves. From resume creation, to interviewing, and job searching techniques, the more practice one has, the better suited they are to succeed.

What's your advice for students who are just starting an internship or any job related to their major?

Always put your best foot forward and act as the professional that you are. Push yourself to go above and beyond. Whether it is arriving early, staying late, and/ or asking for more responsibilities, you want to separate yourself (in a positive light) from the rest of the pack. Lastly, if there is something that you are unsure of or you do not know, seek a mentor either inside/outside the organization and ask questions. The ability to grow is instrumental to advancing in our careers. Even if the less ideal situations, you should always be giving it your best shot and trying to learn something about the job, the industry, and/ or yourself.

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What are your hobbies?

I enjoy anything having to do with baseball. I like to listen, watch, and play, as well as manage a fantasy baseball team/ league. I also try to stay active both socially and politically. Like many Americans, I have a lot of concerns about where our country is headed or how people are affected by certain policy. For me, it's one thing to talk about these issues on social media but it's another to act

What are your favorite movies, television shows, or music?

I love every Wes Anderson movie starting with The Royal Tanenbaum's. I love Shawshank Redemption, True Romance, and The Big Lebowski, O brother where art thou? I don't watch a ton of television but VICE News/TV is both entertaining and educational. I get more out of their half-hour news segment than I would in watching hours of mainstream new media segments. I also enjoy almost anything that is on HBO or PBS. With that said, my alltime favorite show would have to be The Twilight Zone, but Black Mirror does a pretty good job giving a present-day spin on the Rod Sterling classics. Radiohead, Aerosmith, Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews band, Pink Floyd, the slackers, The Kinks are some of my favorite bands.

What kind of person were you in high school and college?

I got along with most everyone in high school and college and I am fortunate to still have a lot of those same close friends. In

retrospect, I should have taken learning a new language more seriously. In general, I like to think that I am more open-minded now then I was then. You grow a lot from life experiences and I am grateful to have had many unique opportunities through my schooling and employment. So many of my most meaningful experienc-

the Obama campaign?

I was always interested in politics, A friend had given me a heads up about this new candidate in 2008 named Senator Obama, I got to see the chance to see him speak at Washington Square Park in September 2007 and it completely captivated me. I became interested in his message of hope and unity for

leaders to form their own local team of volunteers for canvassing and phone banking. I was hired full-time deputy youth vote director in Pennsylvania. I was second in command and was based in the Head Quarters in Philadelphia and visited the largest colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. I worked with the local student chapters on campus and empowered them by providing the student volunteers with the resources and training provided by the headquarters.

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es came from stepping outside of my comfort zone.

What was the very first job you held?

The first job I ever held was early in high school at a pop-up Christmas tree shop. I had heard that the tips would be good, so a friend and I applied for the job. Between the cold weather, picky customers, sticky sap on the trees, and non-stop Christmas music, I only lasted one holiday season. I am fortunate to have worked several differ-

ent jobs throughout high school and college. Between working the front desk at a recreation facility to acting as a camp counselor, I took many lessons from my various employment opportunities.

How did you get started to work on

all people and after 8 years of being under President Bush I began to feel optimistic. I started volunteering on weekends in Orange, NJ by registering new voter and canvassing (going door-to-door to have discussions with existing voters and encouraging them to vote for then senator Obama). I applied and was accepted into the Obama fellowship program in Pennsylvania. I was placed in Williamsport; my job was to empower people in the community by getting local community

What's your favorite part of your job?

I enjoy working with the diverse students, faculty and administration at NJCU. I very much appreciate the reciprocating relationship, where I get to learn from those I work with and they hopefully get to learn from me. With so much growth at the School of Business I feed off the excitement from both the NJCU students/faculty and the community. There is no better feeling than learning that I have helped a local employer and/or student. So many people (both students and employers) are surprised that this opportunity even exists and I love having the ability to assist a variety of individuals in reaching their goals.



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Students Visit China



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This summer, I was one of eight NJCU students that had the opportunity to visit China. We studied the language and experienced the culture, which included many field trips. Whether it was painting Chinese opera masks or making dumplings, it was fascinating. By the end of our culture and communication classes at the university, we had learned how to introduce ourselves, ask for the price of the products, say basic food names, the date and time, numbers, salutations and a traditional Chinese song. We also got to do some clay sculpting.

Before the trip, we prepared ourselves by studying the basics of the Chinese culture and language in six, two-hour classes. In these classes we learned numbers, common food names, greetings and some place names.

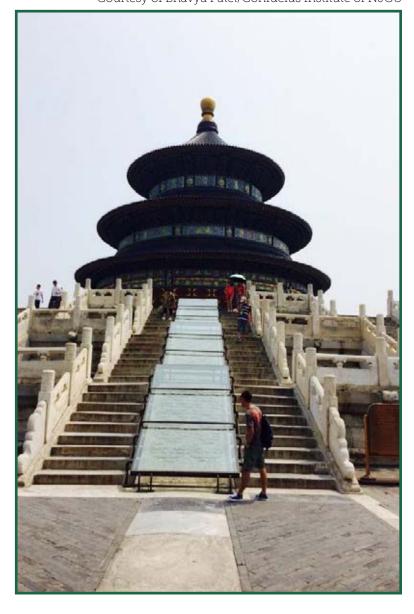
Changchun, our first stop is located in the northeast of

the country and is a a beautiful, At developing city. Jilin Huaqiao University there, each of us were assigned to a student volunteer. Each day, students had Chinese communication classes in the morning and oral Chinese practice with their student volunteers in the evening. Usually, the students would hold these classes at different places on the campus, such as the supermarket, the dining hall or simply wandering around the campus, meeting and greeting new people.

Every day there was also a field trip to the sites in Changchun such as the Jingyuetan National Forest Park as well as a traditional Chinese medicine hospital. At the hospital, we learned about the traditional methods used for treating patients such as cupping – in which skin is drawn into a cup by creating a vacuum in the cup placed on the skin. We also

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learned about acupuncture. On the final day at the university, we were awarded certificates for successfully completing 33 hours of learning oral Chinese language.

The next phase of the trip was visiting historical and

important sites in Beijing. We visited the Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs, the underground Palace Museum and a Chinese tea shop. We also saw Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City (the Chinese imperial palace from the years 1420 to 1912, Beijing Olympic Park where the famous "Bird's Nest" stadium is located, the Temple of Heaven and a local flea market.

The student delegation trip to China was arranged by Confucius Institute at New Jersey City University and Jilin Huaqiao University of Foreign Languages in Changchun. We were accompanied there by by Xiuli Yin, Director of the Confucius Institute, Tamara Cunningham, assistant vice-president for Global Initiatives and Vaughn Rogers, programs assistant for Global Initiatives.

The trip ran from June 19, 2017 to July 1, 2017. I had a great time with the other NJCU students whom I did not know before we left but became good friends with.

This is an annual trip which all NJCU students can apply for. To know more about this trip you can email: *confuciusinstitute@njcu.edu* or call 201-200-3500.



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Unloading the Barrel Kisha Allgood

Courtesy of Camille Ancheta

This summer, several community groups in Jersey City joined together to protest gun violence. They held a Unity March which began in Greenville, a community that has suffered multiple losses due to violence and inconsistent police patrols. My church, the Hub Church, decided to join the march to show that we are united with those suffering through the pain of gun violence.

At the beginning of 2017, The Jersey Journal ran an article that said "nonfatal shootings rose from 69 in 2015 to 80 in 2016. Those number[s] do not include reports of shots fired or shootings without injury." The 80 documented shootings in 2016 should have caused Mayor Steven Fulop and Jersey City Public Safety Director, Jim Shea, to rethink their strategy about gun violence in communities like Greenville. With these statistics in mind. why does it seem that safety has not improved? Just days after Fulop and Shea spoke to the newspaper, a triple homicide occurred on Fulton Avenue in Greenville. This neighborhood should be a top priority for local law enforcement but it took a triple homicide to highlight the presence of guns there.

In her article, "Moms visit spots where kids were gunned down," Caitlin Mota for the Jersey Journal confirmed with the Jersey City Police Department that there has been 11 fatal shootings in Jersey City so far this year. Since April 2017 alone, Jersey City Police Department figures show that there have been 51 aggravated assaults, eight of which included guns.

Another issue with this is that not every victim is the same. For example, in 2015 Darcel Rivers was visiting his family in Greenville when he was robbed and shot in the head.

Avenue. Reports says that witnesses heard shots around 3:30 p.m. that afternoon near P.S. 15, a local elementary school. He died 20 minutes later. This young man was fatally wounded and left to perish on the street. The basketball courts that young men frequent are now open territory. Hanging out with friends outside of their buildings also leaves them vulnerable. Where can young men go if the basketball court and the front of their buildings are no longer safe?

Jonathan Olavarria, pastor of the Hub Church on

victims of or know people who have died because of the presence of guns and the lack of law enforcement.

Maribel Santiago, another resident of Jersey City who attended this summer's march also spoke about the Unity Walk. She is a mother and grandmother concerned about her neighborhood. Santiago said the Jersey City Unity Walk had an impact on her, "when I saw caring and passionate people from all backgrounds coming together to make their city a healthy and peaceful community for families."

Families are the foundation of communities. Gun violence is not just a Greenville issue, but an issue that affects every single neighborhood in Jersey City.

There are simply too many guns on the street. Children have been caught in the crossfire, and many families have been devastated. Young couples with children are on high alert because they never know what to expect when they walk outside of their doors. Gun violence is an issue that everybody in Jersey City should be concerned about.

Where can young men go if the basketball court and the front of their buildings are no longer safe?

Rivers was the son of Jersey City's fire chief and was living in Rhode Island at the time. The case has not been solved. His mother told reporters, "Homicide came to my house this morning and I closed the door on them." Rivers' grieving parents were left with the heartbreaking task of telling their four grandchildren that their father wasn't coming home; his youngest child was 2-years-old at the time of his murder.

In May of this year, Rasheed Rayson, 19, was fatally wounded on Woodlawn Bergen-Lafayette said, "Gun violence is a serious issue in our community. It affects not only our immediate neighbors but children and generations to come. Senseless violence is crippling our youth and removing the hope they have. Our families constantly live in fear not knowing if their children will return home safely." Olavarria, a resident of Jersey City, is a pastor and educator and has worked at Lincoln High School. The youth are our most vulnerable population and many of them have been



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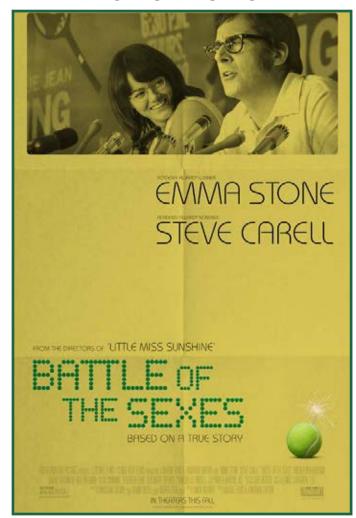
In theaters this September comes a behind the scenes look at a remarkable moment in women's sports history. "The Battle of the Sexes," gives us the backstory behind an epic tennis match that took place in 1973. This story shows audiences the weight of the enormous pressure tennis player Billie Jean King had to surmount.

In addition to showcasing the life of the valiant King (the first openly gay female athlete) the movie also gives us a sneak peek at her opponent's private life – the ostentatious Bobby Riggs.

King made history unlike anything the sports realm had ever seen before. She was the best female player of her time and much to her dismay, caught the attention of the former world renowned tennis champion Bobby Riggs, who lost his fame and traction after World War II. As an attempt to regain the limelight, the 55-year-old Riggs vowed he could take on any female tennis player. He set his sights on the then 29-year-old King. King, who had already won 10 major single titles, rejected Riggs. Instead, Margaret Court (who was ranked No. 1) at the time, took her place. The winner would get \$10,000.

Unfortunately, Court was decimated during the match; Riggs beat her at 6-2 and 6-1 in what became known as the "Mother's Day Massacre." She was no match for Riggs' versatile playing style. "I didn't expect him to mix it up like that," Court told reporters afterward. "We girls don't play like that." Riggs then turned his attention back to King, vowing to defeat her next. He provoked

Battle of The SexesMovie Preview



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her by slewing sexist remarks at her, including but not limited to calling her a "women's libber leader," and saying women were only "good for the kitchen and the bedroom."

He also said, "I am not saying that women don't belong on the court, who would pick up the balls otherwise?"

Riggs' demeaning comments toward women caused King to eventually accept his challenge. She knew what was at stake and she faced him head on. She defied the odds and beat the pompous Riggs in a heated match which



Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs smile during a news conference in New York to publicize their upcoming match at the Houston Astrodome (July 11, 1973). | Courtesy of AP Photo

had more than over 30,000 attendees.

Alice Defazio, NJCU's Athletic director, was a junior in high school at the time and remembers the match vividly. "The victory by King raised the consciousness of girls and women in sport in general, and served as the impetus for better acceptance and appreciation of female participation in sport."

King said "it would have set us back 50 years if I didn't win that match.... It would ruin the women's tour and affect all women's self esteem." In the end, Riggs admitted defeat and recognized that King was a good player and a worthy opponent. King affected the lives of women, especially female athletes that followed her. King also solidified the future for women within sports by opening up a nonprofit advocacy group, helping found a sports magazine, as well as a women's player union.

It is precisely because of chauvinistic and misogynistic ideals people harbor that women need to work twice, if not three times as harder than their male counterparts to even fathom reaching any kind of pinnacle of success. Women have always been viewed as the "weaker and inferior sex;" thus, they are primarily associated with domestic duties and nurturing roles: nursing and teaching being amongst the most prominent fields occupied by the fairer sex. This was especially the case forty years ago, when Billie Jean King took the forefront and made headlines by daring to defy this folly notion and prove to the American audience the tenacity and strength behind a woman's resolve.

Did You Know about the JMAC?

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All students should know about this place. There is a large facility down where Culver Avenue meets West Side Avenue, did you know about it? Most don't! Officially, the JMAC is called the John J. Moore Athletics and Fitness Center, and it is the home for our basketball and volleyball teams - both of which will be playing throughout this semester. Not only that, it's also a place where intramural sports are held. What are intramural sports, exactly? Intramural sports can be games such as chess, dodgeball, flag football, and many more. These intramurals are continuous during the semester, have no commitments. You can stop by whenever you want, just to have fun, if that specific intramural is running. Although, some intramurals such as dodgeball, flag football, and all tournaments have sign up dates. Most of the sign-up dates begin on September 5th, and end at varied dates in late September and early October. Recreational chess, air hockey, and table tennis run throughout the semester and do not have sign-up dates. Bring a friend or stop by for a friendly game and meet one! Other intramural events officially begin in early October, so try to sign up before then!

Asides from events, the JMAC also houses a Fitness Center that has weight training equipment, treadmills, weight stations, and much more. So, whether you're a Freshman looking to stave off the dreaded Freshman 15 or you're a continuing student looking to burn off some weight, this is the place you want to be. The best part is that it is open to all students. There are also basketball courts, volleyball courts, and a pool area within the JMAC. Not only are each used for different intramurals and some of our athletics teams, but the pool area specifically can be a place where you can learn to swim, take lifeguarding lessons, or even scuba diving lessons. The pool area is home to the Aqua Golf and Aqua Basketball intramurals this semester, where you can test out your swing or shot in the water.

This just begins to scratch at the surface of what the

JMAC offers to students on campus. From intramurals, a pool area, and a fitness center to the Athletics Department, volleyball courts, basketball courts, and even a track – the JMAC has a diverse array of amenities to suit any student.

Even if sports and fitness aren't quite your thing, it's a great place to cool off in September and a better place to warm up in December. Just remember to bring your NJCU ID with you before you enter!

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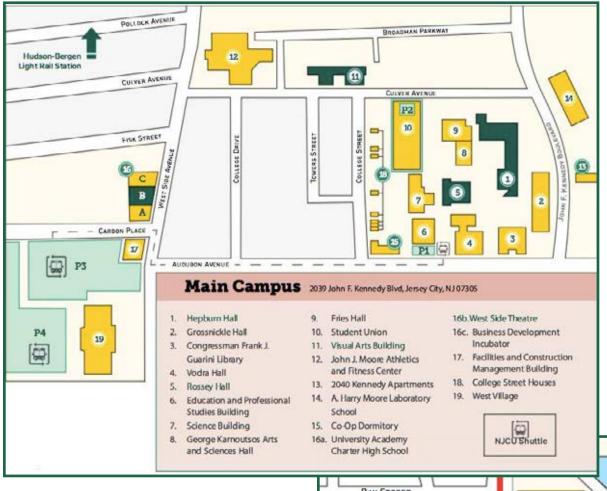
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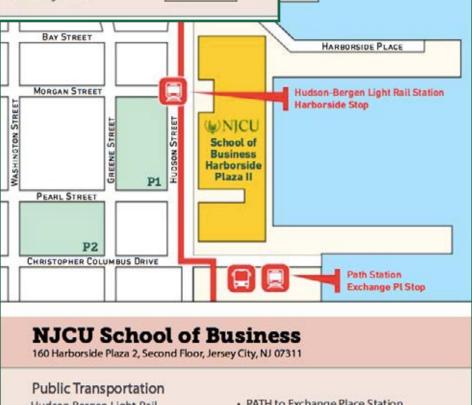






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