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Dr. Sue Henderson named NJCU's 12th University President

By Monir Khilla and Chinedum Emelumba

Dr. Sue Henderson has become New Jersey City University's 12th University President. She is the first woman to hold the title and took office on August 6, more than a month after former president Carlos Hernandez retired on July 1.

"He [Carlos Hernandez] did so many visionary things to move it forward. He's probably one of the biggest reasons the campus is as beautiful as it is. I think he's done a lot with pushing the West Side campus, because he knows that's the future, as well as, the waterfront," said Henderson.

Her first impression of NJCU was that it was "A very warm and welcoming place, but then again I felt that when I went in for the interview."

"I really love the diversity that you find up here. There's nothing like it; and I don't think we realize it, but we are what the future of the world will look like. Unless you have an understanding

of what other cultures are like and how they behave and what they value, you're not going to be able to be successful and that's why I wanted to be at a diverse place. So, that's why I came here," said Henderson.

"I'm pumped!" she said.

Henderson says she feels no pressure being the first female president.

"I was a Math major actually and very often when I sat in class, I was the only female," she joked.

She feels that "At the end of the day, the most important thing is to help the institution grow and be bigger and better than it was."

Henderson has had a long career in academics and has moved up the chain of command steadily. She received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mathematics from Georgia State University and her PhD. in Higher Education from the University of Georgia.

She was the Chief Operating Officer at City University of New York Queens College, as well as the Vice President for In-



Photo by Monir Khilla

Dr. Henderson, the new president of NJCU

stitutional Advancement.

Her long list of accomplishments include raising, coordinating, and completing grants worth

hundreds of millions of dollars, re-engineering entire programs, and being named one of the "Top 10 Business Women in Queens"

by the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

She eventually decided to become a university president and visited campuses in other parts of the country.

Travelling allowed Henderson to appreciate the diversity we had in the tri-state area.

"It reminded me of what's different of where I live now, whether Queens or here, and what some parts of the rest of the country are like and it was a very homogeneous population. I left knowing that I really loved the diversity that you find up here," said Henderson.

"That's why I wanted to be at a diverse place and that's why I'm here. I'll also say it again that this institution is very warm and welcoming and a lot of other institutions aren't like that."

Henderson has also traveled the world visiting Mongolia, China, India, Turkey, Morocco, Israel, Croatia, Italy, France, England, Senegal, and South Africa.

"I would like to see more of our students go abroad. It's expensive."

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Tuition raised by four percent

Give retired university president Carlos Hernandez \$100k severance package

By Monir Khilla and Katherine Guest

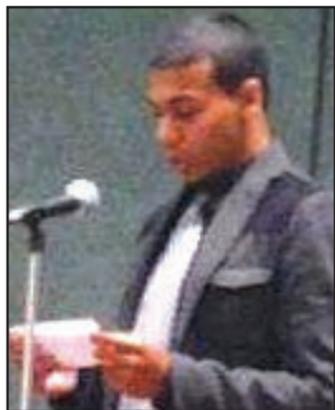
During a New Jersey City University (NJCU) Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on June 28, 2012, the members of the board collectively decided to increase students' tuition and fees by four percent. NJCU students are not surprised by the matter, but they are not happy either.

"I'm starting my sixth year at NJCU and tuition has slowly but steadily increased. It's not fair for students taking out loans because they have to take out more and more," said Ivan Garcia, 24, English major from North Bergen.

For Garcia, the costs hit him hard.

"I'm a senior that's reached my maximum loan limit and that four percent is money I'm going to have to make while going to school full-time, doing the education internship that's part of my teaching certificate at NJCU, and working two part times," said Garcia. "Actually, I feel like I have to call my financial aid advisor about my concerns."

"The four percent increase may seem like a little, but we pay for tuition, it adds up. There are seniors reaching their maximum loan limit and will have to scramble and find ways of paying off



Courtesy of Alvert Hernandez
Alvert Hernandez

both their tuition and eventually their loans," said Garcia.

"It's kind of sneaky putting the tuition increase at four percent. An actual price tag will hit the students harder," said Emmanuel Alvarez, 28, sociology major from Union City.

The actual dollar amount in-state NJCU students will pay extra per semester is \$200.40. Other colleges in New Jersey also raised their tuition; Kean University increased their tuition by four percent. Montclair increased theirs by 3.9 percent.

"I don't think that the increase in tuition will turn into any noticeable improvement," said Dan Guiducci, 22, Psychology from Jersey City.

Guiducci thinks that tuition

money is badly allocated and spent.

"I've seen a lot of frivolous spending and money going to the wrong places at NJCU, but I hope that this time it is spent in ways that are beneficial to the students and teachers for the purpose of bettering our educational process and environment."

"The board got tablets to 'save money by saving paper.' Other funds allocated to or held by SGO were used to send them on a trip to India, all of this while the Science building that holds some of the best teachers and brightest students in the school is outdated in disrepair."

"I was actually not aware of the four percent tuition increase, but I'm not surprised, because the tuition had been growing steadily," said Garcia.

A mass e-mail was sent to the campus community informing them of an April 23rd meeting where there would be a discussion taking place concerning the proposed increase as well as letting them know about the June meeting to increase tuition.

Jan Aguilos, 25, Media Arts/Political Science from Kinnelon, as well as other students, were at the April meeting.

"We spoke to Hernandez and he said we needed a four percent in-

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Photo by Edgar Rivas

Monir Khilla, the new Editor-in-Chief of The Gothic Times

Dear Campus Community,

We here at *The Gothic Times* would like to wish you all a happy return to campus. For those of you arriving on campus for the first time, we would like to welcome you to NJCU and hope to aid you in your newfound excitement for college.

The Gothic Times is the official student newspaper of NJCU. We are the voice of the campus and the journal of record for anything NJCU.

I am honored and privileged to be named the newest editor-in-chief of *The Gothic Times*.

I have been writing for *The Gothic Times* for over two years now and have been able to interact with many of the dynamic students who have helped make NJCU a truly special place. I have been published in over 13 issues of *The Gothic Times* and have countless articles under my belt.

Writing for *The Gothic Times* has been one of the most fulfilling and fun things I could have never imagined happening. It gives you a real sense of pride when you write about the

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NEWS

Board of Trustees vote to raise tuition by 4%

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crease, anything lower and the school could lose money," said Aguilos.

Former University President Carlos Hernandez submitted a recommendation to the board declaring that NJCU needed a tuition increase by four percent or more. Hernandez retired as NJCU's president on July 1, 2012.

Ellen Wayman-Gordon, Vice President of Public Information and Community Relations, verified that "The tuition and fee schedule [is] based on recommendations submitted to the Board by the university administration."

"The administration's recommendation is based on an analysis of projected operational expenses that are deemed necessary for the delivery of a quality educational program for students," said Wayman-Gordon.

Aguilos didn't think the increase was valid.

"The school didn't really provide a report that would validate the increase; they said they didn't have one [report]. They should document their reasons for validating an increase," said Aguilos.

Gerald Cameron, 21, Political Science major from Jersey City is the student representative on the BOT and defended their actions.

"You can't particularly blame the BOT; they're presented with expenditures of the University and have to find a way to work with the university when it

HOW 4% IMPACTS TUITION AND FEES	FY 2012 Tuition	FY 2013 4% change	FY 2013 Tuition
Undergraduate tuition per credit	\$235.80	+\$9.45	\$245.25
Undergraduate tuition per semester	\$3,537.90	+\$141.50	\$3679.40
Graduate tuition per credit	\$494.00	+\$19.75	\$513.75
General Service fee per credit	\$47.70	+\$1.90	\$49.60
Technology fee per credit	\$16.10	+\$0.65	\$16.75
Student Activity fee per credit	\$2.40	+\$0.10	\$2.50
Student Center fee per credit	\$19.70	+\$0.80	\$20.50
Facilities fee per credit	\$10.00	+\$0.40	\$10.40
Facilities fee per semester (FT Undergraduate)	\$150.00	+\$6.00	\$156.00
Room Rates per semester	\$3,130.20	+\$125.20	\$3,255.40
Meal Plan per semester	\$1,739.15	+\$69.55	\$1,808.70
Accelerated Nursing Tuition & Fees (including facilities fee)	\$9,910.85	+\$396.45	\$10,307.30

comes to balancing the budget. The way they [the administration] presented it, you needed a 4 percent increase to maintain day to day operations," Cameron said.

"One of the reasons they raised it was because of a low student presence," said Aguilos.

The original vote to increase tuition was supposed to have been held on June 4th however, the BOT pushed the vote to June 28th.

Only one student, Alvert Hernandez, 19, Secondary Education from Union City, managed to make the meeting.

"I knew that the decision for tu-

ition increase was going to be made. I was hoping more students would show up and back me up. I was disappointed when I didn't see anyone else."

Hernandez thinks a bigger student presence would have helped.

"We are the majority and students should run the school. Unfortunately, we didn't show our presence [and] neither did we show our voice," said Hernandez.

Hernandez does, however, think that "They [the BOT] made up their mind beforehand. There was no discussion besides me going up and them giving their

response, everything else was voted upon unanimously."

Alvert said that directly after the vote, the BOT voted to give outgoing president Carlos Hernandez a \$100,000 severance package.

"The BOT puts the blame on us students for not confronting them on the matter, but they pick a day where students are less likely to attend," said Alvarez.

"Considering the BOT works here, they should know the student population. The BOT knows the culture of Hudson County. They should think of a way to work around everyone's schedule finding an actual way for

everyone to attend these meetings," said Alvarez.

"The BOT is aware of students' financial hardships and sacrifices however, board members were unable to schedule their tuition meeting around the NJCU community's calendar," said Wayman-Gordon.

"Say 400 students show up to the board meeting like what happened with Rutgers. The tuition might have only increased by 2.50 percent," said Alvarez.

At Rutgers University, students were more aware of their BOT discussion concerning a tuition increase. Four hundred Rutgers students showed up and protested a proposed six percent tuition increase. Their Board of Trustees decided to instead raise tuition by only 2.5 percent.

Cameron thinks that, "The dialogue has to start the day school starts, students need to protest and demand that tuition increases to be flat-lined. Students need to be involved. If they're going to be angry they need to go to their student leaders and be more involved with committees. They need to fight."

Aguilos echoed the same message and directive, "Most NJCU students are working-class students and people of color. That's more of an incentive for us to fight for lower tuition and fees."

It's kind of ridiculous, the fact that it was raised four percent is more reason to not increase it next year. Hopefully zero percent, that's something to fight for," said Aguilos.

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sive and a commitment so that's why we need to go and find more alumni. What I'm eager to do is to find connectors," she said.

"I'm excited about places where we can connect with other cultures. I'm eager to have us go back to India, we also have connections in China, but I would love to see us strengthen up our relationship with countries like Brazil, Argentina and South Africa, actually," said Henderson.

Despite all her travelling and a busy schedule, Henderson is an avid tennis player.

"I used to get up at 6:30 a.m. every morning and play tennis with a group of friends. We would show up on the courts and play tennis from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. So, I have to find a group to

play with down here."

Henderson also loves going out to the city to see plays, movies, and enjoys jazz and classical musicals.

Faced with many obstacles and challenges, Henderson remains optimistic.

"I don't ever really see challenges as obstacles, but rather as opportunities and one of the biggest opportunities I think we're already doing is, this year, bringing in more freshman and transfer students which is really great because it energizes the campus."

Henderson also wants to reach out to all the alumni and "engage them to give back to the institution."

"They're out there," she said. "We've just got to go meet them."

The faculty and administration have sometimes been at odds

over the past several years. However, Henderson wants to change that.

"One of the things that I really loved doing at Queens and I didn't realize it there, was helping to grow faculty. If you're understanding your discipline better that builds up your classroom, then all the students become beneficiaries of that and they start gaining a passion for it and it gives them that sense of 'Oh! This is what really excites me,' and that's what I'm looking for. Helping faculty and continuing to deepen what we do with students and faculty."

Henderson also said that part of her focus will be to "Enrich the faculty and to grow them as scholars and that's a double edged sword because it means that they have to be working to be scholars. I feel as though many of them [faculty] want to."



Courtesy New Jersey City University
Dr. Sue Henderson

Henderson reiterated that she would like to strengthen NJCU's internship program and Career Placement programs, while allowing students to become more hands-on with their professors.

"One of the things that gets to my heart and soul is helping faculty and students connect," she said.

Be on the lookout: Henderson will be walking around campus and randomly approaching stu-

dents to see how things are going. If you don't catch her on campus, then have your club/club presidents set up a dinner appointment.

"I plan on meeting every student group this year, I will probably have a lot of them over at my house for dinner. When I was in Queens I had 26 athletic teams to my house and I fed them dinner. I would like to do the same thing and extend that to all the student groups."

"It is a real honor and actually a blessing to be here, I feel as though I am standing on the shoulders of giants. I feel like NJCU has a lot of places to go and I look forward to going there with people here."

Henderson also jokingly added "And I hope that when you guys graduate, you guys come back every year and that you're giving."

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NEWS

Get to meet them before you see them

By Nachalie Rodriguez

Editor's note: Because of deadline, *The Gothic Times* was unable to interview and get a photo of all 9 new hires. Below is the most complete information at press time.

Beginning a new semester after such a long hot summer break can make you lose track of getting back into the school groove or even make you forget matching that name on the tip of your tongue to that familiar face you've constantly seen. Now that the summer is coming to an end and we're days away from the fall, *The Gothic Times* would like to welcome and introduce the new tenure track faculty.

Dr. John K. Bragg, will be teaching two sections of Civilizations II and a junior-level Social Studies methods course. "I'll also be supervising several College of Education practicum students. In upcoming semesters I'll also be offering courses on Middle Eastern history and civilization, too," said Dr. Bragg who began teaching almost twenty years ago. Dr. Bragg has worked as an undergraduate writing tutor, a teaching assistant and a lecturer. He was an English teacher in Turkey. There is nothing better than a well-traveled history professor!

Another professor who we will hear around campus with her musical notes will be **Dr. Amparo Fabra** from the Music, Dance and Theatre Department. She'll be teaching Music Theory, Music History, some composition lessons and she's in charge of the Computer Music Lab. "I am happy to announce that this Fall 2012 NJCU is starting a partnership with Avid, so the students that register in Computer Music will get the training required to achieve ProTools certification," said Dr. Fabra. She began teaching in Spain, her country of origin and has taught at The Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music and now, NJCU. "I am completely dedicated to NJCU. I put a lot of time and energy preparing my classes so I can make them interesting and useful for all my students. Since I am a composer and a scholar, I need time to write music and do research." Dr. Fabra is getting ready to record her string quartet *Custodes Hominum* and will also be travelling to Paris in October to give a lecture at the *Centre de Documentation de la Musique Contemporaine* about the musical language of America-French composer Betsy Jolas.

Dr. Wanda Rutledge has also come aboard and will be teaching Organizational Theory and Practice in the evenings at the Wall Township campus; Marketing Research at NJCU's main campus and International Business, and E-Commerce online. Dr. Rutledge



Dr. Aslanian



Dr. Fabra



Prof. Prince



Dr. Cieslik



Dr. Rutledge

isn't just all about teaching, "I have many interest," she said. "I have always been a big sports fan and worked in baseball and the Olympics for many years. I am a Yankee fan and love all Olympic sports. Beyond being a spectator, I enjoy boxing, Polynesian dancing and hiking, as well as anything outdoors near the water. I also enjoy cooking and entertaining friends." She is also looking forward to meeting new students to help them meet their academic and professional goals.

The William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences is fortunate to have **Dr. Terry L. Kamps** teaching Cell Biology and Genetics. He has taught courses as an adjunct professor at a community college in Omaha, NE and in August 2011 began teaching full time. "For most of my career I have been a full time research scientist at a number of different Universities. These appointments also involved teaching and mentoring both undergraduate and graduate students in the research that they were doing." Dr. Kamps' research has included a wide range of investigations including a variety of studies in genetics, biotechnology, molecular biology, bioinformatics, and plant breeding. He also admits that he is familiar with www.ratemyprofessor.com and does pay attention to the comments especially the ones with constructive input.

Teaching Organic I and II lectures and labs is **Dr. Robert G. Aslanian**, whose family is from Jersey City. "I'm really looking forward to working with the students, teaching organic and passing along the knowledge I gained from working in the pharmaceutical industry for 25 years," said Dr. Aslanian.

Mr. Damian Prince will be teaching Accounting Information Systems, Principles of Accounting and Federal Taxation, which will all be taught in the evenings and at Wall Township Campus. He's previously taught at Hudson County Community College and is extremely grateful to the Business Administration Department at NJCU for welcoming him once again. Mr. Prince is eager to "sharing my work and educational experience with the students" of NJCU.

Dr. Anna Cieslik will be teaching an introductory class in urban studies, a class on the problems of modern cities, and a class on migration and ethnic relations. "All my courses will have a strong emphasis on race, ethnicity, and immigration," said Dr. Cieslik. She has been teaching for seven years now and will begin teaching at NJCU Spring 2013.

Lastly, from the College of Professional Studies is **Dr. Richard J. Cosgrove** for Professional Security Studies and **Dr. Joyce A. Wright** for Nursing/RN-BSN Program.

What's all that commotion?

GSUB renovations

By Monir Khilla

Students returning to campus during the fall will notice the clamoring and clinging of construction in front of the Gilligan Student Union Building. The construction was slated to be completed over the summer. The University cites, in an official press release, that "due to the complexity of the construction" the construction will continue until mid September.

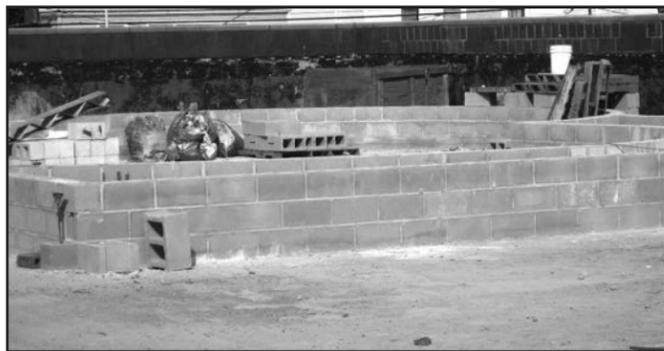
The incomplete construction was an annoyance to students who saw it for the first time.

"School has already started and students will be in a rush to grab stuff to eat before class," said Vipulan Mahadeva, 23, Biology from Jersey city.

Mahadeva sees the new entrance as an inconvenience to students who now have to walk further to get into GSUB. There is also the problematic situation involving parking.

"The lot gets full and students are going to cram the other lot.

What about students who have already paid in advance?" asked Mahadeva.



Monir Khilla

GSUB's terrace gets a new makeover.

The school's press release also noted that. "The GSUB garage will be open on September 17th. Limited parking will be available on the lower level of the garage beginning on Tuesday, September 4."

Students are still reminded that the on-street parking is prohibited around NJCU from 3:00-9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, unless you have a Zone 8 Parking Permit. Violators will be subject to fines and may have their vehicles booted.

As for the entrances, the press release also noted that, "Half of the entrance will be open as a temporary pedestrian walkway until the ramp is fully completed. The accessible entrance to GSUB will remain on Culver Avenue."

Other students aren't sur-

prised that construction took longer than scheduled, but aren't happy about it.

"It's expected," said Nicole Leibowitz, 27, English, from Jersey City. "But it interferes with our routine. It's difficult to start a project during the summer and not finish it by the time the fall starts."

Ifechukuwukwulu Ogbo, 27, Biology from Newark thinks that the delay is unprofessional.

"Our school is not done in a timely fashion. They need to let students know so they can prepare for the future," she said.

Nastassja Torres, 26, English from Bayonne think that the construction is "Annoying. It's a big inconvenience. But it needs to be done."

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES BUILDING— Total Cost: \$1.2 Million

- ADA Improvements
 - Restroom ADA Upgrades
- Energy Efficiency
 - HVAC System Replacement
- HVAC/Comfort
 - HVAC Controls Replacement

VODRA HALL IMPROVEMENTS— Total Cost: \$2.5 Million

- Life/Safety
 - Fire Alarm Upgrade
- Energy Efficiency
 - HVAC System Replacement
 - Lighting Upgrades
 - Flush Valves
- HVAC/Comfort
 - HVAC Controls Replacement
- Building Envelope
 - Façade Repairs
 - Door/Window Replacements
- Building Infrastructure
 - Domestic Water System Upgrades

JOHN J. MOORE ATHLETICS AND FITNESS CENTER— Total Cost: \$828,000

- Fire Alarm System Upgrades
- Energy Efficiency
 - Lighting Replacement
 - Flush Valves
- HVAC/Comfort
 - HVAC Controls Upgrade
- Building Envelope
 - Window/Skylight Replacements

HEPBURN HALL— Total Cost: \$6.7 Million

- Life/Safety
 - Emergency Generator Replacement
 - Sprinkler System Install
- ADA Improvements
 - Restroom ADA Upgrades
- Energy Efficiency
 - HVAC System Replacement
 - Lighting Upgrades
- HVAC/Comfort
 - HVAC Controls Replacement
- Building Envelope
 - Roof/Door Replacements
- Building Infrastructure
 - Electrical System Upgrades

Gilligan Student Union Building— Total Cost: \$9 Million

- Emergency Generator Replacement
- Entrance Ramp Replacement
- Building Envelope
 - Roof Replacement
 - Deck/Plaza Restoration
- Parking Garage Restoration
- Repair Water Infiltration
- Building Infrastructure
 - Electrical System Improvements

SCIENCE BUILDING— Total Cost: \$7.8 Million

- Emergency Generator Replacement
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades
- ADA Improvements
 - Restroom ADA Upgrades
- Energy Efficiency
 - HVAC System Replacement
 - Electrical System Upgrades
- HVAC/Comfort
 - HVAC Controls Replacement
- Building Envelope
 - Façade Repairs
 - Exterior Door Replacements
- Building Infrastructure
 - Domestic Water System Upgrades

NEWS



Congressman Frank J. Guarini (right) recently donated a \$1-million gift to New Jersey City University. Guarini presented the gift to (from left) NJCU President Carlos Hernandez; William Fellenberg, interim executive director of the NJCU Foundation and NJCU interim vice president for university advancement; and Lori Summers, NJCU director of development.

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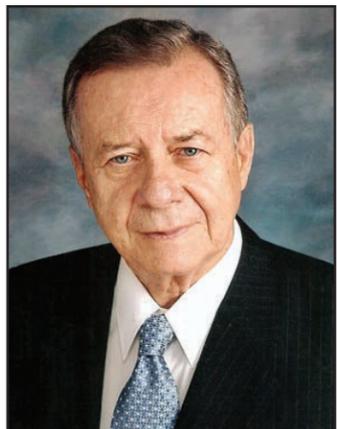
Million dollar opportunities from Congressman Guarini

By Monir Khilla and Roberto Miranda

New Jersey City University (NJCU) received a \$1 million grant from former Congressman Frank J. Guarini on June 20, 2012. The donation will help NJCU in its mission to provide higher education to urban and multicultural students.

According to the press release, the donation is in honor of Guarini's mother Caroline L. Guarini and nephew Peter G. Mangin. Endowments from the donation will benefit students involved in music and the performing arts, and include a scholarship fund in support of interdisciplinary urban studies, planning and development.

Lori Summers, Director of Development, said, "There are three



frankguarini.com
Congressman Frank J. Guarini

portions of the grant. About 50 percent of the money will go to endowed scholarships for music. Close to half of the remaining amount of the endowment will go to various disciplines (such

as, but not limited to, business, finance and economics), with a priority to those doing internships in real estate firms."

Both portions of the endowment will be matched by a Title V Grant from the Department of Education.

The last 10 percent will go towards NJCU's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is an unrestricted fund that can be designated by the University President for strategic planning, such as upgrades and scholarships.

"We have to wait for the endowment to mature," said Summers. "It's a three year plan, so the scholarships probably won't be ready until 2014."

NJCU gave Guarini an honorary doctorate in 1993. The university also honored Guarini by officially renaming the library after him back in 2000.

Starring Jamal Price

By Rafal Rogoza

If you ever find yourself walking into the Margaret Williams Theater for the latest theatrical undertaking from the NJCU Department of Music, Dance, and Theatre, you should know that behind the curtains the latest rising star among the university's student actors is gathering his thoughts prior to taking the brightly lit stage of the proscenium theater that seats over a thousand audience members.

Jamal Price, who is entering his second year performing at NJCU, likes to have a moment alone before the big show.

The 19 year old Psychology major from Jersey City said he would sit on the side.

"I try to meditate a bit to try an focus on the task at hand," he said.

As everyone from the stage crew to the follow spot operator goes through that all too common feeling of anxiety before the opening act, Price instead feels the rush that comes with a live performance.

"It's something I find enjoyable," he said as he reflects on why he puts himself through hours of rehearsal. "It enables me to bring out my creativity...and channel my emotions."

The first time Price got a taste of acting was during an English class in Dickinson High School in Jersey City. He was among a group of students performing Shakespeare's "The Twelfth Night," a comedic play about a love triangle. It was an experience that erupted the talents that were latent within him and set a course of events that led up to those meditative moments backstage.

"I enjoyed it and my teacher said I did well and told me to pursue it in college," he said. "Here I am."

During his freshman year, Price played the role of Reverend John Purdy in the production of "Status Quo Vadis," a comedy authored by



Sean Rammarian

Jamal Price

playwright Donald Driver whose goal with the play was "to muse on how immobile our mobile society actually is," according to a Washington Post review of a 1972 rendition of the play.

Price later landed a minor role as the "Monster" in the mystery-comedy "Done to Death," authored by Fred Carmichael.

Now he is preparing himself for his next endeavor as Smiley, "the sad faced thug," in the production of the mystery-comedy "Strange Boarders," authored by Jack Kirkland and George Batson.

Directed by NJCU Theatre Professor Anderson Johnson, "Strange Boarders" is a play set in Boston about the shenanigans of banker robbing gangsters who try to elude the police after stealing \$10,000 in cash.

"My character has a reputation for getting rid of people," said Price. "It appeals to me, because they are the ones making all the trouble."

The play will debut at the Margaret Williams Theater, located in the west wing of Hepburn Hall, in late October and will run into November.

"After all the work we put ourselves through, we finally get to opening night," he said.

SGO 'need-to-knows'

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9/19 Club Day
11am-3pm @ The Strip

9/20 Welcome Back Party!
9pm-1am @ GSUB MPR B

9/26 Health Fair
1-4pm @ GSUB

9/27 Pool Party
8-11pm @ JMAC Gym

OCTOBER EVENT

10/02 Boxing Clinic.
GSUB.

10/17 Job Hunting with Dr. Lamar

More events will be announced soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the VP of Public Information at (201) 200-3537 and via E-mail: Wcandia@njcu.edu

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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amazing, talented, dedicated and outstanding students here on campus. It's even better when that writing is read by over 9,000 people online and in print.

We are always looking for new writers, photographers and artists. Our door is always open and your e-mails will always be answered.

Along with my Managing Editor, Edgar Rivas, we would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone interested in joining our staff to come to our next meeting on September 10, 2012 at 3

p.m. in GSUB 301.

We hope everyone starts off the semester on the right foot, studies hard, and parties.

We look forward to covering the campus this semester, maybe we'll even to run into you.

Feel free to e-mail us at gothictimes@gmail.com or call 201-200-3575 if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or story ideas.

Best of luck to you in your classes.

Sincerely,
Monir Khilla
Editor-in-Chief
The Gothic Times

OPINION / EDITORIAL

Why students shouldn't complain about the increased tuition

NJCU's tuition just went up, but before you grab your picket signs, you should take a look at some interesting data.

Believe it or not, a college degree is still worth it. According to a recent study done by the Lumina Foundation and Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce, those of us still in college will fare better than those who didn't go at all.

Even if you decide to drop out, (the semester just started, you can still get your money back!), students with some college education fare better than those who don't have any at all.

Yes, the job market sucks, all four-year graduates have a 4.5 percent unemployment rate. For recent graduates, it's 6.8. The biggest noticeable difference is the unemployment rate for high school graduates with only a high school diploma: 24 percent.

The study also shows that, even when unemployment was over 10 percent, the economy still managed to add over 200,000 jobs for students with bachelor's. Since then it's created over two million.

Over time, students with a college degree will earn, on average, \$1.3 million more.

I may not be a math major, but I think that amount far outweighs our \$200 tuition increase.

Students can't walk the talk

When push came to shove and a meeting was set in stone to actually discuss increasing tuition, only one student showed up. That's not an under exaggeration – only one student literally showed up.

Besides, students have another reason not to complain, studies show that the poorer you are, the more affordable college is for you. So why do students still insist on griping?

When it came time to walk

the walk, students were nowhere to be found. The only evidence of protest were the facebook statuses complaining about it.

Of course, students will continue to complain about the extra \$200 and wonder what more they could have done. In all honesty, some of us wonder why tuition isn't increased every semester.

Hell, we should thank our Board of Trustees, with no one there to protest the meeting,

they could have raised our tuition by 10 percent and no one would have stopped them.

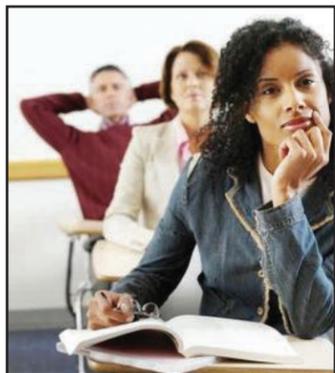
If I raised "taxes" on my constituency every year, shouldn't I be held accountable for it? Students don't want to hold Trustees or administrators responsible, but continue to be dumbfounded and awestruck at the almost annual tuition increase.

Both the tuition increases and the apathy have become a new tradition.

'What do I get out of my health insurance?'

New Jersey City University, in conjunction with United Healthcare Student Resources, provides all full-time students with basic healthcare coverage that is automatically part of the cost of tuition. This may not be something that is all that shocking, but the depth of the coverage just may be, or at the very least it is good to be informed about it.

By Francis A. Wilson
and Monir Khilla



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Your insurance will cover doctor's visits, certain prescription drugs, and even inpatient costs. You can also save more by going to a preferred provider that has an agreement with United Healthcare Student Resources. You, as the patient, will receive more coverage and end up paying less in the end. However, you won't be able to use the insurance for everything.

You can't get steroids, breast implants, or allergy medicine with it. You also can't elect for surgeries or get those new glasses you wanted.

This means, you as a student,

have options at your disposal for better healthcare and a safety net just waiting to break your fall if you get ill, have an accident, or need medical attention for any reason. Just don't forget your co-payment, or else your medical visit might get cut short.

Now, you are probably wondering about cost? Don't let those dizzying costs of adequate health care cause anxiety attacks.

The cost is covered by your enrollment at New Jersey City University.

The cost for an undergraduate student is a mere \$855. The cost for graduate students rings in around \$1,242, and the cost for part-time students is \$1,868. The current figures have seen an increase as of late, but it is as a result of a better and a more well-rounded coverage program that not only covers you as the student, but it also can cover your spouse and or your children if need be.

One important thing to remember is that this service is optional. If you already have medical insurance you do not have to use the medical insurance provided by New Jersey City University. There is an option to opt out of the insurance by submitting a waiver form at the Bursars office. The only requirement necessary is proof of some other kind of medical insurance and you can get that money back.

For more detailed information visit the Vodra Hall Health and Wellness Center, room 107, and pick up a pamphlet or two explaining in detail everything you could possibly need to know about New Jersey City University's medical coverage plan, or visit www.firststudent.com.

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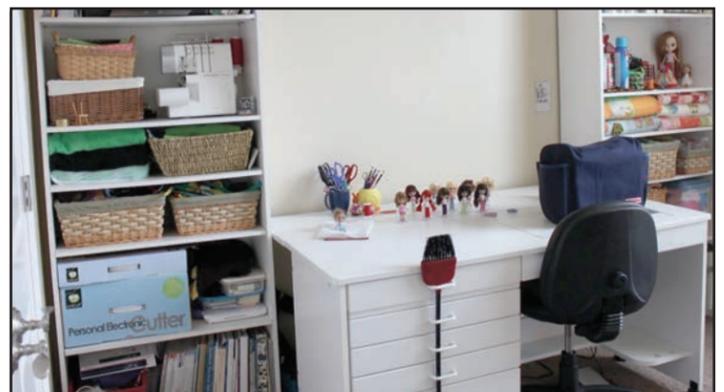


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Organize your dorm to maximize your space

By Hannah Botjer

Moving into a college dorm is a new experience. Students are going from having their own room organized their way, to having a ridiculously small room with a roommate. It's not easy. About.com offers some easy ways to stay organized.

When packing, **think about the actual number of things you'll really need at any time.** A dorm is a small space; you don't need your entire GI Joe or Barbie Doll collection. Think more about what you would need for school and worry about the small, non-relevant things later.

Don't have anything in the room that only serves one function. There isn't much space in dorms and you don't want to further minimize that space by having items with only one purpose. For example, buy a speaker system that not only plays music but charges your iPod as well. Buying things that serve two purposes will save time and space.

Avoid empty space. Rearrange your dorm to maximize the space. By lifting the bed you can use the extra space to store storage containers. Use the way the room is

designed to your advantage. For example, if there is a ledge under the window, use it as additional storage for books and other items. Be creative and use things that could be originally thought of as disadvantages in the design to your advantage.

Communicate with your roommate. All of your efforts for organizations will be void if your roommate doesn't understand what you're trying to do. By communicating with your roommate you can coordinate what you're bringing so you don't have two fridges or two area rugs. Having two of everything can cause excess clutter.

Lastly, **aim for keeping things organized as often as you can.** Use stackable plastic bins to store miscellaneous items that don't need to be kept out all the time. Labels can help you remember where important things are and what you need to get done in the future. Additionally, don't use things solely for their original purpose. A traditional over-the-door shoe rack could be used to store toiletries or school supplies.

By keeping things organized, it'll be easier to study and relax without worrying about the laundry or papers on your desk.

OPINION / ADVICE

Advice from some upperclassmen

Just so you know...

By Francis A. Wilson

There are things that have been learned the hard way by many students, but luckily for you, you won't have to. Take it from those who have been around a while and benefit from these shady tips that you just won't hear from the university, parents, or advisors.

First and foremost, stay as far away from morning classes as you possibly can. Morning classes are the bane of many college students lives – and with good reason. Morning classes are early! Who likes to get up early, sometimes even before the sun gets out of bed, just to go to a class that you are more than likely going to take a nap in anyway? So, stay away from these. They are just an unnecessary headache waiting to trip you up.

Secondly, always take five classes and expect to drop one. Having this kind of buffer zone will, in the long run, aid you more than taking online courses you know nothing about and having your smarter friend do it for you. Nine times out of ten add/drop week just isn't enough to determine whether or not a class is right for you. Besides, why would you pigeon-hole yourself into what is obviously a



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terrible idea? The twelve credit minimum is great if you are on the seven, eight, or ten year plan, but if you are like most of us you are not.

While we are on the subject of classes, here is another good idea: schedule your classes early. Get your schedule set in stone as fast as humanly possible. The reason behind this is simply, you will get the best picks before they are all gone. This absolutely includes classes and more importantly class times. This also ties into the first point mentioned earlier. They go hand in hand and work well together to make life much easier and your college career go much smoother.

This next one is a quick one. Never take three-hour courses if

you don't have to and as a new student you really shouldn't have to. Take as many one hour classes as humanly possible. This is a no brainer to most upper classmen, but by the time it was made obvious it was already too late and three hour classes snuck their way into the norm. If you can help it, try not to take classes on a Monday or a Friday. This will free your weekend up for more proactive activities that responsible college students should be engaging in.

Another hurdle for many students is financial aid. If you haven't dealt with financial aid yet, consider yourself lucky. However, don't get too excited because you will more than likely have to deal with them at

Remember the dates!

September 10—Final day to drop a course(s) for 100% refund of tuition

September 11 to 17—Period to submit Pass/Fail forms at Registrar's Office, H-214

September 24—Final day to withdraw from a course(s) for a 50% refund of tuition with a "W"

September 28—Deadline to file graduation clearance form for Seniors completing Bachelors degree requirement during the 2012 Fall term.

November 15—Final Day to withdraw from a course(s) for a "W" grade(s) at the Registrar's Office

some point or another in your college career. The biggest problem with financial aid is the line, but that can be avoided by going to see them early. The best thing to do is beat the crowds, because there will always be a crowd.

The other thing to do is file early. Get those FAFSA forms in early so when a problem comes up, which usually is the case, you will have time to deal with it.

Remember, grants are your friends. Try and get as many of these as possible, or if you're among the brightest of the bright, scholarships. If you are 24-years-old you can file as an

independent and rake in the government dollars. Just make sure your parents don't claim you as a dependent on their taxes and you will be set.

Now don't worry too much, college isn't really a scary place. It can be if you have no idea what to do or where to go. Obviously, having the right people to know is nice, but that may not be a luxury for you. Your college career is going to be tough, but it doesn't need to be unnecessarily tough and with these few tips it shouldn't be. Use what you will, learn what you must, see what works and what doesn't, and get that degree.



By Armando Sultan

Tips for new students

By Lauren Burgstahler

September is back again and the semester is as fresh as that new binder smell. But with new beginnings also come new challenges, particularly for those new to the NJCU community, such as freshmen and transfer students. So *The Gothic Times* presents you with a few, universal truths that will hopefully help you avoid the rookie mistakes that most of us had to learn the hard way.

Now, I'm sure that you are an exceptionally hard working, morning person, with multitasking skills, but if you're not, you probably shouldn't take that Friday 9 a.m. class. Manage your schedule properly and cut your losses.

Speaking of time management, don't think you can hit the bookstore, cafeteria, and Starbucks 25 minutes before your class? Take some risks, kid. Anything is possible if you know when it's the

best time to order your Venti Mocha Frapp (which, by the way, is never 10 minutes before your class). The 10 to 15 minutes before or after class is like feeding time at the zoo. You're bound to get trampled. Do yourself a favor and show up 10 minutes earlier than you planned.

Finally, it's important to socialize. NJCU is a close-knit community and campus. It's no secret that to make friends you actually have to be around to meet them. Hang out in GSUB, go talk to the music majors on Rossey porch. Maybe stumble into *The Gothic Times* office. Be a part of the growing social exchange on campus instead of the growing number of people who complain about a lack of community, yet do nothing to foster a spirit of togetherness.

We hope these tips will give you an edge this semester, so you can show up reasonably timed, well caffeinated, and ready to socialize.

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SPORTS

Jersey Soccer Alliance scores one for the kids

By Monir Khilla and
Edgar Rivas, Jr.

Fans and family gathered around to watch their sons and daughters play soccer. This wasn't your regular high school pick-up game. The tournament was held by The Jersey Soccer Alliance, a non-profit organization created by 2 NJCU students- Anthony Ramirez, 27, Political Science, from Jersey City and Miguel Perez, 27, International Business, from Jersey City.

There were food, drinks, and even a DJ playing music in the background. Students from Hillside, Ferris, and Memorial High School participated in the tournament. The event was the conclusion of the training camp conducted by The Jersey Soccer Alliance and their volunteers.

An idea that started in 2008, the program has grown since its inception. The first year, which was in 2009, included only one high school. The following year the program grew to two high schools and continued to grow to



Photo by Monir Khilla

The competition was intense as these two players go 1v1.

four high schools and six camps this year.

"Little by little we've been adding on and getting more sponsors," he said.

Starting a non-profit program is not as easy as people would think.

"(You have to) realize what you have to offer, evaluate yourself, see if you can do it, and after that see what is needed," he said.

Anyone from ages 13-19 can join. It is to develop the high school students' skills, in preparation for college soccer. But the

development of skills isn't the only thing taught at this program.

"We promote education, work ethic, trying to do the right thing, and hard work," he said.

The Jersey Soccer Alliance also works with their sponsors to help give the kids and their families

ESL training, as well as immigration help.

Students that came from different countries even participated.

"I didn't play when I was in Guatemala," said Jorge Lopez, 18, from Ferris HS. "I came here 5 years ago and I wanted to play but my sister wouldn't let me. When I got into it, she let me play."

The camp was open to female participants as well.

"It's been pretty good," said Bianca Ferreira, 16, from Hillside HS. "It makes us feel like pros. It gives you an experience on how college might be for soccer."

"I love the camp. I've been to 2 camps and it is fun. I learned a lot and exercised the time," said Kimberly Cardona, 17, from Memorial HS.

Ramirez, a passionate soccer fan himself, said that when he founded The Jersey Soccer Alliance, a certain void in his life was filled.

"I wanted to do something with a meaning in my life," he said.

www.jerseysocceralliance.org

One man makes a difference to women's soccer program

By Edgar Rivas, Jr.

Before Robert Bielan, Jr. took over the helm as the NJCU women's soccer coach in 2008, the Gothic Knights were underachievers. The previous 5 seasons before Bielan's takeover was a combined record of 21-66-2. He is going into his fifth season and already has more than twice as many wins (50) and nearly half as many losses (34), including 1 draw. His teams made 3 trips to the ECAC Tournament (2009, 2010, and 2011) and one trip to the NJAC Tournament (2010).

"The first couple of years kept the program afloat," he said. "It had a lot of bad stigma about it because there were so many coaches coming in and out and all young female athletes want is consistency in the coach."

He's had a successful 4 years at the helm. He's produced 2 scoring machines in Jennifer Albuja, 24, Criminal Science, from Hoboken and Julia Caseres, 22, Criminal Justice, from Union.

Albuja, who played for the Gothic Knights from 2007-2011, scored 91 goals during her time here. She graduated with an impressive résumé- 3-time NJCU Athlete of the Week, 2011 Second Team All-ECAC, and was even featured in December 12, 2011's issue of Sports Illustrated.

Caseres (2009-2011) netted 78 goals and was a 3-time NJCU Athlete of the Week, Honorable 2011 Mention All-NJAC, made the Dean's List, and ended her career as the all-time points leader in NJAC history.

Freehan, the former midfielder, scored 33 goals and had 25 assists in her 4 years (2004-2007).

"Katie was going to be a junior. When I came in she was very deflated. She had gone to a school in PA and then came to NJCU," he said. "When she got here the coach had left, I told her I was



Photo by NJCU Office Sports Information
Robert Bielan, Jr.

staying and she winded up staying. She was academic All-American and it started when her soccer game became more consistent."

Both Albuja and Freehan came back after graduating and became Assistant Women's Soccer Coaches.

As we approach the 2012 season, expect Bielan to continue with his magic. He has a mainstay goalkeeper in Brittany Hoffman, 19, Fire Science, from McMurray, PA. In 2011, she had a save percentage of .792, allowed 1.47 goals per game, and recorded 7 shutouts.

"Brittany Hoffman is my goalkeeper," he said. "Half of the season she had her shoulder operated on. She came back and is in the best shape, better than any female or male player on campus. She has a 4.0 GPA and is here on a presidential scholarship from Pittsburgh."

Will the Gothic Knights win any silverware this year?

"We have a lot of talent left but this is a building year," he said. "It's going to be heavy recruiting this year. Our expectations are to keep doing what we've been doing since I've got here."

It all begins Sept. 5 at 4:00pm vs. SUNY Old Westbury.

TEBOW DEBATE:

Good Enough to Lead Jets to Super Bowl?

By Ali Azime

There's this debate between the infamous Skip Bayless and Stephen A. Smith, the outrageous debaters on "First Take," whether Tim Tebow is a good, decent quarterback.

But before anyone decides if Tim Tebow is a good quarterback we should first define what a good quarterback is. Is a good quarterback someone who can stuff the stat sheet and put up big yards in a game like Cam Newton and yet can't lead his team to a .500 record?

Or is a good quarterback someone who can lead his team to wins and a division title even though he is a mediocre level quarterback a la Tim Tebow? Does a good quarterback have to be a superstar to be considered a good quarterback or just a quarterback who can lead his teams to comebacks in the fourth quarter, to wins, to the playoffs, and to a playoff win.

I just named everything Tim Tebow accomplished last season, not a lot of quarterbacks can say they did all of that. I mean someone who can do all of that is a good quarterback in my dictionary. The super bowl champions just won with a quarterback who isn't really considered a superstar around the league but a good quarterback. Does a quarterback have to be considered the or even be the MVP just to be recognized as a good quarterback? I really don't think so.

The issue that Stephen A. Smith brings up is that Tim Tebow can't play the quarterback position by saying he can't throw, that Tim Tebow does not have the skill to be an



Photo by Zimbio

Tim Tebow

NFL quarterback, this and that.

You know something? He's actually right, Tim Tebow can't throw, at least not in the first three quarters. Tim Tebow is not an NFL quarterback, at least not the old original NFL quarterback, he's a newly reinvented NFL quarterback. Tim Tebow and Cam Newton are going to revolutionize the quarterback position and Robert Griffin III is going to be a part of the group, too.

Tebow's athleticism of running the ball as a quarterback is the reason why the Jets brought him in. Tim Tebow had 660 yards and six touchdowns rushing last season. That's better than MVP running back and former Jet LaDarian Tomlinson's 285 yards and one touchdown, considering all the criticism he's been receiving

They will probably use Tim Tebow in some running aspect in the game, I don't think they're going to use the wildcat because the wildcat, in my opinion, has outlasted its use in the league. Long story short,

Stephen A. Smith doesn't like the idea of Tim Tebow getting all of this recognition as a below average quarterback.

Tim Tebow is a natural leader, once he set foot on that football field to take over a losing franchise in the Denver Broncos he turned it around in a matter of weeks. He took a team that lost so much confidence in their quarterback, themselves, and the franchise and he just took the keys and sparked the team to success.

The Broncos became one of the most exciting teams to watch in the NFL. But I would like to think that Tim Tebow got most of this recognition due to the fact that Skip Bayless can not SHUT UP about him. I also think that some of Tim Tebow's confidence is due to Skip Bayless and the Bronco fan's call for Tebow.

If you are a fan of the show you would know that Skip Bayless would love this argument and Stephen A. Smith would disregard all of it and think it's all nonsense before yelling at Skip for no reason.

SPORTS

JMAC renovations give gym a new look

By Alvert Hernandez

The John Moore Athletic Complex (JMAC) has gone through renovations this summer that amounted to \$828,000. This included the retouching of the floors on the basketball court, which gives it that brand new feel and the acid washing of the tiles in the pool. Not to forget the reupholstering of any damaged equipment as well as touching up any chipped paint at the JMAC.

George Deaver, Assistant Director of the JMAC Management said "We need to keep the JMAC pristine for the students, faculty, and other members that utilize this gym."

The gym is used by many NJCU students and staff that come in between or after classes to relieve some tension. The gym is also used by the University Charter High School for their gym classes during the academic year. With so much usage, Mr. Deaver believed it is something that needed to be done.

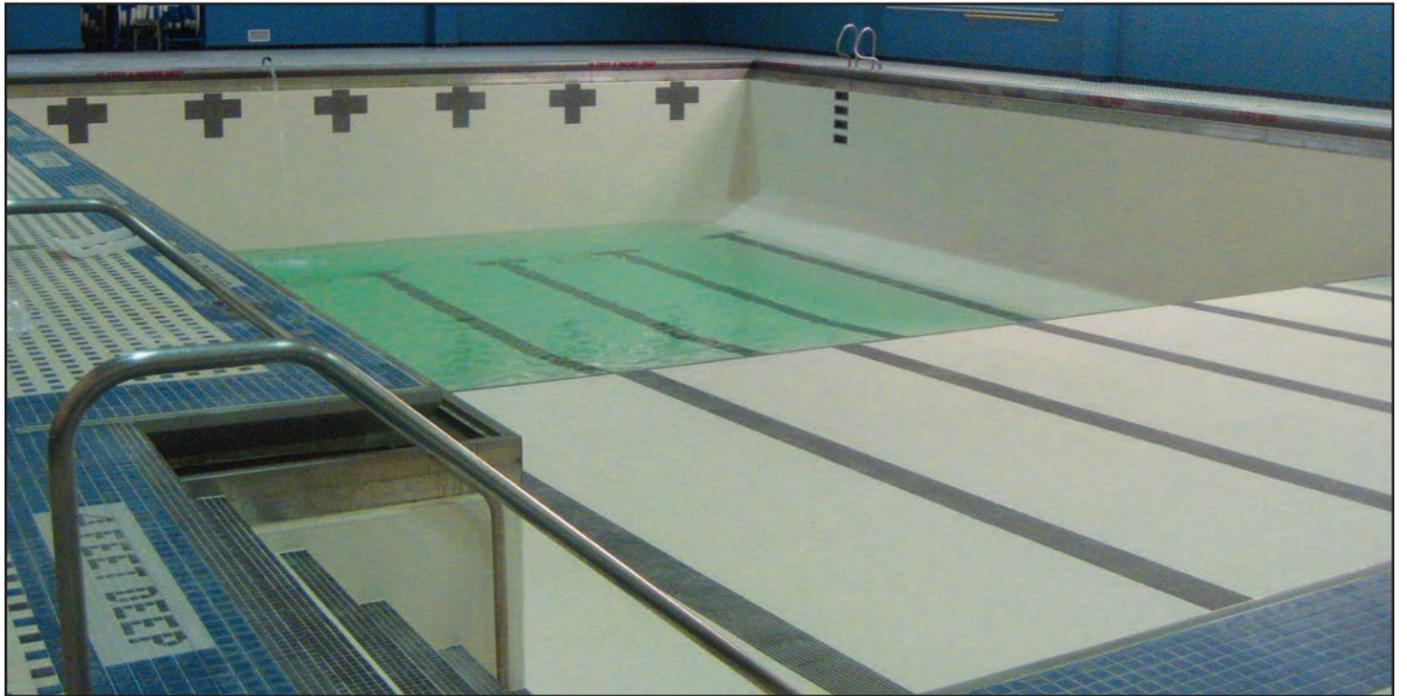
Along with the acid wash of the tiles the pool is also adding a chair lift in order to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Implementing this, will allow the pool to be accessible to anyone. The tiles around the pool will be reground, allowing the pool to look fresh.

Mr. Deaver was very pleased with the renovations. "Absolutely. Makes this look a lot nicer. Makes it look a thousand times better."

However, even with the new renovations this summer the gym can use some more improvement. For example, the basketball court in the summer only receives air from the outside, which can make the gym feel like a sauna if the temperature is too high.

Mr. Deaver said, "It would require them to put correct venting. For now, all we get is outside air."

Mr. Deaver has advocated for a system that incorporates large fans hanging from the ceiling that will help monitor the temperature in the gym and keep it cool enough.



JMAC swimming pool

Source Alvert Hernandez



Changes to JMAC include Charlie Brown Court

Photo by Alvert Hernandez

NJCU welcomes Coach Snyder to men's soccer team

By Alvert Hernandez

The NJCU men's soccer team has a new head coach and will be the 13th head coach in the 54 year history of the program. Patrick Snyder has previously coached at Felician College and Mercer Community College. As an assistant coach at Mercer, Snyder was very successful in compiling a 71-8-2 record with a NJCAA national title. He took over a young program at Felician and was named only the 3rd head coach in program history. Felician only managed to obtain 13 wins in 3 seasons.

Fortunately, this has not discouraged Snyder from coaching. In fact he was very enthusiastic for the head coach position here at NJCU. "For my entire coaching career I saw NJCU as an institution that would be a good fit for my coaching style. When I saw the opening I applied immediately. Since I have been here it has been a great experience, everything that I wanted it to be," he said

The Gothic Knights struggled last year, missing the playoffs with a 6-10-2 record however, Snyder is very optimistic that they will have a comeback season.

The Gothic Knight men's team lost a couple of notable seniors including scorer Walter Avans. However, Snyder isn't worried at all. After all, why should he? With seniors like Eddy Tejada and Nana Kofi Kusi and junior transfers Mohamed Conteh and Sheldon Parkinson there will be enough leadership to go around. The team is also returning 9 sophomores that all had ample playing time as freshmen, which can only make the Knights that much dangerous throughout the upcoming years.

Patrick Snyder is also looking to put the STUDENT in Student Athlete and is challenging his team to have a minimum 2.75 GPA this season. On the field, he is looking for his team to be a little loose and have fun.

Snyder said, "My expectations are for us to play an attractive and entertaining style of soccer this season. We should be a fun group to watch."



Photo by NJCU Office Sports Information
Patrick Snyder