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Career Services Moves to Paton House

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Career services is expected to move to Paton House by January 2018 in order to make traveling to their office more convenient for students.

Career services currently has two offices: one in the Kessel Student Center, with one counselor Monday through Thursday from 12:30-2:00, and an office at the Gannett House which has the entire team of career services counselors, which is Monday through Friday 9:00-5:00.

Although Career Services have an office with one counselor at Kessel Student Center, they believe that students can benefit more from the help of the entire team of counselors.

"Now that our department is moving, each counselor and each school can have their own walk-in hours instead of just one.

This will make Career Services more accessible to students," said Bless Vaidian, the Director of Career Counseling.

Career Services actively works to get students to be more involved in their programs so they can be ready to be hired, however, students have raised concerns about career services being too far for them to walk to.

"I want to go to Career Services, but it's so far of a walk. By the time I'm out of class and done with whatever I need to do for the day, I don't want to walk back up that hill just to go to a workshop," said Jacob Souders, a junior.

After Career Services officially moves, there are going to be a few major changes to their programs. They're going to have their workshops based in Paton House, events on site, and on-campus interviews.

"Most of our workshops happen in the Mor-



Paton House currently under construction. Photo by Adiba Sikder

tola Library or Kessel and our on-campus interviews take place at the Goldstein Academic Center, so it can get a little confusing for students to keep track of where we are next," said Vaidian.

Ultimately, the goal for Career Services is to have make it more convenient for students to feel moti-

vated to participate in their workshops and to start going sooner in their college careers, rather than later.

"I didn't start going until late last year and now I'm a senior and I feel like I'm still not completely ready for a real job. I knew I needed to go to them sooner, but I was too busy throughout

the semester to walk there," said TJ Combs, a senior.

Career Services has been active on social media in order to raise the student's interest in their programs and to inform them of the new workshops and events that are happening on a daily basis.

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In Remembrance of Dr. Jean Coppola

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Feature Writer

A professor and a pillar of the community for over 30 years, Dr. Jean Coppola, who passed away on October 29, is someone who will be deeply missed.

"I admired Jean so much. The students always talked about her and appreciated all that she did for them," says Mary Courtney, Professor of Computer Science for the Seidenberg School in NYC. "We will miss Jean forever. This is just too sad."

Dr. Coppola was a graduate of Pace in 1990 where she received her master's degree in Science, after having received a bachelor's in Science from Hofstra. Ever since 1990, Coppola did whatever she could to further her own education while



Dr. Jean Coppola had been with Pace since 1990. Photo courtesy of seidenbergnews.blogs.pace.edu

remaining an integral part of the Pace community.

With a master's degree in Science and Telecommunications and a PhD in Computing Technology in

Education under her belt, Coppola then decided to enter into the field of gerontechnology, concerned with bettering the lives of elderly people with new technological advances.

"Prof. Sonia Fritz and I connected with Jean and her work with Alzheimer's patients who were taught to use tablets to access the photos and music of their pasts," says Elena Lawton de Torruella, a PhD recipient at the Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart. "We involved our students at Sagrado Corazon in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Their response was sensitive and enthusiastic. Their final investigation matured them intellectually and emotionally."

Apart from academics, Coppola also taught her students about the struggles of elderly people who have severe physical ailments impeding on their quality of life. She strove to

give students an idea of what it was like to be working against old age before those same students would care for elderly patients themselves.

"The bottom line is they are thoroughly prepared before they set foot in that nursing home, before they teach that older adult," said Coppola in a CBS interview in 2011. "It opens a new world. It doesn't leave them behind. It lets them know what's going on out in the community, out in the country, out in the world."

Coppola's influence lives on in the gerontechnology program she co-founded at Pace, which has been nationally recognized by publications such as the Los Angeles Times. She will be greatly missed by the community she succeeded in, both professionally and personally, for over 30 years.

Lack of Student Voting Turnout Disappoints 'Voter Van'

CARMEN BALLON
Feature Writer

With the passing of election day, the university attempted to assist students with voting transportation. But, only one student used this service.

Tyler J Kalahar, Program Coordinator at the Center of Community Action & Research, started the "Voter Van" about fifteen years ago. This service transports students from Goldstein Fitness Center to a Briarcliff polling site, for students that have registered to vote at the campus address or chose to vote in the state of NY.

Prior to the election, e-mails were sent to the community, stating important dates about registration.

"Students who live in New York State while they are attending Pace University, and who are United

States citizens, are eligible to register to vote at their New York State address (on or off campus), and be assigned to a New York State polling site, as long as they will have lived at that address a minimum of 30 days prior to an election," said Dr. Lisa Bardill-Moscaritolo.

As well, the Center of Community Action & Research contacts students through OrgSync blasts, newsletters, university 101 presentations, and orientations.

"We always try to make note to all students that we offer this facility," said Kalahar.

During primary elections, the "Voter Van" is offered at a more frequent service and driven by transportation. But, during off year elections, Kalahar dedicates his time to drive the van. "I work here, and

I drive it, we can't get enough people to collaborate with us. It's important at least metaphorically do it. Off year elections are tough."

While Tyler J. Kalahar was waiting for students to vote, he spoke of the urgency of young voter turnout.

"We are working right now to push people to vote. Especially first-year students to vote on-campus because they will be here for four years and feel the officials that are here while on-campus," said Kalahar. "It's kind of unavoidable at this point. This is not only an issue on college campuses, it's a community issue too. People of different circumstances have trouble transporting to local polling sites."

While students didn't physically use the "Voter Van", many have registered to vote through the Center



Students did not fill out the gymnasium for "Voter Van."

of Community Action & Research.

"We had about 55 people who used the van last year, and 71 people are registered to vote on campus. But as a community, said Kalahar. "We are lucky that many people car pool, so we know that there are students willing to take their friends to the polls."

Although, the "Voter

Van" turnout was disappointing Kalahar continues to stay positive,

"We try really hard to make sure that we are on the ground as much as possible helping students. We have seen an increase difference with everything we have done this year," he said. "We feel like we are starting to break in a little bit. I'm really excited about it."

Dinner Raises over \$300 for Autism Society of America

EMILY BRESNAHAN
Feature Writer

This past week, Alpha Chi Rho, with the help of the Future Educators Association, held their annual Autism Awareness Dinner. The dinner benefits the Autism Society of America, and raised around \$300.

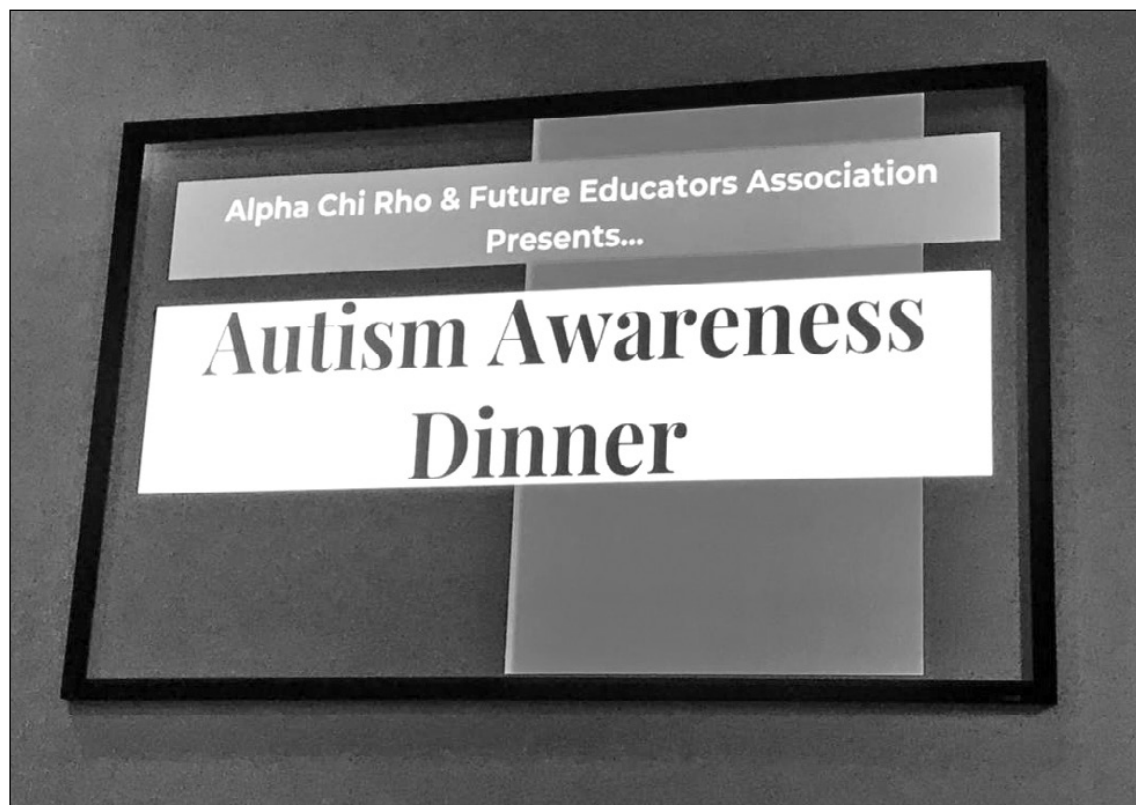
AXP Philanthropy chairs, Brian Delvecchio and Savion Jackson, planned the event with their fellow brothers to raise awareness on campus of how autism affects the Pace community. Many students took the stage to talk about how autism affects their families and friends. Jamie DeToro, whose older sister Remi has autism, credits her for teaching her many life lessons. "Without her, I would not be here today," she noted. "You

cannot judge people and you have to stand up for others."

DeToro ended her speech with a letter to her sister, thanking her for all that she has given her. "Thank you for being stubborn and teaching me patience, you are my inspiration and best friend."

Next to speak was, Eric Mahon, a brother of AXP whose nephew, Brody, has autism. Similar to DeToro, Mahon thanked his nephew for teaching him so much in life. "This little boy has changed our family in such a positive way," he noted. "He has taught us how to love unconditionally."

Throughout the night, the brothers of AXP spoke of the effects of autism and how those with the disease may seem different, but they should still be treated with



A dinner held at Pace raised over \$300 for autism awareness. Photo by Emily Bresnahan

the same amount of love and respect as anyone else. Brian Delvecchio, one of their two philanthropy chairs, spoke of how we should love them and simply "all love each other."

Savion Jackson, the second philanthropy chair, spoke highly of the event with the regard that it not only teaches Pace students about autism, but as they plan it, they continue to learn more. "Working with each other to plan the event is nice, but we learn as we put it together, which is even better."

The otherwise serious event ended on a lighter note

fueled by an interactive trivia game, that attendees could participate through their phones. The popular game, "Kahoot" challenged everyone to take their newfound knowledge of autism and put it to use. Noah Austin, a brother of AXP, ended up beating the crowd with his

trivia skills.

President of AXP, Joe Kelly, ended the night by thanking everyone for coming to support such an amazing cause, thanking the speakers especially for helping them all understand how autism truly affects peoples' lives.

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"I don't check my phone all the time but I'm at that point in my college career where I need to start checking the Career Services account on Instagram to make sure I'm not missing anything important or any opportunities because I got too lazy to check," said Kaila Williams, a junior.

Letters to the Editor Welcome

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Student Group Strives to Fight Sexual Assault on Campus

GERALD OLVERA
Feature Writer

You are not alone. That is the university's pledge to all students. FIRE (Fighting Ignorance and Rape with Education), a student peer to peer group, was designed to provide students with the tools to address sexual assault.

When New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's "Enough Is Enough" Legislation was signed into law in July 2015, it required private colleges in New York State to adopt or administer comprehensive procedures and guidelines regarding Sexual Assault. Implementation of uniform definition of affirmative consent, amnesty policy, students' bill of rights, ample training, and reporting requirements.

Specifically, the new law is the most aggressive policy in the nation to fight against sexual assault on college campuses. FIRE, which is specific to Pleasantville campus only, was built from student initiative to provide better response and awareness pertaining to sexual assault.

FIRE is the first point of contact for students who are looking to know more

about sexual assault. They are a group of students who are passionate about raising awareness, helping peers in times of need, and they also discuss topics for healthy relationships and safe sex.

The student group is coordinated by Erin Doolin, Pace's Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Specialist (SAPE). The FIRE base of operations is located in Elm Hall.

"There are a lot of great reasons to be a student at Pace," Doolin said. "I firm believer that when you love something, you want to make it better. Pace FIRE is about helping create a community where everyone can get an education, have a college experience and be safe."

All peer educators are confidential resources and are trained to help throughout the whole process. They can provide students with referrals to medical assistance and long-term counseling, or remain as a point of contact for each individual affected by any episode reported.

FIRE is also equitable, they have someone on campus who can support the 'accused' as well as the 'accuser' during any incident reported to the group.



These students are taking a stand by being a part of Pace FIRE. Photo by Gerald Olvera

Sexual Assault prevention is also important to this group. They have been presenting awareness at freshmen orientations and the University 101 course for over two years.

They also have developed informative presenta-

tions for first-year students, all new Greek Life members, and all athletes.

Before FIRE was created there were only a handful of resources available to students. Having students as peers has helped during the entire process.

"I was given the opportunity to help build FIRE and make it a reality on campus," Co-founder and peer advocate, Kelly Lang said. "Our goal was to really make a difference and provide the campus with something it was missing."

T. Murph Makes Pace Laugh

PAOLO FERREIRA
Feature Writer

A Chicago native visited Pace University and his goal was to make everyone laugh. T. Murph, an international comedian, came to share his material and have some fun on Tuesday

night.

Murph has been a comedian for seven years and plans to hopefully have his own hour special on Comedy Central. Currently he was featured on Key & Peele and played as the main barber. Ironically, Murphy first gained

the inspiration to start his comedic career by his own barber. He was also on other national television shows such as Chicago Fire and 2014 Reboot of BET Comic View.

His favorite part about being a comedian is "trying to make a stranger laugh."

He finds a challenge in not knowing someone and finding a way to get them to laugh with you. This is why Murph said he loved performing at colleges.

"College students overall do not care and if you come with weak material they will not laugh," he

said"

When Murph was growing up, he wanted to become a director and attended Southern Illinois University to pursue his career of choice. He later picked up and decided that he loved doing com-

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The Struggle of the Working College Student: Is It Worth It?

ABBY STRUCKER
Feature Writer

There is a whole host of reasons why Pace students or any other student would want to take on a job while in studying in college. Some of the most common reasons include paying tuition, having additional income for day to day expenses, gaining work experience, and wanting to build up their resumes.

Many might feel it's a given to get a job since tuition is expensive. Other people might worry about the conflicts that may arise when trying to balance maintaining the quality of their grades since the work schedule would cut into study time. Opinions are split between both sides, but what is apparent is that being a working student requires a lot of balancing, organization, and planning. So, is it worth it?

There are obvious ups and downs of being employed while also being a full-time student, so if you're still having trouble deciding what to do, let's weigh the pros and cons.

Starting off with the positives, having a job can bring you added income. If you have heard it once, you've heard it a million times. College is expensive, and even after scholarships and financial aid are considered, some things will just have to be paid out of your own pocket. Having a job with a steady income can ease the financial stress.

"It is actually really nice to have my own source of money," Katrina Mikitish, a junior said. "I don't have to constantly bother my par-



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ents for it for food or toilet paper."

Any kind of job you are doing in college will look great on a resume to potential employers. Obviously, it shows that you are responsible enough to balance an intense school schedule with work. Also, working a job adds valuable experience to your life and you can meet people that you could use as contacts for future employment endeavors.

Something that many people might be surprised to know is that studies show holding a job can actually have a positive effect on your GPA. This can be due to having less free time. Less free time will cause you to really focus and take advantage of the time that you do have to study and get work

done effectively. It leaves less time for students to procrastinate. Hard work really does pay off!

Now let's weigh the cons.

Some people feel there is no time to study! Time spent working equals time that is not spent studying, catching up on homework, or sleeping. Even working a reasonable amount of hours a week can mean losing valuable time elsewhere. Priorities can get mixed up very easily and ultimately, time can become a battle between relaxing, and having a social life or studying and working. Usually, students choose to study over relaxing and that is where stress comes into play.

Between so much work and class, it can leave a

student feeling burned out and exhausted, which is not exactly ideal for memorizing material and studying for exams. College is already stressful enough, and a job can sometimes add to that anxiety. The addition of work can overload a student's system.

A working sophomore, Sabrina Lugo said, "It feels impossible to balance both... I bring my school work [to the job] if I have to."

In addition, a downside that not everyone will immediately think of is a job can get in the way of so many things. The job can potentially cause many scheduling conflicts. For example, a class could collide into shift hours and make you late depending if your professor

talks a little bit too much or you get really busy towards the end of your shift. Maybe you are involved on campus and a part of a club, but you can never attend the meetings because it's in the middle of your shift. Whatever the case may be, a job can interfere with your already busy schedule.

Jobs can be both a blessing and a curse.

But Lugo added, "School is always my priority,"

I think the takeaway from this is that you have to know yourself and the kind of person you are before you decide if it's right for you to get a job. No matter if you chose work, school, or and work and school combined you are going to have your hands full!

Bring Back Kessel After Dark

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Opinion Editor

For years, Kessel After Dark has been a place where students went to grab a late night snack after Kessel itself was closed for the day.

It would set up shop where The Meltdown, the grilled cheese station, is usually during the day. There they served fried oreos, quesadillas, mozzarella sticks, and other fried delicacies.

Kessel After Dark and Pace Perk would open up around the same time. Perk opening up at nine was a little earlier, but Kessel After Dark was shut down at the beginning of this year.

A majority of students preferred Pace Perk over Kessel After Dark, and the hours were overwhelming for certain employees.

Even though Pace Perk might have a larger menu than Kessel After Dark and is closer to the dorms, you can never knock having two late night options.

Since Kessel After Dark is no longer a thing, Pace Perk is the only on campus option to get something to eat after 10 o'clock.

That may be okay, because students prefer Pace Perk anyway but just like all things it'll always be good to have alternatives.

There will be a time where you're not going to want any of the frozen foods they have at The Perk and opportunity to get something off campus will be slim because funds are slim.

What happens then? You'll be stuck with Pace Perk. I'm not saying that's a bad thing, but eventually you will want something other than what they are offering.

Let's not forget that Kessel has a much larger seating situation than Perk does, meaning that a lot more friends can accompany each other on their way to feed their hunger before calling it a night. Then you have to take into account the weird smell



Kessel After Dark, when it existed. Photo courtesy of Google

Perk gives off that sinks into your clothes and just doesn't go away.

Kessel After Dark not only had its own individual menu but whatever was in the vicinity of the sandwich station was available to students too.

I'm talking about the

creating your own milkshakes, the ice cream and meals that are in the freezer next to the grab and go sandwiches and desserts, and the cookies and other sugary treats that are on the counter.

In a way, Kessel After Dark was just as abundant

in snacks and other mini meals as The Perk.

If hours need to be worked out to bring Kessel After Dark back, then I say let's get to compromising. Food sources are already limited around here late at night so the more food options the better.

T. Murph Makes Pace Laugh

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edy. Before a show, Murph doesn't do anything to prepare, but instead chooses to keep calm and relax.

While performing comedy in front of a crowd, it can be one of the toughest things because of the immense pressure there is to make a complete strangers laugh. Murph said he deals with the pressure differently.

"I hate sticking to a

script," he said. "I mess up all the time but sometimes you need to feel out the crowd and go on your own thoughts."

Murph is constantly changing up his material so his jokes stay relevant. When writing down his jokes or coming up with them, he usually just uses elements of his life. Murph said "life and just living" are his inspiration for his material.

Murph has headlined many shows around the world including Dubai. His usual shows are at the show he produces at a comedy bar every 1st Sunday and then does jokes and Notes as well. He is always performing while home in Chicago and has become an instant regular at The Laugh Factory and Zanies. Murph also preformed in two festivals, which were the Comedy Central spon-

sored New York Comedy Festivals and the TBS Just for Laughs festival.

Murph said he would

"definitely come back" to Pace because of the audience and their energy, which made for a great show.

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Meet New Women's Lacrosse Head Coach Tricia Molfetta

KWADAR RAY
Sports Editor

Newly hired Women's Lacrosse head coach Tricia Molfetta knows all about pressure. Two years ago, Molfetta was faced with the challenge of turning around a program that had not posted a winning record since 2009.

In the summer of 2015, Molfetta was promoted from assistant coach to head coach of the Division III Manhattanville College Valiants, a program that went 1-15 and 4-11 its previous two seasons.

Despite the lack of success the team had, Molfetta was just grateful for the

chance to be the head coach of a college team.

"It was a great feeling becoming the head coach at Manhattanville," Molfetta said. "As a young coach, I was very grateful for the opportunity and really excited to continue to work with the players."

Leading a team from "worst to first" seems like a daunting task for most, but for coaches like Molfetta, it is what they live for. After serving as the founder and head coach of Rye Neck High school's Women's Lacrosse program, Molfetta was inspired to prove she can be a head coach on the collegiate level.

In her first season

as head coach, Molfetta improved the team's win total to six and in her second season, Molfetta coached Manhattanville to an 11-6 record and a tournament berth.

"I think my strong suits as a coach are building relationships and getting players to believe in themselves," Molfetta said.

Molfetta guided players to believe and that belief led Manhattanville's Women's Lacrosse team from laughing stock to a serious team in the MAC Freedom conference.

"Coach Molfetta saw the potential in people, even if they didn't see it themselves," says Mariana Lopez, who is a senior and lacrosse player at Manhattanville. "She would push you because she knew you could handle it. She would always say it 'was all mental,' and she was right, it was."

As a result of the relationship she built, Molfetta says it was difficult leaving the program that gave her an opportunity to prove herself.

"It was really difficult because you build strong bonds with the players," Molfetta said. "But those Manhattanville players are destined for great things this year and my leaving won't change that."

Molfetta is now the head coach of Pace Women's Lacrosse Team, a program that was founded in 2015 and has improved every year since, including a NE-10 Conference Championships Tournament appearance last season.

Molfetta says she is



New Women's Lacrosse head coach Tricia Molfetta says the most significant lesson she's learned in coaching is, "Trust the process." Photo Courtesy of Pace U Athletics.

looking forward to leaping over any barrier her position brings, which includes challenging games in the NE-10 Conference.

"[Pace] is a great university with a very strong women's lacrosse program," she said. "Pace competes on a national stage, against the best of the best, and to me, that's an exciting opportunity."

What will benefit Molfetta's transition to Pace is the 19 upperclassmen on the Lacrosse team roster, many of whom have been playing for the team since its inaugural season.

"It's a really great situation," Molfetta said. "They're the ones who have set the standards and traditions for Pace Women's Lacrosse, and they know what it will take to reach our goals."

Molfetta has already

met with every player on the roster and talked with them individually. She says she recognizes the goals the players have.

"In meeting the players this week and talking about their goals, I think their main thing is continuing to build on the strong foundation and pushing the program to new heights," she said.

While it is unknown if Pace will be Molfetta's final stop in her coaching journey, she has had an admirable career path: From head coach of a small high school team in Mamaroneck, NY to head coach of a Division II college team with playoff hopes.

Throughout her experience, Molfetta says there's one lesson she's learned and it will likely stick with her during her tenure at Pace: "Trust the process."

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Growing Pains Nonexistent for Swimming and Diving Freshmen

KWADAR RAY
Sports Editor

“No days off” may sound cliché, but they are the words the Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving teams live by.

“Swimming is a sport that you can’t put in the same amount and expect more, you have to put in more to expect more,” says 4th-year head coach Dan Allen.

To say the freshman class has been putting in the work to help their teams have a successful season would downplay their performance so far this year. They have not simply been an asset for both teams, but rather the critical component to plenty of the wins for the 5-0 Women’s and 2-3 Men’s teams.

“I think the freshmen kind of bring in a new energy and attitude to our program, and they’ve been great influences on our upperclassmen as well because they challenge them,” Coach Allen said. “It’s having one of those affects where everybody is training at a high level now, more than we’ve ever had in the past, and I think that’s why you’re starting to see the results on both sides.”

Freshmen on both teams have already won a combined eight awards this season including NE-10 Swimmer of the week, NE-10 Rookie of the week and Setter of the week. Their high play has caught the eye of Women’s team captain Madison Kiefer.

“I think they’re easily one of the best freshman classes that has been brought in,” Kiefer said. “They all train extremely hard and it shows in the meets.”

There is often a difficult process for athletes transitioning from high school to college. However, the newcomers have yet to hit the “rookie wall” against stiffer competition.

Freshmen Joshua Lozano and Annabel Keppel-Palmer say the only major change for them is coming from programs that focused on individual achievements to now performing for a program that is



Philip Turecky, left, Annabel Keppel-Palmer, right, and the entire freshman class have stepped up for the Setters.
Photo Courtesy of Pace U Athletics.

team oriented.

“I feel like the transition has been good,” says Lozano, who swam for his high school and a club team. “In high school, it should be a team atmosphere but it really wasn’t, so I felt more at home with my club team and usually at my club meets I’d perform better. I feel like that’s what you get here with this team. When I’m swimming and I see literally everyone on the sideline screaming, ‘Go, go, go,’ it gives me the energy I don’t think I had to go that next step further.”

“The main difference here is there’s more of a team atmosphere,” says Keppel-Palmer, who has already broken two Pace Athletic records in just five meets. “Where I was at before, it was more individual focused. I always perform better when I perform for a team, so I think that’s been the main difference.”

Coach Allen says it’s not only the freshmen that has contributed this season, but the veterans on the roster have been critical.

“Our captains, Madison [Kiefer] and Junwo Moon, and others in leadership roles have been instrumental in helping our team develop that

good camaraderie and chemistry,” Coach Allen said.

As for the overall performance of both teams, the Women’s team has gotten off to a hotter start than the Men’s team.

“For us, we’re in that kind of transition stage with our women’s team where we’ve been that middle tier team and right now I feel like we’re pushing to the top,” Coach Allen said.

Despite the difference in records for both teams, Coach Allen preaches the same mentality: Hard work and believing you can win.

“For me, it’s all about belief and that’s something that has to come from the student-athletes as well,” Coach Allen said. “I always thought both teams could be in the top tier on both sides, but at the end of the day it has to be the student athlete who has to believe they can do that.”

Coach Allen stresses consistent training. There’s no more important time to for that training than the two week break the team gets between the Fall and Spring semesters, which Allen considers a “critical point of the season.”

No player knows how crucial

training during that two week break is more than Senior Brian Sosa, who last season had issues finding a pool to swim in back home in Colombia.

“[Coach Allen] let me know that I was going to take the hit that year,” Sosa remembered. “I knew it was a full-year compromise for swimming and just one day off will need two-three days to get back where I was. So, I came back and you can see by my times in the championships that I plateaued from the year before. I think it was because that little break during the most decisive part of the season.”

Keppel-Palmer and Lozano are fully aware of what is expected of them over the break.

“I wouldn’t want to take a break just because I know how hard it is going to be when I come back and training is on another level,” Keppel-Palmer said. “I don’t want to find it even harder.”

“If you take a week off from swimming, you basically lose everything you’ve built up to,” Lozano said. “It’s going to take twice as much, if not three times as much work to get back to where you were.”