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Pace Students Attempt to Revise FDA Policy

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Feature Writer

A 34-year-old Food and Drug Administration (FDA) blood, organ, and tissue donation policy is gaining momentum for revision and Pace has been helping spearhead the movement.

The FDA since 1983 had an indefinite deferral policy regarding men who have sex with other men (MSM). December 2015, the policy was reduced to 12-month deferral since last sexual contact with another man.

Pace students have been petitioning for change to the existing policy during blood drives outside of Gottesman room. The policy discriminates against MSM, bi-sexual, transgender, and pan-sexual based on identity and not if the potential donors have engaged in high-risk behaviors.

Transgender men and

women now have to identify with the gender of their birth. Well here's the discriminatory part; transgender men have to identify as being female and since they now claim to be male, they now fall under the 12-month deferral policy because they admit to having sex with a man.

"I like to see screening questions that address risky behaviors specifically, and not identity," Associate Director of Women Studies, Rachel Simon said. "Who you are doesn't matter, your behavior is what matters."

United Kingdom found in their research that it takes approximately up to one year for HIV/AIDS to appear in blood samples. Finally, in 2011 they set the one-year deferral policy and the United States followed five years later with the FDA's research.

"The FDA makes the rules," New York Blood



Pace students have been petitioning for change to the existing blood donation policy that discriminates against many potential donors. Photo courtesy of scientificamerican.com

Center Supervisor, Shannon Harrison said. "The questionnaires have to be specific, they want to make sure that all samples are good. MSM is more unsafe than heterosexual intercourse."

A gay man, in a monog-

amous relationship who has only had oral sex, will still automatically be unable to give blood. However, a heterosexual man who has had multiple partners and not worn a condom will not be questioned about

his behavior. This proves the fact that high-risk heterosexuals would still be less controlled than low-risk gay men.

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Police Chief and Fire Inspector Reach Out at SGA Meeting

JACK FOZARD
Feature Writer

Speaking at the latest SGA Senate meeting in the Kessel Student Center, Pleasantville Police Chief Erik Grutzer and Mt. Pleasant Fire Inspector Sal Pennelle implored students to help them in their efforts to keep Pace, and Pleasantville as a result, safe and informed.

Grutzer, Police Chief for Pleasantville since late last year and an officer for 23 years, is a former graduate from Pace, and as such, the students and campus “mean a great deal to [him] personally.”

“On a personal level, when I took over about a year ago, one of the big things I wanted to address and improve was the culture of my own [town],” said Grutzer. “[Pace] is a tremendous university and a tremendous institution. That [reputation developed] gradually over time with people saying ‘you know what? We need to change the culture around here. We



Grutzer (left) and Pennelle (right) spoke at SGA this past Friday. Photo by Jack Fozard

need to move away from [Pace as] a big party school to a serious institution’, which we’ve become.”

For Grutzer, who has lived and served in Pleas-

antville for over 20 years, the main focus is on communication between students, town residents and law enforcement more than anything.

“The relationship we build with the village and with all of you, and the experience you have is a very strong concern, not just for me and the police department, but for really everyone [in Pleasantville],” continued Grutzer. “We want people in town to want interaction between the village community and the college community...it has to be, and I think very easily can be, a very successful partnership.”

Following Grutzer, Sal Pennelle, Fire Inspector for Mt. Pleasant, a town of which both Pace and Pleas-

antville are a part of, took to the podium.

“I want to talk to you guys about fire safety,” Pennelle started. “The [concern] is what the students’ responsibilities are within the building when the fire alarm goes off in your dorm.”

Pennelle has been with the Building Department of Mt. Pleasant for fifteen years and has been a volunteer firefighter for four years.

“All the construction and the renovation at Kessel, the two dorm buildings that were built; It was a tremendous amount of work, of which I was a big part of,” recounted Pennelle. “What was satisfactory to me was... that these buildings were well-built and are very safe.”

Each building on campus has a fire plan, and RA’s have plans to make sure students get out in time. According to Pennelle, in the case that all else fails, evacuating the building however necessary is always a good call.

“The university has evacuation plans,” says Pennelle. “What you don’t want is; you don’t follow it and you find out when the fire department gets here that students are missing, we don’t know where they went- that’s not good. What the plan says, and how the RA’s are instructed to evacuate the building, and it’s not only the dorm buildings, [are important] but any building where that alarm goes off, you must make sure you’re evacuating.”

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Erik Grutzer,
Pleasantville Police Chief

DNCE Makes Pace Dance in New York City

EMILY BRESNAHAN
Feature Writer

Pleasantville students made their way to New York City for the annual homecoming concert, now called “Setter Jam!”

Thirty tickets were offered to the students on our campus, and they sold out in less than a day. Although transportation to the city was not provided this year, the headliner, DNCE, was enough to get students there.

The band, with lead singer Joe Jonas, got the crowd going wild when they approached the stage. Girls screamed, cameras were in the air, and the crowd danced to their pop-rock beats. But before DNCE took the stage, Playboi Cardi got the crowd ready

for an exciting night. With his hits such as “Woke Up Like This” and “Magnolia,” students sang along before DNCE took over the stage.

Although it can be hard to make your way to the NYC campus, Maria Angulo, a sophomore education major, noted that she didn’t want to miss this event. “How often do you get to see your favorite band for such a low price? It was so worth the two hour shuttle ride!”

Waiting around the campus after the show, Angulo even had the chance to see lead singer Joe Jonas and drummer Jake Lawless leave the building, and take a few photos with Pace students. “We’re lucky to be able to participate in both a traditional homecoming and something more cra-

zy in NYC,” said Angulo. “The concert is a great way to merge both campuses together.”

The two campuses do not often hold events together, but the annual concert is a way to meet people from both campuses and to interact in a unique and fun way. Having the

winner of MTV’s Music Video Awards “Best New Artist” come to your school is an exciting opportunity, and Pleasantville students did not want to miss out. Freshman Brianna Adkins, even went to the concert by herself. “I’m glad I decided to travel into the city for the concert, because I got to

meet Joe Jonas afterwards,” she said. “DNCE was by far the most interactive band I’ve ever watched at a concert!”

For Pace University, another homecoming concert is over, but for many of our Pleasantville students, the memories will last a lifetime!



DNCE takes the stage. Photo by Emily Bresnahan

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Pace Picks and Paints Pumpkins

ADIBA SIKDER
Feature Editor

Pumpkin picking and paint made for the best fall recipe for Pace students to get in to the spirit of Fall and get their minds away from midterms at Alumni Lawn on Saturday.

Programming Board transformed the typically plain lawn, and covered it with pumpkins and fall decorations for students to re-create the atmosphere of a real pumpkin patch.

“A lot of students, especially freshman, don’t have cars. We thought this was a great way to bring the things they could possibly miss out on to them,” said Izabella Morris, the Social Media Manager of Programming Board.

Students came in groups and were new to the art of pumpkin picking and were very excited to partake in the festivities.

“I love Fall so much and this pumpkin is my baby. I’m going to name it Rafael,” said Shaiwen Wang, a freshman at Pace.

After picking their pumpkin, students were directed to tables at Kessel Student Center to paint them.

Hour after hour, groups of friends and roommates from every building came together to create a new memory together and helped each other pick the best pumpkin and design for their room.

“This is another one of those bonding activities that new students and freshman tend to do with their whole suite and then never forget about for the rest of their college



Izabella Morris (left), Jenny Marbella, and Precious Hose enjoyed the pumpkin picking experience. Photo by Adiba Sikder

career,” said Morris.

At the Kessel Student Center, students got very creative and did time-consuming designs such as: pride flags, galaxies and intricate faces.

“I’m not sure what I want to do yet, but I think I’m going to paint a cow on my pumpkin,” said Jenny Marbella, a sophomore at Pace.

Some students came to the event to get away from the stress of their midterms and do something fun with their friends.

“Every time I look at this pumpkin, I’ll remember that I did at least one fun thing this week and be a little happier even though I’m really overwhelmed,” said Eily Jones,

a freshman at Pace.

Members of the Programming Board believe that making use of the quad between Elm and Alumni Hall can be a great way to have these bonding events, because it gives students a chance to interact and meet people outside of their graduating class.

“We want more people to talk to each other. Sometimes freshmen only know other freshmen and don’t really talk to upper-classmen,” said Morris.

Other students decided on not decorating it and doing other festive activities with their friends with the pumpkin.

“I’m not going to decorate mine. This might be a

little weird but I’m gonna see if I can find a recipe and make pumpkin pie out

of it with my friends,” said Melissa DiNucci, a junior at Pace.

“This is another one of those bonding activities that new students and freshman tend to do with their whole suite and then never forget about for the rest of their college career.”

**Izabella Morris,
Social Media Manager
Programming Board**

The Face of Pace: Keyshana Dupuy

ADIBA SIKDER
Feature Editor

When Keyshana Dupuy, a senior and leader at Pace won the title of homecoming queen, students and faculty alike were not surprised because from the moment that Dupuy set foot on this campus, she made it her mission to be a leader.

This mission was inspired by her experience with the Setters Leadership House and services that made her realize the importance of leadership.

“SLH taught me to be proud to call myself a leader,” said Dupuy. “I started having the mentality that we should want to be leaders and surround ourselves with other leaders.”

She believes that SLH helped her become more comfortable at Pace as a freshman because when she walked around campus, she had the other members of SLH as her friends.

She practices being a leader and a strong presence on campus through her constant involvement in organizations on campus.

Dupuy is currently the Vice President of Programming on the SGA Executing Board, Vice President of Presentia Yearbook, the Housing Assistant of Residential Life, a member of the Dining Advisory Board, and a member of the senior committee.

“If there’s anything that I’m interested in, I just try to go for it. All of a sudden, people start asking what don’t you do? When I start something, I like to finish it,” said Dupuy.

Although Dupuy currently has many leadership

positions, she isn’t a stranger to the hardships of time management and recalls feeling overwhelmed.

“My sophomore year was overwhelming because I was doing too much back to back and my junior year was a lot because I had a lot going on personally,” said Dupuy.

However, she believes that these experiences made her more serious about time management and helped her to become more organized.

“Sometimes when I feel like I have my hands in too many things at once, in that moment, I tell myself to breathe and I prioritize what I need to do,” said Dupuy.

Academically, Dupuy is currently a Communications major with a double minor in Psychology and Public Relations and is planning on going into the field of event planning and working for a Communications department in the future.

She acknowledges that it may not be the best field to go into, but has an undeniable passion for being involved in the planning and creation of something that can touch several people.

“I really enjoy the whole aspect of event planning,” stated Dupuy. “The overall feeling of making that happen and being able to say I thought of that when someone comes up to you says that they loved the event makes me so happy.”

Since the beginning of the semester, Dupuy has felt bittersweet about graduating and leaving campus because of all the personal and professional connec-



Keyshana Dupuy after being crowned homecoming queen. Photo by Adiba Sikder

tions she’s made.

“I feel like I have become accustomed to mingle with anyone from cam-

pus at any point and having genuine fulfillment,” said Dupuy.

Although a part of her

feels sad, she knows that the connections she has made at Pace will stay with her forever.

Flex & Dawg Dollars Should Not be Used at Pace Mart

JOSIAH DARNEL
Opinion Editor

We all know our meal plan is probably the number one thing we need to survive in college. No meal plan means no food and that could put any student in a tough situation.

Along with the regular meal plan money there is flex dollars or dawg dollars that are given to us. Depending on what meal plan you have, (platinum, gold, silver, bronze) will depend on how many flex dollars you get.

Those dollars are given to supply you with money for eateries that are off campus.

Some of those include Applebee's, On's Chinese, Sal's Pizzeria etc. The issue is that the Pace Mart, which is located in the Mortola Library, doesn't take your meal plan money, but it takes away from your flex.

If it's an on campus food and beverage option, then I don't want it taking away from my off campus allotment. It's intended for off

campus eateries! The prices in Pace Mart are just as outrageous as the ones in Kessel and because I have to use my flex dollars there, it limits the amount of times I can use it off campus.

The options here for food are limited already and there will be times where I'm going to want to eat off campus. If the Pace Mart keeps taking away from that, then those limited options will become scarce.

Granted, I don't go to the Pace Mart often, but whatever they charge me will come back to haunt me down the line. And down the line is probably when I'm going to need those flex dollars the most.

There aren't many flex dollars that are given to your meal plan. Each and every one of those dollars should go to a place that is not offered by Pace.

I guarantee you a lot of students go to places off campus a million times more than they go to Pace Mart, especially when Pace Mart and Kessel sell basically the same things.



Pace Mart logo. Photo courtesy of google.

I would rather have more variety and more enjoyable food that is offered elsewhere. I don't mind spending my money for that, but I do mind an on campus spot taking

away from my off campus money. It should allow students to use their regular meal plan money and students will be much more accepting of that.

FDA Policy

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man that is married to a man, and if you've been monogamous for 30 years," Simon said. "They don't even consider that neither of you have ever tested positive for HIV or AIDS. They will throw out perfectly good blood."

Presently, updated blood screening methods and research provide the FDA with resources to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission. The last known HIV transmission was recorded on June 2008 from a 40-year-old male

who wasn't even identified as gay, bi-sexual, or transgender.

Following their 2015 policy change, the FDA promised that they will continue to reconsider the donor deferral policies as new data becomes available. A public docket was opened which welcomed comments and scientific research from the public.

Pace's continued support by petitioning for policy change is part of public's welcomed comments and research obtained by the FDA.

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playoff experience isn't as important as just the years you have playing in the conference."

Sinanan concurs, saying experience playing against teams in the conference is the main key heading into the postseason.

"It does help a little bit, but it's not as if we haven't played these teams before so its not like we have to expect anything different," Sinanan said. "Teams might change up a little bit, but I think that as a whole, we adapt to different teams very well and try to do what we can do best so we can beat them."

Perhaps what is more beneficial for the Setters is the fact they have faced the challenge of a schedule that mainly con-

sisted of teams with a winning record.

"That definitely helps a lot more because even if we weren't successful in some of those games, then that helps us to know the little things we have to do the next time we play them and even if we were successful, then we know what works against them," Ribadeneyra said.

"I think the schedule helps us deal with adversity, makes us tougher mentally, and gives us pictures of what works well and what doesn't against quality opponents," Coach Winn said. "The mantra we always tell these guys is you have to deal with what's put out there and you have to overcome things, and I think dealing with such a competitive schedule prepares these guys to combat challenges put in front of them."

This Week in Sports: 10/27-10/28

KWADAR RAY
Sports Editor

10/27 - Pace Women's Swimming team improved to 3-0, while the men's team fell to 1-2 in its meets against Rowan in the Goldstein Fitness Center. On the women's side, freshman Annabel Keppel-Palmer led the way with top times in the 200 fly (2:13.35) and 200 back (2:09.87), while also breaking the school record in the 200 IM (2:11.42). Both men's and women's teams will be back in action this Saturday in road meets against Adelphi.

10/28 - Women's Field Hockey, which has proven to be the cream of the crop of Pace athletics, has concluded its historic regular season with a 15-3 record after defeating Saint Michaels 3-1 on Senior Day. Seniors Lesly Sanchez Alvarez and Margaret Maclean led the stellar defensive performance with seven saves in the regular season finale. Sanchez Alvarez finishes the season with the nation's second best goals-against average (0.82) and second best save percentage (.837). The Setters are the No. 3 seed heading into the NE-10 tournament and the eight ranked team in the nation.

10/28 - Women's Volleyball improved to 12-14 after a road victory against

Saint Michaels. The Setters have now won six of their past seven games and are 6-4 in the conference, which better their chances of making the NE-10 Tournament for the second consecutive year.

10/28 - Women's Soccer not only honored seven seniors on Senior Day, but also clinched the No. 5 seed in the NE-10 Tournament with a 2-1 victory over Le Moyne College. Junior forward Victoria Kealy's clutch goal in the second half proved to be the game winner for the Setters. Senior goalkeeper Hayley Pascoal played lights out per usual, with a season-high 10 saves in the net. The Setters finish its regular season 9-8-1, with eight wins in the NE-10 conference.

10/28 - The Football team was pummeled by LIU Post, 41-14, on Senior Day. After the Setters went up 7-6 with a 2-yard score by freshman running back Anthony Carter-Guy in the second quarter, the contest went downhill to say the least. They allowed 35 unanswered points before scoring another touchdown in the fourth quarter. After a promising start to the season, the Setters have lost three straight and are now 3-5. The Setters will face another tough challenge this Saturday on the road against 4-4 Stonehill College.



Three of the six teams in action this week celebrated its Senior Day. Photo courtesy of Pace U Athletics.

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Senior and Captain Drew Ribadeneyra is one of seven seniors experiencing their final playoff run. Photo courtesy of Pace U Athletics.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS:

The Gift of the NE-10 Tournament is Here

KWADAR RAY
Sports Editor

The holiday season has arrived and it has brought along with it the gift of postseason athletics. The most wonderful time of the year has come for multiple teams, including Pace Women's Soccer.

Due to a 5-1 victory against Assumption College on Oct. 20, the Setters have clinched a berth into the NE-10 tournament for the second straight season.

Clinching a berth into

the tournament that early into the season was a relief for the Setters, contrary to the process of last year's playoff berth, which came down to the last game.

"It felt really good to not have to worry about if we're going to make the playoffs, having to count up points and stress out like how we did last year," says senior and team captain Emma Sinanan.

Maintaining consistent play as they head into the postseason is critical for the Setters' chances of return-

ing to the NE-10 Championship game.

"It's a little difficult [maintaining consistency in the postseason] because there's more on the line and maybe it's just a mental thing where you get a little more nervous," says senior and last year's NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year Drew Ribadeneyra. "But overall, I think it's easier physically to maintain a good play and that's because in the whole pre-season and regular season, you really get a feel of how

each player plays."

Performing at a high level in the regular season is a different animal compared to performing at a high level in the postseason, and that applies to both players and coaches.

"At this point, it's about repetition, keeping the players fresh and preparing them for the next opponent," 18th-year head coach Mike Winn said. "We probably do less, but at a higher intensity. More is on the line, but we see it as an opportunity for excitement

instead of pressure."

While experience in the NE-10 tournament is important, Ribadeneyra and Sinanan do not believe it's the be-all-end-all for having success in the tournament.

"I don't think [tournament experience] is super crucial. I think it does help in a sense, more so with nerves, but it's not like we haven't played these teams before or anything like that," Ribadeneyra said. "I think the NE-10

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