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'Fabulosity' and Tess Tickles Redefine Fundraising with Drag Show

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Feature Editor

Glitter, glam, and Tess Tickles created an animated night at *Fabulosity* for Pace students at Gottesman in Kessel Student Center on Thursday.

Tess Tickles, drag performer hosted *Fabulosity* on Thursday and drove the crowd wild with laughter with her inappropriate remarks, lewd connotations, and glamorous performances.

Pride at Pace hosts *Fabulosity* annually in order to raise money for the homeless gay community by selling raffle tickets in exchange for prizes and by entertaining the crowd with a drag show with student performers.

Tickles opened the show by introducing the student performers by their drag names and announcing the prizes that students can win

through the raffle and the prize for the winner of the drag contest.

The winner of the show, Keyshana Dupuy, Pace's homecoming queen, won over the audience with her performance as *Keyshawn* and her inclusion of a random audience member in the crowd.

"I couldn't help but want to participate. It's the only time we come together on campus to bring awareness to the transgender community. Everyone deserves love and support so I'm proud to say we have a safe and open environment at Pace," said Dupuy.

Students' mouths dropped when Keyshawn started performing because of how wildly inappropriate it was and how she was able to get everyone to scream and cheer for her.

Other students that performed at the show were

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Student performers and Pride at Pace members posing with Tess Tickles. Photo by Adiba Sikder

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Lubin Staff Helps Students Reach Their Full Potential

CARMEN BALLON
Feature Writer

Students, faculty, and staff came together in Gottesman Hall to help young business students reach for the stars and learn more about what Pace University's Lubin School of Business has to offer.

Lubin advisor Jeanette Lewis believes that these meetings are crucial for student success.

"It's an opportunity for students to gain more information, especially if students have any concerns," Lewis said.

Prior to the meeting, surveys were administered to students in their classes, asking if they had any concerns to address in the Lubin Community Meeting.

"In today's meeting we constructed a meeting by all the questions that were directly from the survey," said Julian Alston.

A common concern of Lubin students, was knowing the faculty and staff.

Students wanted to know of the possible staff resources they can use. In result, the Lubin Student representatives and Advisors invited professors, career counselors, and Neil S. Braun, Dean of the Lubin School of Business to attend the community meeting.

One by one, staff, faculty, and representatives introduced themselves through name and position. Staff gave a warm welcome to all students, and were eager to assist students.

During Dean Braun's introduction, he stated that his "favorite part of my job is to help find out what my students want to do."

Following this, Professor Cathy Winstead explained the importance of the onsite student-run business. In return, students explained the importance of their leadership positions.

Throughout the meeting, advisors and career counselors explained the importance of internships and unlimited resources Lubin has to offer.

At the end of the meeting, there was a Q & A session to ask of any concerns or ideas for the Lubin school. A concern a student had was about class sizes and seating issues.

Students had the opportunity to address concerns and talk directly to staff about these problem. Dean Braun discussed about the future changes for Lubin.

"We've done a lot of them already. We're working on a video, about positing this campus as a learn by doing campus," Braun said." It differentiates us from other schools like Iona, Marist and Manhattan College. We went from one student business, to four successful business. Now onto the fifth. One thing that I've been a big advocate for is giving more opportunities to students to gain more experience."

Through the Lubin Community Meeting, students, staff, and faculty came together and talked about the possibilities everyone has at Pace.



Lubin wants to help students reach their potential. Photo by Carmen Ballon

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Exploring a Career in Student Affairs

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Feature Writer

Can you imagine never leaving college? In a way, a career in student affairs is exactly that concept.

On October 30, students were able to hear from professionals from Pace University and other schools at a panel discussing careers in student affairs.

Most of the speakers started their journey in college, by becoming resident assistants or orientation leaders and found that helping students and working at a college was their true calling. You never know where your path in college may lead, and these speakers were true examples of that, since many of them started in different majors before finding that student affairs

was the place for them.

Abigail Smith, a Resident Director in Alumni Hall, started the presentation off by explaining her personal reason for wanting to work in student affairs.

“Most of my learning and development happened in college,” she stated. “I took that and realized that I wanted to have that impact on college students.”

Many of the speakers during the panel noted that college is not just about academics, but also learning about who you are a person, and those working in student affairs help to “develop students outside of the classroom.”

“Student affairs can seem like an abstract idea to many college students and their parents,” noted JoAnna Verlezza, a Resident Director



A panel was held to discuss jobs in career services. Photo by Emily Bresnahan

in North Hall. “Many professionals bounce around in student affairs, and often they never intended to end up there anyway, it can be a field that you simply fall into.”

“Student affairs can be hard to sell to your parents,” Verlezza said. “But there will always be colleges and universities that need professionals in this field.”

Joe Caffarelli, the Director of Residential Life at William Patterson University, spoke about his journey into a career in student affairs. Throughout college, his plan

was to become a counselor and he never had a strenuous plan to end up where he is now. Even while pursuing his counseling degree, his resident assistant and residence hall director pushed him towards student affairs and residential life. To this day, he is grateful for his career in residential life.

“I love what I do, I love working with students,” Caffarelli said. “There are very few days that I wake up and don’t want to go to work.”

The next speaker, Louis Cameron, a Student Life

and Assessment Specialist at Mercy College spoke of how becoming an Orientation Leader changed his life. Even though being a resident assistant was not the correct position for him, Cameron wanted to find a way to help students. Working in residential life gives you all kinds of experiences.

The most important thing to him is working with students and asking himself everyday, “How can I help [the students] get to a better point mentally, physically and emotionally?”

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Nu Zeta Phi Hosts ‘Wings and Things’ Social Gathering

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Feature Writer

The sounds of smooth trumpets and soul music filled the Butcher Suite Thursday night as the first ever “Wings and Things” social event was hosted by Nu Zeta Phi.

Dolby surround sound speakers converted the suite into smorgasbord of eclectic sounds. Soul switched to old school music of 90’s rap artist Sir Mix-A lot with a sick blend of Cardi B tickled the walls.

As the largest sorority on the Pleasantville campus, the sisterhood opened up their doors to everyone on Nov. 2, as a way to have an informal meet and greet into Greek Life.

There was large table with a buffet style platter full of wings and other things like celery and carrots.

The irresistible smell of chicken wings and mozzarella sticks filled the room. Then it was on, nothing like some food and conversation. Students interested in the sorority got to sit down, eat, and chat with the Nu Zeta Phi members.

November 5 marks an historical event for this Greek Life organization. Celebrating its 27 year at Pace University, Nu Zeta Phi hosted this event to help students better understand their philanthropy and the drive of their organization: breast cancer awareness and research.

“These events progressively put items into perspective,” Nu Zeta Phi Recruitment Chair, Yeni Almanzar said. “It opens opportunities to meet amazing people.”

Providing opportunities for involvement to any young woman who is interested in the sorority experience, is the main purpose for this event. It removes the uncomfortable parameters of initial contact and anxiety.

You want to sit down, snack, and get feel for the environment; this event was all about relaxing and good conversation. Students had the privilege to ask any question about being in the historic chapter in a worry-free atmosphere.

“I got a good vibe when walked here,” Freshmen, Maria Fata said. “I met the Recruitment Chair at another event and we connected.



Nu Zeta Phi hosted “Wings and Things” to introduce students to Greek life and philanthropy. Photo by Gerald Olvera

I’ve been interested in joining Nu Zeta Phi ever since.”

Some of the main interests were what Greek Life will offer to new members once they are accepted. Impressively, all Nu Zeta Phi members were in attendance to answer any questions.

Members gave testimonials about their experiences within

the organization and how alumni are still proactive throughout the chapter.

“This event can break the ice for many students,” Nu Zeta Phi Philanthropy Chair, Felicia Robcke said. “Joining Greek Life is a hard decision, but they can get a feel for who we are as a sorority and Greek chapter.”

Pace Lauches Pep Band

ADIBA SIKDER
Feature Editor

Pace’s Pep band has helped students get filled with school pride during each game recently after its launch last year.

The pep band was a project created by Lisa Bardill Moscaritollo, dean for students at Pace and Drew Brown, the associate athletic director for external operations in order to increase school pride and student involvement on campus.

“Whenever you see college sports on t.v. or in high school there’s always a live

pep band that always plays during time outs. I just think it’s important to have one,” said Nick Farris, member of the pep band.

The band currently has over ten members, however, they have been having difficulty getting more students involved and have had to turn away students in the past due to their lack of funding.

“We don’t have the funding to provide instruments for students so a lot of students that wanted to join, couldn’t. I hope that in the future, if we’re still successful that we can receive some

funding,” said Farris.

Aside from having your own instrument, the only other requirements are to know how to play an instrument and to come to their weekly practice.

“A lot of us joined because we’re passionate about music and we miss being able to play regularly. I stayed because of the other members as well,” said Farris.

Since the start of this semester, the band has played at every home football game, including the homecoming game and provided the students and team members

with the pep that they need.

“The homecoming game was a lot of fun. I liked the pep band’s performance, I didn’t even know we had one until today. I enjoyed the marching band in high school so it’s pretty cool that we have a band here,” said Jaime Reuter, junior at Pace.

Although the pep band is fairly new to Pace, several students have shown interest in joining next semester or next year.

“I was in the marching band at my high school, I’m going to consider joining next year. It’s unfortunate that they don’t provide instruments but I’d be willing to bring my instrument from home,” said Kaila Wil-

liams, junior at Pace.

However, many students that have shown their interest in joining the marching band aren’t sure of who to contact and where to find the information.

“I’ve seen the pep band at games but I’ve never seen any flyers up and no one ever mentions who to go to,” said Williams.

Students interested in joining the band can reach out to Jessika Pietryka, the assistant band director for the pep band at Pace by emailing her at jp25525@pace.edu or by reaching out to Dean Lisa at lbardillmoscaritollo@pace.edu.

The pep band meets on Fridays for practice.

Addressing Pace Community's Lack of Support for Women's Field Hockey

KWADAR RAY
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Envision this scenario: The Football team has an 80 percent winning percentage and has just hosted a home playoff game.

Could you picture how excited the campus would be for that, considering how ecstatic the campus was when the team began its season 3-2?

However, the football team did not achieve such a feat, but rather Pace Women's Field Hockey did in only the program's third season.

It's about time we address the double standard on how we view certain Pace athletic teams versus others. Let's acknowledge the fact that Field Hockey is the Rodney Dangerfield of Pace athletics: They don't get no respect.

The Field Hockey team went 15-4 this season and had four players earn All-NE-10 honors: Freshman Lisette de Bruin was selected to the NE-10 All-Rookie Team, Junior Paige Predmore earned Second-Team All Conference honors, Margaret Maclean earned First-Team All Conference honors and Lesly Sanchez Alvarez was named the NE-10 Goalkeeper of the year.

The players and coaches that make up the Field Hockey team are a hard-working and humble bunch, so you'll never hear them brag about their



The Field Hockey team was ranked 8th in the nation at the end of its regular season. Photo Courtesy of Pace U Athletics.

accomplishments.

"They work extremely hard and one of the best things is they show up every day working hard and they don't complain about a single thing," second-year head coach Kayte Kinsley said. "You definitely get excited about winning games, but I don't think we worry too much about how other teams are doing," she said.

However, allow me to brag for them. Pace Women's Field Hockey was not only one of the best teams in the NE-10 Conference, it is one of the best Field Hockey programs in the whole nation. And yet,

some students on campus do not even know it exists. Perhaps, if it was Men's Field Hockey we'd pay more attention.

And we cannot make the excuse and claim that women's sports are "boring," and that's why they do not get the same support and attendance as men's sports because I attended Field Hockey's postseason game against Assumption on Halloween afternoon at Peter X. Finnerty Field and it was one of the most energizing Pace Athletic games I have ever seen.

The back and forth action, the momentum shifts, last second saves

and even Assumption's game-winning goal in overtime was a thrill ride. And yet, I was one of the few students in attendance. Now, there were coaches of different Pace teams in attendance, and families of the players were there too, but still very few students in sight.

I'm not writing this just for the sake of writing an opinion piece, I believe it is about time we acknowledge Field Hockey and other women's sports on this campus. I have been a student here for three years, and whenever friends and I talk about Pace athletics, the

topic stays on how unsuccessful it has been. This year, we had a team that was not just successful, but nationally ranked and we barely paid attention to it.

Nevertheless, I have some good news: We all have a chance to do better and support Women's Field Hockey (and other women's sports) next season because I can assure you the team will be successful again. This year was not some magic carpet ride, this team has the potential to be elite, and with a great coach in Coach Kinsley and selfless players, they will be a quality team for years to come.

TVs Are Needed in North Hall Lounges

JOSIAH DARNELL
Opinion Editor

The presence of Elm and Alumni Hall have altered the housing options for all students. Freshmen can't wait to dorm in Alumni Hall and upperclassmen either want to reside in the Townhouses or Elm Hall. The other buildings, Martin Hall and North Hall, went from being the only residence halls on the Pleasantville Campus to the last choices in living arrangements.

Between Martin and North, I'd consider North to be the least desirable of the two. North is all the way on the other side of the campus, has communal bathrooms, spider webs all over, and the most recent problem is that there are no televisions in the lounges.

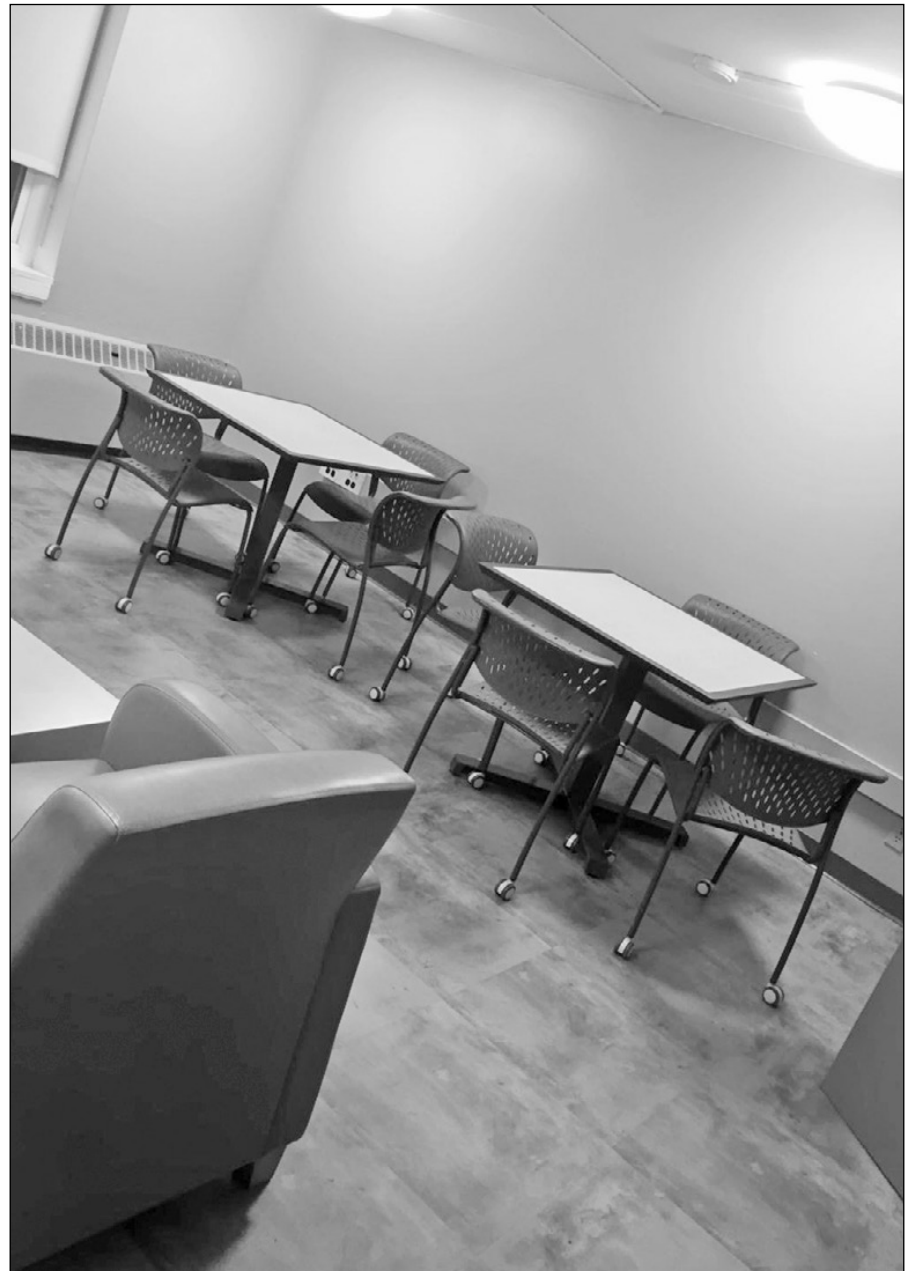
Every residence building on this campus that has lounges, has televisions. Although students probably have TV's in their rooms when in a lounge you want something there that's going to occupy you for the time you're in there. Your cellphone can only entertain you for so long, after a while, you'll get bored with looking at your phone because you do it most of the day and you might want to change screens.

Having a TV in the lounge will

draw people to the lounge. Yes, there will be peace and quiet in the lounge but that's only good for studying and doing homework. What happens when students want to go in there and hangout? Or if there is a show that a lot of individuals want to binge watch on a television screen bigger than their own.

Let's take into account the fact that when RA's have events, they need to structure it to where they have no TV as an asset to make things interesting and to keep residents involved. Another scenario can come when family visits their college kids and the room is packed and overcrowded. The only other place to sit and wait will be in the lounge. Now let's say the student has been in their room for a long time, and the family is just sitting there looking at each other. A TV would be the best way to keep them occupied.

TV's are a necessity of life, whether we think it is or not. People need TV to learn, to stay informed, and to be entertained. There needs to be TV's in those lounges and I guarantee you once there are, there will be a lot of happy North Hall residents. It can open up the door for more student interactions.



North Hall is without TVs in the lounge area. Photo by Josiah Darnell

'Fabulosity' Annual Drag Show

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motivated by their love and appreciation for drag and wanted to be able to entertain a crowd in a fun and creative way.

"I've always loved drag and drag shows. I would love to dress in drag more often but I never get a chance too. I feel safe doing it at Fabulosity because I know everyone's so non-judgemental and open," said Alexis Baker,

drag show contestant and junior at Pace.

Throughout the night, Tickles was reminding students to be respectful and continuously cheer for the students that are performing because it may seem easy but in reality, it can be very difficult to come up on stage and perform for strangers.

A popular performance during the show was done

by a student performer dressed as Post Malone. The crowd screamed song lyrics back to the performer as confetti bottles were being popped across the stage.

"I physically could not stop smiling and laughing. I've been to drag shows before so it's really cool that Pace has one too. My favorite part was seeing Tess Tickles and seeing my

best friends Jaime and Alexis perform," said Gabriella Camacho, junior at Pace.

At the end of the night, students were dancing and singing along to *Bodak Yellow*, socializing, and taking pictures with Tickles for social media.

"At the end of the day, we're all just people and we all deserve love and acceptance," said Israel Vargas, junior at Pace.

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PUERTO RICO STRONG:

Two Pace Athletes Weathering Hurricane Maria

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Sports Editor

Pace Women's Volleyball player, Natalia Quinones, was only 15 when she met Claudia Fontanet and joined her club volleyball team in Puerto Rico.

The two have been teammates ever since and have needed each other more than ever this year.

Quinones, who is from San Juan, and Fontanet, who is from Bayamon, are both citizens of Puerto Rico, an island that has faced devastation over the past two months after the destructive force of Hurricane Maria. The natural disaster wrecked the city by leaving 54 citizens dead and millions without water and power.

Initially, Fontanet says she did not expect the storm to be as damaging.

"At first I think I was conflicted about it because we had seen all these news about how [Hurricane] Irma was going to be so bad and everyone was so shocked thinking it was going to be so awful, and when Irma wasn't as bad, people weren't as scared for Maria," Fontanet said. "I feel like all that preparation was for Irma and when Irma didn't happen as bad, I feel we downplayed Maria and how bad it could be."

Luckily for Fontanet and Quinones, their families were not as negatively impacted by the storm as many other families were. However, Fontanet's uncle's home was destroyed and Quinones' family faced issues with a large amount of water entering their home.

"It was really shocking for me when I couldn't talk to my family for around two weeks, so that was hard because there's no cell signals in some areas and it was really hard to try to communicate and that was frustrating," Quinones said.

Both Quinones' and Fontanet's mothers had to go through obstacles to either get in contact with their daughters or to just watch their games.

"I remember my mom told me that she couldn't see our game in our house because the WiFi signal issues, so she told me she drove around for a good amount of time so she could just get a signal," Quinones said.

"My mom had to leave the house and get on the highway just to call me," Fontanet said.

With Hurricane Maria creating havoc through their home island, it was obviously difficult for Quinones and Fontanet to focus on volleyball and academics. After all, how can the center of your attention be spiking a ball and passing a quiz when a Hurricane is sweeping through the island you were born and raised in.

"It was really hard for me," Quinones said. "That week I was really like emotionally unstable, I had to talk to my coach about it because I was just not there. I wasn't thinking about school or volleyball, I was just thinking that, 'I know this is really bad but I still want to be home with my family.'"

Despite being able to talk with her family more frequently than others, Fontanet



The families of Natalia Quinones (L) and Claudia Fontanet (R) have both been impacted by Hurricane Maria. Photo Courtesy of Pace U Athletics.

said she was still concerned.

"I don't think that I was that much affected, but I still watched the news and horrified with what I saw," Fontanet said. "I did worry a lot about them and I did wish I was there with them."

When such a difficult challenge is brought upon someone, it is important for them to have a shoulder to rest their head on. Fontanet and Quinones never had to search too far for a shoulder because they had each other's.

"I think it was nice to have someone to relate to so I didn't feel like I had to go through it alone and it was nice knowing that someone is going through the same thing as you," Fontanet said.

Fontanet and Quinones relied on each other, but they also had support from their teammates and coaches.

"The teammates would always ask how's family is doing and teammates would ask too so everyone was really supportive," Fontanet said.

That support was necessary for Fontanet and

Quinones not only because the impact the storm had on the island, but also because what seemed to be a lack of response from President Trump and the federal government when it came to relief efforts.

"I was definitely upset, but to be very honest it wasn't surprising at all," Fontanet said. "I didn't like how [President] Trump handled the situation, not at all. I do not endorse anything that he did or said."

Quinones says she was not surprised by slow timing of President Trump's response either.

"We knew we weren't going to receive that much help because we're not technically a part of the U.S.," she said.

Fontanet says the issue with relief for Puerto Rico is more complicated than donations being sent and funds being raised.

"The issue with Puerto Rico is not the money because a lot of people have given donations and a lot of people have given Puerto

Rico the money and the help, but the problem is the distribution," Fontanet explained. "A lot of people can raise funds but that's not the issue, the issue is getting it to the people that have to get it."

"Another issue is they're giving it to the same people, so like they'll give food to this community one day and then the next day they'll give them food again and what they may need at that time is water, not food," Fontanet said. "So, I feel like the organization really has to improve."

Despite the destruction the storm has caused and the feeling that the federal government had a slow and irresponsible response, Quinones is looking forward to returning home.

"It's going to be different seeing how there's no trees and things like that, but I think spirit wise it's still going to be the same," she said. "Lack of electricity does not mean anything, my family is still going to be my family and we're still going to make the best of it."

SPORTS SEASON REVIEW:

The Field Hockey Team's Dominant Season

KWADAR RAY

Sports Editor

To call the 2017 Women's Field Hockey team special would be an understatement.

One can see the talent just by its rankings, as this team was the eighth ranked team in the nation and the best team Pace Athletics had to offer with a 15-4 record.

With the season being over, the team can now look back in retrospect on how impressive the year was and take its prosperity into next season.

"Honestly, I did not see it coming," says Junior midfielder Paige Predmore. "It's not that I didn't have the confidence in us, but we are still really young and it's only our third year as a program. I think we shocked a lot of people."

Even when the season began, it was not until overtime games against No. 9 Merrimack and No. 5 Saint Anselm when the Setters knew they were becoming a team to be reckon with.

"When we beat Merrimack, I think that's when we really got to see the potential this team had," second-year head coach Kayte Kinsley said. "When we played Saint Anselm, who were in the Final Four last year, we lost but took the game to overtime and I think when you start looking at that and putting it in perspective, we knew we had something special going on here."

Coach Kinsley says the keys to the team's success this season was veteran leadership and the players' familiarity with one another.

"One of the things that made us successful is obviously we had a majority of this group for a couple of years now and we had a lot of time to teach them the tactical part of the game, the strategy and all that," Coach Kinsley said. "A lot of the older girls take time out of their day to help teammates going over what we just learned in practice, so the leadership on our team helps the

In just three seasons, the Pace Women's Field Hockey team has become one of the best teams in the nation.

Photo Courtesy of Pace U Athletics.



new players understand our system and know the individual role, and it helps with every part of the field when each player knows what they should be doing."

When it became evident the team was going to have a great season, expectations enhanced. It was no longer about improving from their 9-9 record last season, which they did in only 11 games, the unspoken goal now became about making it to the postseason.

"[The players] really didn't even talk about playoffs until we made it, so that's a good thing," Coach Kinsley said. "It wasn't too much talk about the future, it was about taking it one game at a time."

"We didn't want to jinx it, so we didn't even say anything about it until it happened and when it did, it felt great," Predmore said.

In only its third season, the Field Hockey team went from unknown to the third ranked team in the NE-10 Tournament.

The Setters did not just make it to the postseason, but they were also nationally ranked for a majority of the year, finishing the regular season ranked eighth.

"For me personally, I don't even follow [national rankings], but I saw it on Twitter and I was confused about what it even meant. Our group message was going crazy and it was

just nice seeing something so unexpected," says Predmore.

While the Setters continued to break records game in and game out, they remained modest. However, they still took some pride in their success and their role in putting Field Hockey on the map.

"I think that we wanted to stay humble and not let the success get to our head," Predmore said. "But I take a lot of pride around campus, especially because not a lot of people know what Field Hockey even is but they heard we were doing so well. So, even if they've never seen a game or don't know the number I am, if they just say congratulations, it's really rewarding."

The Setters played and hosted their first ever playoff game against Assumption College on Oct. 31, a team they played and beaten twice during the regular season. However, three times turned out to be the charm for Assumption, as they defeated the Setters in a 2-1 overtime thriller.

After the game winning goal was made by Assumption's Allison Sheahan, multiple Pace players were overwhelmed with emotion and had to take a pause on the field as they came to the realization their storybook season was finished. It was now on the shoulders of Coach Kinsley to let the players know they

had nothing to be ashamed of.

"It was a heartbreaker," Coach Kinsley said. "At that point there's not much you can say besides that you're proud of them and the way they worked. I think one of the things I was really proud of was their chemistry and the way the mesh very well on the field and off it. They would do anything for each other and even though we lost that game, there's still a lot more I think that's important to highlight to them."

The Setters are now heading into the off-season sooner than many players wanted. However, with a majority of the team returning, Kinsley says she sees no reason why next season's team cannot bounce back from the playoff defeat and have another successful year.

"If anything, [the playoff loss] is going to motivate them and we have a lot girls returning that are our core leadership group and having that leadership return will just set a tone for the younger players and keep this program on the map," Coach Kinsley said.

"It sets our goals a little bit higher which is a good thing," Coach Kinsley said. "We reached our goal of a winning record, then reached our goal of making the playoffs, and it's a steady incline of our goals because now our goal will be to win in the playoffs."