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Dining Room in Choate Relocated, Faculty and Staff Express Disappointment

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Editor-in-Chief

For years, many Pace University's faculty and staff members gathered in the Choate House's dining room to eat and socialize amongst one another.

However, all good things must come end.

Over the summer, the dining room was converted into offices for academic advisers. The decision has left Marie Werner, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology very upset.

"Many of the faculty felt like it was an only interdisciplinary discussion forum that we had," Werner said. "I would come in on days that I did not even teach because I just wanted to meet with my friends."

Werner and the rest of the faculty accidentally heard about this back in March from the Pace

food service. However, the administration did not make anything official towards the end of last semester.

Thus, the associate professor put together a committee intended to keep the dining area in Choate. She created a petition with 35 signatures from faculty and staff, who were all against moving the dining room.

Werner and the committee ran into one problem: they did not know who to discuss their problem with.

"If I knew who decided this I would be sending letters to them," Werner said. "We do not know who the hell is making these decisions. I have not been getting accurate information from anyone."

The initial plan was to have the new dining room be in the Butchers Suite in the Kessel Student Center, but that did not go over well with the faculty because they felt that the Butcher



Choate House. File photo by Jake Williams

Suite belonged to the students and did not want to take that away from them.

So, when the school year began, the faculty and

staff had their dining room relocated to Conference Room A & B in Kessel.

Werner admits that since being relocated, even more

faculty and staff members have been showing up. However, the new room is much smaller than their pre-

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Pace Talks DACA

BRIAN VELEZ
Feature Writer

On September 11th, members of the Pace community gathered together in the Kessel Multipurpose room to discuss the newest information regarding The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

President Donald Trump announced on September 5th that he wants to put an end to the policy. Therefore, Congress will have six months to pass a replacement.

The crowd in Kessel varied from first-year students, graduate students, professors and even political experts.

During the event, these experts spoke in depth of what the policy entails. Then, students listened and had their questions answered by the experts.

"The diverse group of stakeholders who were here have a variety of different areas of expertise," said Bill Colona, the Director of Government and Community Relations at

Pace. "I think anyone who attended this walked away with something."

The event did have many emotional portions, even for some students who were not personally affected by DACA, but who just wanted to gain a perspective.

"I think for me personally this seminar put a more human perspective toward DACA, allowing those who attended to meet some dreamers which also helped us realize that there are Dreamers in our community," said Kenny Zeto, a fourth-year Education major.

Criminal Justice major Lisdy Contreras believes that some work does need to be done to improve DACA.

"Of course the possibility of DACA being rescinded is devastating which is why now more than ever we have to push further," Contreras said. "DACA is great but its only a temporary solution we need a permanent long-term solution for the dreamers."



Photo courtesy of Slate

However, some professors remain optimistic for the dreamers.

"I hope for the dreamers and I hope that with enough mobilization and political pressure, some type of solution will be achieved," said Michelle Chase, an assistant professor of History at Pace.

Even President Marvin

Krislov spoke up in support of DACA releasing a statement on September 5th:

"Pace University stands in favor of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program as a path to education for immigrants. The program has served Pace, our community, and our country

well. Pace University supports immigrant students and their right to achieve their dreams and be a part of the next generation of leaders. The Pace University community upholds these values and we hope that Congress and the President can find a way forward that is inclusive and beneficial for all."

Faculty and Staff Express Disappointment with Dining Room Relocation

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vious one.

"It is smaller than the dining room and there is not enough space for all of us," Werner said. "The new room is a third of the size as the one in Choate."

Aside from the size of the new dining room, Werner

is also disappointed with the new food that is being offered in the dining area, as she feels it is a complete downgrade.

In Choate, faculty and staff could choose from two hot entrees with a open salad and fruit bar, with a sandwich selection and a coffee station. All of

this was included in the original \$6.99 price.

In Kessel, there is only one option for one hot entree. Werner also notes that if you wanted to purchase a sandwich, salad, or a beverage it would be an additional price unlike in Choate.

Overall, Werner views

the new faculty area as "disappointing" and because of that the new room does not have the same feel as the old one. She believes that this is another example of disrespect from the administration.

"It is not good will to manage the faculty in

such a way that we are not happy here, because an unhappy faculty is not a good teacher," Werner said. "That has been happening a lot when we lost the environmental museum or when they took a lot of the classroom space especially in Miller and Lienhart."

Pace Honors the 9/11 Fallen

PAOLO FERREIRA
Feature Writer

This past Monday, the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity hosted their annual candle light vigil to honor those who were impacted by September 11, 2001.

"It's an honor to do this every year. It's something that really humbles me every time we run it," said the President of Alpha Phi Delta, Justin Grossmann. "To me and to every person I've ever met, it's extremely important to remember the lives that were lost on this infamous day in our history."

Even though the average freshmen for this year was born around 1999, the event still faced a large turnout.

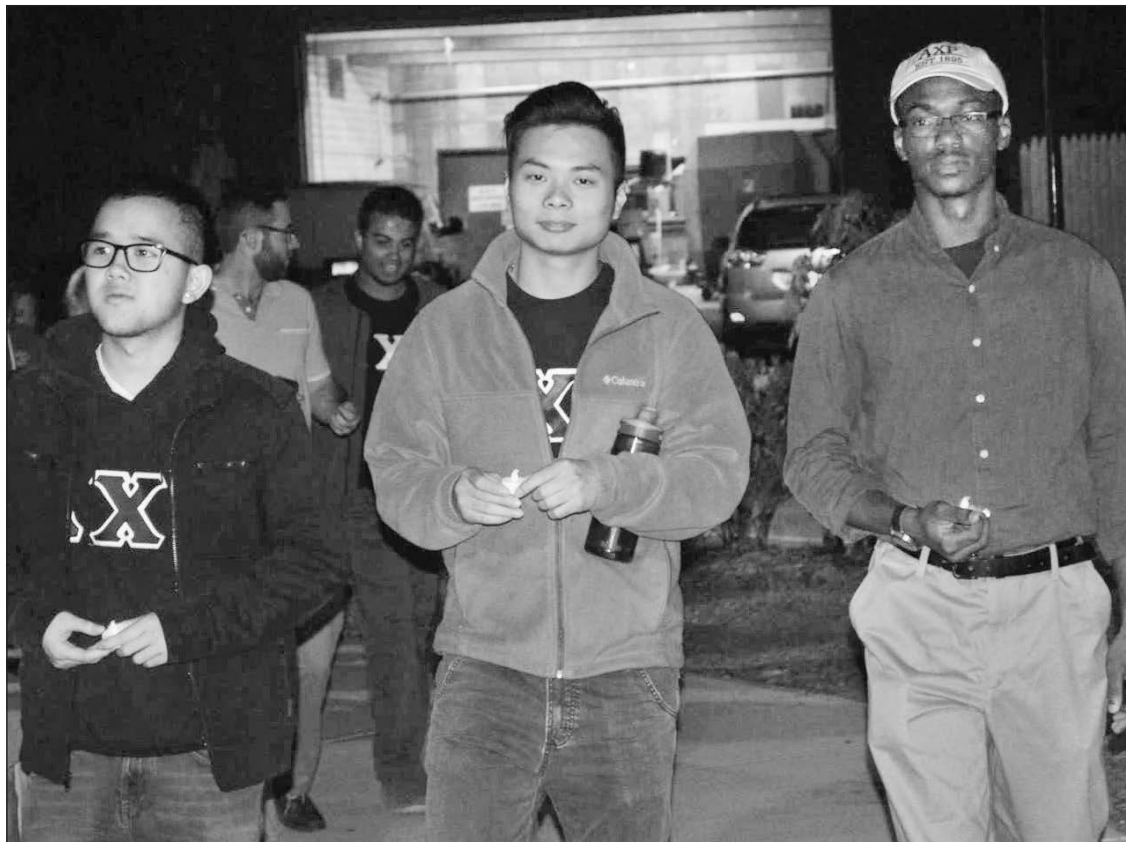


Photo by Katie Robustelli

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Brianna Iliceto, a sister of Delta Phi Epsilon, sang the National Anthem, and led to an open discussion, where Rachel Skopp-Cardillo, a sophomore, discussed her memory of 9/11 and how it affected her life at a young age.

Carlos Mercedes Meran hosted this event and led all of those who attended to take a candle and walk to the middle of the campus, where Pace University's 9/11 Memorial Statue is located. The statue was illuminated for the entire service. Everyone in the crowd stood in a moment of silence, paying their respects those fallen. "The biggest duty that we have is to not let terrorism win. We can't be afraid," said the host.

"As time goes on, less and less college students are actually old enough to remember 9/11. It's becoming harder yet increasingly important to have discussions about it," said Grossmann.

A video of New York was projected, showing how beautiful the city is. Then, it goes to the crucial and saddening facts about the city scene in 2001. It cuts

to the tape of the plane hitting the World Trade Center with screams from everyone, and cuts to former President Bush. He stated not only a warning, but also spoke of America's strength and resilience, followed by empowering music, showing a time-lapse of the new World Trade Center being built, honoring those impacted, and in memory of what happened on that day.

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Correction

In the Thursday, September, 14, *Pace Chronicle* story, "Pace University Transportation: A Simple Guide," it should be added that the bus stops on the circle at Alumni Hall after descending from the Townhouses.

— BSmith,
Transportation

Pace Holds Welcome Back Event

EMILY BRESNAHAN
Feature Writer

President Krislov greets the Pace community. Photo by Emily Bresnahan

This past Thursday, students gathered in Gottesman for fries, ice cream, and a warm welcome from President Marvin Krislov and Interim Provost, Nira Herrmann. At Pace University's annual welcome back event, students and faculty are able to mingle in a casual setting.

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Mirjana Pantic: New MCVA Professor and Inspirational Journalist

ADIBA SIKDER
Feature Editor

When someone mispronounces Professor Mirjana Pantic's name, she is hesitant to make a correction because she understands that people from different cultures may pronounce her name differently.

She hesitates to say that the end of her name has a 'ch' sound rather than just a 'c' sound.

When having a conversation with Pantic, a new MCVA professor here at Pace, you would notice that she oozes the persona of a worldly woman.

Pantic is an award-winning journalist with an extensive background of reporting in Serbia during very extreme and life-threatening situations. She worked as a journalist and as editor-in-chief in Serbia for various news

organizations, both traditional and digital. She's won five different awards, one of which was given to her for investigative reporting granted by the U.S. Embassy in Serbia.

Her award-winning investigative story was on uncovering war crimes in former Yugoslavia with her reporting team. Although this project won her an award, she still had to face a lawsuit, which only encouraged her to keep reporting and to dig deeper into stories.

"In order to be a great investigative journalist, you really need to be passionate about the truth," Pantic said. "You need to learn what is behind the story."

She would often report live from protests and have to stay outdoors during harsh winters. Sometimes, she would even get

harassed by the police for doing her job.

"You have to be prepared to stand for six to seven hours during the winter when covering protests," she said.

Pantic was barely ten years old when the civil war started in former Yugoslavia, causing her to treat these extreme and life-threatening situations as the norm.

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Pantic moved to the states in 2014 and completed her doctoral in Communications at the University of Tennessee in order to further her career. She believes that there are more opportunities in the States and more freedom of press.

"My job is to point at the problems in my country and to show ways to solve those problems," said Pantic. "I was not able to perform my job because of the boundaries I was facing."

Although she was committed to journalism, she felt that she was being held back by the Serbian government, censorship, and economic instability.



Professor Mirjana Pantic

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Pantic believes that coming to New York and working at Pace University is one of the best decisions she has made for her career because of how passionate the students are and the diversity that exists on

campus.

"Pace is very innovative and encourages students to develop their communication skills. It also helps provide students with theoretical knowledge which is just as important."

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Does Pace have School Spirit for their Sports Teams?

ABBY STRUCKER
Feature Writer

School spirit is undoubtedly one of the most important elements of the college experience. When you think of college, you might think of many different things but among those various things, I'm sure one of those is school spirit and appreciation for sports teams. Everyone wears their Pace University Setters apparel from the bookstore, but is there real support for our athletic teams or is it just for show?

Sporting events are a common thread that can bind the students, faculty, and alumni together and I think that's an important component of forming togetherness on campus. Having pride in your school's teams is only just one way to promote a feeling of community but nonetheless, it's a simpler way to bring the community together.

Pace has an athletic department that puts a lot of time and effort into promoting all of our athletic teams. The department encourages

everyone to come out and cheer the teams to victory. They use social media as the main platform, and their website to inform everyone about all the different teams' schedules, rosters, and records. They also make an effort to recognize the athletes' personal and team achievements. The athletic programs are pretty visible on campus and don't shy away from promotion.

If the most visible group on campus can't get support from our peers, then where are we going wrong? Why doesn't Pace have school pep?

After doing some thinking it came to my attention that we might have some school spirit and some fans and that seems all well and good. But here's the problem, there's only selective school spirit. The Pace athletic department always does a good job trying to draw in fans by raffling off gifts and giving free t-shirts or socks to the first 500 fans, having youth day to involve young athletes and bring in more fans, and also by giving out magnets and posters with



Some fans from the field hockey team coming to support at the soccer game. Photo Courtesy of Kamryn Gianfrancesco

the teams' schedule on them while featuring some of the player's faces so others can see the familiar faces they also see around campus.

Pace puts so much work into making sure all the teams have exposure but I wonder what it's all for. It seems like the general school population could pay more attention to it. We need the same kind of enthu-

siasm for every sports team. It provides the energy that athletes thrive on, gives us an edge over the competition, and in turn, we can get to win game after game!

As a member of the field hockey team, I am writing this as a call to action. We need more spirit from our fans between men's and women's sports. We have winning sports teams that

work so hard! That needs to be recognized on campus, it also needs to be recognized how important this spirit is needed to keep our school community bound together.

Pace is known being and doing many great things, so why can't we also be known for having an awesome fan section with a lot of passion and school spirit? Let's see some change. Go Setters!

How is Parking on Campus?

KATIE ROBUSTELLI
Feature Writer

Have you ever gotten back to campus around midnight after hanging out with friends or working an off-campus job and it's pouring? You pray to get a parking spot by your building so you don't have to walk all the way across campus, but low and behold there are none. Parking on campus is awful and yet, they still are advertising students should

come and live on campus.

Martin Hall, Elm Hall and Alumni Hall have nowhere near enough parking for the residents that live there. I'm not saying that you to account for spots for EVERY single person living in the building. There are plenty of people that do not bring their cars on campus and use the campus transportation and that is totally fine.

However, if there is a residence hall that is as

big as Alumni Hall or even Elm Hall, I feel that there should be sufficient parking for those residents, so they do not have to walk all the way across campus.

For example, one spot per each room might be a solution to this issue. This is not as much of a problem for Elm since Elm is closer to a bigger parking lot. Even still, there are no paths straight to Elm. You have to walk through the woods that separate Elm from Parking

Lot T. If you have groceries or it's pouring rain and you don't have an umbrella this can be frustrating.

Alumni Hall has nowhere near enough parking for those who live there. I am aware that there are not just freshmen living there. Certain upperclassmen are allowed to live there as well, and of course the Resident Assistants are not freshmen. However, there are how many rooms in Alumni hall? Too many to

count, right? Yet there are maybe 40-60 spots around the building that you can park at. For someone who is coming back to campus late after working a long shift or even someone that was out and comes back to torrential downpours, students do not want to have to walk ALL the way across campus and get back to their rooms soaking wet.

I have a significant other that lives off campus, so if I
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want to hang out with him on the weekends, sometimes I go to his house. There are times where I don't come back to campus until later in the evening.

One time I came back and it was POURING out. I did not want to have to walk across campus and get back to my room soaking wet. I was tired and just wanted to go to sleep. If there are going to be as many people on campus as there are, I think there should be at least the same number of parking spots as rooms in the building. Martin Hall has 3 floors full of rooms yet the parking lot consists of maybe 35 spots, and that's being generous.

Pace security vehicles and maintenance vehicles shouldn't be allowed to park in residence parking spots. They should have specified parking for their vehicles. Even if it's 2 in the morning, they should not be parking in residence parking spots. They are staff and should be parking in such a place specified. If maintenance is fixing something in a room, they should be able to park somewhere either in front of Martin or over near the Environmental center when doing work in Alumni.

This is purely an opinion. Some students do not care about the parking situation as they do not have cars on campus, but as for those of us who live in Alumni Hall and Martin Hall, parking can be a frustrating issue. I think there could be solutions to the problem. Some might be problematic and other might not, but I believe it is a conversation that should be had.

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Pace Athletics Update September 16-17

TJ COMBS, *Sports Editor*

9/16: The Pace Football team defeated American International College by a close 24-23. Pace managed to score two touchdowns in the last minutes of the game. The Setters are now 2-1 this season.

9/16: Pace women's volleyball couldn't pull out a victory this week against Saint Anselm. The team fell by 3-0 in their first home game of the season.

9/16: The women's soccer team also fell this week. On the road at Southern New Hampshire University the women's team couldn't hold off the Penmen and took a 3-0 loss.

9/17: Pace Field Hockey took down Merrimack in overtime in a 2-1 victory. The team is still undefeated after five games so far this season.

This Week in Pace Sports

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Field Hockey
at Saint Anselm College

Women's Soccer
vs. Stonehill College

Football
vs. University of New Haven

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CLUB SOCCER

From Nonexistence to Legitimacy

KWADAR RAY

Feature Writer

Pace's Men's Club Soccer team defeated Hofstra University on Sept. 9 at Pace Stadium.

A win in its inaugural game was quite the accomplishment. However, the creation of the club is where the real story lies.

"I was sitting in Dyson Hall last Fall when I got an email saying if anyone was interested in doing club soccer, they should come to a meeting in Kessel," says Alessandro Angelori, president of the club. "I went to the meeting and I was told the club was not created yet. Someone had to create it and secure the funding."

Angelori was given the opportunity to become the creator of the club and ran with it. However, multiple challenges came with the position.

"One of the biggest challenges I faced was having to write everything from scratch. I had to create the proposal with very limited resources and do some outside research to figure out what we were going to need," he said.

After time-consuming work, which included recruiting the team, buying jerseys, hiring coaches, and writing various documents that entailed the club's constitution, the Men's Club Soccer team finally had its first official game. In front of the Pace community against Hofstra, Angelori and his teammates proved their year-long process was worth it.

"When we stepped on to the field for the first time, specifically when the referee blew his whistle starting the game, I sort of lost feeling in everything. I was stricken, even now I find it hard to talk about," Angelori said. "One year of tireless working, practically day to day, and then we get on the field in front of the Pace community and



Graphic from 123RF.com

we leave with a win. It was a great feeling that I wouldn't trade the world for."

A year of continuous work had finally come to fruition. The team that did not even exist a year earlier came away with a victory and a great deal of confidence. In fact, Angelori believes his team will draw in crowds that can rival Pace's football team.

"This is a very good team," he said. "Our biggest strength is our positivity and the way we mesh together, whether it be play style or personality. So, as we keep moving forward and the word gets out more and we represent Pace in a great way, I believe we're going to draw great crowds because I know that a lot of people on this campus were looking for a men's soccer club or looking to watch the games and I'm just glad we're able to provide that for them."

The future for the Pace Men's Club Soccer team features multiple games, including a game against Fordham University on Sept. 29th at 8:30 p.m. at Pace Stadium, which Angelori dubbed the "game of the year."

"Just to compete against a team of that magnitude in our first year is great. I hope that will be the game where we see the most people out supporting us because that's going to be a very exciting game."