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Pace Security Sends Alert This Past Wednesday

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Feature Editor

Students received a security alert on Wednesday regarding a restricted former graduate student, Daniel Banyai.

Students were not given any more information because Banyai is still under investigation. However, students are encouraged to call the security office if Banyai is seen on campus.

"We recommend that you do not attempt or detain him or engage him in conversation," Vincent Beatty, the executive director of safety and security, said.

This statement caused many students to panic and fear for their personal



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Vincent Beatty, Executive Director of Safety & Security at Pace University.

safety.

"Who is this guy?" Nitara Ortiz, a junior at Pace, asked. "This campus is really small and overpopulated and it gets really dark at night. Should I be worried enough to not walk to my car alone at night?"

Other students believe that they deserve more information from security if their safety is at risk.

"I pay a lot of money to go here, I deserve to know what's going on. If my life is at risk, I want to know," Kaila Williams, a junior, said.

Students feel that this is a continuous pattern with Pace security and that they would be notified if it was something that risked their lives.

"I received the notification while I was in class and I wish we had more information on why he has been restricted from campus," Junior Stephanie Simoes said. "I get that security is doing the best they can but they never give us enough information."

New Academic Integrity Code Discussed

SEAN BROWNE
Editor-in-Chief

Maryellen Martirano is on a mission, to discuss the new academic integrity code at Pace University.

Martirano spoke to an audience on Feb. 16, in Gottesman, giving details about the new code that was put into place last September as well as answering any questions that faculty and students had.

"The code defines things such as plagiarism and cheating, and other stuff like that," said Martirano, a Lecturer at Pace for nine years. "These are things that are common

sense and shouldn't come as a surprise. Students need to understand that there are consequences if you get caught."

The academic integrity code defines 12 categories of misconduct ranging from cheating to destroying academic material. The full list can be found on the Pace website.

Aside from the code, Martirano also discussed the academic conduct committee which she resides over. The purpose of the committee is to decide the punishments of the student who breaks the academic code.

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Martirano believes that the committee makes the punishment process more objective. In years past an accuser would have to go in front on their department chair to discuss their punishment.

"There could be a certain comradery within the department, we don't want there to be any biases, Martirano said. "We don't want someone's family decided if that student is guilty or not. We really want it to be fair."

Aside from Martirano, there are ten other people serving on the committee. Five faculty members, and five students.



PHOTO BY SEAN BROWNE
Maryellen Martirano spoke to an audience on Feb.16, in Gottesman, about the new academic integrity code that was put into place last September.

Harshini Rajkumar, a student at Pace who serves

on the committee, feels she needs to be on the commit-

tee because it isn't fair if the verdict is only coming from faculty members.

"As a student if I had to put myself in the shoes of someone being accused I would personally feel better not just department chairs judging me," Rajkumar said. "I would want to have students hear my perspective because they would understand me better than professors."

The committee was also rolled out this past September, and they have already dealt of eight cases of student misconduct. Martirano is very pleased of how the process has gone.

"Every case between

the students have been settled," Martirano said. "So, it really has been running smoothly so far."

However, in order for the committee to work, professors have to report the incident, and some professors have chosen to deal with the issue themselves.

Martirano is holding these meetings so every professor will choose to report the incident so that it can be handled by the committee. Martirano is planning of speaking to faculty and students at the Lubin School of Business and the Student Government Association sometime soon.

FEATURE

High Definition Hosts Speed Dating Event

ADIBA SIKDER
Feature Editor

Students raced to get to know one another in an effort to meet a new love interest or make a new friend at High Definition's Speed Dating event in Gottesman on Monday.

Students were given name tags marked with their names and a specific color to show sexuality and were asked to shift seats to the left every three minutes. The tables were covered with notes of things to say in case there was an awkward silence. Surveys were handed out so that people could be matched with other people at the end.

During the first fifteen minutes of the event, stu-

dents were silent and didn't have much to say to each other, however, that changed towards the end of the event.

"A lot of us have too much going on and don't have enough time to meet a new love interest or to make a new friend because we're too caught up in our own responsibilities," said Gariel Spears, president of High Definition.

However, although the goal for High Definition was to give everyone a chance to talk to everyone, students started getting comfortable with each other and stopped switching seats.

"I saw that some people were just getting along with each other really well so I didn't bother sitting there. I felt like I was intruding and

I didn't want to get in the way of two people potentially finding their best friend or love," said Israel Vargas, a junior at Pace.

Some students were not sure what to expect out of this event and came in with the least amount of expectations possible.

"I had no expectations at all. I ended up meeting new people which was fun," said John Vasilik, a sophomore at Pace.

Many students were pleasantly surprised of the outcomes of the speed dating event and believe that they made strong connections with the people they met.

"I'm a commuter so it's hard to meet people and make permanent friends.

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PHOTO BY ADIBA SIKDER

Students attending the Speed Dating event were looking for a love interest or just hoping to meet a new friend.

Sister Susan Reflects on Her Decade at Pace

STEFANO AUSENDA
Feature Writer

Sister Susan Becker, a Sister of Divine Compassion and licensed therapist, has been a friendly and recognizable face on campus for ten years.

In 2007, Becker was working as a psychotherapist and operated a Spirituality Center in White Plains, New York, when John Egnally, the then director of Pace's SDCA, asked her to come to Pace for five hours a week to act as the newly-created position of Coordinator of Spiritual Development.

She accepted the offer, and started in the fall. However, once she began, Egnally had already left the university.

"No one, including myself, really knew what

my role was supposed to be," Becker said. "And ever since that day, my role has been evolving with this campus."

Five years into working at Pace, her Spirituality Center shut down, giving her more time to focus on being available for the students, and also for continuing to grow her psychotherapy practice.

"I think that through the years, I've become more engaged and more available to students," Becker said. "I want to be—and think I am—seen as someone who doesn't judge. The students can talk to me whenever they like and about whatever they like."

Despite her religious background, she assures students that she doesn't have a religious agenda, or any agenda for that matter.

One of her main goals is to help students discover and nurture their spirituality.

"Even though we are physical beings, it's our spirituality which gives us our energy," she said. "We're not machines. You can't be a human being and not have a spirit that makes you fully human. It needs to be nourished and channeled in the right direction."

"Pace's main focus is feeding the mind, which is great," she continued. "But we also need to focus on who we are, what makes us tick, and what we want to contribute to this planet before we leave."

Regardless of the fact her role on campus was never really clear-cut, she says that working at Pace has been very rewarding.

"I love it here," she declared. "I get the chance to interact with people aged 17-23, and I don't know where else I could feel this young at heart. The students' energy and enthusiasm are what gives me motivation every day. I learn from the students much more than they could ever learn from me, and it's so cool."



PHOTO BY STEFANO AUSENDA

Sister Susan talks about how she came to Pace, and why she likes her job so much.

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TIME'S UP AT PACE

Omega Phi Beta Sponsors Week of Illumination, and Hosts Student Discussions About Sexual Harassment and Assault

JACK FOZARD

Feature Writer

In a week focused on the recent 'Time's Up' movement, Omega Phi Beta opened discussion regarding sexual assault, using the platform to open up other discussions that are not so easily had.

"In response to the dark truth of ongoing sexual harassment and assault, there has been a lot of talk within the entertainment industry," said Ashley Escobar, President of the Beta Delta chapter of Omega Phi Beta. "We planned this Week of Illumination because of the Time's Up movement that celebrities have pushed upon us....I think it's important for Pace students because we don't know anybody's story on campus. At the end of the day, we don't know if somebody has been sexually abused, we don't know if it's happening to somebody on campus right now, and I would like to see if this movement, or even this week can help them [when] thinking to say something or thinking to speak out."

Student turnout was indicative of the movement's reach at Pace; over 22 students gathered in the Butcher Suite on a Monday night, of all nights, to demonstrate their interest in discussing these difficult issues.

One student expressed his belief that movements often are advanced in the name of more than one motive.



PHOTO BY JACK FOZARD

Students engage in activities to open up conversation about the Time's Up movement.

"Why does it take so many people to have the courage to say that, like Oprah is pretty powerful and she's been pretty powerful for a while, why now?" said one student in response to the discussion that spanned most of the event. "Oprah has a voice, has a TV show, she's very very powerful- she could've said these things [sooner]. There's pictures of Harvey Weinstein and Oprah sitting next to each other, her hugging and kissing him, but now she's so against him. Just in a general statement I think a lot of times movements *do* have the right cause and people should be coming up and saying this things, but also be wary of people who are opportunistic."

Oprah Winfrey, once a television and media mogul best known for The Oprah

Winfrey Show that ran for a total of 25 years, is credited with sparking further advocacy for the Me Too movement where sexual assault victims, usually in the entertainment industry, are encouraged to share stories about oft-times very influential men and women in the industry who are sexual assailants.

As with every argument, the other side responds and points are made on both sides, this time the other side being Keyshana Dupuy, an active member of the SGA and member of other clubs at Pace.

"I agree with you, there are many people who start a movement off of opportunistic chances, but it doesn't discredit the movement," said Dupuy. "Regardless of how it started... I don't care if you were trying to start getting fame for your-

self, but the fact that you brought it up and it is in the public eye and the fact that the media is paying attention now means everybody's story is being heard. It may not be the best moral reason, but you still have to start it."

Though it is called the Week of Illumination or simply #TimesUp, there are always more issues waiting to come to light, according to Deija Williams, Vice President of the Beta Delta Chapter of Omega Phi Beta.

"Although we are focusing on the Time's Up movement we are elaborating on it, breaking down the barriers with all injustices," said Williams. "In planning the week, I feel like we go off of basically what [ideas] we want to be heard, and I feel like by doing that, even us, we educated ourselves by doing our research, making these PowerPoints - you

learn something every day. Even though we thought we knew everything about the Time's Up movement, through doing this research and doing these events you learn something more, and it's good, because with what we learn we can educate the community [with that]."

Other events within the Week of Illumination included Color My World, focused on colorism and the unwanted issues that follow colorism, Behind the Lens where students examined economic imbalance and the problems that causes, and ended with a celebratory dinner where diversity was the centerpiece.

"Change can start within yourself," said Williams on the Week of Illumination. "I feel like you have to change yourself first before you can change anyone else and spread your word."

Kalahar Advocates Importance of Civic Engagement Through Alternative Spring Break Program

CHRISTINA BUBBA
Feature Writer

The title “Program Coordinator” doesn’t even start to describe Taylor Kalahar and his role in students’ lives at Pace. For the last three years, the Center for Community Action and Research has benefited from Kalahar’s passion for civic engagement.

“I enjoy seeing students understand the power they have to shape the world around them,” Kalahar said. “We all have a responsibility to the community and the best way to find out that responsibility is to participate.”

Kalahar is the Primary Planner for Pace University’s annual Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program that is going and has been going to the Rockaways since 2012. Roughly 15 students are accepted into this volunteer program each year to rebuild houses that were destroyed in Hurricane Sandy. This strenuous three-day program has students working eight hour days.

Kalahar explains how important it is to be an active participant in the community.

“We all have a choice to participate or not, but you’re giving up some of the power you have by opting-out,”



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA BUBBA

Students in the ASP program help to rebuild houses in the Rockaways that were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Kalahar said.

The program, according to the university website, engages students in a community in need of help and actively involves them through “volunteerism, activism, special guest speakers, excursions, and films.” A variety of Pace Pleasantville and NYC students alike have the chance to apply to this competitive program as offered by the Dyson College of Arts and Sciences.

“We try to get as wide a net as possible to do the project so we can all learn from each other,” Kalahar said. “...people with different perspectives, people with different levels of leadership experience,

people who haven’t been on the trip before...”

Kalahar offers to help organize weekend trips to the Rockaways and encourages students to volunteer on their own time. Although the deadline to apply for this year’s ASB trip has passed, mandatory information sessions began in late January/early February for prospective students, with applications typically due in the third week of February.

“When I heard about ASB, I knew it was something I had to do,” Community Outreach Extraordinaire, Timothy Martinez said. “At first it was just because I thought it would be a fun trip,

but after attending an information session, I learned just how drastic things actually were. I had no idea people were still out of their homes and so close to my own home, as well.”

With many other places in need, Kalahar explains why the program focuses ASB to the Rockaways.

“The reason we choose to do Sandy-clean-up is because we don’t see the complexity of the abroad problems and we can learn about how it [Sandy] impacts us locally,” Kalahar said. “Students ask why we aren’t going abroad, but some of the other places aren’t safe and/or aren’t ready for us.”

ASB programs that ran in the past include: Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Act on Poverty in NYC. ASB helps students see the difference they are making in the world through being actively involved.

Not only does this volunteer work help a community in need, but students get a once in a lifetime experience from it.

“The experience was an amazing one that I will always remember,” Martinez said. “I highly encourage others to take advantage of the opportunity the Center for Community Action and Research provides and help make a difference.”

Speed Dating

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I don’t really see people outside of class so I felt as though I was able to meet new people to possibly hang out with,” said Mike Pena, a freshman at Pace.

Students were asked to

find who they matched with according to the surveys they filled out and exchange numbers and conversation.

Some students left immediately after the event, however, a majority stayed afterwards in order to meet

their match and make plans for the following weekend.

“The person I matched with texted me almost immediately. I’m going to try to hang out with her, I hope I don’t get too busy,” said Kaila Williams, a junior at Pace.

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Living in Style

JOSIAH DARNELL
Opinion Editor

Living on campus is a huge part of the college experience. Students get a chance to get a sense of what it's like to live on their own, and what it's like to live with others, if they choose to do so. After making the decision to live on campus, the next step would be choosing where to live. Students don't want to live just anywhere, and they certainly don't want to live in what could be considered the worst dorm on campus. They want the best of the best.

We all know that nothing in this world is free. Everything comes at a cost and in order to get the best of the best a price has to be paid. At Pace Univer-

sity that price is housing points. Housing points are the components considered when it comes to choosing a dorm to live in and how early you get to choose that dorm. The more housing points the better.

There are a lot of ways students can earn housing points. The most common way is going to campus held events. Anytime you show up to an event and your Pace Identification card gets swiped, housing points are being added to your name. Athletes are automatically given housing points for the dedication they put in to both school and their team.

Being the head of a club or an organization is another way to get housing points and community service gets you some as well. Once the registration opens

up for housing those with the most housing points gets the opportunity to choose first and those with the least fight for whatever's left over.

To me, housing points are a great way to keep check on who gets the opportunity to go where. It's fair for everyone and if you didn't rack up on housing points then it's your fault. There's no way anyone can be cheated. The only thing is that housing points are not counted in the spring semester.

Meaning that students can only have what they were involved in for the fall semester. This can be troublesome for athletes whose seasons take place in the fall. They may not have the time nor the energy to participate in a lot of fall

NUMBER OF CREDITS

Based on credits earned as of the end of the fall semester. New residents as of the spring semester will have their transfer credits count as their total credits, provided the credits have been properly transferred and posted.

Max = 14 points.

Credits	Points
96 credits and above	14
80 - 95	12
64 - 79	9
48 - 63	7
32 - 47	5
12 - 31	3
4 - 11	1

PHOTO BY JOSIAH DARNELL

Screenshot from Pace.edu of breakdown of housing points by credits.

events so that hinders their chances of getting more housing points.

I believe that housing points should be considered

up until the month prior to housing registration, giving students the most chance at housing point accumulation as possible.

Share the Wealth

JOSIAH DARNELL
Opinion Editor

College life is a financial struggle. From books, to food, to parking tickets, and just having some food to munch on there is always something that needs to be paid. Parents are a reliable source of income, but at some point the funds decrease or they just stop coming. That's when students need a source of income on their own.

Jobs on campus are typically the most convenient way for students to get their funds up. It's easy access and it works around their schedule. Off campus jobs work too, but transportation can become an issue. On campus jobs also can give

you two options when it comes to financial needs. They can either be used as steady paychecks or tuition remission.

When students are on the hunt for an on campus jobs they have to keep in mind that every job is not for them due to their majors. An example being jobs at Pace Perk and Pace Mart. Only business majors can apply for those jobs, everyone else is exempt. Those are quality jobs that are exclusive. Jobs that could definitely help out for all of the other majors out there.

I know that both Perk and Pace Mart are student run businesses, and it gives them a chance to exercise some of those business

related responsibilities they hope to pursue. But just because it is a student run business does not mean that the bosses or employees have to be business majors. It would make sense that they do but it's not a law set in stone.

Other students could use some business experience as well. It allows them to be more versatile and well-rounded and after all that is what employers are looking for. This puts them in an even better position to get that job than they were before. Maximizing students' opportunities is what Pace is about and this would just be another way that they do that.

The other issue is that business majors have access



PHOTO BY JOSIAH DARNELL

Pace Perk. One of the on-campus establishments only business majors can apply to.

to all other jobs included Pace Mart and Pace Perk, so now they have an even better chance to find some work than the other students. Those other students need some financial stability just as much as those

business majors and they need the work experience as well. This helps to enhance working experience characteristics and it helps to build up the resume. Both being factors for successful individuals.

A Pace Student's Passion for Mixed Martial Arts

KWADAR RAY
Sports Editor

Pace senior Gary Frayter will admit that he has an obsessive personality. When he looks to achieve something, he gains no satisfaction from simply being good at it – he wants to be the best.

Early in his life, Frayter sought to achieve the goal of being the best mixed martial artist he could become.

Growing up in a Russian household, Frayter's interest in combat sports was influenced by his grandfather, who was a "stereotypical masculine Russian man."

Frayter began taekwondo at eight, picked up boxing and jiu jitsu at 13, and by 15, he was already competing in his first fight. Frayter proved to be a natural, winning gold in his first competition.

"That competition was really big for me because

my family came out to watch, so that was special," Frayter, a communications major, said.

Frayter was known in his high school as the MMA fighter who specialized in multiple fighting styles his peers had only seen on the internet. He had a love for the sport, but he realized training consumed too much time out of his life.

"In high school, my grades were so bad," he admitted. "They were horrible and the biggest reason behind that was that I would dedicate my time to training. I wanted to become the best at MMA and often times, it would conflict with school."

Frayter decided to tone down the training and retired from his competitive career during his senior year of high school to recover from injuries and focus on his grades.

"In college, I realized I had to live a balanced life," he said. "It's hard to be

the best at something--especially something like MMA. If you have your mind elsewhere, you will face serious consequences if you go against someone else that is obsessed with it because that's their whole life. In college, I had to focus on something else. I love MMA, but I had to take a different route with it."

Frayter exited the cage for good, but he still hopes to find a career in MMA, but as an event planner rather than a fighter.

For two years, Frayter interned for World Series of Fighting, an MMA company in Las Vegas, NV, where he met a who's who of legendary fighters such as Chuck Lidell, Nate Diaz, and Conor McGregor.

More importantly, he also helped host events, including one in Madison Square Garden.

"Event planning kind of keeps my passion with MMA going because I really love fighting but I don't have to be in the cage to get that experience," he said. "I would argue that I actually love the behind the scenes aspect a little bit more than anything."

Outside of MMA, Frayter also works as a personal trainer in Stamford, CT, where his clients are mostly affluent moms and dads looking to get back in shape.

It may not seem as thrilling as fighting, but just like combat, Frayter puts his heart into personal training and strives to be the best at it.

"I'm passionate about [personal training] and it's something I do love," he

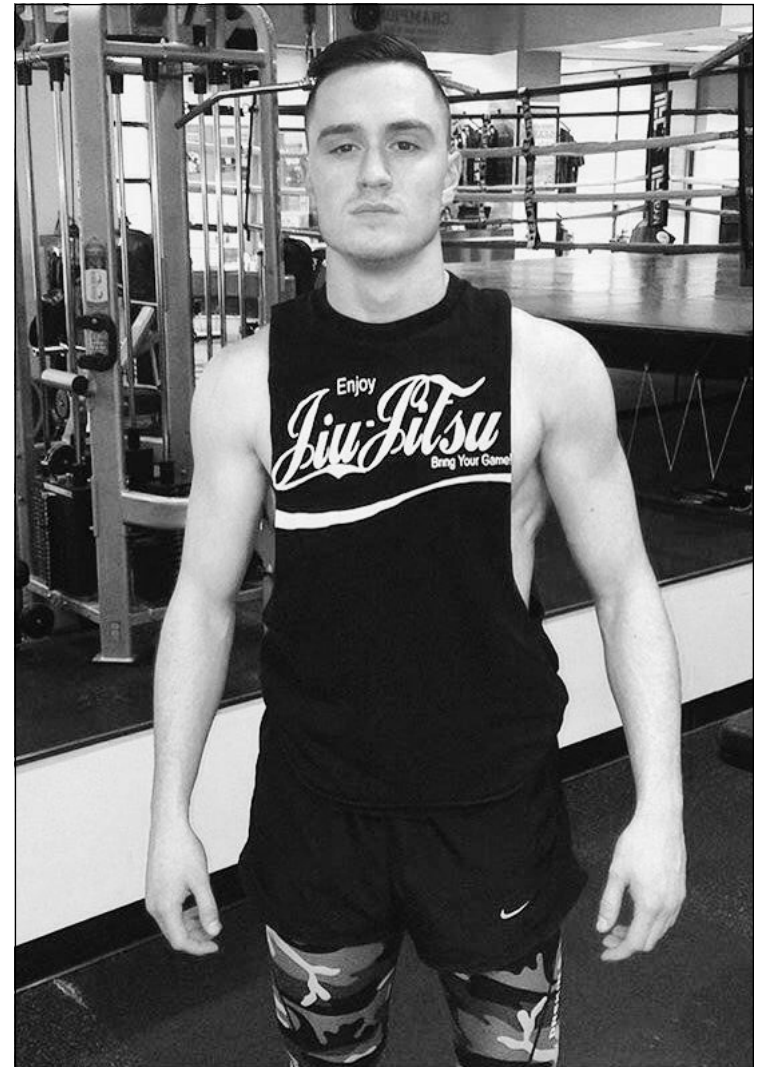


PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY FRAYTER

Pace senior Gary Frayter is hopeful he'll find a successful career in event planning for an MMA company when he graduates.

said. "One of the clients I had starting out couldn't do a pull up; he was out of shape and in a bad place. After coming to me, he's gained more confidence. Another client I had was a guy who had slipped disc from surgery 10 years ago and woke up in pain every morning. After doing the workout program, he doesn't have pains in the morning."

"Those types of little things are a confidence boost for me, to be quite honest," he said. "I love helping other people too, but I also like the feeling of proving and knowing that I know my stuff and how to

train people."

Frayter may be retired from competition and focused on personal training, but his interest in MMA has not vanished. Frayter is still an MMA fanatic who can talk with someone about the sport until the sun comes up.

"I don't follow anything else," he said. "I don't understand baseball or tennis, that stuff is so foreign to me. When I watch MMA and when I hear people screaming and fighting at those live events, there's nothing more exciting than that to me. I just can't wrap my head around someone not loving it."

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Daniel Galarza, Annabel Keppel-Palmer, Sophia Howard and Alexis Heiney won gold medals for the Setters in the NE-10 Conference Championship.

Pace Swimming and Diving Teams Impress at NE-10 Conference Championships

KWADAR RAY
Sports Editor

Gold medals were won and school records were squashed when the Pace Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving teams competed in the NE-10 Conference Championships Feb. 8-11 in Worcester, MA.

Both teams finished fourth overall, but 18 medals were awarded to the Setters, including gold medals won by freshmen Annabel Keppel-Palmer and Sophia Howard, and juniors Alexis Heiney and Daniel Galarza.

Howard, who earned gold in the 1-meter diving competition, was also given the NE-10 Most Valuable Diver Award.

"At the end of the day, I was very pleased with how we finished as a team," head coach Dan Allen said. "We fought all the way through."

Leading up to the meet, the

training process was intensified relative to previous seasons.

"I think we really changed our preparation from last year," Galarza, who won two total medals throughout the four-day meet, said. "We needed to increase our speed and efficiency in the water, which I think really showed in the NE-10 Championship."

Galarza and Keppel-Palmer both came into the championships with chips on their shoulders.

Despite the fact that Keppel-Palmer had won multiple awards for her superb performances this season, she says she still felt underestimated because she was a freshman.

"Going into it, I was somewhat of an underdog," Keppel-Palmer, who won gold medals in the 200 IM and the 200-back, said. "No one on the other teams really knew who I was and I guess no one expected a freshman to win. It was amazing to win. It feels nice that all the work

you've been doing and practice has paid off in the end."

Galarza's chip was more like a boulder. The junior had his eyes set on redemption after battling an illness and under-performing during last year's NE-10 Conference championship.

Galarza redeemed himself the best way he could--by winning a gold medal in the 1650 freestyle in record breaking fashion and earning the B-cut he's strived for his three seasons as a member of the team.

"It felt very special," he said. "My goal originally was to always win the gold, but it was very emotional because last year I had a very difficult and disappointing season. So, coming back from the mental state I was in last year and building on that, fighting continuing to train and not giving up was great."

The offseason has arrived for both teams. The women's squad finishes with an impressive 8-1 record,

while the men's team finished 4-4. Keppel-Palmer views the season as a successful one that shattered expectations.

"I feel that Pace, overall as a team, exceeded people's expectations and we did a lot better than other teams thought we could this year," she said.

The Setters are not back in competition until October, but they hope the cooperation and teamwork that made the teams successful this season carries over to the next.

"The way I saw the team cheering and rooting for each other in the NE-10 Championship is something I've never seen before," Galarza said. "We all came together for this meet and we didn't just focus on our own races, but also helping out our teammates and motivating them. I think that's something we really improved upon going into this championship and I hope we can continue that."