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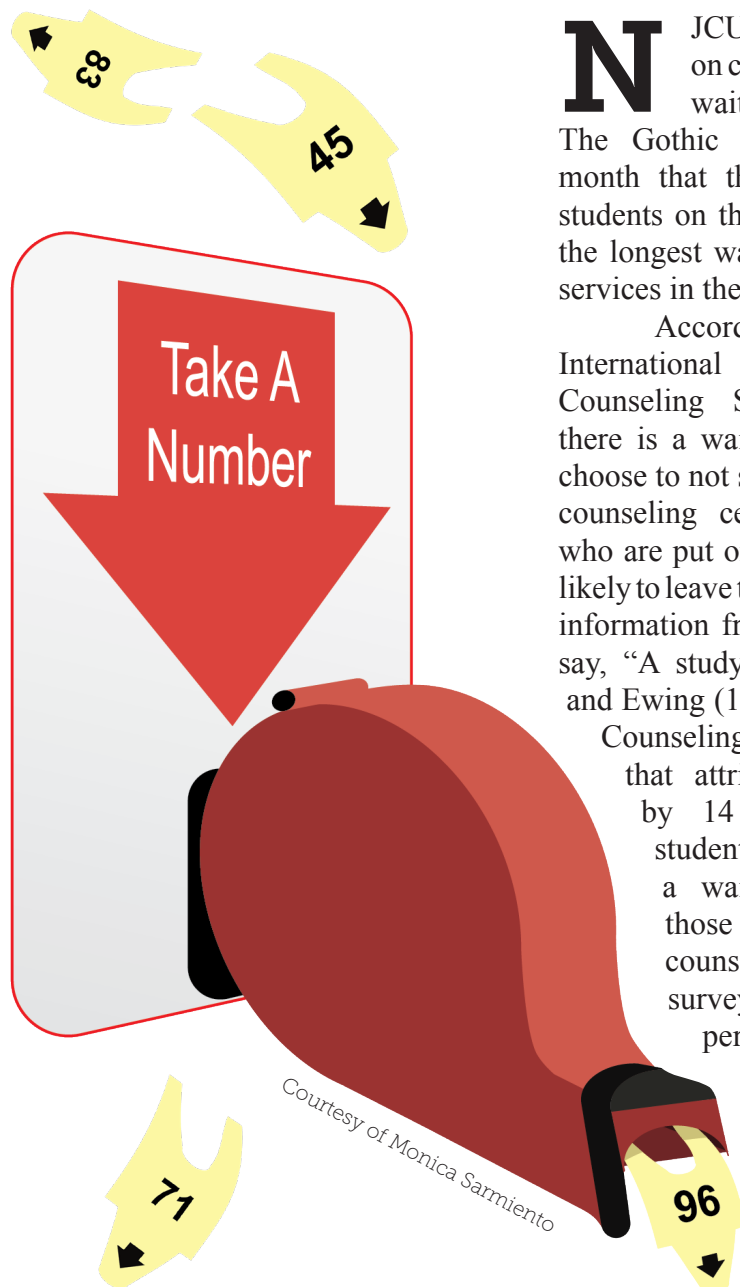
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The wait continues

The Counseling Center's highest wait list increases as the Center remains understaffed.

by **Kenise Brown** | News Editor



NJCU's Counseling Center on campus has 96 students waiting to see therapists. The Gothic Times reported last month that there were nearly 90 students on the wait list, making it the longest wait list for counseling services in the school's history.

According to the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS), if there is a wait list, "students may choose to not seek counseling at the counseling center. Also, students who are put on a wait list are more likely to leave the university." Online information from IACS goes on to say, "A study by Wilson, Mason, and Ewing (1997) in the Journal of Counseling Psychology found that attrition rates increased by 14 percent for those students who were put on a wait list compared to those who received timely counseling." The AUCCCD survey reported that 65.2 percent of students that were asked about their counseling

centers said that counseling helped them stay in school.

Abisola Gallagher-Hobson, the director of Counseling and Wellness Services, said that according to the amount of students enrolled at NJCU, there should be five and a half counselors. There are still only three counselors working in the office. Gallagher-Hobson said that she does not know when there will be more counselors hired for the center.

"A search to replace the position available has not been approved, nor have I heard anything about adding temporary part-time counselors," said Gallagher-Hobson. Last month, The Gothic Times reached out to Jimmy Jung, vice president for Student Affairs and the Dean of Students, Dr. Lyn Hamlin about the center's wait list. According to Jung and Dr. Hamlin, the administration was in the process of hiring two part-time counselors, as well as a social worker and a licensed therapist who deals with alcohol, drugs, homelessness and food insecurity.

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In a follow-up response, Dr. Jung and Jodi Bailey, interim associate vice president for Student Affairs, confirmed that semester's search for a social worker was unsuccessful and has been reopened. Administration is also still in the process of hiring two part-time staff members to assist in the Counseling Center. A national health and wellness assessment will also be open starting the week of January 24. The student feedback from the assessment "will be utilized to benchmark us against other

schools nationally to be better able to assist our students in need," according to Dr. Jung and Bailey.

Along with hiring more therapists, NJCU will also continue promoting the Community Center. The center is an initiative within the Center for Community Engagement and Campus Life and includes the Gothic Knights Food Pantry which opened in November.

A survey conducted by the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD) reported that most counseling centers are increasing their hires. The survey, taken by 621

colleges, including NJCU, and found that "35.3% of centers gained staff positions. Counseling centers continue to gain staff member FTE [Full-Time Equivalent] at a higher level than those losing staff."

In an email interview, President Henderson said working on solving the Counseling Center's problem was "an important topic" at a recent senior team meeting.

You can read more developments regarding the Counseling Center's waitlist on GothicTimes.net.

Do you have an experience with the Counseling Center wait list?

The Gothic Times wants to hear from you.

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The Gothic Times staff at their 2019 Winter Retreat.

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NJCU remembers students after death

by **Monica Sarmiento** | Editor-in-Chief



Francis Clerie, 25, dreamt of becoming a doctor after graduation this May. Courtesy of TKE fraternity.



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Aaliyah Duncan (left), 21, and her sister Barbara Etheredge (right). Courtesy of Lemuel Atkins.

Three NJCU students died within two weeks last month, leaving the campus community in mourning at the end of the semester. Francis “Frank” Clerie, 25, Georgesette Shurn, 20, and Aaliyah Duncan, 21, died of unrelated, sudden illnesses. All students were off-campus at the time.

Clerie was a biology major set to graduate this May and was the president of the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity. At TKE, he was called “the pillar of our organization... he gave each brother the motivation to do their best and take every opportunity given. He was a friend, a mentor, and one of the greatest leaders our chapter has ever seen.” Clerie had hoped to become a doctor after graduation.

Shurn was a transfer student from Newark studying Computer Science. Her aunt, Teneka Medal, described her as “a perfect kid. She loved school and doing hair. She was an only child. Her mom wanted her to have a good education and she loved education. She was a mentor to young children. She was always happy and always helping others. I would call her to help me with my resume and she will be right here helping me... I would call her to help kids with their homework and she will be right here helping them.”

Duncan, a CO-OP resident and management student from Newark, worked at the NJCU bookstore. “Sisters are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble

remembering how to fly,” Barbara Etheredge, Duncan’s sister said. Lemuel Atkins, another NJCU student and Duncan’s boyfriend said, “You are my love, my life, my smile and I will remember you until end times. Forever and Always.”



Georgesette Shurn, 20, was described by her aunt as “a perfect kid.” Courtesy of Chervon Shurn.



NJCU alumni and Jersey City's Poet Laureate Rashad Wright, Events Editor Crystal Simon, and Features Editor Michi Suazo in the San Flavin exhibit at Mana Contemporary.

A day at Mana

by **Michi Suazo** | Features Editor

An 8-foot obelisk constructed from what seems like crumpled car or plane metal stands between the entrance and the information desk. Warm radiant lights emanate from the room to your left as you check in for a tour which will start in 10 minutes. You decide to go up to the 4th floor where the cafe is until then. As you walk to the elevator, you pass by a brightly lit room that holds another sculpture much taller than the obelisk. This one is made from the same material and looks like a pyre. Through the transparent glass walls of the Juxtapoz Project (of the Juxtapoz magazine) next to that room you take note of the red-and-white polka dotted book sitting on a shelf which, no doubt, features Yayoi Kusama's artwork. You would have to

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Andy Warhol's "Mao" (1973) on display at Mana Contemporary.

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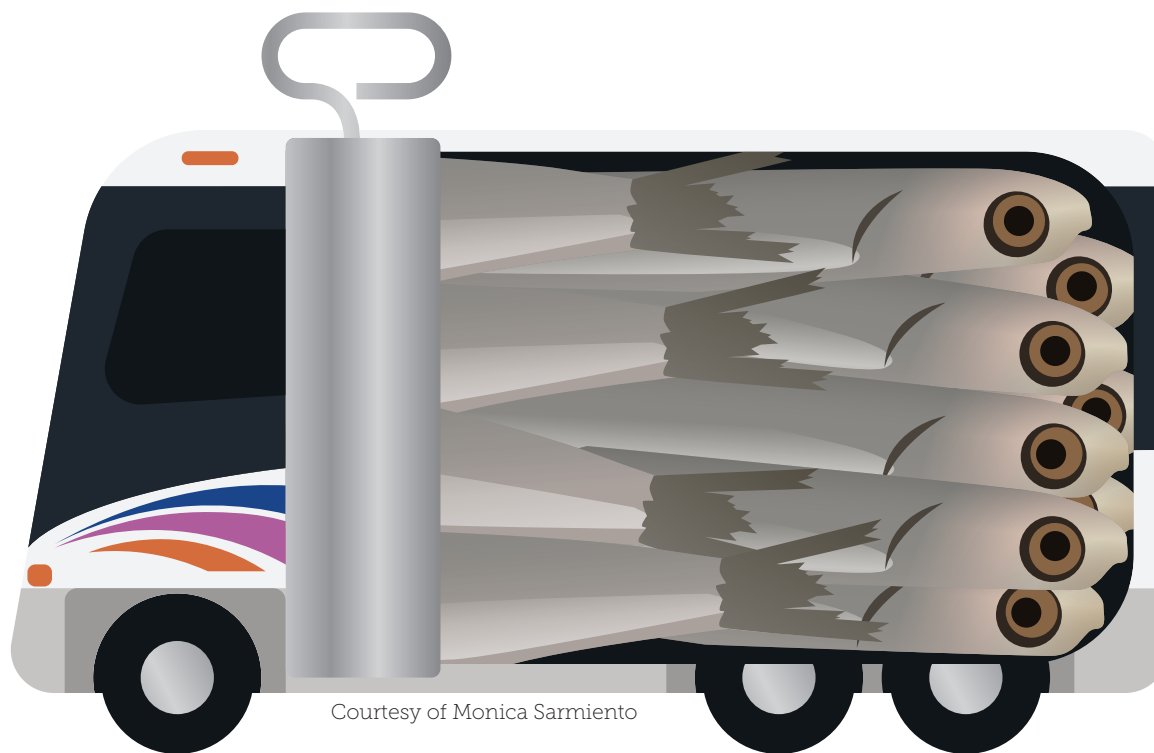
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or Theta Pavis, tpavisweil@njcu.edu, with any questions.

World War 119

by **Angela A. Garcia** | Contributing Writer



Courtesy of Monica Sarmiento

The past couple of years have seen NJ Transit experience a decline in bus driver applications. The transportation company “rents” its bus routes to other companies like Academy and Coach USA to combat the shortage of drivers. For those unfamiliar with the 119 bus, it runs from Bayonne to New York City, but always skips students and other passengers going to Journal Square and the stops before it. I took the 119 bus route towards Journal Square for two weeks leading up to the end of the semester to see how different drivers reacted to someone wanting to head to the square.

On days that I worked and had class, I left my uniform at home so I could stop at my apartment near Stuyvesant Avenue. One day, my class ended early, so I waited for the 119. “Where are you going?” the driver asked. “Journal Square,” I replied. “Wait for the next bus. He’s right behind me.” A crowd of students began piling up at the stop. 20 minutes later, another

119 stopped at the Bayview Avenue bus stop. Again, students going to any stop before Journal Square weren’t allowed on the bus. The 10 bus came 17 minutes later with another 119 bus behind it, skipping over the stop. The crowd of students swarmed towards the street to enter the bus, as if the bus stop was in the middle of the street with oncoming traffic.

“... passengers were packed like sardines.”

“I think it’s terrible that we have to wait in the cold for a bus to show up and tell us we can’t get on,” stated Amir Khan, a transfer student at NJCU. “The weather is crazy and nobody wants to get sick. There may be set schedules but if it’s going to Journal Square I might as well be allowed on. I see enough space to let us on and off safely without

disrupting their route. It’s only a few stops. They’re just being lazy, I think.”

The afternoon commute home isn’t the only problem either. Morning rush hour is chaos for students on the way to the main campus. On days that I had an 8 a.m. class, I would have to take the 7:14 or the 7:39 bus to be at campus on time and passengers were packed like sardines. Some were on the back door stairs while others were on top of each other, barely able to move when someone else entered the bus. Packed backpacks would bump in to faces of people sitting. I’m no stranger to the occasional bump or nudge, but the 119 is a silent war of personal space and comfort.

We shouldn’t be forced to wait for a different bus when they have the same routes to and from Journal Square. If the 119 lets on ten or fifteen students, it makes an easier, safer and more comfortable commute for those of us who are tired of getting packed inside a sardine can on wheels.

NJCU Clubs

by **Crystal Simon | Events Editor**

Get involved, meet new people and try new things!

If you would like to see your organization listed here please email Events Editor at csimon@njcu.edu.

Academic

Order of the Sword and Shield Honors Society

Focuses on recognizing the commitment and dedication of students entering fields related to criminal justice, national security, computer science and criminology, as well as providing support in professional development. For more information contact Alex Vlachos at ossnhsnjcu@outlook.com. (Main campus)

Health Science Students

Organization Focuses on representing the Health Science major and its students, networking, community service and promoting the public health education profession. For more information contact Elhaji Diene at edienne@njcu.edu. (Main campus)

Undergraduate Student

Research Club Focuses on helping students interested in scientific research learn more about this topic, develop professionally and network. For more information contact Johanna Riera at jriera@njcu.edu. (Main Campus)

Culture

African Student Association

Focuses on representing the population of African students at NJCU while discussing, celebrating, and sharing African culture. For more information

contact Amirat Adelani at adelaniamirat@yahoo.com (Main Campus, Thursdays)

Black Freedom Society Focuses on representing the population of African American students at NJCU while discussing, celebrating and sharing African American culture. For more information contact blackfreedomssociety@gmail.com (Main Campus, Wednesdays)

Caribbean Student Association

Focuses on representing the population of Caribbean students at NJCU while discussing, celebrating and sharing Caribbean culture. For more information contact Jyorkenne Campbell at jcampbell5@njcu.edu (Main Campus)

Haitian Student Association

Focuses on representing the population of Haitian students at NJCU while discussing, celebrating and sharing Haitian culture. For more information contact Michaela Joseph at michaelajoseph3@gmail.com (Main Campus, Mondays)

Federacion de Estudiantes Latinos Americanos (FELA)

Focuses on representing the population of Latino-descent students at NJCU while discussing, celebrating and sharing Hispanic culture. For more information contact Suzette Garndo at fela.njcu16@gmail.com

Business

Financial Management

Association Focuses on providing students with hands on experience in finance related activities including trips, panel discussions, resume workshops, guest speakers and more. This group seeks to promote a better understanding of the financial industry and create opportunities for its members. For more information contact William Ianni at Wianni300@gmail.com (Business School, Fridays)

Global Careers Club Focuses on global networking, helping international students transition and aiding students who wish to study abroad. Contact Lisa Gauthier or the Global Careers Club for more information at lsqgauthier@gmail.com or njcugcc@gmail.com (Main Campus, Wednesdays and Thursdays)

Student Investment Management

Group Focuses on teaching future investor and anyone else interested about how the market works. This group provides the opportunity to develop portfolio management skills while working with a team to invest real money. For more information contact Professor Richard Mayell at RMayell@njcu.edu (Business School, Mondays)

Women in Business Focuses on helping future business women develop professionally, forge

connections and prepare to enter the workforce. For more information contact Afiya Thomas at athomas2@njcu.edu (Business School, Fridays).

Community Service

Rotaract Focuses on providing students the opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community while meeting new people and trying new things. For more information contact rotaract.njcu@gmail.com (Main Campus)

Sports/Exercise

Cheerleading Club Focuses on creating a positive and motivating cheerleading team where everyone is welcome. For more information contact Jabrayah Taylor at jtaylor1@njcu.edu.

Intramural Sports Focuses on allowing students not interested in a school team to stay in shape, meet people, and have fun participating in any of the different sports and activities listed below. For more information contact Sergio Villamizar at svillamizar@njcu.edu or go to John J. Moore Athletics and Fitness Center (JMAC). (JMAC, various days)

- Volleyball
- Indoor Soccer
- Bench Press Competition

- Aqua Basketball
- Aqua Golf
- Beginner/non swimmer and Intermediate Swimming Events
- Chess
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- And More!

Religious

Elohim Academy Focuses on studying the Bible from an academic perspective using history and science to explore its teachings. This club hosts seminars, events and community service, and is open to everyone interested in learning about the bible in a new way. For more information contact Cindy Alviar at xelohimacademyx@gmail.com. (Main Campus)

Muslim Student Association Focuses on embracing Islamic values through charity work, promoting the Muslim community presence, and encouraging cross-culture events. This group is open to fellow Muslims, those who interact with Muslims daily, and those who just want to learn something new and have fun. For more information contact Ammer Abdin at ammerabdin@gmail.com. (Wednesdays, Main Campus)

Nothing on this list interest you? Start your own club! Visit the Student Government or contact the SGO Executive Vice President Romina Generali at rgenerali@njcu.edu more information.

Other

Fashion Org Focuses on promoting self-love amongst NJCU students while exploring fashion trends, participating in fashion shows, hosting various events and having fun. For more information contact Savinah Mirville at smirville@njcu.edu. (Tuesdays, Main Campus)

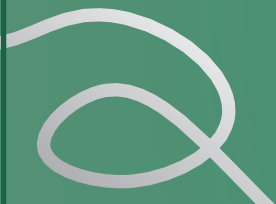
LGBTQ Alliance and Friends Focuses on serving the LGBTQ community at NJCU through awareness, support, empowerment and collaborations with allied clubs and organizations. The ultimate goal is to create an inclusive environment on and off campus where all sexual orientations and gender identities are viewed equally. For more information contact Stephany Estevez at sestevez@njcu.edu (Main campus, Tuesdays)

The Greenhouse Society Focuses on learning about the beauty of plants, volunteering in the greenhouse, and helping out with gardening projects. For more information contact the Greenhouse Society at greenhousocietyofnjcu@gmail.com. (Various Days, Main Campus)

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Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace"

by **Maxine Antoine** | A&E Editor

After 50 years, a documentary about Aretha Franklin's "Amazing Grace," is coming out soon in select theaters. Franklin died in August at the age of 76. In 1987, she was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Many fans are excited to finally see this film however, some are wondering why it took so long to come out. Film director Sydney Pollack struggled to release it sooner but because of several different technical and legal issues he was never able to.

The technical issues were a result of the sound recordings from Franklin's performance of some songs not matching the footage they had. As a result, the project was put aside for a while in Warner Brother's film vault. Finally, in 2007, a producer named Alan Elliot wanted to bring the project back and had the footage digitally restored.

When Elliot was ready to showcase it to film festivals, he was not allowed because legally only Sydney Pollack had permission to use Franklin's image and likeness; Pollack died in 2008. As a result, Elliot was not able to showcase the film at different festivals however he did show it to Franklin's family members. After viewing the film, they gave him permission to use her image and likeness for the documentary. The film has been entered, for consideration, in the 2019 Academy Awards.

Aretha's Franklin's "Amazing Grace" is set to play in theaters in early 2019.



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10 a.m - 6 p.m.

Where:

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January

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20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day University Closed	22 First Day Spring Semester Welcome Back Promo Table (GSUB Lobby, 12-4pm)	23 DJ of the Month (GSUB Lobby, 12-2pm)	24 Uno Tournament (GSUB Lobby, 7-10pm)	25	26
Add/Drop Period						
27	28	29 SmartPhone Film Festival (GSUB MPR, 1-5pm)	30 Leadership Day Party (GSUB Lobby, 2-4pm) Uncharted Space: Gianluca Bianchino (Visual Arts Gallery, 5-8pm. On view until 3/27)	31 Armor:Public Speaking (GSUB 129, TBA) The Gothic Times first meeting (GSUB 301, 4pm.)	KEY	<div>Visual Arts</div> <div>Women's Center</div> <div>Campus Life</div> <div>The Gothic Times</div>
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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Armor: Professionalism Workshop (GSUB 129, TBA) Dis/location: Mapping Black Europe Reception (Lemmerman Gallery, 5-8pm. On view until 3/27)	6 Bob Marley Bash (GSUB MPR C, 7-10pm) Armor: Effective Communication (GSUB 129, TBA)	7	8	9
10	11 Deadline for Issue 5 of The Gothic Times	12 Black Girl Magic Day (GSUB Lobby, 12-4pm, Open Mic 7pm) DJ of the Month (GSUB Lobby, 12-3pm)	13 Armor: Presentation & Public Speaking (GSUB 129, 4pm)	14	15	16
17	18 President's Day University Closed	19	20 Hair We Are Again (GSUB MPR 12-4pm)	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Elements of Hip Hop (GSUB MPR A, Showcase 12-2pm, Producer Battle 8-10pm)	28 Artist Talk: Gianluca Bianchino, Music Performance by Brian Lawlor (Visual Arts Gallery, 6-8pm)	KEY	<div>Visual Arts</div> <div>Women's Center</div> <div>Campus Life</div> <div>The Gothic Times</div>

Spring season sports outlook

by **Kristen Hazzard | Sports Editor**

Men's Volleyball

NJCU Men's Volleyball will challenge Bard College for their 2019 season opener on January 30. The Gothic Knights finished their 2018 season 10-18 with a winning percentage (pct) of .385 while their competitor Bard College had a .125 pct and finished 3-21. The last time the two teams met was on February 15. With home court advantage, NJCU won the match 3-1.

The team can't compete in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). However, depending how well the team's record turns out, they might have the chance to qualify for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). If the Gothic Knights do qualify, they will have to collect a winning percentage of .500 or higher. The team is scheduled to face three NJAC competitors throughout the season. Kean University on February 16, Ramapo College on February 26 and Rutgers - Newark on March 7.

The program will be led by Jorge Rodriguez who was assistant coach since 2015 but he will now be head coach for their 2019 season. The team will compete in a total of 28 matches with 14 home games and 14 away games. The Gothic Knights will also participate in the Keuka College

Invitational in Keuka Park, NY. They are scheduled to face Keuka College on March 2, John Jay College on March 2 and Pratt Institute on March 3.

Baseball

NJCU Baseball will challenge Stevens Institute of Technology for their 2019 season opener on February 27. The last time the two teams met was on March 18 and the Gothic Knights loss 4-5. NJCU was 21-18 for the overall season with .538 pct while Stevens finished their season at 26-17 with .605 pct.

Last season the team didn't earn an NJAC bid however they were eligible for the ECAC Baseball Championship. It was later announced that the tournament would be canceled due to a lack of qualified teams.

In the 2019 season, the baseball team will be led by Jerry Smith who has been the head coach since 2011. The team will compete in a total of 52 matches with 14 home games, 20 away games and 6 neutral games. The Gothic Knights will also participate in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational in March. They are scheduled to compete in 18 conference games. Their NJAC competitors are Rutgers (Newark & Camden), Kean, Montclair State, TCNJ, William Paterson, Rowan, Stockton and Ramapo.

Softball

NJCU Softball will start their 2019 season off in Florida for the Gene Cusic Collegiate Classic. The team will compete in a total of 12 games from March 9 to March 15. Afterward, they will challenge John Jay College in a doubleheader for their first away game on March 25. The last time the two teams met was on April 19 for a doubleheader. Unfortunately, both games were canceled due to rain. The Gothic Knights finished their 2018 season 4-30 with a .118 pct.

The program will be led by Ashley Martinez who was the assistant coach in 2018 but will now be the head coach for their 2019 season. The team will compete in a total of 34 matches with 12 home games, 16 away games and 8 neutral games. They are scheduled to compete in 18 conference games. Their NJAC competitors are Rutgers (Newark & Camden), Kean, Montclair State, TCNJ, William Paterson, Rowan, Stockton and Ramapo.

Sports Writers Wanted

We're looking for new and enthusiastic writers for our sports section. If you're interested, contact Kristen Hazzard, Sports Editor, at khazzard@njcu.edu.

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