Let’s get SMART

Program works to eliminate age group communication barriers

By Christopher Snow

Communication barriers affect everyone, from members of older generations to Baby Boomers to Millennials and Gen X’s and Z’s.

It’s time that all generations open up communication to each other so they can learn from one another.

That’s the goal of presidential spouse and University Ambassador, Lisa Baldwin, who is running a program called SMART, which stands for Students and Mentors Achieving Results Together.

The Council of Independent Colleges along with AARP (American Association of Retired People) funded the program with $12,951.70, after accepting a grant application.

“Many schools applied, and we were lucky enough to get full funding,” said Baldwin. “Dave, the president, and I co-wrote the grant called Inter-generational Connections.”

This program allows the elder community and Centenary to connect and open lines of communication. Participants will choose from a wide variety of inter-generational activities for this program.

“The project is linking our students with older adults, and everyone is in a win-win situation,” Baldwin said. “Our students learn from the older adults, the older adults learn from our students, and they work together on activities and projects.”

Activities such as playing cards and board games, walking and talking, yoga and stretching exercises, and scrap-booking are just a few of the many activities students and elders will complete together.

Centenary students and staff will be the ones participating in this program with elders from nursing homes. “We hope it’s going to be around 40 students, but right now we have about 19 students in Dr. Arlene Young’s freshman class, and we are hoping that our Enactus group is going to get involved along with other professors who are on board,” said Baldwin.

Some of the sites that the SMART program will be involved with are Heath Village, Warren Haven Nursing Home, Home Instead, and the Warren County Division on Aging and Disability Services.

There will be various events held on separate days for lunch-ins, outdoor games, elder invites to classes and on-campus events. The program will also have weekly meets for students and elders in nursing homes.

“Starting now and every Thursday for the rest of the semester, Dr. Young’s class will be going to Warren Haven Nursing Home,” Baldwin said. “Tomorrow is our icebreaker, so we will be getting to know the older adults who want to participate with us.”

There were many reasons Baldwin chose the SMART program. Having been an elementary teacher and having to shift gears with President Haney accepting the position at Centenary was a factor. “One of the things I always wanted to do was go from teaching little ones all the way to older adults, because I feel we can all learn from each other,” said Baldwin.

Her parents’ being in nursing homes also contributed to her decision in choosing the SMART program.

“There’s that social isolation component that has troubled me for so long, watching my own parents go into a nursing facility, seeing that they did not have that interaction in a home, and it was something that really touched my heart,” Baldwin said.

The program’s success depends on the participants involved and the quality of each engagement. “The main thing that has to happen is that everyone is succeeding each time we go out and that they are learning and gaining from this partnership,” said Baldwin. “I want our older adults and our students to feel very comfortable together, and the main thing is we are with our older adults, providing activities that will benefit them, but also our students.”

Baldwin has set up a system for feedback to gauge the successes of the program as well as what is not going well.

“As we go along I’m collecting reflections from our students and reflections from the older adults that we are working with and their program directors,” Baldwin said.

This program aims to affect the Centenary community, toddler community at Hatchery Hill, the elder community in all the nursing homes as well as Hackeetstown and the county of Warren, bringing everyone together in positive ways.

SMART aims to open up communication, learning and growing together and making lasting relationships among all parties.

“I hope one day we will have an inter-generational center on campus, have older adults enrolling in our classes, and have our students and older adults learn from each other,” Badwin said.
Laundry introspective: behind the scenes scoop

By Christopher Snow

There are many work study positions Centenary University offers its students, but there is no match to the glitz and glamour of the two laundry positions, right?

You may ask yourself, “Who are the lucky two to hold such prestigious positions?”

Look no further, because seniors Chris Snow and Victor Marte are your guys!

Head men’s lacrosse coach and equipment manager of Centenary University, Matthew Klank, has been running and supervising these two assistant equipment manager positions for over 13 years. Klank started coaching lacrosse, but was really looking forward to holding the equipment manager position when it became available by the end of his first year of coaching at Centenary.

“The equipment manager position was something I always had my eye on, and, luckily, after the first year here, the person that was doing the job left, so I jumped on that,” Klank said.

As the equipment manager of all the sports teams at Centenary there is always a lot of work to be done.

“Certainly, laundering the practice clothes and game jerseys, tracking all gear that goes out to players, coordinating with coaches on orders, keeping detailed inventory that is purchased by the athletic department, working with coaches, practice, and game schedules to put out gear at the right time, and keeping track of work/study hours are all big aspects of the equipment manager position,” said Klank.

The laundry room and storage facility for all the equipment is in the basement of Reeves gym. Klank runs all other aspects of his position through his main office between the women’s lacrosse and softball offices in the back.

Since the position holds a lot of responsibility, some additional help is involved.

Klank said, “I have had work/study student helpers all the way through, and I would say the coaches do assist at times, especially during Thanksgiving and winter break when I’m not here, and they help with all parts of the position including tracking inventory and laundering the equipment.”

Coaches’ helping out and having the two student assistant managers take a bit of weight off Klank’s shoulders. But, Klank said, “The students are critical components of doing this job and, quite frankly, the job can not be done without the students. I don’t live here, and a lot of times things need to be done when I’m not here, so they are critical to the success of everything going right.”

Another important component of success is having the right tools, supplies and utensils to get the job done. Klank noted that those things go through and are factored into the athletic budget.

“Supplies needed for the laundry job are liquid laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, Oxy-Clean for stain removal, gloves, and other chemicals to kill off bacteria; and we need lots of it,” said Klank.

Senior Marte is very involved at Centenary University. He is a First Year Leader (FYL) as well as one of the assistant equipment managers.

“Both positions are very important to the school, and the First Year Leader program is a mentoring program for first year students and letting them know they have a peer mentor who was in the same position they were. We are here to help them transition from high school senior to officially being a freshman in college,” said Marte. “As for the assistant equipment manager position, I help Matthew Klank with maintaining the equipment that the athletic department needs.”

The needs of the Athletic Department are many. Marte further described those needs: “Maintaining game uniforms, checking during my free time to make sure everything is washed and dried correctly, and equipment is being put out on time so that sports teams have their practice and game gear in a timely manner,” Marte said. He added that one sport in particular needed more care due to more exposure to bacteria.

“The wrestling team’s equipment needs extra care, with exposure to bacteria which can lead to MRSA,” said Marte. “Stain remover, Oxy-clean, and bacteria-killer spray are the key substances used to make sure the job gets done right!”

He said he heard about the assistant position through friends that previously held the position. His long-standing relationship with both Klank and his friends are what opened the opportunity of the job for him. Marte just started his position this year when it opened up in late Au and will continue his work until graduation in May.

“I knew about the job through my friends, and coach Klank was always talking about it, so after the seniors who previously had the job graduated, I asked coach Klank if I could have the position,” said Marte. Marte has gone through many various work studies here at Centenary, and he decided for his senior year that the laundry job was the one he wanted most!

“I took the position because I knew it would be helpful for the athletic department, and I also realized that it was going to be a much simpler job compared to some of the other work study positions I have held here on campus,” Marte said.

Since there are only two positions available for the assistant equipment manager job, Klank had to choose them wisely. Marte believes he was chosen because of the trust formed from the previous years of also working together. “I have had a relationship with coach Klank for three years, and I worked for him at a different position as the lacrosse team manager,” said Marte. “Through these three years I have built a relationship of trust and understanding with him, where he knows he can trust me to do certain things when they need to be done.”

Marte puts in his max 10 work study hours per week for his position. Getting the laundry washed and dried and putting out team gear and uniforms is both a time-effective and time-costly operation.

“I enjoy doing this job more than others; it’s less stressful because it requires the skills I already possess: organization and being timely,” Marte said. “It makes my senior year a little easier and more fun compared to previous years.”

Marte is happy with the other assistant selected for the position because of his qualities that affect the position in a positive manner.

“Working with Chris Snow is a fun time, and I was very happy that Klank chose him to be one of the people I work with,” said Marte. “I knew he was organized, that he would always be on top of his game, he would share the workload, and if I put something in the washer, he would come down to put it into the dryer.”

Laundry seems to be running smoothly here at Centenary University, and the equipment management staff will always be your first responders when something needs to get done!
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**Editorial**

**Prizes for everyone?**

There’s an ongoing debate when it comes to children and entitlement: Do we give too many trophies to kids? Do we give every child a participation award to make them feel equal and special? Do we give trophies and in the end, the children feel entitled to a prize? Kids need to learn to work for their rewards rather than expect a prize with no effort given. Children feel entitled to a trophy or reward for everything, instead of earning what they deserve.

It’s understandable that we want children to feel accomplished and proud of themselves. Everyone gets a participation award on a soccer team. We don’t want a child to feel left out or sad for not getting a reward. However, giving trophies promotes a dangerous message: people can get whatever they want even when they don’t work for it. Children will become content with losing and putting in minimal effort as long as they are still rewarded in the end. But what’s a reward when there’s no reason for it to be given?

We are raising children who believe they can win by showing up. With this, we are raising a generation believing they are entitled to something just by participating. We need to take a step back and re-evaluate. Children need to learn that they aren’t always going to win, and they need to be comfortable with losing. They need to learn to strive for excellence and only then be rewarded for their accomplishments. You don’t go to a job interview and obtain a job just by showing up; you have to demonstrate why you deserve the position and work hard for your end goal. Trophies are to be earned, not expected. We need to stop being afraid to make children sad, and instead, empower them to strive for excellence.

By Kira Schwartz

**Winners or losers?**

**Sports-betting legal in NJ**

Open up your wallets and place your bets! Hope you’re feeling lucky!

On Monday, June 11, Governor Phil Murphy signed a law that authorized legal sports-betting in the state of New Jersey. This ended a very long dispute spanning 10 years that included a multimillion dollar court battle against leagues and sports teams from all over the nation.

The law allows any person 21 and older to be able to bet from the Internet as well as in person at casinos and racetracks. The law also provides regulations and taxes on sports-betting. This will provide good financial benefits for the state of New Jersey. This law looks to attract new businesses and new fans all over the state. Both the new fans and businesses will look to boost their own long-term financial prospects and opportunities. This law will also strengthen the economic state of New Jersey and gets rid of the illegal sports betting market that was estimated at $150 billion.

While some people are excited about the passing of the law, others are skeptical about how it will be regulated and the potential effects and threats it proposes. One big threat that New Jersey will have to face is the potential for people with prior gambling problems and new gambling addicts turned on by this law being passed. The law’s regulations also have to address non-professional sports such as high school and collegiate athletics, regarding issues from betting on certain teams to the possibility of athletes throwing games for money.

By Christopher Snow
College Radio Day in full swing at WNTI.org

By Katie Peters

In a world with National Croissant Day, No Pants Day, and Pretzel Day, one day stands out as being not only filled with creativity and music, but also with relevance to Centenary students; College Radio Day. The seventh annual College Radio Day will be on Friday, Oct. 5. The aim of this day is to raise awareness of the hundreds of college radio stations currently throughout the United States, and to embrace creative programming. Another major aspect of the day is to fundraise for many of the stations that choose to participate. WNTI, Centenary’s online-streaming radio station, has big plans.

WNTI’s Director John Del Re says that the station will be “running a special nationwide program at 11a.m., produced by the College Radio Day Foundation, featuring recorded interviews and messages about the day.” Del Re added that WNTI student directors will be wearing official College Radio Day t-shirts. Additionally, this national event happens to fall on the same day as the beginning of Family & Alumni Weekend here at Centenary, which Del Re was excited about.

“It presents a great opportunity to introduce parents and alumni to WNTI,” with the station located in busy Alumni Alley in the David and Carol Lackland Center. Not only will passersby be able to look into the station window, watching a DJ hosting a live show, but they will also listen to the diverse programming that college radio has to offer.

In addition to the nationwide program being played, Centenary University’s President Dr. David Haney will appear as a guest on “The Haney Hour,” hosted by WNTI’s Programming Director Katie Peters at noon. They will talk about topics relating to Centenary and the Hackettstown community.

“You could be listening to a jazz show, then a hip-hop show, and then a rock show. You really get different perspectives on music and programming from future potential broadcasters,” said Del Re about what makes college radio unique.

College Radio Day was founded by Rob Quicke, General Manager of WSPC at New Jersey’s own William Paterson University.

So on Friday, October 5 tune into WNTI on the TuneIn app or on www.wnti.org. Interested in joining WNTI? Contact Katie Peters at radioprog@centenaryuniversity.edu. (See photo, p. 1.)

ENACTUS: entrepreneurs/students strive to help people worldwide

By Mike Finelli

Do you know we have a campus organization that fields a top team in the nation? The ENACTUS team recently finished in the top 32 teams in the country and the #1 team in NJ!

ENACTUS is a social entrepreneurship campus organization that helps people around the world through innovation and students’ projects and ideas.

“Our 72,000 students are entrepre-
neurial, values-driven social innovators across 1,730 campuses in 36 countries, positively impacting the lives of 1.3 million people each year,” according to ENACTUS.com. “Our ENACTUS team will be organizing a tricky tray event to support the non-profit’s organization wine to support and help spread awareness of the global water crisis. Our goal is for a U.S veteran and one of our Centenarians to travel to places such as the Dominican Republic or Haiti. There, they will work alongside the wine -to -water team and build water wells which will eventually bring clean drinking water to these villages. Centenarians can come to our tricky tray event Oct. 20 to help benefit our cause,” said Marc Santora, ENACTUS historian

The group also is working on a few other projects. One is called Sheildz, which an AIG grant helped start. This project is intended to make driving and drivers safer; it is a wearable technology like a Fitbit. The main difference is the technology. Sheildz uses Electrodermal activity (EDA) which detects early signs of fatigue by sweat secretion. This will detect if a driver is getting tired and will alert the driver in order to avoid the possibility of falling asleep at the wheel.

Another project is ChiForce Wear, a jacket made for cancer patients. It looks like a Nike DryFit sweatshirt, but this jacket has two zippers on each side of the chest for easy port access during treatment. Enactus had some help from the Fashion department, with a design by Prof. Mia Whang. This jacket helps cancer patients stay warm and comfortable during treatment.
By Halifa Bradford

After a long day of classes, students can now stop at a Starbucks on campus.

Before the official opening of Starbucks in the Seay Building, students were offered jobs in hopes of not only spreading the word on campus, but also to promote student involvement in this new entity on campus.

Staff for the new Starbucks has been coordinated by the dining hall director Linda Gonia, giving Cenentary a role in the operations, while this business also acts as a separate establishment.

Flavors? Starbucks offers all its original drink flavors from espresso, capuccino, and iced coffee, to the introduction of a new item, the unicorn drink, and seasonal flavors.

Starbucks offers food options including a small selection of sandwiches and wraps that can be heated, fruit cup, and salads as well as cookies, bagels, and muffins.

Not only will students appreciate this brand new addition to their campus, they will also enjoy new food options. Starbucks adds more job opportunities, too, for students and adds more to campus life.
Campus

Inter-collegiate Green Team works for greater sustainability

By Halifa Bradford

Have you ever felt the need to change world’s environmental sustainability?

At Centenary, Rory Langan and other fellow students want to share that message of sustainability with renewable resources with their community.

Every summer, the Green Team travels to Montclair where students work together to promote environmental awareness.

The group’s Centenary advisor is Dr. Amy Tuininga PSE&G Institute for Sustainability Studies director at Montclair University, with then-assistant advisor Rohan Padhye. The 12 groups within the Green Team, are each tasked with one project for five to six people with a total of 60 students. Their paid internship requires a lengthy process of application, essay, and interview.

The green team resources include digital software used for analysing and gathering of information regarding a town’s geographic data for sustainable presentations.

Dr. Vasisht Ashwani, asso. professor of Environmental studies at Ramapo College, helps the team understand the guidelines in maintaining the Greenhouse inventory in Newark. Langan’s group is tasked with health and hospitals. They have visited the United Nations where they met with officials to talk about climate change, for example, and have visited the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.

One hurdle the Green Team faced was the creation of a greenhouse in Newark, New Jersey, which was delayed, but it allowed Langan and the team to build connections with Newark and Montclair environmentalists. This will help open the door for new ideas on renewable resources as well as emerging support from college students.

Langan said he believes this group operates as a unit of ideas rather than through a hierarchy, and added that every member in the group has a voice. Prof. Michael Russell is also working with the group.

Langan said organizations such as NJ HEPS (Higher Educated Panthers Sustainability) are instrumental in the hiring of more advocates.

Not only is the Green Team continuing its efforts to build the greenhouse, it is also looking for more hands on the team to recognize and work toward answering the general need for greater sustainability.
By Kira Schwartz

The fact that the Community Plunge was not part of this year’s freshman orientation confused many, but it has been replaced by what is being described as a new and improved ideal of community engagement. Joshua Walker, director of Career Development, and Jonathan Lopes, the Internship and Community Engagement coordinator, recently discussed their vision of updated, student-geared community service opportunities.

On July 1, the Career Development Office took over community engagement on campus with a new title, the Office of Career Development and Community Engagement. Walker said, “In short, there is usually a four-day orientation for first-year students. We only had two days this year, so we had to cut Community Plunge, but we did have a back-up plan in place.”

Lopes said instead of one day for community service, the office wants to secure long-term engagement in the community. Instead of companies taking 20 volunteers on one day, the Office of Career Development and Community Engagement wants to have companies come to campus and recruit long-term volunteers.

“We want to have a real partnership and not just have community service for one day,” Walker said. “When you hear community engagement, think of an umbrella term for service, volunteerism, civic engagement, etc.”

The first community engagement fair took place on in early September and included various companies seeking volunteers from the Centenary community. Lopes said the goal is for students to create a connection with a company for life.

Centenary University now has a full-time Community Engagement Coordinator, Rachel Danitz, to help students become involved in serving Hackettstown.

With any questions or comments, check with the Office of Career Development and Community Engagement and speak to Walker or Lopes.
Greek life and its ideal of closeness, thriving on campus

By Kira Schwartz

Greek life on Centenary’s campus comes with a lot of events to look forward to this semester. Alpha Phi Delta, Alpha Theta Psi, Omega Rho, and Theta Epsilon Nu are the four Greek organizations on campus.

Zach Sjosward and Joe Lentine are the president and vice president of the fraternity Alpha Phi Delta, which was established nationally in 1914, and Centenary’s chapter was created in March 2015. The fraternity currently has 16 members.

Sjosward joined in November 2015, and he said that he had no interest for going into Greek life until he got involved through a friend. Lentine pledged in the spring of 2017; he was already friendly with the brothers and wanted to get involved with the organization. Lentine said, “Your friend group expands every semester, which is a really cool thing to be involved in.”

Some events to look out for are community service around campus, “Pie An Alpha” on Sept. 13 and the fraternity’s Rush, started on Sept. 12. The fraternity’s Rush included an informational night, a game night, bowling, a football game, and interviews.

Alpha Theta Psi, a local sorority, was officially established in August, 2015. Anna Stroud and Alexis Alford are the president and vice-president. The sorority has 14 members.

Renée Hick and Storm Spooner are part of the Events and Fundraising team. Hick said she joined because she only has brothers and wanted to know what it was like to be in a sisterhood. She has met a lot of people, done much community service, and made new friends along the way. Hick said, “The organization helps you grow as a person when you’re surrounded by so many personalities.”

Spoonier said she pledged because her siblings are distant geographically, and she wanted to be a part of a team. She described herself as quiet but enjoys the presence of others. The sorority helped her with leadership and to find herself. “Don’t be afraid to come up and talk to us,” Spoonier said. Be on the lookout for community service, interesting events, and rush announcements from Alpha Theta Psi. They want their presence to be known on campus.

Omega Rho is the newest fraternity on campus, a previous local fraternity on campus and which was reestablished in Spring, 2018. Omega Rho has 6 members, and Boris Fabre and Franklin Funez are the president and vice-president.

Fabre and Funez got into Greek life because they wanted to get involved on campus. Fabre said, “The campus was boring; there were no events that caught our eyes as new students to Centenary.” Fabre also said Omega Rho is meant to be an organization to help the campus and takes great pride in its diversity. Historically, the fraternity is known for diversity and culture. Funez said, “Brotherhood has no color.”

The fraternity wants Centenary to be on the lookout for community service on- and off-campus. The brothers plan to hold a probate in the springtime. They will host Rush events in the fall and spring semesters. Omega Rho, in seeking to be friendly to the students of Centenary, was present at the Involvement Fair in September and will offer a men’s care basket as a raffle prize. “Expect to see a bigger army as we grow as an organization,” Funez said.

Theta Epsilon Nu is the oldest sorority on campus, established in 1879. There are 12 members of the sorority. Sonya Thiel and Claire Lodato are the president and vice-president.

Thiel pledged in the spring of 2016. She wanted to join the sorority to meet others outside of the Theatre program, and be a part of a sisterhood. Thiel said, “Sisterhood is more than a friendship; it means we are a family.” She said the sorority helps her grow as a woman and meet other amazing women who can listen to their stories and apply it to our own lives.

Lodato joined the sorority in the spring of 2017. Lodato wanted to “meet new people and step outside of my comfort zone.” She said she wasn’t sure if a sorority was for her but at Rush, she decided that she wanted to be a part of a sisterhood. “I met some amazing girls, and I do not regret joining one bit,” Lodato said.

Theta Epsilon Nu plans to have a table in the cafeteria lobby and provide information on sexual assault and harassment prevention. They plan to be involved in community service with the other Greek organizations. Theta Epsilon Nu had its Rush in September.

Fashion Group invigorated

By Ann Otes

This year, the campus Fashion Group is determined to make itself heard and recognized. “We want people to take the Fashion department a lot more seriously, and the best way to do that is to organize events and activities that will catch everyone’s attention while still showing them what we’re capable of,” said Jarilyn Roman, president of the group. “I’ve heard a lot of people say that Fashion is the easiest major, and that’s not true at all. There’s a lot of things that goes into fashion; we don’t just sit sew all day and even then, sewing isn’t easy.”

“Our first major event will be a color run, and following that, there will be lot of other fun activities such as Halloween contests, parties, and re-cycling old jeans. We’ll also be doing our own group bonding activities so we can all have that college experience,” Roman continued.

AFC class to reach out to senior citizens

By Andrew Seidenberg

Dr. Arlene Young is arranging to take her AFC class to Warren Haven nursing home on Oxford Road. She said she believes it is important to develop a community service program, especially with a class of mixed majors.

“Learning together and having meaningful experiences is an important part of an education, she said, referring to a program that bring together, people of different generations. Students can learn about the talents and life stories of those of an older generation, and the elder generation can learn about the talents and interests of our students.”

Dr. Young said she hopes to connect this project to her class Art of Debate. She has developed a list of possible topics for debate that cover issues of taxation for senior citizens, students’ requirements for college admission, and re-testing for drivers’ licences for senior citizens. This could help bridge age gaps and show senior citizens what their grandchildren are doing and are interested in.

Lisa Baldwin, the university president’s wife, is involved, as well, and wrote the grant to make this experience for Dr. Young’s AFC class possible. Dr. Young believes that she will gain satisfaction from seeing her students make a difference beyond the campus.
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Hidden cinematic gem in Searching

By Katie Peters

Plot twists, suspense, frustration, and a unique storytelling method are just a few of the exciting characteristics the film Searching has to offer moviegoers. Searching is directed by Aneesh Chaganty and stars John Cho (Harold & Kumar, Star Trek) and Debra Messing (Will & Grace, Along Came Polly).

The plot of this film is simple; Cho’s character, David, has a teenage daughter who goes missing, and he will stop at nothing to find her. Detective Vick, played by Messing, is the investigator assigned to the case. On the surface this sounds like a simplistic film with a clear and to-the-point story. However, Searching is anything but simplistic.

This movie is told from the perspective of his daughter Margot’s laptop. Every shot is either a screenshot of the laptop, a video-call screen, camera footage, or a recording. Because the movie mentions actual sites such as Google, Facebook and Twitter, everything about the film feels authentic.

Another incredible aspect of the film is the character development. Having a small cast enables the filmmakers to delve into character development freely, and Chaganty took advantage. The moviegoer is able to completely invested in this film because of the interesting story line and the characters feeling as though they’re real. Another way in which the director wanted to delve even deeper, was his social commentary. He focused on the hypocrisy of people in society who, when something happens, don’t care about it unless it becomes popular and is trending. Overall, Searching will have moviegoers glued to their seats with hearts racing, watching the events unfold during the search for Margot. Searching deserves an A.
What’s your favorite pudding flavor?
Student/entrepreneur most likely sells it!

By Brendan McDonnell

I Scream you scream, we all scream for pudding?

Justin Dalcourt is a Centenary University student and business owner. Not the usual profile of an undergrad.

In mid-September, Dalcourt opened his first-ever storefront for his pudding business, Dalcourt Desserts, at 915 Route 517, across from QuickChek. Among his tempting pudding flavors: butter cream cookie dough, cinnamon rice, chocolate chip mint, cake batter, and double chocolate Oreo. Most of the staff for the store are close family and friends who share his vision. The menu will be evolving monthly and will offer seasonally-themed flavors. Justin attributes his success to always persevering, never giving up on his dreams, and most importantly working hard for what he wants to achieve.

By Samantha Figler

Every academic year comes with change, and Centenary University can expect fresh change happening in the Athletics Department this year, with the new Director of Athletics Travis Spencer.

Spencer, though, is not new to the field of athletics and brings a fresh and personal approach to the Athletics Department. After coming from Lehigh University, a Division I school, he brings an impressive array of benefits with him to our campus.

"I understand the difference between DI and DIII schools, having had experience with both, especially regarding the amount of resources they can offer. But I also know the potential that is here at a university like Centenary," Spencer understands the limited resources available at a Division III school; however, he plans to take his experience and help Centenary grow as an institution and community.

He said he will also be focusing on not just the students’ athletics, but their academics, as well.

The athletics department has offered tutoring for athletes in previous school years; however, there will be a much stronger push for students to get extra help when they need it. The athletics department will offer more tutoring sessions built into the athletes’ study halls this year and a stronger push to get them the help they might need during the semester.

“We want our athletes to build as people and as professionals. Athletics is a small portion of what we do here,” said Spencer.

Regarding any innovations or initiatives for the year, Spencer said, “It is still too early to tell, but my goal now is to grow. I am so thankful to the administration and campus community for this opportunity, and I am very excited to be a part of the Centenary family and growth in the future.”

Spencer graduated from the University of Scranton, where he was a member of the wrestling team. After gaining a bachelor’s degree in Business Management, he then earned a Master of Science in physical education with a concentration in sport management from Old Dominion University.

He then went to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he worked for 13 years as the assistant director of the Athletics Partnership and then later as the director of Athletics Business Development.
Women’s soccer captains gear up for 2018 season

By Zack Martino

After a 12-5 season in 2017, the women’s soccer team is looking to make its mark in the Colonial States Athletic Conference. Last season, the Cyclones were dominant in conference play, going 10-1 against other CSAC teams.

The drills the team does in practice are passing, one on one drills, possession with two teams and shooting drills, looking to switch the field to use both sides of the field, as well as work on different positions which allows the players to combine with our teammates.

Two of the leaders for the Cyclones will be seniors Amanda Benoit and Kara LaPolice. In 2017, Benoit scored 14 goals, six of which were game winners, had 10 assists which brought her up to 33 total in her career setting a new program record, and was named First Team All-CSAC.

For LaPolice, her 2017 consisted of seven goals and two assists, en route to also being named First Team All-CSAC.

When it comes to the 2018 season, Benoit has high expectations for her team.

“Our hopes are to win the CSAC after all of the hard work we have put in,” she said. “This year, we need to make sure we are mentally ready, considering our conference has made changes, and we don’t know what to expect.”

LaPolice, too, has high aspirations.

“I would like to see the team bond, grow and learn from each other,” she said. “I want to leave the future team the knowledge and strength to keep pushing for success. And, of course, I want a winning season. To win the conference would be amazing, and I think this team can do it.”

“During the preseason, we were focused on making sure we were fit, playing well as a team and getting to know all of the players who just came in, so we could become familiar with their play style,” Benoit said.

One player, Jess Petty, had surgery on her ankle after last season. She was cleared to start running and play the start of July and came back extremely strong and fit. Unfortunately she got hit about three weeks ago and broke her collarbone. She is making a strong recovery and hopes to be back on the field as soon as possible.

With the calendar turning to October, Centenary will have a few games circled on the schedule.

“We definitely have a few big games, considering there are new teams in our conference that we’ll be playing in October such as Bryn Athyn and Wilson College,” Benoit said. “Rosemont College is a team we have played in the past, and that has always been a physical game.”

LaPolice is also excited to be facing the newest members of the CSAC.

“Wilson and Bryn Athyn are new to the conference, and we are eager to welcome them and excited to have a strong match against each of them,” she said.

The women’s soccer team will be playing at Rosemont on Oct. 2, hosting Wilson on Oct. 6 and traveling to Bryn Athyn on Oct. 10.

Building on upset win over Drew, men’s soccer team looks forward

By Zack Martino

During the final match of the Drew Fall Festival on Sept. 1, the Centenary Cyclones took on the number-12 ranked team in the nation, the Drew University Rangers. After a tense 69 minutes, the Cyclones went on to upset the Rangers 1-0.

“The win over Drew was a big win for the team,” said senior Josh Weiss. “We really showed up to put up a good fight and came out with a win. As a team, we had great communication, and everyone played their role on and off the field.”

Drew is now the highest-ranked opponent Centenary has ever beaten, and the victory marked the first win as a head coach for Josh Spivack, who is more focused on what this win means to the team rather than just himself.

“Of course, it’s a great feeling, but it is even better to see the team enjoy the success,” he said. “Having student-athletes experience these moments is what it is all about. This has also garnered some recognition around DIII soccer, which can help build the university’s reputation through sport.”

Spivack has been part of the Centenary coaching staff since 2009 and played for the team from 2006 to 2008. The 2018 campaign marks his first as the head coach, and he has high expectations for the program.

“It has been a true sense of accomplishment and honor [becoming the head coach],” he said. “I have been through a lot at Centenary and have seen how the program has grown. I still have visions of reaching new heights as we move forward.”

The Cyclones’ lone goal was ultimately netted by Weiss, and this would go on to be his seventh career game-winner. However, he credits the goal to the opportunities provided to him by his teammates.

“The chances I got on goal, including the goal that I scored, were because of my teammates’ putting in the effort and creating these chances,” he said. “We have a strong squad this year, and I’m looking forward to the rest of the season.”

At the moment of the game winning goal, Spivack knew he had to remain focused and make sure his team did the same.

“Honestly, I was thinking: how can we continue to defend as a unit of 11 and keep the ball out of our goal,” he said. “It is easy to lose yourself in that type of joyous moment, but directly after a goal is scored is the most crucial time in a match. My focus was on team-first defending.”

Spivack, like Weiss, is also looking forward to the rest of the season and sees this win as a big step in the right direction.

“The win against Drew will give our team a sense of confidence,” Spivack said. “Of course, it’s a great feeling, but it is even better to see the team enjoy the success.”

From student-athlete to assistant coach

By Andrew Seidenberg

Jesse Goleman is in his third year as assistant coach of the soccer team. The former player said his biggest challenge transitioning from player to coach is trying to relate his experience as a player have the players to understand the means to success.

His favorite memory playing for the team was winning the conference finals. During his first year as coach he wasn’t too nervous, he said, because he has a strong relationship with the players and coaches. When Goleman was in his senior year, the then freshmen are now on the team as seniors and are helping lead the team. In gearing toward another conference final, and after a tough loss, he wants the players to fix what they did wrong and work on that in practice and remember they are going to make mistakes. It is a long season. Never get high on the highs and too low on the lows, he said. The toughest aspect of being a coach is trying to get his message across to all the players. Overall, he believes the team has the right group of individuals for team-building. What Coach Goleman is most looking forward to is being in a new conference, and it is Josh Spivak’s first year coaching. He is excited to say that the team began by beating the 12th ranked team in the nation. He is looking forward to the conference finals.