

## Training for Active Shooter Situation Planned for this Week

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The College of Saint Rose, partnering with the Albany Police Department, will hold training sessions this week focused on active shooter and hostile intruder situations.

There will be sessions on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact Saint Rose Security. Spots are filling up fast, according to Steve Stella, Director of Safety and Security at the College. Both sessions will take place in the Carondelet symposium on the third floor of the Lally School of Education.

“While these events are unlikely, we are all aware of violent situations that have occurred at institutions of higher education, K-12 schools, businesses and in public areas,” Stella said in an email sent to students, faculty and staff.

The email itself sparked fear in many students as it rolled into inboxes on Friday afternoon.

The subject line read “Active Shooter/Hostile Intruder Training,” but many students found worry in the first two words, not immediately seeing that it was simply a training session.

“I legitimately thought there was an active shooter on campus,” said junior Brianna Sturans.

The wording of the email was questionable, but it didn’t receive any sympathy from the google mail app that students have on their phones. The way emails come in often results in subject lines being cut short.

“At first I didn’t know what to think,” said senior Mike Tannenbaum. “I was shocked someone would actually write an email with something like that as the subject of the email.”

Tannenbaum thought someone in the department should have said something before the email went out.

“Just word the subject a bit differently,” Tannenbaum added. “Something that doesn’t come off as an immediate threat on campus.”

Stella hopes the email misunderstanding doesn’t deter students from attending the sessions, and apologized for causing such confusion, saying he will use a different format for future emails.

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Anne Vaeth, center, was one of dozens of Saint Rose students who participated in a Sister March in downtown Albany

# March On.

## Saint Rose Community Spread Far and Wide in Show of Solidarity

By KATE PIERCE  
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Attending the Women’s March in Washington, D.C. was something that one Saint Rose Area Coordinator knew she would pursue as far back as November.

“I couldn’t wait to be a part of this event,” said Summer Naugle. “I knew that the March was going to be one of

those magical things that you tell your grandchildren about.”

Naugle attended the March with a friend from college who she had originally met living on the same floor in their freshman year. She spent the night on Friday with her family in Pennsylvania and drove to the Shady Grove metro station on Saturday morning.

The Women’s March in the capital was the original march

from which sister marches sprang up across the world to express solidarity for the cause. The driving purpose of the marches was to promote women’s rights, as well as to address racial inequities, rights for members of the LGBTQ community, and environmental concerns. The rallies specifically were to draw attention to Donald Trump and many of his positions which are considered anti-women.

“It was a message of intersectional feminism,” said Naugle. “We were reminding the administration of our power as citizens and our commitment to equality and social justice.”

Liz Richards, an Assistant Professor of communications attended the Women’s March in downtown Albany on Saturday in spirit of a connection to her community.

“My neighbors and I feel like something is wrong, that we are not being adequately represented, that this elected official and his representatives are NOT taking care of the people of this country, when really, that’s what his job is,” Richards said.

“It was so inspiring to see the unity around the world with the many many sister marches. I think we are witnessing the fourth wave of feminism,” she said. Over half a million marchers gathered in Washington, D.C., and between seven and ten thousand here

in Albany. The attendances of sister marches throughout the world and the marching community as a whole was approximately 3 million strong.

“That is a show of solidarity that makes my heart sing and makes people talk,” said Naugle. “I was also incredibly proud that we brought a half a million people to D.C. and it was the most pleasant crowd. Everyone was kind, helpful, welcoming, positive and excited to be there.”

This sentiment is something that is shared by a Saint Rose alum who was one of the 10,000 people that marched over a thousand miles away in Kansas City.

“It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life,” said Vanessa Langdon, a graduate of the College who now works with AmeriCorps. “It was such a peaceful protest and was really inspiring at a time when I’ve been feeling a bit disappointed in my country.”

Here on campus, writers for the literary magazine Speak Out Saint Rose are organizing 100 Days of Resistance as a platform for students.

“Americans tend to not be as active as we should be in local, state and federal politics,” said Christina Romeo, editor in chief of the magazine. “We

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## Betsy DeVos Could Spell Trouble for Students, Educators Nation Wide

By SERIAH SARGENTON  
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Education is the key to the future. However, there have been concerns about how education will be treated under the newly elected president, Donald Trump.

“Education is important to me because I believe that it’s a necessity to all and it makes our society a better and more productive place,” said David Meister, a freshman.

The senate health, education, labor, and pensions committee held a hearing for the secretary of education nominee Betsy DeVos on Jan. 17.

The hearing started with a point made by Senator Patty Murray that workers and families should be prioritized over big corporations and millionaires. For Murray, the Department of Education owes it to every student to make sure they receive an education that will help them in future careers.

“This commitment goes beyond k-12 because the federal government, in general, and the department of education specifically, has an important role to play in supporting, protecting, and investing in all of our students,” said Murray.

She questioned DeVos’s commitment to this goal by asking her about her support for privatizing public schools, her contribution to groups that oppose workers, helping stu-

dents attending higher education her willingness to continue to protect TITLE IX to stop campus sexual assaults, and protecting the basic civil rights of all students regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.

Education impacts everyone, especially aspiring future teacher and Saint Rose sophomore Whitney Greene.

Greene was upset when she learned that someone with no experience in public education was being nominated for this position.

“Based on her interviews she does not know nor care about basic educational law, which she seems to find so funny,” said Greene. “Also, based on her interviews, what little of her interviews, I could stomach, she has no right to be in the position of secretary of education.”

As a father of children who currently are enrolled in public school, Brian Sweeney is concerned about what her nomination means for public education. He is worried about DeVos’s commitment to charter schools because they take money from the public-school system.

“The reason this nation has been so committed to public schools is because everyone benefits, whether you’re in public school or private school, you benefit,” Sweeney said.

After Murray ended her thoughts, the hearing moved

to the opposite end as Senator Tim Scott argued that DeVos would make a great Secretary of Education because of her background, and the way she grew up.

DeVos comes from Michigan and attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. DeVos is chairman of the Federation for Children. Scott said that her parents mortgaged everything they had in order to run a small auto parts business. DeVos worked the third shift in her family business during the summers in her college years. DeVos helped her husband start a charter school in Michigan, which has done well since it started.

“She understands the sacrifices that families have to make in order to build a better life for themselves and for their children,” said Scott.

He ended his speech on a high note saying that DeVos is the perfect role model for all students in public and private schools, and that she will make sure that students perform well, and that all schools will be held accountable under her.

Republican political science student Tyler Bushey agrees with DeVos’s plans for voucher programs because he believes that it will help low income students get a good

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# In Brief

## College Receives Gifts

Last Friday afternoon, College President Carolyn Stefanco announced that Saint Rose has received two monetary bequest gifts.

One of the gifts of over \$1 million came from the family of Michael S. Simpson, a former student who has passed away. The money will be used to create the Michael Simpson "Striker" Scholarship Fund

that will provide tuition support for undergraduate students with preference for elementary education majors.

The other gift, \$1.25 million, honors the legacy of an alumna who has also passed away. Stefanco also expressed gratitude for these gifts and the opportunity to pay tribute to these alums on behalf of the campus community.

## Be a Knight for a Day

The Office of Admissions is looking for current undergraduate students to host accepted students for the "Knight for a Day" visit program this semester. It is one of the largest visit programs with about 200 attendees each year. The ideal student host will enthusiastically show their Saint Rose experience to an accepted student guest by taking their guest to class, to the dining hall, showing them residence halls, and showing

them an overall positive day as a Saint Rose student. Hosts would be expected to stay on campus with their guests from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on some or all of the following dates: Feb. 20, Feb. 21, Feb. 22, March 14, March 15, March 30, April 10, and April 20. It is a paid opportunity. Students with questions or who are interested in applying should reach out to Cassandra Madsen at

madsenc@mail.strose.edu.

## Lights, Camera, Action!

The Saint Rose Television Club is holding an interest meeting for students looking to get involved with planning, performing and producing video content for the Saint Rose community. The meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, in Hearst 119, also called the viewing room. The following day Friday, Jan.

27, at 10 a.m., the club is holding a mandatory training day in the television studio for all members, including prospective members. All content is uploaded to their Youtube channel, Saint Rose Television (SRTV). For questions or concerns, email club president Samuel Lund at lunds923@strose.edu.

## Volunteer with Friday Knights

Friday Knights, a recreation and family support program for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders, is looking for volunteers to participate and support the program. The program is a service opportunity where you can work with other undergraduate and graduate students to provide recreation for children and adolescents (ages 3 to 19) with autism

spectrum disorders. The program takes place over five Friday evenings in the semester on Feb. 10, March 17, March 24, April 7 and April 28. Additional volunteer opportunities are available through the swim program, "Friday Fishes." Questions and inquiries about the application process should be sent to the Friday Knights team at fridayknights@strose.edu.

## Dear Readers,

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 4:30 in Hearst 119. The Communications building is located behind Massry and Huether, adjacent to Morris St.

We would also like to remind everyone that ANYBODY can write for the Chronicle - you don't need any writing experience or a specific major to contribute.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about what we do, feel free to contact any of the emails below

Sincerely,

*The Chronicle Staff*

# Students, Faculty Participate Worldwide Solidarity March

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kind of push it to the side and think it's too time consuming, when really it is really simple to be active and engaged. We can't expect change from being silent, complacent, and saying we are 'too busy.'"

The goal for the 100 Days is to show how simple it is to call representatives, provide information on where to send letters concerning government officials and online links to bills about to be passed and how to resist them head on. The group also hopes to provide access to articles that include pointers on information literacy, good researching skills, local and state organizations to get involved with, workshops in the capital region to attend, and information on how to run

for local office.

"We want to show the simplicity of being a good, democratic citizen," said Romeo "Also, we hope to streamline some of the information that can be overwhelming but is of importance to take note of."

Naugle described her experience at the march as incredibly invigorating and empowering, which makes her hopeful that the energy from the marches gains momentum and pushes further accomplishments for the cause.

"Social justice is something that I fight for in my work and my life," said Naugle. "I come from a family of activists, and we believe in working to make the world a better place for everyone."

For Richards, one of the people she's striving to make

the world better for is her daughter.

"The future is female," said Richards. "And that statement is not about excluding men - rather, it is about dismantling patriarchy and truly treating women as equals to men. I am heartened by this movement, and so glad to be raising a little girl who will no doubt make her badass mark on the world."

The sense of unity was felt by Richards in Albany, Naugle in DC, Langdon in Kansas City, and by all sorts of people who marched either virtually or in person around the globe.

"To see all the Americans come together to fight for our rights as citizens and to preserve the progress we've made as a nation is something I'll never forget," said Langdon.

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education outside of their zip code. Citing the Wall Street Journal, Bushey explained that in the Detroit area the top 18 out of 25 schools are private while the bottom 23 out of 25 are public supporting his general attitude that private schools generally outperform public schools.

"I think there's a problem with a lot of politicians and officials that like to talk about education, but many of them, and their families haven't gone to public school," said Bushey.

Though Bushey agrees with DeVos's voucher programs, he feels as if she is underqualified for the position because of her inexperience. He is bothered by the fact that she and her children have never stepped foot in a public school, and has no knowledge about the basic educational laws. He doesn't believe she will demolish the public-school system, rather she will make it more competitive by encouraging schools to bet-

ter themselves. He sees this as an opportunity to advance school choice, but doesn't feel DeVos is the right person to be the movement's standard bearer.

There are some people such as the Curriculum Library Coordinator, Roseann Marlett who disagrees with the voucher programs, and believes that DeVos should be focusing more on early childhood, and the importance of reading, as well as preparing students for future careers.

Another point that was brought up during the hearing was the Individuals with Disabilities Act, which requires all public schools to provide students with disabilities with a free and appropriate education. Senator Maggie Hassan brought up the fact that this act is a federal law after DeVos stated that the choice should be left up to the state.

"Federal law must be followed where federal dollars are in play," DeVos said.

Afterwards, Hassan asked her if she knew that the act was a federal law prior to her bring-

ing it up, and DeVos' response was something Communications and Sciences Disorders Professor Deidre Muldoon did not like.

Muldoon was disappointed to hear that the nominee did not have knowledge on the IDA. She hopes that with the IDA, children with mental disorders such as autism will be in a mainstream classroom setting with the necessary support they need. She doesn't have hope that DeVos will protect students with disabilities.

With Trump as president, it's only a matter of time before the Senate must come to a decision. The future of education is at risk and may soon lie in the hands of DeVos. If confirmed, DeVos will have a lot to handle such as implementing programs to help young children, or helping college students deal with student debt.

"DeVos should keep the best interest of the children being educated in the U.S since our democracy is so dependent on a well-educated voter base," said Marlett.

# Training to Take Place Wednesday, Thursday

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cial issues over the last few decades, being prepared is more important than ever.

Over the summer, resident assistants at the College were presented with a detailed training session on what to do should such a horrific incident ever occur.

Eric Treacy, a graduate

student and resident assistant at the College, said that without the instruction he received during RA training, he would be ill-prepared for his future profession.

"I want to work in a school," Treacy said. "I know that this is becoming a bigger issue. If I didn't have prior training, I would be curious to learn more."

According to Stella's

email, Zinab Kitonyi will be leading an interactive training program that is grounded in the study of responses to prior incidents. Kitonyi is a nationally recognized expert in the area of active shooter response.

"Please make an effort to attend," Stella said. "They're filling fast." Students, faculty or staff who wish to RSVP should email security@strose.edu to reserve a seat.

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## Life After Camilla

Can Fifth Harmony Survive as a Quartet?; A Look the History of Girl Group Departures

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Last Wednesday, the most popular girl group in years, Fifth Harmony, took the stage at the 43rd Annual People's Choice Awards with their first performance since the departure of band mate Camilla Cabello. Lauren Jauregui, Dinah Jane, Normani Kordei and Ally Brooke opened with a subtle statement in their harmonizing of the lyrics, "We ain't worried about nothing, we ain't worried about nada."

The nearly seamless switch of "I" to "we" in their hit, "Work from Home," set social media on fire, making audiences believe that it was the group's response to being labeled as "over." It brings into question, will the group be able to be successful as a foursome or will they need to find a replacement?

It was announced after the new year that Fifth Harmony re-signed to Epic Records as a four-part group with the same name. Many people are wondering why the name hasn't changed to Fourth Harmony or even simply just Harmony.

Perhaps the label doesn't want to change the name to avoid confusion from audiences. This happened in the mid-'90s when New Kids on the Block shortened their name to the initials NKOTB to seem more mature. However, the group reverted to the original name on their next release a decade later.

Beyond that, can the group itself move on without Cabello and remain successful? Well, it

can be done and a perfect testament to that is The Spice Girls.

After achieving international success with "Wannabe" and other singles during the "Spiceworld" era, Geri Halliwell announced in May 1998 that she would be leaving The Spice Girls to pursue a solo career. This came after Halliwell stated it was due to differences between the others in the group, which many speculate may be the same for Fifth Harmony.

Instead of finding another girl, The Spice Girls recorded an album called "Forever" as a foursome, which was released in 2001. Despite being commercially inferior to their first two releases, the album spawned international hits like "Holler" and "Goodbye" as well as cemented them as the best-selling girl group of all time.

With that said, Fifth Harmony has achieved a lot in the past couple of years. They are the most successful act from the short-lived U.S. version of "The X Factor" and have been able to edge out competition such as Little Mix to become the dominant girl group in the country. Their first two albums, "Reflection" and "7/27," peaked in the top five on the Billboard 200 and their single "Work from Home" became the group's first top ten single. So, maybe the group will be fine without another member.

On the other hand, there have been groups such as Destiny's Child who've replaced members, which did led to their peaking success. After LeToya Luckett and LaTavia Roberson left the group in 1999 due

to management disagreements, the members were subsequently replaced by former background vocalists Farrah Franklin and Michelle Williams. After Franklin left the group before the third album started production, the group decided to move on as a three-part group with Williams included.

That decision led to the group's most successful album in 2001, titled "Survivor," which spawned the second most successful girl group single of all time, "Independent Women Part 1." The track spent eleven weeks at number one and led the group to win the Billboard Music Award two years in a row. Though many people love to use the "Poor Michelle"

meme, some forget to realize the addition of Williams to the group brought them to new heights. If Fifth Harmony keeps their name, maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to find another member.

Cabello, who decided to go solo after success with Shawn Mendes and Machine Gun Kelly, isn't the first major departure to throw a music group off course. The internet coined the term "pulling a Zayn" after the news of Cabello's exit made waves in reference to Malik's departure from One Direction two years ago. With his first single, "Pillowtalk," and his album, "Mind of Mine," both debuting at number one in the U.S., Malik made a great choice. But can

Cabello manage to see the same individual strides?

In terms of Fifth Harmony, I think the hype of this PCA performance is to their benefit. Jauregui was able to hold up Cabello's part in the beginning and they replaced her ending lyrics with a short but sweet dance break. They also seemed to have a more sensual look than usual with tight leather outfits and fish-net stockings.

Whether they add another member or not, I look forward to seeing how the group evolves from this plot twist. Cabello might be "Miss Movin' On" but I hope the group isn't "Going Nowhere" and perhaps "Gonna Get Better."

## A Movie Worth Investing In "Gold" Poised to Shine

By JACKSON MURPHY  
Staff Writer

Following 2013's "The Wolf of Wall Street" and "99 Homes," and "The Big Short" in 2015, comes this year's rags-to-riches finance movie. Set in the '80s, "Gold" is similarly inspired by a true story. Matthew McConaughey stars as Kenny Wells, the son of a very successful precious metals broker, who inherits the family business, but has a hard time striking it rich like his dad. Desperate, he persuades explorer Michael Acosta (Edgar Ramirez) to journey with him deep into the jungles of Indonesia in the hopes of literally striking gold.

The set-up, which dominates

the first half hour, is the slowest section of the film - interesting to those involved in or intrigued by the world of money and commodities, but maybe a little dull for everyone else. But once Wells and Acosta reach their destination and actually find some "buried treasure," "Gold" gets flowing, and becomes an engaging and, at times, fascinating look at how riches can instantly—and drastically—change someone. Plus, there's the drama that comes with the chance of losing it all.

Bryce Dallas Howard does solid work as Kenny's wife, Kay, and Ramirez has some stand-out moments. But this is McConaughey's movie. And it's not a one-trick pony performance. Just

as he did with his Oscar-winning role of Ron Woodroof in "Dallas Buyers Club," McConaughey pours barrels of energy, gravitas and emotion into Wells, who we admire, dislike and feel sorry for all at the same time.

"Gold" is less complicated and therefore has much more mass appeal than the other recent financial films. What director Stephen Gaghan ("Syriana") has given us isn't pure 24K. But with a commanding lead and one of the best surprise endings of the year, this is definitely a film worth investing in.

"Gold" opens in select Capital Region theaters on Friday, Jan. 27.

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## Truth is No Longer True

### Sean Spicer's Idiocy

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Just a day after Friday's inauguration, deception clearly became a chief goal of the new President and his minions.

In his first press conference as White House Press Secretary, Sean Spicer launched an attack on the news media using twisted facts and blatant lies. He was responding to numerous recent reports, including one saying that the crowd at the new President's swearing-in paled in comparison to that at President Obama's first inauguration.

Acting as a mouthpiece for the thin-skinned President, Spicer called recent actions by reporters "irresponsible and reckless," specifically referring to reports that the bust of Martin Luther King Jr. had been removed from the Oval Office. These reports later turned out to be false.

Score one for truth.

In the next passage of his pre-prepared statement, Spicer challenged the validity of pictures seen on Twitter of the crowd at Obama's first inauguration compared to the crowd on Friday. He suggested the

picture was an attempt to undermine the new President.

"Photographs of the inaugural proceedings were intentionally framed in a way," Spicer said, "to minimize the enormous support that had gathered on the National Mall."

To Spicer and his boss, side by side, unedited pictures count as "intentionally framed."

The next sentence is where the truth began to fall apart.

"This was the first time in our nation's history that floor coverings have been used to protect the grass in the mall," said Spicer.

As he attempted to explain that the white floor coverings made the national mall look emptier, the "dishonest media" were fact-checking is previous statement.

According to Kevin Liptak of CNN, white floor coverings were used in 2013 at President Obama's second inauguration.

Score negative one for truth.

Spicer went on to claim that security measures, including magnetometers, or metal detectors, slowed the flow of people into the national mall. Are the dishonest media claiming this is false too? No, that

would be the Secret Service, who said that exactly zero magnetometers were used at the inauguration.

These lies are coming from the press's only window into the presidency, and two minutes into his first conference, Sean Spicer was already an embarrassment.

But wait, there's more.

Spicer continues the embarrassment, claiming that all of the space between the presidential platform and the Washington Monument was full when the President took the oath of office. Photographs taken at that moment reveal Spicer's battle with reality. Those pesky photographers.

Score? Let's just say "not good."

Spicer then claimed that 420,000 people rode on the D.C. metro on Friday, saying it was much more than Obama's 317,000 in 2013. Here's the problem: the number Spicer used for President Obama's inauguration is the amount of people who rode the D.C. metro before 11 a.m. on that day. The number for the entire day was 782,000.

As if Spicer wasn't making enough of a fool of himself, he



White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer attacked the news media in his first press conference in his position.

also used the wrong number for Friday's inauguration. The actual number of people who rode the D.C. metro on Jan. 20 was 570,557, according to the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority. In an effort to appeal to his boss's narcissism, Spicer miraculously made him look worse.

Many people have bad first

days on the job, but few royally screw up with as much efficiency as Sean Spicer. Truth is the foundation on which his position was built, and he managed to destroy that foundation with such success, that the entire job should be reformatted and renamed just for him. I propose the title White House Buffoon.

## My Journey to the Front Lines

### Experiencing an Anti-Trump Protest

By KYLE ADAMS  
Staff Writer

When you go away to college, they tell you that you will change, and that you won't even realize it. I didn't believe them. Others say that when you go to college you don't change; rather, the experience reveals who you actually are. I questioned as to whether I could get any better than I already was. Regardless of whether it is an internal change or some sort of revelation, something happens and that something is what made me feel that I had to take an actual stand, instead of watching our country be torn apart on TV or on social media.

I didn't realize it until recently, but that change started to happen the first time I stepped foot on the Saint Rose campus. It is a path that I didn't realize that I was going down, but my world has

been completely uprooted. My existence is no longer entirely based in sports and baseball statistics. I've begun to care about that nasty word that everyone hates to talk about, "politics."

But politics is a very broad term because you don't just decide one day at random that you want to be a liberal or conservative. You start to care about certain issues and develop certain passions about how the world should or shouldn't work. Then we do what we do best, we classify people into groups and give them a name.

So you can call me a "snowflake" or a "lib-tard," whatever makes you feel better about someone having an opinion that differs from your own, but I am confident in what I believe and I have no regrets for wanting to take a stand against policies that I believe are inhumane. Believe me, I want to have construc-

tive conversations with everyone, but when people resort to violence and name calling, on both sides, it is understandable as to why people get defensive about their beliefs.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 I attended the "We Stand United" rally in New York City, outside of the Trump International Hotel. It was a very entertaining trip, as I had some pretty cool interactions along the way. At the train station I met a woman who spoke little English and helped her figure out which track her train was going to be leaving from. I think we got her on the right one.

At the rally, I wore a shirt that reads "I Stand with Standing Rock." It only figures that I would meet a group of people who actually were on the front lines protesting for clean water at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. They asked me if I had gone to

Standing Rock too. Although my college student budget did not allow me to make that journey, they spoke to me as if I was a friend they had known for years and thanked me for helping to spread the word for such an important cause.

It all started out when I asked myself a simple question: "What can I do to honor President Obama and Joe Biden's legacy?" And then I realized that I was asking the wrong question. The reason to take a stand shouldn't be because of one or two people. It should be rooted in a deep compassion for everyone who walks on this planet, because we are all neighbors. When we stand up for selfish reasons, we fail. There is no greater power when we stand up for each other. As Mark Ruffalo put it at the rally, "we are people protectors."

Having a clean and healthy planet for future generations to live on is the number one issue facing us right now; a lot of people just don't realize it yet.

Fighting for legislation that makes it more difficult for bad or mentally deranged people to get access to firearms is something that is about 230 years overdue.

Communication between agencies like the NSA and FBI and those who do background checks is crucial to progress. I reject the philosophy that the ONLY way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. We have to do our part to stop the bad guy from getting the gun. If we rely on the good guy with the gun, it's already too late.

Let's talk about privacy for a second though. If other countries are able to hack into some of the largest organizations in our country, you better believe that our government has the capacity to do the same. Do we really want to be a country with a nothing to hide/nothing to fear mentality? Something tells me that we are already there.

There also seems to be some misconception that because some people don't like to use that phrase "Radical Islamic Terrorism" that we don't think it is a significant issue. That is just another way our politicians like to divide us. People hear the word Islam and associate an entire religion with terrorism, when it is less than one percent of that religion. Taking steps to remove terrorist presence digitally would be a huge, nonviolent step forward. We all know the power technology has. Why not create an army of hackers to take down the recruitment tools that ISIS and other groups use around the world?

Education, mass incarceration, healthcare, racial equality, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, money in politics, prescription drug companies... you all know what I'm going to say by now. I'm one of "those liberals." So instead of calling each other names, let's talk towards a common ground and work our way towards solutions.

Enough with my politics, though. The speakers at the

See PROTEST



Kyle Adams

Protesters gather in New York City to voice opposition to the Trump presidency.



Tuesday January 24, 2017

## PROTEST...

rally on Thursday night are the real story. The driving force behind this whole thing was Michael Moore, a filmmaker who transcended documentary filmmaking. If you haven't seen any of his work, it is highly recommended. I promise that you won't fall asleep for a second.

Moore may have had the most inspiring speech of the night, at least for those fearful of being discriminated against by the new administration. Moore's idea... if they come around looking for illegal immigrants, then we are all illegal. If they come around looking for Muslims to be part of a registry, then we are all Muslims. We are all Mexicans, we are all disabled, we are all gay and we are all women.

Moore had one other idea. It is to start a war, a war of comedy. As Twitter has showed us, Trump doesn't like it too much when you protest him or make fun of him. This is Moore's plan to take down Trump. The army of comedy is open to anyone who has a sense of humor. Michael Moore's last piece of advice, "Brush your teeth... yes, very important. And if you have a dog, walk the dog. If you have a cat, stare back at it." Who's ready for Moore's war of comedy?

Then, almost as if they plan these events ahead of time, Moore introduced Alec Baldwin as the next speaker. Be-

fore his Trump impersonation routine, Baldwin began with a tribute to the New York Police Department. There is a reason that they are called New York's finest. As I walked from Grand Central to the Trump Hotel, there were NYPD officers in the middle of intersections directing traffic. If you've ever been in New York, you know that job by itself can be life threatening.

As the rally grew nearer, the police presence grew to immense levels. Columbus Circle was probably the safest place in the world on Thursday night and it was as if the officers were just as much a part of the rally as anyone else there. There was no violence; everyone was there for the same reason: to show solidarity.

Reverend Al Sharpton delivered an incredibly emotional and powerful speech. There were countless other speakers ranging from business leaders, political leaders and activists who helped to organize the Women's March in Washington D.C. Marisa Tomei led the crowd in taking the same oath that the Presidents do.

The speakers wouldn't have had a purpose, though, without everyone who came to the rally. Central Park West was lined with people for blocks and blocks. The road wasn't even close to being big enough to hold the size of the crowd. West Drive, which runs through Central Park, was also lined with huge crowds of people listening to the speakers.



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"Thursday night proved again that New York truly is the greatest place in the world."

When actress Shailene Woodley took the stage, she announced that there were upwards of 25,000 people in attendance. Woodley isn't just any speaker, though. She was once one of the protesters; she was actually arrested while protesting at Standing Rock. Before jumping to any conclusions, read her story.

Woodley's message on Thursday night was love. Her message was that although anger may be what drives us to protest, love is what ultimately is the way to win as human beings. She said, "Love is not a word to be forgotten in this movement."

If there was one theme that I came away with on Thursday night, it was something that echoed Barack Obama's farewell address. He said that

"Change only happens when ordinary people get involved and they get engaged and they come together to demand it. After eight years as your President, I still believe that." A quote like that doesn't really mean anything until you actually experience it first-hand.

One person, while we may perceive as important or powerful, is only powerful if the people allow them to be. I'm not saying that we shouldn't give Donald Trump a chance. Of course we should. But giving the man America elected a chance doesn't mean that the rest of us have to be silent.

We rally together because we care about our future as a country, just as much as anyone else. Being silent is not what our founding fathers had in mind and it is irresponsible

for anyone to expect silence, on either side.

I firmly believe that it is social change that is needed above all else; something that a President does not have much of an impact in. People's attitudes towards each other are what needs the most work, above everything else. Social change is something that the people are directly responsible for. The power of the people is how to create that change. Those who hold the power of elected office are important, but why should that mean that the rest of us aren't capable of being leaders?

The first time I was ever in New York City, I thought it was the coolest place I'd ever seen. Thursday night proved again that New York truly is the greatest place in the world.

## Dear Donald, Love Jonas

By JONAS MILLER  
Co-Executive Editor

In your time on earth, you lived through the presidencies of 14 men. Some of them good, some of them not so much. While I don't know how you felt about Lyndon B. Johnson, or Richard Nixon, I can certainly say that you are looking down and cursing with joy that you don't have to live through the four-year reign of our most recently elected leader.

You lived a long life, and yes, we are sad you aren't with us anymore, but you didn't deserve to live in this America. You endured too much to handle the struggle that my generation and many others will go through in the years to come.

You were a loving dad, a caring grandfather, and a hell of a teacher. You taught me that just because someone yells a lot, and more often than not seems entirely annoyed with the world around them, that

doesn't mean they aren't a wonderful, intelligent, and giving person. While that description held true for you, our new leader unfortunately shines bright as an exception. It is not grace and intelligence that he exudes, but a disgust and distrust of society. He lives entirely inside his own world, and that world is made up of lies, something you did

*"You Were a Good Man, and I'm so Incredibly Happy You Don't Have to Live in a World Led by a Bad One"*

not enjoy what so ever.

I am so happy that in this time of darkness, you are looking down providing guidance, instead of looking up searching for hope like that rest of us.

My most fond memory of you is not a moment we shared, or an accomplishment of yours, even though there are many to choose from. No, it's simply how you lived.

Every night around dinner time you sat down in the same old wooden chair. If someone was there already, they would move, because it was your chair. You would pick up the remote from its spot on the table, just to the left of your placemat, and you would turn on channel 5.

First came the local news, which you weren't shy about

saying, wasn't so local. Then came the Nightly News, with Brian Williams. You liked Brian, we all did. We trusted him. He was no Brokaw, but he did a good job. You shushed anyone who tried to talk, because you valued the news.

I wish it hadn't taken me so long to realize how much I loved that about you. Finally, just as dinner was being

cleaned up and dessert was being brought out, the Jeopardy theme song began to play. This was my favorite part of the evening.

I never got any of the answers, but you, Mom, and Grandma always did. Between the three of you sat four master's degrees; being in a room with that much knowledge always gave me such comfort.

You would shout out answers here and there, correcting people when you knew they were wrong—a necessary step on the path to getting smarter. Yeah, those were some of my favorite nights, and although it took me almost six years after your passing to figure it out, I finally know why.

That hour and half we spent together was based en-

tirely on truth, and fact. It's fitting that I'm currently studying journalism; I know you'd be proud. The news and trivia were two things that no one used to dispute. You trusted the local anchors and admired the national ones, and don't even get me started on the greatness of Alex Trebek.

It is that truth and those facts, or the lack there of, that would make you so miserable were you still with us today. This is no longer a world of truth, nor is it a world of trust. Our leader does not believe in those things, but you did. You taught me to be stern and fair, to yell when it's appropriate, and bite my tongue when it's not.

You were a good man, and I'm so incredibly happy you don't have to experience the world being led by a bad one.

Sincerely,

Jonas

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# Barrett Scores 1,000th Point

Becomes the 20th Woman in Saint Rose History to Reach Milestone

By JONAS MILLER  
Co-Executive Editor

With her friends, family, and fans screaming her name, Staci Barrett did what only 19 other women in Saint Rose history have before her, scoring her 1,000th career point as a Golden Knight.

“Two more Stace, two more points!”

She could hear the crowd as she took the ball down the court. Barrett found herself posted up in the paint, an area she has controlled for the last four seasons, no matter the opponent.

Barrett spoke of what she remembered from the moment: “I posted up strong and went to score...the ref blows the whistle as the ball is going through the net...and one!”

Craziness ensues in Daniel

P. Nolan gymnasium.

In the stands her family screams and jumps, on the bench her teammates do the same, holding signs they made in anticipation of the accomplishment.

“I felt so loved,” Barrett said.

During her time as a Golden Knight, she has learned that you can do anything you set your mind to. Barrett didn't start playing basketball until eighth grade, and finds closure in her most recent accomplishment, saying she always wanted to score 1,000 points in high school.

Head Coach Karen Haag had nothing but high praise for Barrett after her achievement.

“Staci has come such a long way over the last four years,” Haag said. “She has become

more mentally tough each year and has grown into a great team leader. She has become more engaged in both her academics and her athletics as she has matured and grown here.”

Barrett admitted that although academics came easily to her in high school, college has given her a run for her money. She said basketball has pushed her along, always motivating her to do better.

“It was an adjustment I had to make in order to grow to be the best student-athlete I can be,” Barrett said.

Barrett is in her final semester at Saint Rose, and is heavily involved in the communications program on campus. She even has her own radio show, “The Rose Room with Staci B.”

“Staci is extremely talented at what she does,” said se-



Barrett, right, is the 20th woman in Golden Knight history to score 1,000 points

## Five for Five

The Five Sports Stories You Need to Know

By JOSH HELLER  
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### 1. Baseball Hall of Fame Class Announced

With the middle of January passing, the annual Baseball Hall of Fame Class was announced, as Jeff Bagwell, Tim Lincecum and Ivan Rodriguez were voted into Cooperstown.

To be elected as a member of the Hall, a player must gather 75 percent of the votes of the Baseball Writers' Association of America (BBWA). Bagwell was on 86.2 percent of the ballots, Lincecum was on 86 percent, and “Pudge” Rodriguez was on 76 percent.

Just missing Cooperstown were Trevor Hoffman (74 percent) and Vladimir Guerrero (71.7 percent). Both Edgar Martinez (58.6 percent) and Mike Mussina (51.8 percent) saw big jumps in their voting numbers compared to last year, and 2018 could be their year. Meanwhile, longtime Yankee Jorge Posada was the most notable player to fall off the ballot, after failing to meet the 5 percent vote requirement, as he landed on a measly 3.8 percent of the ballots.

Each player on this year's three-man class decided the caps they will wear to be inducted, as Bagwell will wear an Astros cap, Lincecum will wear an Expos cap and Rodriguez will wear a Rangers cap.

While Rodriguez made it in the Hall in his first year of eligibility, it has been a long time coming for Lincecum and Bagwell, who have been on the cusp of the 75 percent mark for a couple of years, as both made jumps of nearly 20 percent between 2015 and 2016.

Looking forward to the 2018 class is interesting, as the locks seem to be Guerrero and Hoffman, while Martinez and Mussina could also strike. In terms of players in their first years of eligibility, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome look to be locks as

well, and players like Andrew Jones, Scott Rolen and Omar Vizquel could all garner plenty of votes.

### 2. Raiders Officially File Paperwork for Relocation

The NFL may soon be joining the NHL as professional sports leagues to have a team in Sin City.

In addition to the Chargers, the Raiders have been in relocation rumors for what seems like forever. The Chargers leapt ship to Los Angeles nearly two weeks ago. The Raiders, meanwhile, have reportedly filed their relocation paperwork to move to Las Vegas.

The Raiders had a very strong season, and looked like strong contenders for the NFL playoffs, until star quarterback and MVP candidate Derek Carr went down with a broken fibula in Week 16. The Raiders went on to lose their Wild Card game to the Houston Texans, as rookie Connor Cook was under center for Oakland.

Although owner Mark Davis has submitted the paperwork, the Raiders' relocation needs to be approved by the owners, and that won't happen until March. And the Las Vegas stadium will reportedly not be completed until 2020, so the Raiders will definitely be in Oakland until then.

### 3. Capuano Ousted as Isles' Bench Boss

After an Eastern Conference-worst first half of the season, the Islanders and General Manager Garth Snow decided some changes needed to be made, and the first of those changes was the firing of head coach Jack Capuano.

The Islanders had a good season in 2015-16, as they won their first playoff round since 1993. In the offseason, they lost some good pieces in Kyle Okposo (Sabres) and Frans Nielsen (Red Wings), but expected that production

to be replaced by the large signings of Andrew Ladd and Jason Chimera.

Chimera has 16 points in 43 games, which isn't terrible for a bottom-six grinder, but Ladd has been one of the biggest free agent disappointments in the league, as he has just 12 points in 41 games.

Capuano has made some baffling lineup decisions with youngsters such as Brock Nelson, Josh Bailey, and Ryan Strome, not to mention his attempt (as well as Snow's) to try to juggle a three-goalie rotation (Jaroslav Halak, Thomas Greiss and Jean-Francois Berube) which led to the demotion of Halak to the AHL.

With Capuano off the bench, Doug Weight has been promoted to interim coach, though the team has gained permission to speak with former Panthers coach Gerard Gallant about the vacancy.

### 4. Trumbo Re-Signs with Orioles

After striking out trying to cash in on free agency, slugger Mark Trumbo will be an Oriole once again.

Trumbo's contract expired after a phenomenal 47-home run season in 2016, and was looking to cash in on a

big free agent contract. Trumbo was reportedly looking for a contract between \$70 and \$75 million, but settled for a three-year, \$37.5 million deal.

At 31, Trumbo is in the prime of his career, and hit his stride in Baltimore last year, with a .256 average and .533 slugging-percentage to add on to his 47 homers. Trumbo was reportedly talking to teams like Colorado and Texas, but the Orioles played the waiting game, and it worked out for them.

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### 5. Westbrook Not Named Starter

Apparently, averaging a triple-double doesn't garner a start in the All-Star Game.

Russell Westbrook, who is at the top of the MVP race alongside James Harden, is putting together a phenome-

nior Jocelyn Strack, teammate and friend of Barrett. “I have watched her grow so much over the last four years.”

Barrett said some of her favorite memories are those where she's hanging out with her teammates over winter break.

“There is no school and no one on campus except me and my Bball girls,” Barrett said. The senior thanks her parents for their “unlimited love and support” throughout her life, as well as her little sister for being her biggest fan all these years. The three have only missed a handful of games in Barrett's career, and have at-

tended every home game so far this season, making the drive from Long Island to see their loved one play. “I truly appreciate everything they have taught me on this four-year journey as a Golden Knight,” Barrett said. The Golden Knights play Bentley on Wednesday in the Daniel P. Nolan gymnasium on the College of Saint Rose campus. The Women's team tip-off is at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Men's team at 7:30.

For more information on the rest of the Women's basketball team and everything else Saint Rose athletics has to offer, visit [www.gogoldenknights.com](http://www.gogoldenknights.com).

nal season now that he owns the spotlight in Oklahoma City. While being the top vote-getter amongst NBA players and media, Westbrook had a lower fan-vote total than Harden and Stephen Curry, so those two will be starters over “Bestbrook.”

As of last Thursday (after the game against Kevin Durant and the Warriors), Westbrook had already gathered 21 triple-doubles this season. Two players, Oscar Robertson and Wilt Chamberlain, have ever totaled more triple-doubles in a season, and there is a chance Westbrook breaks Robertson's record of 41.

In Oklahoma City, he has supporting pieces (Enes Kanter and Victor Oladipo, among others). But without Durant, the city is his, and he is owning it.

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