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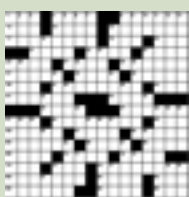
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Office Hours: Crucial to Success but Under Used

By Susana Sanchez

New research confirms what common sense would tell us which is that college students who attend office hours accomplish higher educational and personal goals. Despite this fact, surprisingly few students take advantage of the opportunity.

Professors Ernest Pascarella of the University of Chicago, and Patrick Terenzini of Syracuse University, in their article "Student-Faculty Informal Relationships and Freshman Year Educational Outcomes" from *The Journal of Educational Research*, found "frequency and strength of student-faculty informal relationships may make a significant contribution to variations in extrinsic and intrinsic freshman year educational outcomes, independent of the particular aptitudes, personality dispositions, and expectations which the student brings to college."

Yet a majority of students at Mercer do not appear to attend their professors' office hours. In a survey conducted at Mercer's cafeteria 27 of the 30 students said they were aware of their professors' office hours and 24 said they had no problems meeting them, but 55% of the students stated that they weren't interested in attending. Professor Edith Silver, who is chair of the Math Department and who has been at Mercer for more than 40 years says, "Ten years ago students waited in line for their turn to ask questions during my office hours, nowadays I only see 5 students a semester from a class of 20-35 students." She wonders if perhaps



students simply don't want to be here and really don't want to study.

As for the students, they indicate that work is one of the factors that prevent them from attending office hours. In the same survey, more than half of the 21 students who work said that their job conflicted with the professors' office hours.

Job conflicts may be an issue, but most professors schedule office hours by appointment, in addition to their regular hours, so that even students who work can meet with them at a convenient time.

Diana Rosenberg who teaches in the Communications department says, "Much of the time, I don't see any students during my office hours. Most students don't take advantage of it." In addition,

Assistant Professor Margaret Rosen, an adjunct math instructor says, "Those students who come to the office hours are those who care and usually become better and improve." She added that she felt "Students don't come to the office hours because they lack interest and don't want to take responsibility."

Research suggests another possibility for the decline in office hour use. Reliance of a school on a substantial number of part-time faculty members may cause students to attend fewer office hours. Daniel Jacoby in his research "Effects of Part-Time Faculty Employment on Community Colleges Graduation Rates" from *The Journal of Higher Education* says, "Part-time faculty may lack phones, mailboxes, computers and

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Some Students Abuse Financial Aid Mercer Forced to Pick up Tab for Deadbeats

By Shaheed Morris and Patrick Amaral

In a variation on old social security and disability scams, some students register for a full course load and then stop going to class as soon as they receive their financial aid checks. According to Reggie Page, Director of Financial Aid at Mercer, these students cost the school an average of \$100,000 a year. Such abuse of financial aid has caused the college to take action.

"We are now doing weekly attendance reports," Page said. "If students stop showing up to class, we'll cut off their aid. Students can probably get away with this once, but not again."

Page also notes that financial aid misuse has been common at community colleges and suggests this may be because the colleges tend not to be as strict as they should be.

Taking measures that have been effective for four-year public and private schools, such as the attendance policy, may help address the problem.

Students who need and use their financial aid properly say the students who misuse financial aid can hurt them. "When someone misuses financial aid, it makes it harder for someone like me to get the needed aid," current student John Wylmeier said.

"If students stop showing up to class we will cut off their aid."

Charkenya Lomax, a graphic design major, expressed similar sentiments. "It's selfish that those students take the chance away from students who would love to have the chance to go to college. In America we are fortunate to go to college, and it's sad to see that a small number of students take

that for granted."

Page notes that there is an informational slide show on Mercer's web site that gives parents and students an overview of the financial aid process and requirements. Viewing the presentation does not reduce financial aid abuse, but does help those registering for courses legitimately.

New Offerings in Mercer Cafeteria

By Carmela Pecana

A research study, from the Department of Health found that in the population of New Jersey obesity has steadily increased since 1992. Today, according to US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), overall, 23% of New Jersey residents are considered obese and 37% are overweight. Students aiming to defy these statistics will find some improvements in Mercer's cafeteria offerings this spring.

A new salad bar containing fresh garden lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, a light macaroni salad and a variety of dressings has been put in place. The cost to students is

thirty-five cents per ounce. A food scale that determines the weight of each salad has been added to the check out.

In addition to wider salad choices, greater emphasis is being placed on reducing canned foods that may be nutritionally inferior.

Mercer's Executive Chef Joe Chell states, "There will be more scratched foods than pre-made foods." This includes a stir fry – action station which will allow cooks to prepare hot meals such as bar be que chicken, mashed

potatoes and soup specials while students wait.

For those less concerned about counting calories, a pizza station, a self-serve pannini grill and a deli station for cold subs and BLT's are also available. New Starbucks and Gatorade drinks can be purchased to wash it down.

In an interview with Frank DiBella, general manager of the Conference Center, he discussed the economic factors that influence the types of offerings the school provides. With a

recession looming it can be a challenge to set prices at an affordable rate. "The more patronage we get, the lower the costs are kept down through volume purchasing. In an effort to support our local economy, more of the food products will be bought from local farms and vendors which will cut down shipping costs and reduce carbon emissions," states DiBella. In turn, students may eat more fresh produce rather than canned goods.

In an effort to monitor the success of the changes that have been put into effect, a cafeteria survey will be conducted in the middle of this semester to get feedback from students rating the food quality and dining

23% of New Jersey residents are considered obese and 37% are overweight.

Office Hours: Wasted Resource?

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other basic equipment to conduct their work, undermining their ability to meet with and advise students." The research does not suggest that part-time faculty members are inferior, rather that schools do not always provide them adequate space to hold office hours and that low pay causes many adjuncts to work on multiple campuses and limits the time they can devote to students outside of class.

Professor Ronald Ehrenberg from Cornell University and Assistant Professor Liang Zhang from University of Minnesota concluded in

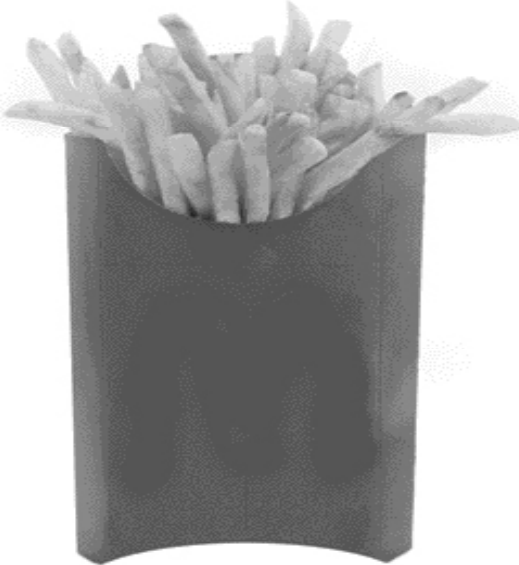
"Students don't come to the office hours because they lack interest and don't want to take responsibility."

their essay "Do Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Matter?" that for each 10% increase in the part-time faculty employed at four year institutions the graduation rate decreases by 3%. At Mercer, full-time faculty members make up one fourth of the professors and adjunct faculty members account for the other 75%, according to Mercer's *Annual Report 2006-2007*.

More than 9,000 students enrolled in credit courses at Mercer last year, according to the Commission of Higher Education of the State of New Jersey; however, the National Education for Center Statistics reports that only 33 students out of 100 actually graduate from community colleges. It's not clear to what extent low office hour attendance can be blamed for these graduation rates, but it is clear that students who work with faculty outside of class have a better chance of being among those who receive diplomas. ■



**Clash of
the Titans:
Which
Will You
Choose?**



Holiday Gala Celebrates Success

By Alexandra Hough



Members of the Hospitality Club prepare a sumptuous Bananas Foster.

Mercer Provides a Living Report to the Community

"Creating the Future; Celebrating Success," an event held on December 5, 2007 showcased some of Mercer County Community College's finest. The celebration included live music by the Jazz Band, pastries baked by the Hospitality Club, exhibits by fine art and digital media art students, videos produced by Television students, floral displays and landscape design demos by Horticulture students, blood pressure screenings by students in the health professions and much more.

The event, which honored The McGraw-

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An Officer and a Researcher: Mercer Student by Day, Mercer Security Guard by Night, Timothy Klockner Conducted Chemistry Research at Rider Last Semester

By Susana Sanchez

Last summer Timothy Klockner, a student and security officer at Mercer, participated in a science research project under the guidance of a professor at Rider University as part of his biology and chemistry major.

Klockner first came to Mercer after high school to study Criminal Justice, however, by that time he was not paying that much attention to books and classes and he soon left college to join the military. After six years in law enforcement, he came back to Mercer looking for something to study. Finding sciences very exciting, he decided to major in Biology and Chemistry.

This time Klockner was focused on completing a major, but he had to face challenges like managing college, struggling to get good grades, working a part time job and paying the bills. Despite these obstacles,



Klockner in the chemistry lab with Prof. Helen Tanzini. Tanzini says "Tim is a fabulous Chemistry student. I wish I could clone him."

he not only succeeded in his classes he actually got support from his professors to pursue even higher goals.

Professor Helen Tanzini, a chemistry professor, encouraged Klockner to participate in chemistry research at Rider University, an opportunity Mercer offers to motivated science majors. Even though this represented a great opportunity, Klockner still had some doubts

about his performance in the laboratory and about presenting his findings to an audience. Once at Rider, however, a very encouraging professor guided him through his research project. The research was on synthetically developing biological compounds, like one found in marine organisms (Pyrroles), that show anticancer activity.

Throughout this experience Klockner not

only developed a greater interest in sciences and particularly in doing more scientific projects, but he also improved his self confidence. As he puts it, "doing things from scratch, figuring things out, getting good results and seeing the success of it makes you more confident in yourself."

In addition to spurring his interest in the sciences and helping to build his confidence aca-

demically, the experience has also helped Klockner improve his resume. As he says, "the more you expose yourself to different opportunities the more you will stand out. Other students will have the same minimum requirements and grades, but the fact that you have done research shapes you as an independent thinker, being able to think dynamically to get a proposal and get it done."

Klockner encountered difficulties such as exposure to new equipment, working with large quantities of material and working independently, but he overcame them and succeeded because, as he says "you get what you put in." He urges students to do research, "Focus on what you want and work toward it, most of the learning comes from your work, every time you think you are losing the direction, remind yourself what your goal was and go back to your work."

Freedom Fighter Visits Journalism Class

By Leah Alabre
On Monday, January 28, Professor Karen Bosley of Ocean County Community College came to address this semester's Journalism class at Mercer. Bosley, who has been a Journalism Professor at Ocean for over 37 years and served as adviser to the award winning Viking News, was unexpectedly removed from her post after student editors published a series of articles criticizing the school's administration. The case ended up going to court and Bosley and her students were vindicated when a judge ruled that the school had violated their First Amendment rights and ordered that Bosley be reinstated and that damages be paid.

Bosley said she hoped her story would teach students to "be vigilant in pursuit of the truth and to publish it when you have it, to always ask questions, and to stand firm against censorship."

Holiday Gala Showcases Achievements: Afterwards Dr. Donohue Addresses Board of Trust-

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Hill Companies, Catholic Charities, and alumnus Ray Broach for their contributions over the years, was a "living report to the community," according to Mercer President Dr. Patricia Donohue.

Following the celebration, Mercer County Community College's Board of Trustees held a meeting, highlighting the publication of the Annual Report for 2006-2007 academic year, major student awards, and President Donohue's updates.

The board ratified the monthly report of purchases including new remote broadcasting equipment for WWFM, on-line placement tests for Ad-



Professor Jim Kelly and members of the Jazz Band kept spirits high all evening.

missions through College Board, and a nautilus circuit replacement for the Fitness Center.

President Donohue announced her participation in the announcement of the report, "Economic Impacts of High Education in Mercer County." The report states that Mer-

cer County's five institutions of higher education --MCCC, Princeton University, Rider University, The College of New Jersey, and Thomas Edison State College-- generate more than \$820 million in annual wages. The five schools combined constitute one of the county's leading

employers. The event undoubtedly did much to boost campus morale, but an informal head count suggested that members of the outside community were conspicuously short in number. ■



THEATER REVIEW

Kelsey Theater's Production of *Driving Miss Daisy*

By Justin Cartwright and Christine Yursha

The Kelsey Theater at Mercer County Community College started production of Alfred Uhry's 1988 Pulitzer Prize Winning Play, *Driving Miss Daisy*, on February 1, 2008. The play is about an elderly Jewish woman who shares her life experiences with her African American chauffeur over the course of many years. The play was inspired by the experiences of Uhry's grandmother and her chauffeur.

Driving Miss Daisy originally debuted as an off-Broadway play in 1987. The play starred Morgan Freeman as Hoke, the chauffeur, and Dana Ivey as Miss Daisy. Ivey won an Obie for her performance and Jessica Tandy, who starred in the film version won an Academy Award

for her portrayal of the same character.

Maurer Productions' version of *Driving Miss Daisy* stars Eve Connolly as Miss Daisy, Allwyn L. Baskin as Hoke, and Lonnie McCullough as Boolie, Daisy's son.

Performances turned in by all three actors in the February 2 showing were well rehearsed and each element was on cue. Connolly's Daisy truly rivals that of Jessica Tandy and Baskin's Hoke is precise and flawless. McCullough easily delivers the laughs that keep the play from sinking into sentimentality. Ultimately the play as they perform it is by turns inspirational, humorous, entertaining and at times very serious. It all comes together in a

way that allows the audience to feel they are part of the trio.

Dan Maurer directed this play and wanted to capture the emotion and intimacy originally conceived by Uhry. "We wanted to keep the show intimate and personal," said Maurer.

The set and special effects of the play were designed to put the actors closer to the audience, ultimately evoking a sense of intimacy. When asked if there were any challenges in producing the play he said, "Translating a play from a theater that fits 70 people to a venue that can fit 385 people was a bit tricky." The obstacle of shifting theaters is not noticeable in the performance.

Info on all upcoming Kelsey Theater performances can be found at www.kelseyatmccc.org.



Left to right: Lonnie McCullough (Yardley, PA), Eve Connolly (Lawrenceville, NJ) and Allwyn Baskin (Lambertville, NJ).



MOVIE REVIEW

Persepolis

Starring: Chiara Mastroianno + Catherine Deneuve
Director: Vincent Paronnaud and Marjane Satrapi
Adapted from the graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi
Rating: PG 13
Other Info: Black & White with Subtitles



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures Classics, 2007.

By Susana Sanchez

Persepolis is a simple yet fascinating movie of a peculiar childhood lived in a setting that will be unusual for American audiences. The movie, made up of simple black and white animation, is based on Marjane Satrapi's autobiographic book. Set during the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Satrapi as a young girl struggles to live a normal childhood in a turbulent environment plagued with political persecutions, executions, war and the religious overtake of society, education and politics.

The simple black and white drawings grab the attention of the viewers and also expand the theme of the movie. The

plot could not be better described in colorful scenes because of the fundamentalist air of that time in which there were "no symbols of decadency." In addition, the movie introduces the audience into a distinct society compared to the Western culture, and to accomplish that, black and white were essential to make it clear. Also, the movie is about a child whose perception of the world as she grows up shifts from white to black to gray.

Successfully, the movie accomplishes a good summary of the main events of the book. It describes how the new theocracy's rules provoked strong reactions from op-

ponents and supporters. Since her childhood, Marjane sees how her uncle is sentenced to death because of his opposition with the government as well as other close friends. The movie also depicts how religion is an essential part of every day's life from school to dress code to entertainment and politics.

The movie shows the direct effects of the Islamic Revolution on Marjane's life. Her reluctance to dress according with the imposed dress code almost cost her prison or physical punishment. By the time she moves to Vienna, Austria as a teen it seems as if she has achieved great freedom. However, she

lives the painful experience of feeling alienated in a place where she feels discriminated against and alone.

Although the movie is good, those who do not read the book miss a lot of details and complicated points that the movie fails to depict. The book has a lot of graphic parts that expand the theme of the book by adding more messages than those that could possibly be expressed with words. Moreover, Satrapi describes the events with a great deal of satire and humor that challenge the system in which she lives. For example, she portrays her parents as progressive; nevertheless, they adopt a child but instead of pro-

viding her with love and education, she becomes the illiterate maid of Marjane's house.

The movie is still in select theaters. Some of the theaters include Ritz at the Bourse in Philadelphia, Clearview Clairidge Cinemas in Montclair, and Angelika Film Center in New York. The closest theater is Ritz at almost 30 miles from Trenton. This might be an inconvenience, yet the movie promises the audience not only variety but cultural, political, social and religious themes that without a doubt pave the way for analysis, inquiry and discussion. Although the movie is in French, it has enchanting voices that remind how unique the theme is.



Vikings Continue to Gel: Mercer Men vs. Lackawanna

By Jay Brown and Chris Turissi

The Mercer men's basketball team is coming together despite their loss to Lackawanna.

"We have a great chance of finishing out the season above 500 because of our chemistry and our unity. It is always hard coaching at the college level because you don't have the opportunity to have kids for four years, and sometimes you don't even get the chance to have them for two years. So for our guys to really support each other in the classroom, out of the classroom, on practice days, and on campus really makes a difference in a successful team and a successful program," says Head Coach Kelly Williams. Teams typically begin to gel when they become comfortable with each other, which is especially tough for this young Viking team. Captain Irvin Johnson is the only returning player from last year's squad, but that hasn't stopped the Vikings from forming a strong bond.

On Saturday, January 31, the Vikings took on the Falcons of Lackawanna. In the teams' first meeting, Lackawanna beat Mercer like a drum to the tune of 77-49, but the rematch would not be nearly as one sided. The first half was a nip and tuck battle that included multiple lead changes. As the sec-



Photo: Jeff Ianno

Pedoro Vergos playing in the basketball game against Lackawanna on February 2nd at MCCC gymnasium.

ond half began, emotion was running high on the court, in the stands, and especially on the sidelines. It was clear that revenge was on the agenda for the men in green and gold, and it was going to take a complete team effort to avenge their previous loss.

Antoine Rodgers picked up his production by dropping a few three point bombs, each one lifting the Vikings' spirits higher. If Rodgers wasn't doing it from the outside, then Derek Williams, the freshman out of Willingboro, was penetrating the Falcons' defense for a quick lay up. The Vikings played an extremely ag-

gressive game, particularly on defense. Number 13, Joshua Carver, had a phenomenal second half that included three key steals in the span of just five minutes; it was obvious that the Vikings wouldn't go down without a fight.

As the end of regulation came near, the Vikings found themselves down by two with enough time on the clock for one final shot. Despite a missed attempt the Vikings came down with the rebound and Irvin Johnson had the chance to send the game into overtime. With five seconds on the clock, Johnson tossed up a shot that banked off the backboard into the net for a

thrilling buzzer beater. The shot sent the crowd into a frenzy.

The Vikings took Lackawanna into triple over time before falling just short of the victory they had fought for. The Vikings fell to 12-9, adding another defeat to their record. The men at Mercer showed great heart and walked off the court with their heads held high after a valiant effort.

As the season comes to a close the Vikings will surely be proud of all they have accomplished in their first year as a team.

The action continues at home on Tuesday February 12 as the Vikings take on Morris at 7pm. On Saturday February 16 the play Salem at 1pm also at home.



Photo: Jeff Ianno

Irvin Johnson makes a foul shot.

Bell Shines as Lady Vikings Sail Past Lackawanna

By Jay Brown and Chris Turissi

The Mercer women's basketball team has been on quite a skid of late, losing five of their last seven games and bring their record to 12-10.

It has been a tough season for the Vikings thus far, having lost two key starters to injury and receiving inconsistent play at times. So coming into Saturday's game against Lackawanna, the lady Vikings were in definite need of some spark. That spark came in the form of Vikings center Jeanette Bell. Bell has had an unbelievable season so far, averaging a double-double with


16 points and 11 rebounds per game. Saturday Bell outdid herself by dominating the paint, scoring 29 points and grabbing 20 rebounds in helping the Vikings notch a needed win, 65-60 over Lackawanna. She also showed her skills on the defense side of the ball with four steals. With the Vikings struggling from the outside only shooting

three of thirteen from behind the arc, Bell proved to be a solid option in the post.

"After the injury bug hit our team, our biggest challenge has been to find scorers to pick up the slack," said point guard and team captain, Krista Regan. Regan did her part, scoring eight points and going 2-3 from behind

the arc. Despite the up and down season, Regan is still pleased with the team chemistry and is very optimistic about the remainder of the season. "This is my second season playing at Mercer and this is my favorite team I have played with. Everyone on the team gets along and as the season winds down, I think this

team will only grow closer," said Regan. If the lady Vikings continue to mesh off the court and play like Jeanette Bell did Saturday, they are certainly going to be a team to be reckoned with heading into the Region 19 playoffs. The Vikings look to continue playing well as they hit the road against Essex on Tuesday. Then they play Salem on the 16th at home at 3pm.



The College Voice will host a Rock The Vote event on April 2nd in the SC Cafeteria. For more information on how you can register to vote, check out:

www.rockthevote.com or www.nj.gov/lps/elections/vote_doe.html

Mercer Goes Green, Steps Up Recycling

By Maris Fischer and Mohamad Cheble

According to the National Recycling Coalition, the average American tosses away 21 bags of trash every month, and approximately 75% of what ends up in landfills could have actually been recycled. Mercer County Community College is working to change that by adding recycle bins on campus.

Mercer's Sustainability Task Force started about a year ago and is made up of a people from the Mercer campus that have an interest in environmental issues. The group includes representation from administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

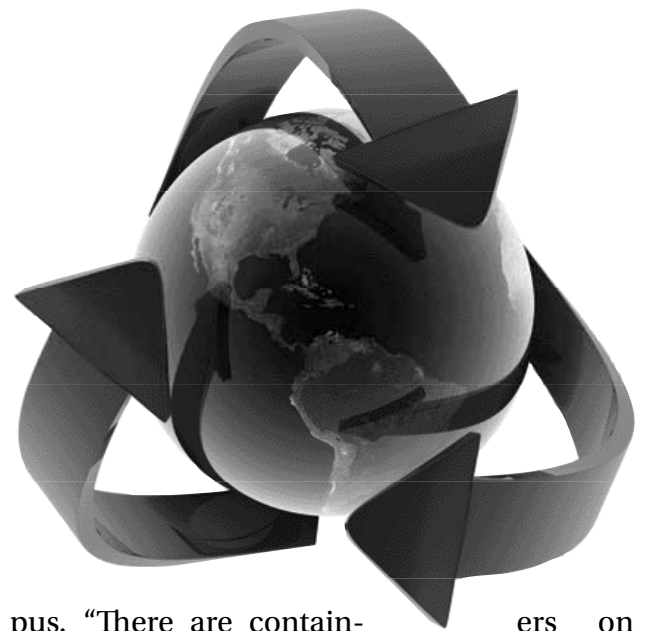
Mercer County has itself been behind time times when it comes to recycling. According to The Mercer County Improvement Authority, Mercer County recycled a total of 42,541,01 tons of glass, paper, tires, yard waste and batteries back in 1996. In 2002 Mercer dropped to only 24,484,49 tons.

For years the rumor circulated that Mercer County didn't recycle at all and that the contents of yellow curb-side bins ended

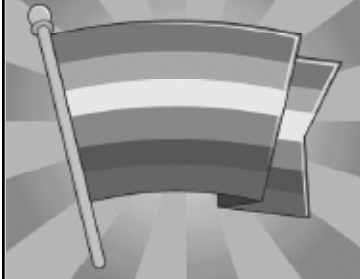
up in landfills just like other trash. Nevertheless, schools like Princeton, Rider and Rutgers have long worked towards creating "greener" campuses and Mercer is following that lead albeit with less funds to devote to the effort.

"Unfortunately, it does cost more to recycle." Said Amy Iseneker, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the Horticulture and Plant Science degree and certificate programs at Mercer who serves on the Sustainability Task Force. "What we need to keep in minds is that being stewards of our environment is the right thing to do."

According to Iseneker "The campus has always recycled some things, but we want to do more. In particular, we want to see the staff and the students recycle more of their bottles and cans, and we also want to see staff and students recycle the paper generated in their offices and classrooms." The first step in this process was making sure there are recycle bins located around cam-



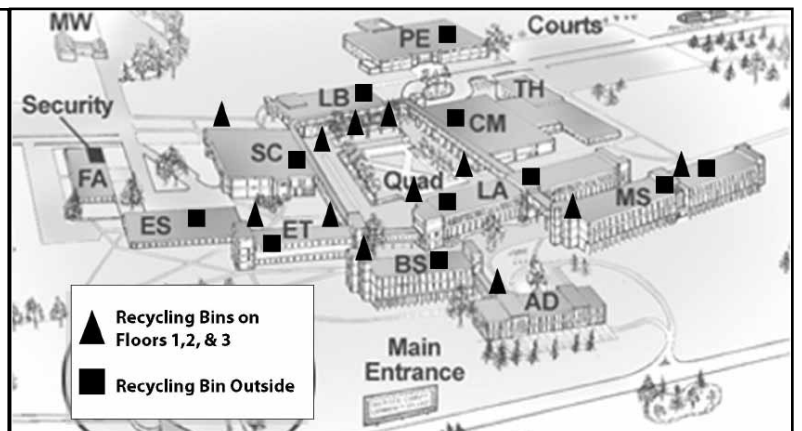
pus. "There are containers on every building and on every floor." Said Iseneker. "There is a container for bottles and cans, a container for paper, and a container for garbage." Students and staff are urged to use these containers. More containers are coming soon.



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Jason Stives

For many of us who graduated high school only a couple years ago, this is our first chance to vote in presidential elections. But before you take to the voting booths and cast your vote for who you think should hold the office of President of the United States for the next four years, take the time to consider your motivations.

These days even "reputable" news agencies linger on the private and personal lives of presidential hopefuls. But

the candidates' names, religion, marital status and whether or not they declared "Yeehaw!" to a crowd of potential voters is not as important as their policies and plans for us as a country. Voting records, health care, tax cuts, economic plans, homeland security, the rights of minorities and women - where the candidates come down on these issues is what matters in the long run. While the person you vote for may only be in the White House for four years,



their actions will echo for years to come; policies will be constructed that effect our children and our children's children. Here at *The College Voice*, we believe that making the right choice is a social obligation. So when Election Day finally comes, please think about candidates as leaders not as the next American Idol.

Why Our Fitness Center is Better Than Gold's Gym



A Review by Ricardo Oliveras

Salad bar or no salad bar, students and faculty need to get more exercise, and as a student you can do it for free at Mercer's fitness center. Although there is stiff competition from other big name gyms, like Gold's Gym and the Robert Wood Johnson health and fitness center in Hamilton, you pay extra at such places for amenities you will likely never use anyway. You're paying for there to be twenty or a hundred treadmills when all you use is one. Mercer's gym offers the same thing as big gyms but without

unnecessary bells and whistles, but sadly, the gym is under used.

Why aren't more people using the facilities on campus? Fitness Center Coordinator, Mike DeAngelis, says that only about two hundred people use the fitness center daily and fewer than a hundred can be consider regulars. With 9,000 students registered in credit classes, plus more than 500 full and part-time faculty members, the fact that only 200 people work out is a crime. Either we are an extraordinarily lazy group, or people aren't

aware that they can get the same workout right here that they would at any other gym.

Mercer's fitness center has a wide variety of free weights and machines. There are treadmills, stairmasters, bikes, and ellipticals. If that's not enough, the pool at Mercer, which is included with membership is actually larger than the one at the local Gold's gym.

Although the fitness center cannot accommodate those looking for a 24 hour gym, it

still offers daily hours quite similar or the same as those at most gyms. As far as the location, the gym is right across from the Kelsey Theater. You can't get any closer than that.

So if you made a New Year's resolution to be healthier this year, stop thinking you have to spend big money to go to a bigger gym. Just stop by the Mercer Fitness Center and do a circuit.

Fitness Center Hours

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| Mon., Wed. | 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| Tues., Thurs. | 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. |
| Friday | 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. |
| Sunday | 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. |

Community Calendar

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | 11 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Student Activities sponsored Yoga class, free! (PE225) | 12 7 p.m. Men's Basketball home game vs. Morris | 13 7:30 p.m. Me, Myself, & I at McCarter Theatre | 14 7 p.m. Men's Basketball home game vs. FIT (NY) | 15 7:30 p.m. Brian Stokes Mitchell at McCarter Theatre 7 | 16 1 p.m. Men's Basketball home game vs. Salem |
| | | | | School Dayz Thursday at KatManDu for College Students | 8 p.m. My Favorite Year at Kelsey Theatre. | 3 p.m. Women's Basketball home game vs. Salem |
| 17 2 p.m. My Favorite Year at Kelsey Theatre | 18 8 p.m. 3 Mo Divas at McCarter Theatre | 19 8 p.m. Israel Chamber Orchestra at McCarter Theatre | 20 6 p.m. Acoustic Showcase at KatManDu 6 p.m. | 21 8 p.m. The Mad 7 at McCarter Theatre | 22 8 p.m. My Favorite Year at Kelsey Theatre | 8 p.m. My Favorite Year at Kelsey Theatre |
| DJ Michael T at KatManDu | | | | | | 1:30 p.m. The Metropolitan Opera Live! On WWFM |
| 24 2 p.m. My Favorite Year at Kelsey Theatre | 25 10:30-11:45 a.m. Jesse Epps-veteran civil rights activist and advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture (CM110) | 26 12 p.m. Distinguished Lecture Series: "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon and Picasso" presented by Mel Leipzig, MCCC professor of Art History (CM107) | 27 6 p.m. Acoustic Showcase at KatManDu 6 p.m. | 28 7:30 p.m. The Barber of Seville at McCarter Theatre | 29 8 p.m. Thoroughly Modern Millie at Kelsey Theatre | |
| | | | | | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. MCCC "Searching for the Stars" talent competition (Kerney campus Kerney Hall) | |

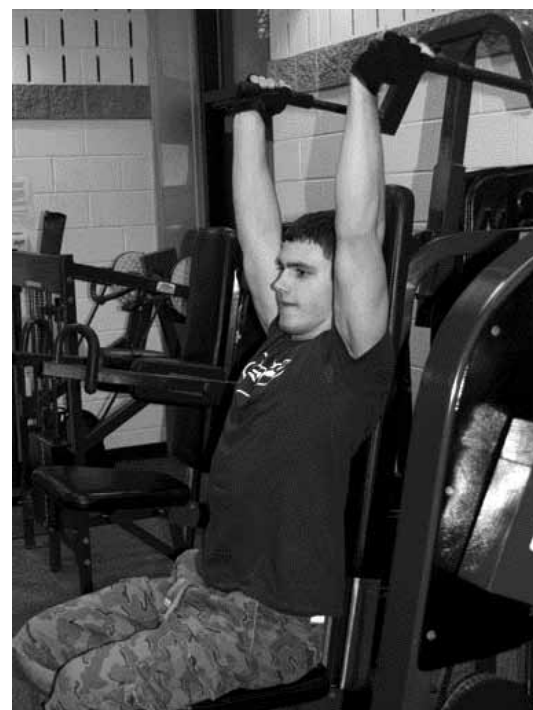


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horoscopes



Capricorn

DEC. 22 - JAN. 19

Don't stay home this Valentine's day. It's time you got out and kicked up your heels!



Aquarius

JAN. 20 - FEB. 18

Groundhog got you down? Don't worry, the sun will be shining on you this week!



Pisces

FEB. 19 - MAR. 20

There's a rumor going around about you. Don't try to kill it just laugh it off.



Aries

MAR. 21 - APR. 19

Wow, Aries, you are ready for love. Get out the Astroglide and some Barry White!



Taurus

APR. 20 - MAY 20

It's not a May to December romance if it's still going in February. Trust us.



Gemini

MAY 21 - JUN. 20

You may not realize how much you inspire others, but you sure do! Thank you.



Cancer

JUN. 21 - JUL. 22

The person you like isn't as complicated as you think. Ask what you want to know.



Leo

JUL. 23 - AUG. 22

Your car needs air in its tires, literally and metaphorically. You are due for a tune up.



Virgo

AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22

You're not wrong, everyone else is. Let them mock, they'll soon come around.



Libra

SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22

A trip to the Learning Center wouldn't kill you. Don't put it off until it's too late,



Scorpio

OCT. 23 - NOV. 21

Brooding and moody lately? It's not your fault, it's Neptune. Feb. 16 it'll get better.



Sagittarius

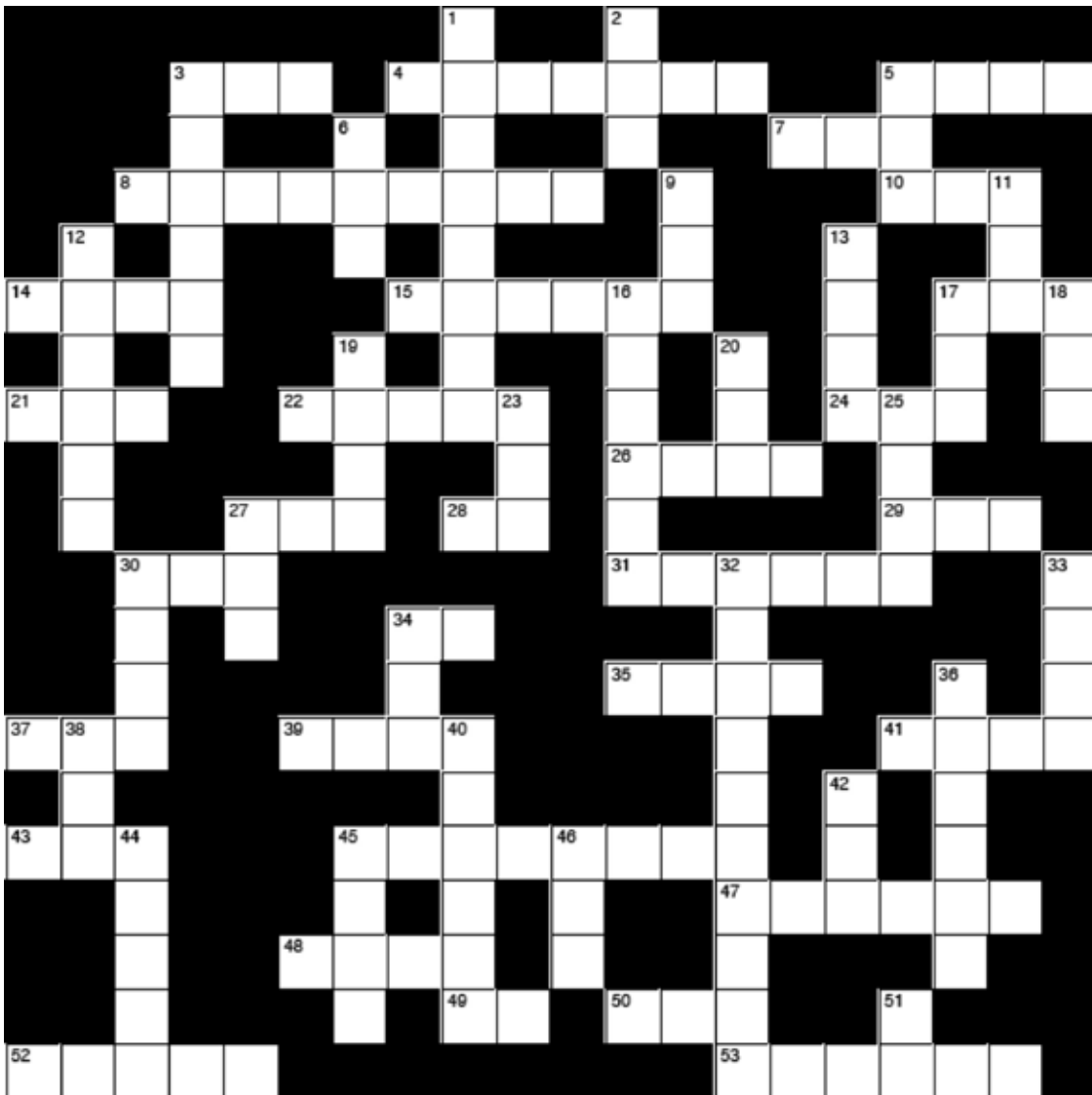
NOV. 22 - DEC. 21

Even if you've already given up on your New Year's resolution, it's not too late to try again.

Picture of the Week

The Mercer men play with heart and lose with courage in triple overtime against Lackawanna on Saturday, February 2, 2008.

MERCER'S OWN



For solution to this puzzle see our next issue!

ACROSS

3. Sock ____
4. The third C
5. A little grimace
7. Old soviet space station
8. Mandatory principles class for funeral majors

10. Gerund end
14. You put it in the coconut
15. Kevin Arnold's crush
17. Pres. after Truman abr.
21. Valdez cargo
22. "I feel the need, the need for ____"
24. McDonald's stock

- ticker
26. Skeeter of Harry Potter fame
27. "In France they call it Le Big ____"
28. Yann Martel novel, *Life of ____*
29. 101-102 must take
30. Kanga's son

31. Capital County
34. It won't melt in your hand
35. Ingredient in pumpkin pie spice
37. Men's support
39. *Three-Penny Opera* knife wielder
41. C.G. ____, Swiss psychologist
43. Dot dot dot dash dash dash dot dot dot
45. Yellow journalism founder
47. Photo prof. Michael
48. Penultimate MCCC president
49. Impossible sex chromosome pair
50. Health care provider
52. Two before Charlie
53. Muckraker Bly

DOWN

1. Norman Vincent Peale's type
2. It's mightier than the sword
3. 80's MC who wore parachute pants
5. Type of scanning machine
6. Under the weather
9. Compete for
11. Ra was one
12. Mercer mascot
13. Mercer music maker
16. Bonner Scholar's go-to prof.
17. It oversees military

- spending abr.
18. All About ____
19. Mercer committee for professional development
20. Half an acre say
23. It'll increase your Geico payment
25. Shoop-Shoop song singer
27. Bon ____
30. Cromwell's parliament
32. JKC provost
33. "The Love ____ Of J. Alfred Prufrock"
34. Prop for stand-up
36. Edward R. ____
38. Mulder's interest
40. Review or Theater
42. ____ Kim, hip-hop artist
44. Ipecac

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