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Bergen Hosts Three Fairs
For Soaring Higher After BCC

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“We are looking for a life experience beside GPA. We prefer non-traditional students with outstanding achievements before traditional students,” said Kary Blower, a senior admissions manager of Columbia University, while visiting BCC for Transfer Fair held at the college. According to Blower, many community college students are transferring to the university annually and maintaining good academic standing after transfer. Students who are a part of scholarship clubs, such as Phi Theta Kappa and Honors Association, can be on a continuing opportunity of scholarship after transfer.

Forty-eight universities set tables in the lobby with their packets to provide

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The Gift of Giving
AVIET SHIMRON

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In today’s busy society, it is uncommon to see people give back to those who are less fortunate. Bergen gave students the perfect opportunity by holding a volunteer fair on campus. There were approximately sixty tables set up, each representing a volunteer organization, available to those who feel empowered by contributing their time and service.

Majority of us are unaware that one in six American children face food insecurity, a term used to describe actual hunger or food deprivation. This extent of starvation puts children at great risk that can potentially threaten their health. Some of the volunteer opportunities available were to help those suffering from diabetes, cancer, arthritis, and trains instead of their cars.

In our state of New Jersey, The New Jersey Transit Corporation is the leading provider of public transportation. As of the official new release on October 16th, 2009, NJTRANSIT declared itself as “the nation’s largest statewide public transportation system providing more than 895,000 weekday trips on 240 bus routes.” New Jersey is one of the most heavily populated states in the nation and a bus system is vital. Despite this, it is still very difficult for young people, namely students, to get where they need to go in a timely manner.

Bergen County has more than 30 different bus lines running, making it seemingly easier for student bus commuters to get to their desired destination. Yet, there are still several towns from which one needs to make several transfers just to get to a place less than ten miles away. It is alarming.

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Students at the Garden State Plaza board a bus to BCC that sometimes arrives unusually early or late.

Junot Diaz: Inspiration to BCC Students

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Junot Díaz, author, Pulitzer Prize winner and proud Dominican, stood on the stage at the Anna Maria Ciccone Theater and reminded us to “be human”, that we are “of this world”, and that having an education is not the same as being educated.

He came to speak at BCC in celebration of Latino Heritage Month on October 19th. He began by reading an excerpt from his most recent novel, The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao followed by a Q and A session.

This was open to the public, so that by the time his speech began, the theatre was packed. There were students from William Paterson University and Bergen Tech, a number of classes from BCC that were encouraged to go to their professors and a good representation of Latinos and particularly Dominicans. Díaz is only the second Latino to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao is a novel about a Dominican ghetto nerd and his family who seem to be dealing with both Dominican and American pressures. The excerpt that Díaz read was from Chapter II, Wildwood, where Lola is in the bathroom with her mother.

After he finished, Díaz answered questions from the audience like, “Why were there
Tango Performance at BCC

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NEWS EDITOR

Ever heard the saying: it takes two to tango? In celebration of Latino Heritage Week, on October 21st, a group of tango dancers taught just that: the intimate and sensual art of tango and its intricate footwork.

Jose Pagan, an event promoter for Tango Entertainment, introduced himself and the tango dancers: Carlos Costes and Amanda Michels. They gathered in the South Wing lobby, so that students who were commuting there would have the opportunity to stop by and see how it was danced. Their faces were simply of amazement and awe, as Costes and Michels, with each graceful step, spoke of the tango’s history and romanticism of Argentine tango. In the background, the traditional music that accompanies this dance echoed across the room.

As Argentina is part of my ethnicity, and one of the countries that I’ve often visited with my family, I must admit: their performance takes me back to the streets of Buenos Aires, where the dance was popularized. I’ve always seen the dance, but was never taught.

After a few numbers, there was an intermission and Pagan announced that after a few minutes, the dancers would come back out and would conduct a tango lesson for any participants. With their demonstration, I was not only able to appreciate my culture firsthand, but I was also able to understand the passion that is inspired between a man and a woman through its steps.

Costes is an Argentinean who has been dancing tango for forty years now, and has professionally performed in various countries. His partner, Michels, is Australian and has been dancing tango for about two and a half years. Costes has a dance studio, Fred Astaire, in the upper west side of NYC. He teaches private and group tango lessons. He is hoping to open another studio in New Jersey eventually. For more information about them and upcoming events, you can visit: www.tangosanyone.com

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Stanley Yates on stage at Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre

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To celebrate Latino Heritage Week, Bergen Community College had a performance of the ARS Nova program played on October 15th at the Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre. An assortment of the musical arts and graceful performing arts were held to inform audience about Latino culture. Opening up was choreographer Lynn Needle and M.A. Taylor who danced elegantly into a very tango-esque like style to Leo Brouwer’s “Elogio de la Danza” with Stanley Yates mesmerizing guitar, moving across the stage like a strong, passionate wind of evoking art through graceful footwork.

Stanley Yates, the guitarist virtuoso, took the stage afterwards with poetry pieces from Miguel Hernandez’s Poemas de Amor. Following after were “Paisaje Cubano con Campanas” by Leo Brouwer, as well as ‘Douze Etudes’ pieces by Heitor Villa-Lobos entitled “Lent-Anime”, “Modere” and “Anime”. All compositions were done beautifully on his guitar, and holding true to his ability to play as a talented and renowned musician of England and the United States.

Greta Fenney sang a beautiful aria, “Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5” (also by Villa-Lobos) to Yate’s guitar; her cantata’s voice rang throughout the theatre’s very room in a show fit for an opera.

Yi Kyung Diana Hughes broke onto a grand piano on stage with a mixture of soft, upbeat compositions such as “Danza del Viejo Boyero” and “Danza de la Moza Donosa” before ending with the strong, echoing keys played on “Danza del Gaucha Maitreiro”; all from ‘Danzas Argentinas’ by Alberto Ginastera.

The final performance was “La Mar embúba Suite” by John Labarbera; his renditions of soft, enchanting melody was a perfect ending to the performance. His virtuoso style, along with the stage as they moved gracefully together.

ARS Nova is a 14th century term meaning ‘New Art’ for a particular musical style and it holds true to these performances. It is not just a musical work, but an enchanting effect on the audience. The melodies rang throughout the theatre as the last steps were taken and as the music died out, accompanied by the audience’s applause.

‘New Art’ Composed and Performed on Stage at BCC

Photo by Nicole De Los Santos
This past spring, Bergen Community College’s very own Professor Mindell, was honored with acceptance into the Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition. Thousands of applicants submitted entries into this competition and only forty-nine finalists were chosen;

Professor Mindell is among the finalists, whose work is currently being displayed in an exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. The exhibition opened this week with a ceremony on Thursday October 22nd to honor the finalists.

On Friday, eight BCC students who are members of the newly formed BCC Art Club headed down to Washington, D.C., chaperoned by Torch advisor and Communications Professor, Lew Wheaton. The students were excited to participate in the first BCC Art Club trip and also celebrate their professor’s amazing achievement.

The students had a great time, gaining tremendous inspiration from the works on display in the exhibition. While in Washington, the BCC Art Club also had the opportunity to visit several historic sites including the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Professor Paul Mindell’s artwork is entitled, “Align through Time: The Painted Muse, The Pixilated Views.” It is a digital photo collage of photographs, real life, and paintings. On Saturday, Professor Mindell introduced his piece to the BCC Art Club, describing it as “a journey through time. The stools bring you in, hopping on them like lily pads. Your eye is then taken to the black and white image of Rembrandt, and it follows the images, bringing you into the past, present, and future.”

National Portrait Gallery Director Martin Sullivan states, “The variety and depth of the entries was encouraging to me since it proved that portraiture is an ever-evolving genre. And best of all, this competition allows the National Portrait Gallery and its visitors to see how today’s artists interpret portraiture in all of its forms.”

First prize in this competition has been awarded to Dave Woody of Fort Collins, Colorado for his photograph entitled “Laura.” Stanley Rayfield of Richmond, Virginia was awarded second place for his submission, a painting titled “Dad.” Adam Vinson of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania took third place for an oil painting titled “Dressy Bessy Takes a Nap.” In addition to the winners of the competition, four pieces were chosen as commended submissions.

All forty-nine artworks can be viewed on the National Portrait Gallery’s website: http://www.portraitcompetition.si.edu/exhibition2009/AllFinalists.aspx. In addition to the already awarded submissions, one artist from the exhibition will win the People’s Choice Award. You can cast your vote online up until January 18, 2010. The Outwin Boochever competition will remain on display on the second floor of the National Portrait Gallery until August 22, 2010.

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Medea and their two sons. Medea has chosen to marry another in hopes to retaliate against herself even more suffering that Medea would cause becomes such a priority, lover seeking revenge. Her remarks in his post script, Thomas O’Neill explains, “It is willing to go to extreme lengths to hold her enemies responsible for their crimes. She is willing to go to extreme lengths to hold her enemies responsible for their crimes. Thomas O’Neill remarks in his post script, “Medea is suffering from what we might call an inferiority complex and left unattended can lead to the worst of all consequences.”

The play takes place in Corinth, Greece outside the palace of Jason and Medea. Medea, produced by Professor Jim Bumgardner in BCC’s scenery program, performed in the Ender Hall Lab Theatre October 30th and 31st, November 6th and 7th at 7:30 p.m. and also November 1st, 7th, and 8th at 3:00 p.m.

Medea is a tale from Greek mythology of love, loss, and revenge. This particular story is a tragic tale told beautifully through the eyes of director, Thomas O’Neill. Thomas O’Neill is a graduate of NYU and the National Theatre of Great Britain and has many credits both, on stage and behind the scenes. O’Neill remarks in his post script, “Medea is suffering from what we might call an inferiority complex and left unattended can lead to the worst of all consequences.”

As the story continues, the King, father of Jason’s new bride, who is played by Joseph Rose, exiles Medea from Corinth. With nowhere to turn and betrayed rooted deep in her mind, Medea plots to tear apart Jason’s new family, kill all her enemies and flee Corinth safely. Throughout the play, Medea becomes increasingly pitiful and desperate to “get the last laugh” at all costs. This is a tale of a woman who will stop at nothing to protect her own pride. She is willing to go to extreme lengths to hold her enemies responsible for their crimes. Thomas O’Neill explains, “It is about the desperate measures that some people take when they suffer great loss.” The Chorus of Corinthian Women remain on stage throughout the performance, and enhance the haunting motives of the anguished woman through graceful ballet dances and an echo of sorrowful, ghostlike voices.

Those involved in this production did a fabulous job of telling Medea’s tale. At the conclusion of the play, the audience paused, stunned by the reality of this sad story. The entire cast captivated the audience into witnessing Medea weave her tragic plot, and the crew managed to magnify every emotion with great costumes, flawless set, lighting and sound design.

General admission for the play is $10, while the students at BCC, seniors and staff are allowed to pay $7 to get in. The BCC Performing Arts Department 2009-2010 Season will continue with The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 in December.
Walking the Fight Against Breast Cancer

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In commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, the Bergen Community College held a walk for Breast Cancer at Bergen Community College on October 18th for “Making Strides against Breast Cancer”. The philosophy is: “a world with less breast cancer is a world of more birthdays.” With each step taken, more birthday candles are lit for survivors, as well as for those who might be facing breast cancer at this very moment.

Despite the 42°F wind and rain on BCC grounds, many people showed up—people who support and want to fight against breast cancer. Wearing ponchos and carrying umbrellas, everyone still came and fought for the cause, walking through the rain-soaked gravel around campus singing and cheering.

A wide variety of organizations and sponsorships came for the cause. Among them, at the volunteer booth, Gold’s Gym’s ‘Breast Friends’, a raggedy scarf, just to make breast cancer a thing of the past.”

Bergen’s First Unplugged

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Close your eyes and imagine this: Warm dim lights, one mic stand, amps, acoustic guitars, crowded room and some soft and warm vocals from our fellow musicians. This was an event that you found right here on the Bergen Campus. The setting for the Bergen Unplugged: Stage One that was promoted and given by Professor Andrew Krikun’s Production Class was an event almost similar to the intimate coffee shop with its weekly events and auditions.

Volunteer

Leukemia, multiple sclerosis, hospice, HIV/AIDS, handicapped, individuals living in poverty, battered women and children, animal abuse—the list of choices goes on and on.

One example of a well-known organization is The Salvation Army. They are an organization that aids in emergency disaster services to help provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care to those of need. If you have a passion for helping, there are many amounts of old clothing throughout the years, there is a need to get them sitting around to collect dust. There are much less fortunate people who would be filled with joy to simply own a pair of gloves, an old hat or sweatshirt, even a raggedy scarf, just to stay warm in the blistering winter cold.

The Salvation Army is one of many organizations that don’t require much time or effort in giving back to your society. Simply stop by one of its many locations and drop off any tangible items including food, clothing and electronics.

Volunteering allows us to express our passions through our actions. Most of us don’t return home after a long, tough day and fear that we may encounter an empty refrigerator. In most cases the compensation received for volunteer work is untangible. When it comes to saving someone’s life or putting a smile on a young child’s face, the emotional satisfaction felt is priceless.

Breast cancer survivors cutting the ribbon to begin the walk.

Photo by Nicole De Los Santos
All College Day

All College Day, held every semester serves a single purpose for both faculty and students: uniting their voices and bringing them together.

The theme of the event was: One College, One Community, Many Voices, and Many Talents.

The event was an assembly of different administrative organizations and groups within the college, whose goal was to listen to the opinions of students and faculty on how to improve BCC for all of us.

This semester, All College Day had plenty of inspirational speakers from all spheres of college life, including students, faculty members, club leaders and organization representatives. The event also recognized some of the prominent members of the College Council and its subcommittees. "College Council is a collective..." 

Day had plenty of inspirational topics of certain courses. The event was Dr. Mark David Milliron, a motivational speaker, famous for his ideas to improve learning by embracing the technologies of the future and today. His power packed speech was not only informative, but very entertaining to watch.

Milliron discussed the importance of using the tools that technology has given us in smart and efficient ways to improve the value of our education while simultaneously saving money.

There are many information sources available on the Internet for students to save money on textbooks as well as aides to teachers to get students more interested in course material.

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All College Day

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Journalism in Turmoil

HUMA MUNIR
Editor-in-Chief

Unfortunately, the concept of journalism has been altered in today’s media so much that its original elements of unbiased reporting are slowly withering away.

If you feel passionate about journalism, you have probably read about how early journalism transformed the history of nations and countries around the world. Journalism was, and is, one of the leading ways of recording and preserving the most important details of each time period.

John Steinbeck, one of the first people to have influenced the world of journalism, wrote a novel that recorded everyday lives of Californian farmers. By doing so, he changed the world of journalism with his close, careful and descriptive reporting.

Steinbeck had a great deal to say about journalism. He believed that journalism “...has the greatest virtue and the greatest evil.” Steinbeck realized that journalism has the power to sway people’s opinion and manipulate them into thinking whether something is right or wrong. On the other hand, unbiased and investigative reporting has the power to unveil some of the most astonishing facts essential to human learning.

Judging from Steinbeck’s view of journalism, I can say that it has had a deep impact on the way I perceive this profession. Not only do I realize that journalism has become a mere show business, but also one of the greatest evil that is constantly manipulating the way we think. Journalism should let us think for ourselves rather than thinking “for us.”

Major news agencies are a total embarrassment and disappointment to our society today. CNN and MSNBC favor the democrats and praise their candidates, while FOX news only cares about what the conservatives have to say. It drives me crazy to think that we can’t have a news channel that presents both sides of the story.

This becomes even more upsetting when you are a journalism major and working for news is your passion. It makes me wonder if people, who are strong advocates of unbiased reporting, have any room in today’s media at all. I strongly believe if people are educated about what true journalism is, then they can transform it by raising their voices against biased reporting. After much thought and deliberation, I finally chose this topic for my lead editorial, because I believe that students can collectively change the world of journalism and turn it back to where it once stood: on the threshold of honesty.

The only question now is: how do we do it? Believe it or not, we have all the power in the world to change the way journalism works today. If you are better aware of where to get your news from, you will be more willing to go to low-key websites that have unbiased news stories and investigative reporting. It could be from CNN, MSNBC and Al-Jazeera first came into existence and revolutionized the world of media, globally. For the first time in the history, we heard the Middle Eastern point of view that was rivaling with the western point of view.

Though CNN, MSNBC and Al-Jazeera tend to be extremely biased in what they promote as “journalism,” it is a good idea to read or watch a little bit of everything rather than limiting yourself to one source.

I would just like to say that I am in no way an expert in the field of journalism, but I am thankful for the many more that adhere to the true elements of journalism. I want to make is that it is enough hits on the internet or T.V. It will give rise to more proficient news sources such as the huffingtonpost.com, telegraph, the economist and many more that adhere to the true elements of journalism.

Another crucial point that I want to make is that it is vital that you have balanced opinion—even if you tend to favor one side over other. When Al-Jazeera first came into existence and revolutionized the world of media, globally. For the first time in the history, we heard the Middle Eastern point of view that was rivaling with the western point of view.

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From Caveman to Caveman

Ayelet Shimon
Staff Writer

“Technology” the greatest influential advancement of the 21st century. It has the power to disperse information worldwide, control virtually anything, even wipe out the human race with the click of a button. Since mankind stepped foot on planet earth approximately one million years ago, the human race has evolved from theoretically living in a cave to, “in essence,” living in a cave of isolation.

We went from spears to weapons of mass destruction, horseback to planes, trains, & automobiles, telegrams to cell phones. The list is endless. But is technology making everything so convenient that it is guiding us toward a dumber, lazier, and socially inept society? We no longer need to memorize phone numbers nor do we require a sense of direction. We would rather order pizza online than get behind a wheel and speak to a person face-to-face. Many kids prefer to play video games with their friends on the interwebs rather than go outside and throw an actual ball around. All you need is a room with a computer and internet connection, and you have managed to create a virtual reality for yourself, detached from human interaction and into technological quarantine.

According to Shawn

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**Roving Reporter**

“In this difficult economic situation, what is the most affordable college in your opinion?”

**AVIET SHIMRON - STAFF WRITER**

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Finnike Tonzuni

Major: Liberal Arts

"Considering the recession, I would most likely transfer to either William Paterson or Montclair. These two are great schools and are close to home, allowing me to save on costs of living away at school."

Marisa Hyde

Major: Undecided

"I was originally planning to go to Rhode Island but because of the economic situation and the inflation in colleges, I will probably have to resort to an in-state school. I want to go to William Paterson University or Montclair but I’m still keeping my options open."

Jonathan Shimron

Major: Business Management

"I would choose an Ivy League school, such as Harvard or Yale. You cannot put a price on accelerated education or your future. I need competitive surroundings to motivate me to succeed. Taking globalization into account, competition in the future is going to be even fiercer than it is today. I’m willing to do anything possible to get the upper hand; price for education has no limits."

Kristian Meeks

Major: Liberal Arts

"I would like to go to East Stroudsburg or Indiana State University, they are both located in Pennsylvania. Even though they are out of state, you still pay $22,000 which is less expensive than many out of state or in-state colleges. Also, if your grades are above a 3.0, your tuition is reduced by 50% at these schools."

Yahya Hussain

Major: Information Technology

"The best school for me would probably have to be NJIT because my major is Information Technology. That’s where I would go to branch off and see if I could get a good start there with internships, which I heard they offer. NJIT is a university so most likely it is expensive but I’m more concerned about my education."

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Choosing a CCIS sponsored program enables you to select a country and study there for a semester, the summer or even as long as a full academic year. Credits are earned and will be received upon completion of classes. Some of the popular countries chosen by students to study in are: Italy, Spain, Democrats or Republicans:

**Does It Really Matter?**

**SADAF KHURSHID - CO-EDITOR**

Chris Christie after beating Gov. Jon S. Corzine in the gubernatorial race on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.

"Real change has come to New Jersey,” said Governor-elect Chris Christie after beating Gov. Jon S. Corzine in the gubernatorial race on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd. However, I wonder if this will be a good or bad change. According to NJ.com, "Christie's plan for reducing property taxes targets government spending in general. The hundreds of town councils and schools districts in New Jersey where most of the money generated by local property taxes is spent are going to be held more accountable," he said.

Is this really a good idea? Residents pay taxes on schools; however this is money well spent. Following Christie’s plan means cutting down the number of public schools. For the middle class, public schools are a godsend from heaven. It is quality education at no extra cost. Instead of attending private schools and paying more money, children are getting good education from tax payer's money.

How can the government think of cutting schools to lower the cost of taxes? During this declining economic state, voters are unsure of their future, and disappointed with the economy. What is it that we, the residents of New Jersey, are yearning for at this moment? It is some financial relief. This financial relief can only come from taxes because recently taxes have been outrageously high and need to be lowered. During this economic turmoil, and the lack of jobs the government should think about the residents of its state and think about lowering taxes rather than increasing them.

The economy is in bad shape and so money played a vital role in this election. Not many cared about how corrupt these government officials were but only wanted tax relief. Ignorantly thinking that Christie will provide tax, voters have chosen him as their governor. They expect to gain some financial relief from an individual that never provided an actual plan during the period of the governor’s race. During the end of the election it became apparent that it was no more about packing the best candidate but instead, the lesser evil.

There was really not much choice for the voters, they had only two choices: one

**Students Want the Best Bang for Their Buck**

We all know the phrase “Best bang for your buck,” and this semester at Bergen Community College, we are witnessing precisely that. Now more than ever before, students are actually attending the classes they spent their hard-earned money for. The current recession really plays a significant role in motivating these young adults.

With an enrollment increase of 17 percent from fall 2008 to fall 2009, Bergen has seen a tremendous rise in its student population, since its 1.5 percent increase from fall 2007 to fall 2008. Bergen has now divided its total of 17,000 students into 3 campuses: Paramus, being the main campus, Hackensack and the Meadowlands.

Speaking on behalf of BCC students, I know how tough it is, not only to find a parking spot (because once that has finally happened, all you want to do it chant out “Hallelujah!”). Despite this small victory, once you get inside the building a massive net of sardines. Everyone, everywhere, is in disorderly mayhem, like wild savages, nudging, elbowing, pushing one another, with the one common goal of making it to class on time.

I have been at Bergen long enough to know that it has never taken as long as it currently does to get your hands on a vacant computer. But once a computer does free up, it’s a matter of Darwin’s “Survival of the Fittest” theory, where only the strong survive.

Regardless of the chaos that takes place at Bergen on a daily basis, it gives me a sense of comfort to know that with the economy at its lowest point in decades, students are more conscious of the value of education and are attending their classes faithfully.

The hard-earned money of these parents, or students themselves, is no longer being thrown around aimlessly. In the sense that “You get what you pay for,” Bergen definitely does its job by living up to its reputation for being one of the best community colleges in NJ. When put to race, the bang beats the buck any day.

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Unconventional Looks Into Modern Art

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Three Color Curl

Sara Van Der Veek
A Composition of Detroit

James Nares
Game 1975

Andy Warhol - “Orange Car Crash Fourteen Times 1963” (left) and “Campbell Soup Cans 1962” (right)
For twelve dollars along with your student ID, you will receive a day pass to the museum, plus a ticket stub to a movie showing in one of the three theaters, so make sure to free your day when visiting the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA).

The museum features three theater rooms that show movies throughout the day and six floors of exhibitions. The following are a few highlights that will still be on display throughout the upcoming month.

On the second floor you will find: Claude Monet’s: Water Lilies. The main attraction in this room is a forty-one foot long triptych composed of three paintings installed at a slight angle. The painting’s nonexistent vantage point challenges the viewer’s perspective while inviting the viewer to visually interact with the paintings’ depiction of light and space.

Another exhibit running through the month of November also found on the second floor is: Looking At Music: Side 2. At the entrance, a video by James Nares titled Game 1975, introduces the viewer to the room. Similar to a game of checkers, the video shows two people playing with rocks on a tiled floor. The rocks make a clacking sound that changes tempos and pauses as the players think of the next move. The video ends with neither winner nor loser, but rather a circle formed by the eight pieces played.

The remainder of the exhibit displays sample songs, music videos, super 8 films, and zines made by musicians and filmmakers experimenting with inexpensive methods that went against the mainstream of the 1970’s.

On the third floor, The Robert and Joyce Menschel Photography Gallery exhibits New Photography 2009 through January 11, 2010. The featured artists in this exhibit are Walead Beshty, Daniel Gordon, Leslie Hewitt, Carter Mull, Sterling Ruby and Sara VanDerBeek. The photographs in this gallery display a non-conventional aspect of the medium that reflects the artists’ influence by other modalities.

Once again, make sure to free your day when visiting this place and stop by the permanent galleries. The museum is located on 11 West 53rd Street New York, NY. For more information visit: www.moma.org
Ten Things You Should Know About...

**Men**

**Matthew Cole**
**Staff Writer**

Let’s make this easy. Men are simple. Whether you are looking for sex or friendship, we can manage both, just not at the same time. This brings me to...

1. We are not good at multitasking. Not to say that we cannot multitask, we just can’t in the way you will ever need us to. Multitasking to us is watching the game and eating at the same time.

2. Don’t think too hard to impress. Ask something, anything about us. What we like to eat, read or watch on TV and you will already have impressed us. Why? Because, you talked about something other than yourselves.

3. We have listening skills. Similar to multitasking, our listening skills do not work in the way you would like them to. Either it’s that we don’t care; it is just that we care more about being in the moment than remembering it.

4. Be nice to us. We are looking for someone who backs us up and can actually talk to us about what we like.

5. We are not going to respect you if you do not respect yourselves. Whether it’s by how you take care of yourselves or by how you act. We can tell when a girl does not respect herself. So do whatever you need to, study hard, buy new clothes, hit the gym, or hang with your girls. You have every reason to respect yourself and to put yourself in the highest regards.

6. Give us our space. It’s great knowing that you need us but we need our “guy” time.

7. The only signals we understand are traffic signals and most umpires and referees. So stop expecting us to read your signals. We are wired differently so no matter how hard we try we will never end up missing the signal or getting it crossed. Let’s say it is your birthday coming up and you want a special dress send a picture message of the actually dress and its location “by accident” to us.

8. We like to be in control. Control the remote, music on the radio, where to eat, what to do…we love being in control.

9. We are not going to change. Do not try to change us or else you will upset the delicate balance. At twelve years old we basically became the person you see now, not you or our mothers can change us so stop trying.

10. Just be yourself. It’s the most obvious one but the one that needs to be said and repeated, “Just be you.” Speak your mind, an opinion and have fun. Nothing is worse than a girl that brings down the mood.

**Women**

What do women want? For years, many men have marveled and brooded over women. Women are multifaceted beings and they work on a different wavelength than men. However, women are not unerringly the “great mystery” that most men make women out to be. So after years of trying to unravel what goes on in a woman’s brain there are a few general things (nevertheless, essential things) that every man should know about women in order to understand them a little better.

1. It is the little things that count. The good morning text messages, the little box of Godiva chocolates, and holding the door open are small gestures that win you big points.

2. Listen when we talk. Do not pretend to listen; we know the difference. Men always whine about women blahing too much, but usually women are just reiterating the same things because men probably were not listening the first time.

3. It hurts, yes. We are talking about menstrual cramps and the occasional days you are gone.

4. Just be yourself. It’s that most men are getting that something.

5. Do not act like a jerk around your friends. Have the courtesy to introduce us and do not put us down in front of them. If not, we will find someone else.

6. “Nothing’s” wrong usually means there is something wrong.

7. Do not bottle everything up. It drives us crazy when we don’t know what you are thinking about. Do not be so afraid to share your problems with us; we want to listen and help.

8. We expect you to call. So it is grey’s night out and you are out clubbing and drinking. It doesn’t hurt to take two minutes out of your partying to call us to let us know you are still thinking about us. It is thoughtful and scores you major points as opposed to you ignoring our calls because it is too “loud” or you are too “busy” getting wasted.

9. Women remember everything. Remember that time you did that thing that led to that thing…yeah. We remember.

10. We admire you. We think about you probably more than we should, and miss you terribly when you are gone.

“Men never remember, women never forget.”

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**Nüvifone G60 Review**

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Iphones, Blackberries, and Sidekicks – what more could you ask for? How about a new phone created by Garmin? The Nüvifone G60 is yet another multi-cellular gadget that competes with many other major cell phones. Looks like Garmin, originally only for a car GPS, is now competing on the bandwagon.

This phone is not only a talking device, but it allows you to steer and talk simultaneously. What separates this phone from any other phone is that Garmin’s built-in GPS system does not need any visual support for the user.

Why? It is voice-guided.

Garmin has their GPS voice prompting turn-by-turn directions that even speak the street names into a hand-held cell phone that comes with a customized car mount. This is definitely a safety feature for some drivers multi-taskers who love to talk while they drive.

For those who get lost easily, Nüvifone includes a “Where am I” feature that displays your current location and the closest police, hospital, and gas stops.

On the other hand, for those who still like to walk, there is also a pedestrian setting for in-hand navigation.

Nüvifone is black, slick, and has a 3.5 inch anti-glare touch-screen display, this bad boy only weighs 4.8 ounces.

Also, with Nüvifone’s new, voice directions, the phone carries many similar features to phones such as the Iphone and Blackberry. To name a few, Wi-Fi, iKeyBoard, touch-screen, MP3, camera, entertainment applications, portrait/landscape view, and Blu-tooth are some of the favorites that are also in the Nüvifone.

If you are not into some serious navigation, you might consider staying with your current touch-screen phone that over does the same thing.

The Nüvifone G60 is now available at your local AT&T store starting at $299.99.

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**Secrets To Happiness**

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**Fab Faux**

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At what concert venue can you see people between the ages of four and sixty-four? The answer is Fab Faux. Fab Faux is one of the most popular Beatles imitation bands, and I was lucky enough to go to their concert on October 10th.

The seats I had were not very close to the stage but at a Fab Faux concert, the seats that you have are not really an issue. You are guaranteed to have a blast either way.

The concert started off with a drum roll and flashing lights. The first song that the Fab Faux sang was “A Hard Day’s Night”. They went on to sing more well known Beatles songs, such as “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds” and “Yellow Submarine”.

The energy that the band exhibited was unconditionally phenomenal. They managed to get the whole audience to provide sound effects for “I am The Walrus” and to sing along to the well-known chorus of “Yellow Submarine”.

Very much like the Beatles, the band joked with each other onstage and yelled things out into the audience. At one point, people started yelling out song requests. Will Lee, the bassist, responded by yelling out: “Okay! Everyone yell out your song requests on three!” which only got the audience to laugh even harder. The energy and dedication Fab Faux provided to the music made the concert that much more than just a concert.

A Fab Faux concert is always enjoyable because there are so many different people in the audience. Some, like my mother, were from the generation of the Beatles. Some, like my friends and I, were from the younger generation but were brought up on the Beatles. No matter what age group you fall into, you will have a blast singing along to all your favorite Beatles’ songs.

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**With Natural Oils, Your Face Can Be More Beautiful**

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One of the best ways to obtain the smoothest skin is by applying natural oils. Juba Oil is a type of oil that is amazing for treating people with “normal skin” types. It gives the face a shine, keeps it smooth, and gives the face a healthy look. For “oily” skin types, try applying clove oil or peppermint oil for best results. For “dry” skin types use a mixture of various oils together, such as Jasmine and Rose oil. And finally for “sensitive” skin, nothing is better than extra virgin olive oil because it is sensitive on the skin and your face doesn’t need to be moist using advanced lotions or the use of face scrubs.

The best way to use these oils is by washing your face well and then boiling water in a pot, then dropping a couple drops of any of the mentioned oils inside. Use this method according to your skin type. When you drop the drops of oil in the pot, turn off the heat and apply a large towel over the pot covering it around the rim so that the steam wouldn’t escape, except throughout the towel itself.

The towel will absorb the moisture and the steam will escape in a slow manner. Lower your face towards the pot at a slow speed without getting too close so the temperature would not be too hot. Leave the steam to do its job alone for a few minutes. Repeat as much as you feel is necessary. It will not cause any harm to your skin and is fully natural.

Your face will remain feeling calm and relaxed afterwards. There is no need to use any artificial lotions. Beauty can be revealed at a lower cost and be chemical free for you. Don’t hesitate to try these techniques!
Michael Jackson's Last Gift To His Fans

A moment of silence for the fallen.

The Inspirational Admiral: David Robinson

Leadership, character, charisma, and humility are just a few of the things that can be said about David "The Admiral" Robinson. He is also one of the best centers to ever grace a basketball court. This past September he, along with John Stockton and Michael Jordan, were the players inducted into the Hall of Fame as The Class of 2009. For those who watched as Robinson gave his acceptance speech, goose bumps ran down my spine. His words captivated the crowd when he spoke, just as he captivated fans on the hardwood floor.

The most evident thing in David Robinson's speech was his humility. He made a point to give genuine gratitude to all the people that helped him along the way. His speech was a speech about great things in life. Finally, he thanked his wife, Valerie, and said something every wife should hear at some point in a marriage: "you make me want to be a better man everyday." This was not merely a speech to a show of appreciation to the people that blessed his life and ultimately made his basketball success possible.

But Robinson wasn't inducted into the Hall of Fame for his humility; he was inducted for being a dominating figure on the basketball court. From his four years playing on the Navy basketball team to his three seasons in the NBA, he simply got the job done. While playing in the Naval Academy, Robinson set every record that could possibly be set. In the NBA, his list of accomplishments is never ending. To name a few, he was Rookie of the Year (1989-90), a NBA MVP, won Defensive Player of the Year awards, holds rebounding titles, a scoring crown, six All-Star bids, and he's one of only two players, along with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, to win a scoring, rebounding, and blocked-shots title during his career. Oh, and let's not forget most importantly about two Olympic gold medals and two NBA Championship titles. The true mark of a leader is the ability to make others around you better. David Robinson did this for the San Antonio Spurs.

Also equally impressive is the philanthropic work Robinson has done off the court. He and his wife Valerie donated $9 million to help create the Carver Academy, a school dedicated to serving Pre-K through second grade students who live in San Antonio. The Carver Academy will offer 290 children a challenging academic program that will feature small classrooms, a nurturing family-like environment, and leadership opportunities all based on the foundation of video-game effects. There is no question that the impact Carver Academy will have on these children will be grand. Thus, it is no surprise that in 1998, he was inducted into the World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame.

Loving husband and father, philanthropist, Olympic Gold Medalist, and NBA Champion; it is clear that David Robinson makes a fantastic edition to the NBA Hall of Fame.

Contributing Writer

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When you think of “paranormal activity”, you think of ghosts (or the other side) somehow communicating with the real world. That thought could trigger the familiar feeling of dread and a letter of recommendation.

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• If one does not kill the other before 5, both will die.

Saw II 2005

• Japan is apprehended for another murder – part of a plan to throw the detectives involved into the deadly game.

Saw III 2006

• The killing game continues in Japan and his new acquaintance arduous每隔几秒钟左侧的满洲或者 another victim.

Saw IV 2007

• Jigsaw, his apprentice are dead; two FBI profilers help uncover Jigsaw; Hoffman place together the game, another officer is stumped.

Saw V 2006

• Hoffman is hailed as a hero after Jigsaw’s death; until FBI agent Strahm discovers that Hoffman has been helping Jigsaw. Five more are caught in the web.

Saw VI 2009

• Agent Strahm is discovers that Hoffman is the leader of the Saw franchise, but as the FBI agent Burr, Hoffman, another suspect appears, motion, reversing Jigsaw’s game scheme.

THE RESISTANCE

The Resistance, Muse’s fifth studio album, is a science-fiction journey of operatic quality.

Released in September and already climbing to number three on the American charts, The Resistance creates moods, evokes emotion, and takes listeners on a symphony through to the very end of the album. Muse is composed of Matthew Bellamy on vocals, guitar, keyboards, piano, and synthesizers, Christopher Wolstenholme on bass and vocals, and Dominic Howard on drums, percussion, and synthesizers. The three members bring a powerful sound comparable to Radiohead and Queen. Progressive rock is at the very core of this album; however Muse manages to bring a new twist, invoking their style into the popular genre.

Muse is currently on tour with U2 and recently performed at the MTV Video Music Awards, inviting their fans to a free recording of their performance, followed by an exclusive full concert. Rumors are circulating that The Resistance tour will follow their dates in Europe, and Muse will come to the U.S. during the spring.

The Resistance, has put the band in a new light of fame and glory. Muse’s next album, the Resistance, is a science-fiction journey of operatic quality.

WOLFSEN

Dear readers, for six straight years we have experienced the pain and torture of those who do not appreciate life, but this time it is different. Setting down in the auditorium, staring at the disturbing images of Saw VI, you will be asking yourself: is it worth it? But don’t let it fool you. Look past the blood and gore and you will find more than what you bargained for.

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There are three things in life that are completely unavoidable: death, taxes, and break-ups. Luckily, I am here to shed some light on dealing with a painful break-up.

Lust dunes, our secret to break-ups is looking tough and acting tough. Sure, that sounds easy enough, but when push comes to shove – it’s not. Whether you like it or not, you are going to break up. You probably have a lot more time on your hands, but a whole lot less time to yourself. You have to stop thinking about her. Bringing me to...

**Rule number 1: Cold Clean Cut.** You’re going to be down in the dumps. It is natural, unavoidable, and manageable.

**Rule number 2: Clean House.** Get rid of the junk, hers that is.

**Rule number 3: Support Group.** Okay, you are not quitting smoking, or trying to give up the bottle but you are going to need help. This is where the support group comes in handy and by support group, I mean friends. They are going to give you that push to get your gloomy but out and about.

**Rule number 4: Stay active!** If you have been putting off the gym, get in there and do some work. It is scientifically proven that exercise releases chemicals in your brain that make you happy.

In addition, there are a few extra tips to keep in mind while following the rules. Crying is an escape for emotions you have no other way of dealing with. A good cry is going to help. Write down on a piece of paper your emotions or things you have always wanted to say but you were too “manly” to admit. Also, stay away from soy because it has been proven to make our estrogen levels higher, opening the door to crummy emotions. In his new book, “When He/She’s Left You — Copping” by Dr. Tracy.

In fact, he believes in this very lack of linear direction that makes us believe that the Internet has that trait.

**Rule number 1:** Do not get into a “beloved” relationship. It is our brains the amazing things they are. It is this that allows us to be creative, think outside the box, understand a joke, and numerous other tasks which only a human brain can do. Which baffles the world’s greatest supercomputers. The Internet has that trait of disorganization in spades. “Think about it,” says Jeffery M. Stibel of BCC’s Computer Science department. “The Internet is the only successful model of chaos theory in our society. It is a complex system or group that controls it, but it, works.”

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**Rule number 3:** Do not sit and focus on a math problem like a sinner. When we do math, we tend to drift off, daydream, glance around, feel hungry and wonder if food will do us any good in solving our mathematical equations. Stibel believes it is this very lack of linear direction that makes our brains the amazing things they are. It is this that allows us to be creative, think outside the box, understand a joke, and numerous other tasks which only a human brain can do. Which baffles the world’s greatest supercomputers. The Internet has that trait of disorganization in spades. “Think about it,” says Jeffery M. Stibel of BCC’s Computer Science department. “The Internet is the only successful model of chaos theory in our society. It is a complex system or group that controls it, but it, works.”

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For ages we have dreamed of creating true artificial intelligence – a robot or computer that could think, feel, daydream, and behave much in the same way as humans do without having to imitate them.

The learning part is easy enough as science-fiction characters, such as Data from Star Trek or the Cylons from Battlestar Galactica, demonstrate. But in practice, creating a thinking-feeling machine is easier said than done. It is not for lack of trying; many devoted computer scientists have dedicated their time trying to create intelligent machines, and have fallen far short of the mark. Part of the problem is that it is hard to explain to a computer how to think like a human.

What if we're much closer to accomplishing this than we imagine? What if the true secret is not using linear algorithms within a single computer, but rather creating a massive network of interacting computers, and allowing that huge network to develop itself naturally? A network such as...the Internet.

This is the concept behind Jeffery M. Stibel’s new book, “Wired for Thought: How the Brain is Changing the Future of the Internet.” The scientist and owner of multiple businesses, is convinced that the Internet is developing through process of natural evolution, into something very similar – in structure and function – to the human brain. In fact, he believes that it may already be forming its first rudimentary thoughts. And not only that, but he has practical applications for this as well. Stibel believes that understanding the brain will allow for greater understanding of the Internet, which can help your internet-based companies to succeed in the long run. We do not sit and focus on a math problem like a sinner. When we do math, we tend to drift off, daydream, glance around, feel hungry and wonder if food will do us any good in solving our mathematical equations. Stibel believes it is this very lack of linear direction that makes our brains the amazing things they are. It is this that allows us to be creative, think outside the box, understand a joke, and numerous other tasks which only a human brain can do. Which baffles the world’s greatest supercomputers. The Internet has that trait of disorganization in spades. “Think about it,” says Jeffery M. Stibel of BCC’s Computer Science department. “The Internet is the only successful model of chaos theory in our society. It is a complex system or group that controls it, but it, works.”

Today, the internet is an important facet of the culture, and then moving onto the next, the brain and the Internet. We certainly draw up some interesting parallels between the brain and the Internet. We will just have to wait and see where it leads. Are you ready to see the Internet in a whole new light?

**Overcoming Breakups....**

MATTHEW COLE
STAFF WRITER

Women

So you just got your heart broken, you’re looking down at the same, feels the same, or even if the same, try to comfort yourself with words but only their lips move, and no sound seems to escape either or your throat. You did not break-up was his decision or your decision is meaningless. It might have been completely personal mutual. Nevertheless, there’s an unwanted, dreadful feeling in the way your stomach churns and you are at a loss for words. What if you do feel?

Painful break-ups can be emotionally draining. It hurts, and it hurts even more. But in some ways, there are some pathways that can alleviate your heart in this sense of loss.

**Rule number 1:** Do not get into a “beloved” relationship. It is our brains the amazing things they and to you. You need a break at this point whatever you like it or not.

**Rule number 2:** Do not think. Screen and go over and again about why the relationship did not work out. After all, who wants to ponder the reasons for the demise of their failed relationship? Save the psycho-analysis for a time when you are emotionally healthy, and just try to have fun.

Perhaps the books don’t lie. Ice cream really is a girl’s best friend after a break-up. Don’t hesitate to do yourself to that pint of double-fudge, chocolate ice cream great for first the healing will soon start to take place.

Break-ups are inevitable, but does it mean that you can’t get through it. If you follow these rules, time will do the rest.

**Wired for Thought: How the Brain is Changing the Future of the Internet**

JEFFREY M. STIBEL
STAFF WRITER

For ages we have dreamed of creating true artificial intelligence – a robot or computer that could think, feel, daydream, and behave much in the same way as humans do without having to imitate them.

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something that will be in any way extra, it will be built into the courses that you already have...so what we are doing is identifying it, bringing it out and calling it what it is,” said Dean Ricatto.

The goal is to make students aware of the impact we could have in our own community. Whether we want to accept

Bus Service

to find out that some students spend more time on the bus getting to Bergen Community College than they do in class.

At the NJ Transit open forum held by Tom Casey, early in October at the Student Center of BCC, several students complained about the lack of sufficient bus service to Bergen Community College. One student remarked upon the large afternoon time gap for the #751 bus. After 2:01 PM, the #751 bus headed to Ridgewood doesn’t hold service Bergen Community College again until 5:11 PM. Originally, the increase of bus service to BCC via the #175 line was designed to alleviate the overcrowding problem around the #751, #755 and #755S. However, another problem has to be addressed: the long bus lines: perpetual lateness.

One student who was waiting for the bus said, “She [the bus driver] usually gets off the local bus schedule. She usually has an attitude too but I understand, because it must be tough driving all day.” Surprisingly, however, the bus driver came early—five minutes past the scheduled time that day.

Tom Casey observed bus activity on September 3rd, 9th and 15th of the fall semester. The observations were made at two bus stop locations, where students were likely to be waiting: the Garden State Plaza Mall and the Mega Structure at BCC. Casey noticed that most of the local bus lines, namely the #709, #756 and #758, needed to have their schedules retimed because they frequently arrived late. This is not just a small inconvenience; bus lateness results in missed connections at Garden State Plaza Mall for students that live far away and need to take two or more buses just to get to class.

During the open forum, several students remarked that ticket vending machines would be extremely helpful in reducing lateness as more students would be paying with bus passes instead of cash. This may be a possibility in the future years; although discounted student tickets could not be purchased, the regularly discounted rate would not be available.

Students can purchase NJ Transit monthly bus passes with the 25% discounted student rate on the college website.

Governor’s Election

a supposedly corrupt politician or a corrupt newbie who had no clue of how things work but planned to help lower taxes. The choice has been made and that is none of our business.

Steven Schwartz, 55, a litigation consultant from Montvale and a Democrat, said, “Corzine has accomplished here at BCC in the last few semesters. For more information and updates visit the Bergen Goes Green page: http://www.bergen.cc.nj.us/pages/4011.asp.

Jobs

than applying the regular way, because we get to meet it. It’s a more personal interaction.”

On the other side of the table, TD Bank representative, Winston Edwards, expressed how rewarding it is for the bank to be involved in the Bergen County College job fair. They understand that it helps to give financial relief without an actual plan.

Working with legislators. But he said Mr. Christie has offered nothing but vague promises. “He’ll cut spending and taxes and restore the property tax rebate. How?” he said. “If it was an option, I would take it.”

Unfortunately, it seems that the residents of New Jersey have nothing good to look forward to. They probably will be worse off than they are now. So my real question is, are we doomed?

According to a poll done by David Halbfinger and Megan Thee-Brennan of NY Times: “Economic issues have New Yorkers near despair, the survey showed. About three-quarters of those polled rated the state’s economy as fairly bad or very bad, the worst rating since the question was first asked in 1993. As many say it is hard to keep up with their bills. Four of five think the economy is staying the same or getting worse. Seven in 10 worry that a recession in New York will put their household will be out of work in the next year.”

Paranormal

using blood, creatures, and more, to simply scare the wits out of you.

According to an article on boxofficecomjo.com, “Paranormal Activity surged to a spectacular $79 million for a $9.1 million total since it started with midnight-only showings on Sept 25.”

Best time to watch? Late at night, full house. You’ll not just watch the movie. You experience it with the audience, as everyone laughs at the funny moments when Michal futilely tries to challenge the phenomena; and then they hold their breath, clench the edge of their seats (or each other) and scream when the demon hauls Katie right out of bed and into the darkness.

Junot Diaz

He was also very humble, saying that he did not think of himself as a “good writer” since he wasn’t like some authors who could “bang” two novels a year, but had to work for eleven years to finish Oscar Wao.

After each session, there was a time to meet Diaz and get a signed copy of his novel. As the students left the theater, I heard one of them say “Yo, I wanted to give him a hug, man! He inspired me!”

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France, Belize, and England. Argentina is also a popular choice by students because of its cost. The United States, cheap student housing, climate, and environment. Buenos Aires, Argentina’s capital city, known as “París de Sur América”, with a population of 13 million. 

Argentina offers many activities for both the civilians of the capital and international students. Downtown is full of historical buildings, restaurants, shops, theaters, cinemas, and outdoor cafes. The course offerings at the Universidad de Belgrano vary; however, you usually can make a connection to update their facebook or twitter status to tell the world to be zealously glued to your phone use to cancer. 

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gratitude and thanks were expressed to all those who earned the highest distinction: the “Student of the Year” award, the “Student of the Year,” and “Student of the Year.” This undoubtedly shows the admiration we have for the counselors, staff, faculty and everyone who devotes their time to ensure the success of BCC students. In all, the student has a responsibility to themselves. Nothing can or will be achieved without hard work. If you need encouragement, seek out your coaches, counselors and advisors on campus. Their primary goal is to help. The first step towards achieving fruition, whether academic or athletic, is relying on the support provided by the faculty and those in a position to help.

Every team has a coach and counselor and into the United States workforce. Some of the upcoming topics include: “On-Campus Work Options for F-1 students”, “Understanding the United States Educational System”, “Creating Positive Relationships with Instructors”, “Immigration: Questions and Answers”, “Understanding U.S. Americans” and “Career Goals and Trends”. The future may hold even more opportunities for International students, especially those that excel academically, but you can also walk into their offices to discuss your situation. So with ACES up your sleeve, there is always a greater chance you will succeed.

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Rutgers University
Defeating Army in their last victory, Rutgers football closes out their undefeated non-conference season five to zero. Unable to defeat any BIG EAST team yet, the scarlet knights are headed into trouble with the rest of their season if they can’t compete in the BIG EAST Conference. Competing with high emotion teams such as UCONN, after the loss of their corner back (Jasper Howard), they find themselves in a tougher position to get back into their groove. Record (5-2).

Montclair State University
Grinding through their last victory, the Red Hawks beat TCNJ 16-13 in the Lions house. Redhawk’s football squad prevailed after the Lions 28-yard field goal kick was wide from the goal post during the last minute of the game. With the help of senior defensive lineman Brian Tweer, he provided 12 tackles for MSU’s defense. Next game is against Western Connecticut State. Record (6-1).

Ramapo College
Improving their record to 20-7, Women’s Volleyball Team has swept the ladies from Montclair State University and with a loss from Ramapo. Record (12-7-0).

New Coach, New Season for Lady Bulldogs Basketball

Meridian Morgan tries to defend a layup by Christina Rhyne

At the end of the month, the Montclair State University Women’s soccer lost in overtime against Albright College, one to zero. A tough loss to swallow, it becomes their second game to lose in overtime this season. Each loss was difficult to endure as all of their seven games have been lost by one mealy point. They finish their regular season against Ramapo on October 28th. Record (6-7-4).

The College of New Jersey
Dropping to third place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference, TCNJ’s Men’s soccer drops the ball in a two to zero deficit against Ramapo College. Senior Goalkeeper, Ian Tigges, finished the match with ten saves; it wasn’t enough for the Lions to stay in the game. The Lions have a chance to regain their position back in second place only if they come out with a “W” against Rutgers, Newark and with the help of a loss from Rowan. Record (6-5-4).

Rowan University

William Paterson University
Stripping away Montclair’s four year home winning streak over the pioneers, Men’s soccer continue to fight in order to clinch the NJAC Tournament. Though they came out with a tie against the Redhawks, settling with another “T” under the stats may have ruined their chances to qualify for the NJAC Tournament. Fortunate for WPU, they still have a shot of competing in the tournament with a win over Richard Stockton College and with a loss from Rutgers, Camden or lose or tie from Ramapo. Record (7-4-6).

New Jersey City University
Shutting out Rutgers, Camden, one to zero, the ladies soccer squad from NCUU outscores Camden 19-6. Coming off a strong offensive point, they held a solid defense in order to capture the victory. After their last season game against MSU, they head off into the NJAC Quarter finals toward the end of October. Record (12-7-0).

Drew University
In Women’s Field Hockey, the Rangers annihilated their competition with a lopsided victory, five to zero. This puts an end to the ladies season however; they now begin to embark on their journey to compete in Landmark Conference Playoffs. Record (12-6).

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SPORTS EDITOR

After a disappointing 2008-09 season, the Bulldogs Basketball Team is back and ready to try again. With the hiring of new head coach Tracy Green, and new assistant coach Lynne Gladstone, BCC has taken the first steps needed towards a more successful season.

This is Coach Green’s first position as a college basketball coach. However, from the way she held practice, it is clear that she commands the respect and attention of her team. She said, “With Coach Gladstone’s “coaching styles compliment each other”.

Coach Green emphasizes defense. She says “Defense is a team’s consistency. Defense can run hot or cold, but defense is what keeps you in the game.”

Coach Green also believes that this team will have a slower half court type offense rather than a fast break offense, helping them keep the game controlled.

As far as players on the team, returning player Tanika Mills will be playing point guard. Also, watch out for Kristy Vazzonna’s shooting ability. There are two other returning players from last year’s squad in Mary Antinmiaris and Maria Misko.

The team as a whole looks eager to improve after last season by doing whatever it takes. Running drills, shooting drills, and learning plays were all held at the practice that I observed. The team is communicating well and everyone seems to be getting along.

Look for the Lady Bulldogs at one of their upcoming home games this season, beginning on Saturday, November 14th against Borough of Manhattan Community College.

With all the new faces associated with the team, it looks like the start of a successful season for the Bergen Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team.

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Women’s Soccer Victorious and Improving

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“We have players with a passion for the game,” Coach Ralf Embro said about the team before the start of the game. Bergen women’s soccer team played against Pennsylvania’s Bucks on October 17th and came out victorious with a score of five to zero. Cristina Straface, forward sophomore position player, scored four goals and forward position freshman Allie Carrutara scored one goal which gave Bergen a win, despite the rain and wind outdoor conditions on the field. The game showed good teamwork and sportsmanship with # 12 Samantha Clarke, # 6 Nicole Gotelli, # 19 Chelsea Sahler and # 9 Cristina Straface making four successive passes throughout the game leading up to a goal. Straface ranked 19th in the 9th region for goal scoring and 50th in the nation. This is proof that the Bergen women’s soccer team has a good offensive and defensive position to match and it also promises a better season to come.

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Mary Antimisiaris

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After being born in the United States, Mary moved to Greece with her family at the age of three. She attended school there and simultaneously played for her high school as well as club volleyball teams. During the summer before the Fall ’08 semester, she returned to the United States to attend Bergen Community College.

Last year, in addition to volleyball, she also played on the women’s basketball team and on the softball team. This year, she plans to repeat a “3 sport year”, choosing tennis rather than softball.

To put it simply, Mary is one of the best volleyball players in the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association). Averaging 3.24 kills per set was good enough to place her twelfth nationally in that category. Perhaps even more impressive than her individual accolades is the amount of energy and charisma that she dedicates to the team. During the season, she was always encouraging her teammates to perform at their best with enthusiastic high fives, or half-hugs after every point. She is very vocal and utilizes her extensive volleyball experience for the betterment of the team through positive instruction.

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Mary has an extremely competitive attitude. She constantly demands the best of herself and has worked hard to reach the level of play that she is capable of today. In addition to her capability in hitting, she often finds herself contributing to the team through her defensive efforts when in the back row of the rotation. Mary constantly strives to perform well for her team and is not willing to settle for mediocrity in any aspect of her game.

This combination of impressive statistical performance and the positive impact that she has had on her team certainly warrants congratulations.

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Mary Antimisiaris spiking the ball against Union.

Photos by Guy Weiss

Congratulations Are In Order:

Mary Antimisiaris

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Chelsea Sahler running to take the ball away from Buck’s player.

Mary Antimisiaris spiking the ball against Union.

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The season was tough, but the team held on strong throughout the last 13 games and has shown improvement within the 2nd part of the season. They have faced off against various teams from Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Their final game is against Mercer Community College from Middlesex County, NJ on October 21st.

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