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Recession Proof Jobs

Many careers have proven the stand strong even during a recession. ILLUSTRATED BY BRENDON MIEL

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In this economic downturn, many professions are being pummeled by the recession, while some fields are still standing strong. As a BCC student, not only does one have to worry about what career path to choose, but one must determine if that path could endure unemployment slumps. Now the question everyone wants to know is: What jobs are in high-demand and are resisting the recession?

According to David Butcher’s “Survival Guide: Recession Resistant Jobs”, John Challenger, CEO of the outplacement firm, “Challenger, Gray and Christmas,” told Yahoo! HotJobs which professions are resisting the recession:

EDUCATION. “Postsecondary teachers are expected to grow by 23 percent between 2006 and 2016, much faster than the average for all occupations,” the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports. Thanks to increased enrollment into colleges, universities and vocational institutions, the career is likely to... See Recession Jobs on pg 6

Hold On, Construction’s coming...

HUMA MUNIR
Editor-in-Chief

Last semester, Torch published an article on the construction that was supposed to begin on campus starting in the month of August. However, we are here once again to inform you with the latest details on this hot topic.

The construction for new science labs may be done by mid-September this semester. “...They built eight or nine new laboratories as the extension at the back of school”, says Vice President Tim Dacey while briefing Torch on the construction. Dacey is in charge of the entire project.

The second plan on the agenda is the renovation of the Student Center, which currently consists of the Counseling Center (Room: A-118), Student Life (Dr. Choonno’s Office), Advising Center (Room: A-101), and several club spaces. The construction that was supposed to start now was delayed due to technical issues with bidding. It is now set to resume at the end of the Fall Semester or at the beginning of the Spring Semester, 2010. “…Everything will stay the same in the fall semester,” states V.P. Dacey.

A lot of departments at the college are currently being moved around in the “anticipation” of the construction, points out V.P. Dacey. For example, the Office of Equal Opportunity Fund moved, and Career Counseling Center has moved to where EOF once stood. The revamping of the departmental structure is to ensure that Student Center’s services are available in one central area.

During the construction, club space will become a tremendously frustrating issue for both the students and the... See School Construction on pg 13

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**Students Unite**

**For the Purpose of Art**

There may be a way for you to make extra money at college this fall that you are probably not even aware of. Modeling for art classes is a great employment opportunity for students at BCC and it is also an exciting way to connect with fellow artists and students.

It all started this past spring semester when a lot of changes were felt amongst students in the art department. The overall opinion of the college tends to be no community interaction amongst peers, especially those in different class sections. While pursuing a degree in art, a strong unity throughout the student body is very important for creative growth. With focus on critiques and stress on brainstorming, the college experience for art students should not be something deemed any less important for personal growth than the classes themselves.

This spring, this unity and personal growth started happening. It all began when the budget began to dwindle for live models in the painting and drawing classes. Before it was completely depleted, the art department head passed a new rule allowing student models to pose nude for the first time in BCC’s history. Previously, only professional models had been used. However, the hourly rate for a professional model is nearly twice as much, at over $15 per hour. With this new rule instated, it became possible to use the remaining of the budget in a more frugal manner, providing models for many of the sections of art classes, and also involving the students in a way that had never been done before.

Many of the art student models began to pose nude or partially nude for the other art classes, there were at least three female student models and one male student model who posed clothed, but for little or no money. This experience not only provided a sense of liberation for the students in her classes.

"Try not to become a man others is a life worthwhile. Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." — Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein said, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." Service can be defined as a willingness to work for the benefit of those in need, without monetary compensation or recognition. It is a quality often highly regarded in a person. Service is a simple act that lies at the core of what makes humans human. It is selfless kindness and generosity, acts that validate your good fortune that give meaning to our lives and which sustain and dignify the lives of others. The greatest virtues are those that are most useful to other people. Serving others always gives one immense happiness and satisfaction. Service isn’t something you have to give, or something you need to give. Service is something you want to give. Volunteering our time and abilities to the creation of better tomorrow is service.

"The BCC Community Services Club gives students an opportunity to receive service learning recognition on their transcripts. Active members who volunteered for one of several possible activities within the semester will be recognized. Activities include fund raisers, food drives, public education programs, and other projects designed by active members each semester." — Contributing Writer

**Giving Back to Our Community**

The club came to be when, during the presidential campaign, Professor Lori Talarico and her students spent a lot of time discussing the issues, and it was clear that they were all excited over Barack Obama’s call to the youth of America to get involved.

She realized that it was time to start a club whose philosophy was “Be the change you wish to see.” Once Obama was elected, she felt even more strongly that they needed to keep the momentum alive through doing community service. “We are, in essence, a local volunteering group,” she said. Professor Talarico teaches basic English Skills classes at BCC. Upon sharing these intentions with her students in her classes...
Meet Our Voices For Change: Our Student Government Association

Miguel A. Fundora Jr. Contributing Writer

At Bergen Community College, the Student Government Association has a long history of making sure that our voices as students of BCC are heard and represented in our College. The SGA is not only an outlet to discuss BCC problems, but it is the official line of communication between faculty, staff, and administration. With a new name and a new staff, they strive to make sure that our voices are heard through the many grapevines of Bergen Community College. Now is time to meet our new Student Government Association.

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So BCC students, now that we have met the new SGA Staff, I must say that they cannot accomplish it all alone. Although past members have built these foundations, it is our duty as students to make them stronger and build new ones. We can do this by joining SGA as senators and working hard in order to expand our horizons.
The Rotary Club, Commitment to Community

JONA ISUFI
STAFF WRITER

Bergen Community College has a wide variety of clubs on campus, but a new international club joins the list: the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club is present in 217 countries worldwide, and its main goal is helping the community.

“We want to blend the faculty, staff and students together, because with that energy, we can accomplish a lot,” says Jim Miller, one of the vice presidents and a former president of the Rotary Club.

The current president of the club is Marie Jardine. The first president was Ed Pitarelli, who worked on the coat drive. They were able to collect 2,000 coats, which were then sent to shelters in Hackensack and Paterson.

Another important part of the Rotary Club is the Gift of Life. All over the world, there are children with serious medical conditions, who do not have the opportunity to receive proper help in their home countries. The Gift of Life is money that the Rotary clubs collect in order to bring these children into the United States for proper medical treatment and facilities. The BCC Rotary club has raised $2,000 toward this cause.

Margaret Torres is a girl from South America, who had an operation with the Gift of Life. Due to complications, she is going to be brought back to America, where local Rotary clubs are collecting funds. Also notable is the club’s contribution towards the treatment of polio.

For the fall semester, there are several planned events, and everyone is more than welcome to contribute as much as they can.

There is a food drive to be held on September 15th. The Mariana Torres fundraiser will be held in September, also. There is also a cheese sale during September, where anyone can have a chance to buy cheesecakes to be delivered for the holidays on November 16th and on December 19th.

On November, the coat drive will commence. On Christmas, the Rotary Club is going to work with the Student Government Association for a toy drive, and will organize a Christmas party for children in a local shelter. The club is looking forward to working with other clubs in school as well.

On May 2nd, there is the Gift of Life event. The Rotary club is hoping to work for a better access to water in African countries in order to be civically involved and make a change in the world. Literacy is another issue that the club plans to address, as education is very important towards a better future.

Jim Miller emphasizes the club’s main goal and purpose, stating, “All the projects focus on how we can help somebody. It is nice to see how all people from the community come together. We are here for one reason only: What can we do to help?”

In the fall semester, the Rotary Club will have its weekly meeting on Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 PM by the Board Room, adjacent to the President’s office. All students are more than welcome to join, as youth is a driving force to have success in the activities of the Rotary club. For more information, feel free to contact Marie Jardine at mjardine@bergen.edu.

Textbooks

recommended text books for a course on reserve in the library, E-texts, and etc.

The main objective of this is to make educational resources more affordable at low cost or no cost.

What does all this mean? This means that the school is working towards lowering textbook costs and the students should be able to see the changes in time. They will not need to spend hundreds of dollars in textbooks or fail a class because they did not have the money to buy the books and therefore missed a lot. Who wants to waste hundreds of dollars in this economy for a semester that only lasts four months? The answer is no one.

The SGA have been working hard toward their goal to serve the students and making education more affordable. Recently, they have worked with the library to make textbooks available in the library. This helps the students tremendously, because now books can be borrowed and taken out of the library. For students who

are unable to afford the high cost of textbooks, they now have the option of having their books at their fingertips without spending a dime.

The textbook resolution was presented in front of faculty senate many times, but due to technicalities, it was rejected. The SGA was encouraged to review the draft as to avoid any legal complications in regards to copyright issues. The SGA revised the draft over the last semester, and it was presented and supported by the majority of the faculty senate.

One of the main priorities of community colleges is to provide quality education at an affordable price. Although the tuition has increased drastically, there still lies hope of affordable education with the help of the Textbook Resolution. Students are the main priority of any college, and therefore their needs and concerns should not be overlooked. The Resolution has been passed, but the result is still unknown. Empty words are not enough! Action is what is necessary to make it a success.

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Who Determines the Value of a Student?

HUMA MUNIR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is the question I have found myself asking these days: what is the true value of a Student within an educational institution? What responsibility does an academic institution have for its pupils? Most of all, what role does a college administration play in bringing out the full potential in all its students? The answer to this question varies, but there is one eternal truth that cannot be ignored: the students need the administration to invest in the students’ interests in order to promote positive results from them.

Fall 2009 will be my last semester at BCC, and I am proud to say that the day I made the decision of coming to this college, is the day that changed my life forever in a very positive way. BCC has given me opportunities that I could have only hoped for in many other community colleges throughout New Jersey. Every step I took, or the decision I made, was met with total or exceeding success.

This holds true to this day, but I feel as if something has dramatically changed my view of the school over the summer. I have found it difficult to get through to people who should be designating every minute of their time to the growing needs of students. I think that our administration has worked hard to move BCC in a direction and respect and attention from our administration as some of us work day and night to pay our way through college. Some of us have children who leave at home, so we can seek better opportunities to provide for our families. Students have won several awards because of their dedication and services towards various clubs at BCC. They show their greatest potential through the activities of such clubs and this is why it is even more important that we have proper club space. As students, we hope to have the ultimate college experience adequately provided by the college, as we join clubs to discover and develop our interests and talents.

It is vitally important that student needs are made a priority in every educational institution because it not only brings a good name to the college, but it can also have a greater impact on the future of our nation. If every student is given a chance to fully flourish, our nation will be filled with thriving leaders in every field of life.

It is important for our administrators to come out of their offices and walk among the students and interact with them. They should try to put themselves in students’ shoes to better understand the problems they face. Only then can a college thrive under the banner of its students. I hope that this message is taken in a constructive light, and students are given the best attention they deserve. This should then lead to a progressive fulfillment of all student needs.

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Roving Reporter

“Advice you would give to incoming BCC students?”

Tiffany Martin
STAFF WRITER

Carolina Blandon Castno
Major: Liberal Arts

“Bergen Community College is one of the best community colleges in the state. You should get involved in the different activities the college has, such as clubs, sports, etc. It will help you to prepare for the future.”

Cesar Alvarez
Major: Criminal Justice

“Follow the dream that makes you happy, not the one that makes you feel empty.”

Kashyap Joshi
Major: Pharmacy

“I would advise [incoming BCC students] not to slack off and pay attention because you are only here for two years and then you are going to transfer. So, you should make the best of it and study hard.”

Yasmin Lewis
Major: Liberal Arts

“Concentrate on your school work. You might think it is easy but it’s not easy. You have to be hard-working and determined.”

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Some people go to a community college just to simply graduate and get a two-year degree. However, most people go to a community college in hopes of transferring to a four-year school at a later time.

One of the problems with four-year schools is how expensive some of them can be. According to collegeboard.com, “There’s no escaping the fact that college prices are rising.” Because of the economic downturn, tuition increase is another issue. Some of the college prices can be as much as $50,000 a year (Ex: NYU). However, you can get financial aid for a cause for panic right away.

One of the things that transfer students rely on to continue their education are scholarships. “There is more than $143 billion in scholarships for college students that you can apply for. Financial aid is an affordable choice for most families,” collegeboard.com adds. The problem is that most students don’t apply for financial aid and a lot of them do not know that scholarships are our there.

To apply for a scholarship you will need to fill out an application. One of the most important parts of the application is the questions that ask you about your future plans such as: your career of choice, your major, or what aid you are applying for. This is what people look to in order to determine what kind of financial aid of not. Give a lot of thought to these questions. They are what college professors look at, in addition to your GPA and extracurricular activities.

The FAFSA is the first thing that you need to fill out. The FAFSA form. This form can be found online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. What the FAFSA determines is your expected family contribution toward college. You are eligible for financial aid at a school or not. Just because you are not eligible for financial aid at a school does not mean that you cannot get a scholarship from an outside source. Regardless of the fact that your FAFSA, it is important to apply for every scholarship that you possibly can.

The last important step is to finish the FAFSA at Bergen Community College. If they have any financial aid or scholarship available, they will notify you. Perhaps this new practice is put in place because of a desperate attempt to salvage the economy. Whatever it is, it will certainly create more opportunities for the newly-educated graduates.

During the recent economic struggles that have taken over the country, attitudes concerning the community college system have shifted. The one consistent widespread problem of financial insecurity has driven people to be cautious of how much money they spend on post-secondary education. More and more people are looking to go to four-year schools are scholarships.

In New Jersey, some community colleges are offering college credits at no cost to unemployed workers. This practice is a step in the right place because of a desperate attempt to salvage the economy. Whatever it is, it will certainly create more job opportunities for the newly-educated graduates.

ECONOMIC DECLINE, many people thought of local community colleges as a last resort where individuals can find jobs. Even the students at the nation’s top private universities are taking advantage of the community college system. For attending schools filled up with credit hours in a lot of our nation’s colleges causes the students that are attending private universities to take advantage of summer classes offered at local community colleges. For a lot of people, degree requirements can be attained locally. No more summer vacation holidays, grants come for free in these hard times.

At Bergen community College, the transition for jobs seems easier. As a professor and president of Bergen Community College after going to a large university was certainly not my original plan for 2009. However, it has taught me a lot of things. Meet one of the students, I have had positive experiences.

The quality of education at Bergen Community College is comparable to that of a four-year institution. The professors teach at BCC are no less qualified than those who are employed at brand-name institutions. To find job security, the amount of dedication and determination that the student has that matters more to the community college experience. The community college experience can be a lot bigger. When a professor arrives late to a class, the initial reaction that is expected from students is relief or happiness. There is a widely understood “twenty minute rule”, if a professor is absent for an extended period, students normally gather for 20 minutes and start their work. If a professor arrives late to a class, the initial reaction that is expected from students is relief or happiness. There is a widely understood “twenty minute rule”, if a professor is absent for an extended period, students normally gather for 20 minutes and start their work. If a professor arrives late to a class, the initial reaction that is expected from students is relief or happiness. There is a widely understood “twenty minute rule”, if a professor is absent for an extended period, students normally gather for 20 minutes and start their work.

The wave of community college students is an example: “If you’re first looking at a school that has a lot of business and Chinese language skills, you’re in good shape.” According to OPPORTUNAL SECTOR. The forecast for environmental jobs also looks very promising. Vault experts state that “Environmental engineers, hazardous materials removal specialists, New Jersey, pollution prevention, energy efficiency, and environmental science professionals are among the hottest jobs according to the U.S. Department of Labor.”

Other popular professions Vault mentioned were: conservation biologists, industrial ecologists, water and wastewater experts, environmental monitoring experts, and environmental policy integration.

So far, “Crime doesn’t stop during a recession, and police officers, port security specialists and international security experts will continue to be in demand,” Challenger explains. One of the hottest jobs in this recession is gaming surveillance officers. (the guys who are behind the cameras). It states that this occupation is “expected to grow by 34 percent between 2006 and 2016, which is much faster than the average.”

TECHNOLOGY. With so many other technological advances consuming almost every aspect of our lives, it is no surprise that the technology field is here to stay and will offer plenty of employment positions. In his article, Butcher lists out popular private universities with the “tech” field, such as: “software design/development, networking, system administration, business intelligence (software implementation), testing,quality assurance, database administration and technical executive.”

Obviously, no job or career is 100 percent recession-proof. Even unemployment is up 9.4 percent as of January, according to Vault. To find job security and success, find out where the job-trends are heading and enter or transition to a hot career you will love.

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Robin and the 7 Hoods Leads the Way for 2010

We are promised Jetpacks “These Four Walls”

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

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Here is a little back-story to all you reviewers - I own all the books, have seen all the movies, and have even taken a crack at trying out the dire Harry Potter video games. It’s safe to say that I am a bit of a Harry Potter nerd.

As I walked into the theatre and took my seat, I already realized that the director wouldn’t have had be able incorporate every aspect of the book into film. I was curious about which parts of the book would be excluded, and which parts would be integrated along with the original storyline.

As the film started, I waited patiently to be put under the “Imperius Curse”, so to speak, and let the film take its course. Unfortunately, whoever cast the spell wasn’t too powerful as I slowly started to lose interest during the film and found my mind beginning to wander.

The film contained some incredibly hilarious parts which set the tone for the movie very well, for instance when Harry and Hermione are talking about Harry and Ron. Harry quips up saying that he is the chosen one in a cocky attitude promptly getting hit on the head by Hermione. Unfortunately, the pace of the movie felt a bit rushed. It was as if the director was running out of time, therefore shortening the scenes. However, in limiting the scenes, it seemed as though he forgot to include the crucial details in the specific scene entailed. The "epic finale" fell flat. I was expecting so much more from this highly-anticipated film, but sadly it did not reach my expectations.

As I exist who is the chosen one, I felt very disappointed as I felt that they could have done much more to make the movie experience better. If you are just a casual fan or just a casual moviegoer, I recommend you to go ahead and see it. On the other hand, if you’re a Potter fanatic like me and enjoy the series immensely, then I highly advise not seeing the film. You will spend more time criticizing the film more than enjoying the movie.

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We have already seen some of the posters shows such as Wicked, Mamma Mia! The Little Mermaid and so much more, but we have yet to see what Broadway will bring to us in the year 2010.

This year, Broadway is making a new adaptation of the 1964 Rat Pack film, Robin and the 7 Hoods, into a more modern musical show starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Bing Crosby, Peter Falk and Barbara Rush. It is a musical comedy announced by the show’s producers - Bruce Charlet, Dennis Mastro, Dennis Farina, Billy Campbell and the executive producer, Barry Brown.

Producer Charlet said in an interview, “The intersection of the sexual revolution and Camelot years will come to life every night on our stage. That moment in time, which personifies “cool” is at the heart of our show and, thankfully, we have the wonderful songs by Cahn and Van Heusen which eloquently express all that make that period unique.”

Robin and the 7 Hoods will feature a book by Peter Ackerman, the author of the Off-Broadway comedy named “Things You Shouldn’t Say Past Midnight.” It will be scored by Sammy Cahn and Jimmy Van Heusen and will be directed and choreographed by multi-Tony Award-nominee Casey Nicholaw.

Broadway shows bring out the dull atmosphere of movies into the world of enormous imagination to attract those who have been watching movies this year we are really looking forward to some jaw-dropping adventure on-stage! Don’t miss out on any of this year’s Broadway shows!
The Moog “Razzmatazz Orfeum”

JESSICA STROH
LAYOUT EDITOR

If one word could best describe the sound of these Hungarian rockers, it would be: “charming.”

Formed circa 2004 in Budapest, The Moog is one of the first alternative rock bands from Hungary to be signed to an American label. Hailing inspiration from Bauhaus, The Smiths, The Clash, and other sultry European rock and art pop, The Moog manages to nail a sexy vampiric sound precisely with their sophomore release “Razzmatazz Orfeum.”

The single, “You Raised a Vampire” is a song reminiscent of everything good that’s come before it from the past and sure to be an indie dance hit of the future. Tonyo’s enchanting vocals combined with fun guitar riffs and the use of the synthesizer sends shivers down our spines every time we hear it.

Channelling the 60’s rock sound of the Beatles and Beach Boys, there is something sweet and darkly romantic about “Razzmatazz Orfeum.” The album winds you through an exciting dramatic story that is a song reminiscent of everything good that’s come before it from the past, and sure to be an indie dance hit of the future.

Concert Review: Jet Lag Gemini

JESSICA STROH
LAYOUT EDITOR

Jet Lag Gemini is a four-piece rock band from New York City. Best characterized by their punk rock sound reminiscent of bands like Green Day, the group released their debut EP in 2006 followed by their first full length EP in 2008. Members include lead vocalist and guitar-player, Misha Safonov, guitarist, Vlad Gheorghiu, bassist Matt Gheorghiu and drummer Dan DiLebeto.

Previous shows have placed JLG playing alongside famous bands including The All-American Rejects, Socratic, Halifax, and numerous other punk and rock bands. On August 13, 2009, Jet Lag played their most recent show at the Bowery Ballroom in NYC along with Lights and the Bowery Ballroom in NYC along with Lights and the Bowery Ballroom in NYC along with Lights and the Bowery Ballroom in NYC along with Lights.

The show was electric, to say the least. At their packed sets with fans, friends, and new old faces, Jet Lag Gemini took the stage to perform another one of their legendary rock and roll sets. The crowd’s enthusiasm soared to high levels for their single “Run This City” blasting through the crowded venue.

Jet Lag Gemini did not disappoint as the band’s already stellar performance ability. Vlad’s guitar solos not only sounded amazing, but also were captivating to watch. Of course, front man Misha performed his famous “crowd walk,” relying only on the literal support of the fans to hold him up while still managing to sound spot on.

JLG incorporated a new song into their set list “Freight Train,” which is set to be on their second studio album. It is rumored that Mark Hoppus of Blink-182 will be working with Jet Lag on this upcoming release.

Overall, the show was five-star worthy, and the Jet Lag boys did an amazing job of delivering exactly what they serve up best…rock and roll.

True Blood

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Vampires. Just the word sends shivers down our spine.

When we think of vampires we think of cold blooded creatures, roaming at night in search of human blood. Ranging from Bram Stoker’s Dracula to Mel Brooks’ comedic interpretation of Dracula, we are shown a well-spoken man with a hidden dark side.

As times change, so do our perception with the Vampire myths, from Anne Rice’s and Stephanie Meyer to Charlaine Harris’s Sookie Stackhouse books. True Blood, the vampire series based on Charlaine Harris’s books has shown us a new breed of vampires. Gone are the lonesome vamps that hide dark secrets and the puny humans who show ignorance. The premise of the show is simple yet powerful: It portrays vampires that are tired of living in the darkness as they rise from their coffins trying to co-exist with human beings.

These True Blood vamps are lean, mean, and do not take nonsense from anyone. Additionally, these vamps do not need to kill humans any longer since a new Japanese drink called True Blood quenches their thirst.

In the first season of True Blood, we experience a rollercoaster ride since there is a murderer on the loose in the town of Bon Temps and the residents are blaming one of the local vampires.

The town locals are richly portrayed in this ensemble cast consisting of Anna Paquin (X-men), Stephen Moyer (Bill), Ryan Kwanten (Jason), Sam Trammell (Sam Merlotte), Nelsan Ellis (in a scene-stealing role as Lafayette), Rutina Wesley (Tara), and many others. The current, second season has given
Michael Jackson’s Legacy Will Go On

Known as the “King of Pop”, Michael Joseph Jackson gave the world his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertainer has been widely noticed and not just by the humanitarian efforts he has set through the Heal the World Foundation, Jackson has set his finest contribution in a culture which has thrived since the beginning of time. His success as an entertain
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**Student Art**

model, but also enabled the art students to visit and participate in a few of the semester’s art classes. A sense of community was born.

"While posing, models could observe from a new perspective, to see the human body, learning process, and see what the other art students were creating”, one model stated. "Inspiration was the result of inspiring for models, students, and professors." More models continued to model. Many students started to attend different classes throughout the week so they had the opportunity to paint or draw from more specific subjects, especially within the Tuesday and Friday morning painting classes. Also, for moving throughout the classes, a communication about art and creative research developed at the school.

Eventually, the budget was completely spent for the spring. However, several students continued to model. These students volunteered their time in order to assist their peers. The excitement amongst the students in the art department is new and fresh. For the first time, it seems as though there is a place to take classes, but a place to learn and grow as an artist. Hopefully the students will continue to surge in the fall semester with the new budget that will bring ample opportunities.

**Giving Back**

last spring, Talarico received positive feedback and, although it was the end of the semester, six students stayed on for the first of three meetings the club held. About 25 additional students signed up at the Club Day last May. All this fall, new students are coming into the club to attend different orientation over the summer, where over fifty students showed real interest in the club. Professor Talarico is very optimistic that they will be successful. Early in the fall semester the club will hold elections and formalize the status of the club and its executive members.

The club has two functions. First, they will focus on one main project each year. Their first project is to work closely with the hungry children in New Jersey. Professor Talarico states, "As part of a larger coalition of New Jersey colleges, we will focus on ways to eradicate this problem. We hope to have a speaker, a food drive, a fundraiser, and a public education program to help people access aid they may be entitled to like food stamps and donations from area food banks."

**Green Machines**

and staff that can help with bottle and paper collections on campus.

This past June, the club participated in a festival focused on creating a sustainable future. "Moving Towards Sustainability" organized by Leigh Merinoff in August, New Jersey is an environmental group featuring a variety of informative demonstrations and developments in which people can learn about ways on how to make tremendous changes for a greener ecosystem. Over 250 people attended, including many new organizations that envision eco-sensitive choices. The festival focused on topics about how to grow organic food, can foods, how to have bees in the backyard and grow edibles in urban settings, as well as many others on creating an eco-friendly environment.

In addition to all their recent achievements, the club is working on converting grass to native plants in front of the parking deck. Native grass is not only beneficial to many reasons. Native grass only grows to a certain height so you don’t need to mow them or deposit pesticides on them. They are very nutritious and filter residue and chemicals from overflying. Native grasses are also unique in what they can do to help the environment and provide a variety of informative developments and demonstrations in which people can learn about ways on how to make tremendous changes for a greener ecosystem. Over 250 people attended, including many new organizations that envision eco-sensitive choices. The festival focused on topics about how to grow organic food, can foods, how to have bees in the backyard and grow edibles in urban settings, as well as many others on creating an eco-friendly environment.

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School Construction

administration. Clubs will have to find a way to carry out their activities without proper room during this time.

The biggest inconvenience that students are expected to face during the construction is the “lack of Student Center,” warns V.P. Dacey. “Once construction begins, it is rehabilitation. So we are not building a new Student Center; we are stripping that and building it in the current space,” he explains.

This means that for the time being, we will completely lose the Student Center space, which starts from the entrance in front of Dunkin Donuts and Pizza Parlor and leads to the Welcome Center.

The New Student Center will have a bigger seating and eating area, while the main entrance will have a large canopy outside that students will be able to stand under and wait for the bus.

“...Overall, I think it is going to allow for broader activity and more [coordination] than in the past. I think that it is going to give the clubs a more professional place in which they can socialize and deal with all the club activities,” says Dr. Ralph Choonoo about the construction.

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Aion

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is very basic; but in Aion, it’s very complex. One can dodge, parade around an enemy, or even create their own combo moves if they have the proper experience. According to the same anonymous tipper, the system in Aion is so advanced that there are actually PvP theories being made based around the flight system.

True Blood

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assured that you are not watching some Pre-Teen Vampire Romance. True Blood is fierce and fun so take a bite and maybe you will be coming back thirsty for more. You can catch True Blood every Sunday Nights at 9pm on HBO.

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“We will be able to defeat anyone as long as we are one,” said Lombana while talking about the Women’s Volleyball team at BCC.

The women’s volleyball team is motivated. After a subpar season last year, where the team finished below .500, Coach Lombana is certain that this year is going to go very differently, because of the leadership and cohesiveness that is clearly present on the team.

“The members of the team have been working very hard throughout the month of August in preparation for the upcoming season. We have a very talented group that will be able to go as far as Nationals as long as we take on one opponent at a time,” says Lombana.

Also affecting this change is the prospect of having the championship on Bergen’s home court, should the team make it that far. Bergen Women’s Volleyball is eager to return to the dominance it enjoyed a few seasons ago.

There are a few recognizable faces returning to the program this year. Mary Antimisiaris and Danielle Soong, two of the six returning players from last year’s campaign, are presumed to be the team’s veteran leaders.

The rest of the six returning players are Jessica Rojas, Maria Misko, Diana Rodriguez, and Ayisha Imoro. There are some new players this year that will be learning from the team’s veterans and contributing everything they can to the success of the team.

Some of the new players are: Natalie Mooney, Allie Ronchi, Ellesse Ogando, and Dalis Argueta. The upcoming season kicks off on the road with a matchup against Lackawanna College on September 12th. The home opener takes place on October 16th at 7:00 PM against Union, Bergen’s nemesis. There are 17 chances to watch the women’s volleyball team play. Seven games are at home not including the regional, district, and national games that the team could be playing at the end of a successful season.

“We will have a great deal of firepower hitting at the net balanced with good blocking and most importantly, consistent defense,” says Lombana about further progress of the team.

Still, volleyball is not all of what this team is about. In an effort to help the community, the team has a slew of community outreach programs set up. This includes a visit to a local high school for a volleyball clinic and helping Habitat for Humanity build a house. The team was even charitable enough to tolerate my bad playing, and not laugh too hard, when I unsuccessfully attempted to spike the ball while practicing with them for a few minutes.
**Around The Den**

**ANDREW MERINO**  
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1. **Kean University**  
Kean University’s football team will open their season with a match against Delaware Valley College on September 12th.

2. **Fairleigh Dickinson University**  
Knights’ men's soccer team finished second in the NEC Preseason Coaches’ Poll. However, the Defending Northeast Conference Champions will host against Hofstra Sept.6th.

3. **William Paterson University of NJ**  
18 year Head coach and NJAC coach of the year, Brian Woods, lead the Pioneers to their 2009 season as they are predicted to finish fourth according to the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Men's Soccer Preseason Coaches Poll. The Pioneers face off against Baruch Sept. 2nd for their first match of the season.

4. **Caldwell College**  
Chris Skarelis was named CACC CO-Rookie of the week by the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference. Caldwell Cougar’s men’s soccer team fell to Bloomsburg University 2-1; however the freshmen midfielder was the only one able to score for the Cougars on their season opener. Next, they will compete against Queens College on September 8th in a non-conference game.

5. **Drew University**  
Losing a couple of starter games from the 2008 team, the women’s soccer team was selected to finish fifth in the Landmarks Conference Season Poll. Going 8-8-1 last season, the Rangers along with Head coach, Catherine Racine, look to break into the Landmark playoffs. They are hoping to begin their season against the College of Staten Island on September 1st.

6. **The College of New Jersey**  
Lions Women’s Field Hockey are predicted to take it all as they are predicted to place first according to the New Jersey Athletic Conference in a poll of the league’s coaches. Winning three conference crowns of each last season, the Lions remain a fearsome team as they head into their first game against Frostburg State University on Sept. 6th.

7. **Rampage College of New Jersey**  
The Road Runners men’s soccer team is selected to finish fifth in the 2009 NJAC Men’s Soccer Preseason Coaches’ Poll. Ramapo’s soccer team looks forward to their first game against Centenary College on Sept. 1st.

8. **Bloomsfield College**  
Men’s cross country was successful in their opening meet as they totaled 34 points, placing first in the NJAC Invitational, while the women’s cross country came in third with a total of 65 points. Both squads will travel to the Delaware Valley College Invitational to compete on Sept. 5th.

9. **Monmouth University**  
Monmouth women’s soccer team, Monmouth University suffered their first loss against William and Mary as they lost 3-1 during their opening season. Captains, Senior Brianna Salvia and Junior Ali Kilment, led the team to their game and will continue, as the MU Hawks are back in action on Sept. 4th when they host against the Seton Hall Pirates.

10. **Montclair State University**  
The Red Hawks men’s soccer team is voted to finish number two right behind Richard Stockton in the 2009 NJAC Preseason Coaches’ Poll, after winning three straight New Jersey Athletic Conference championships. They will have their first game on Sept. 1st, against Kings Point.

11. **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**  
With Football season in the air, the Scarlet Knights start off their season opener against the Cincinnati Bearcats. The Bearcats face off Rutgers without knowing who the starting quarterback will be and Greg Schiano has no intention in revealing who their starting quarterback will be until game day arrives. Both teams start their season on Sept. 7th in Rutgers stadium.

12. **New Jersey Institute of Technology**  
The Highlanders Men’s Cross Country team is ranked second and Women’s Cross Country is selected to finish seventh according to the Great West Conference Poll. Last year, Amanda Hefferan was the Highlanders top individual in the woman’s race. NJIT will open their season at the Hofstra Invitational on Sept. 5th.

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**Season Full of Greetings**

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It is back to school time and students all over America are looking forward to many exciting things for the upcoming year. But what would all these great adventures be like without one of the most exciting topics of all: football?

Guys, are you ready for the thundering crack of helmets and pads crashing into each other by players sacrificing their skills for the glory of being named the best in college football? And are the ladies, who love the sport, also to enjoy “arguably” the most tolling display of athletic talent? Then, get ready because the NCAA Football season should bring everyone much excitement, look to break into the Landmark playoffs. They are hoping to begin their season against the College of Staten Island on September 1st.

- In week one, which begins on Thursday, September 3rd, two great matches will kick off the season. First, you have the #16 Oregon Ducks and #14 Oklahoma Sooners, USC Trojans and Alabama Crimson Tide filling out the rest of top five teams. All five of these teams have a realistic chance to gain entry to this year’s BCS title game.

- Honorable mentions making up part of the top 25 ranked teams are: Joe Paterno’s Nittany Lions of Penn State at #8, Georgia Tech at #15, the #9 Oklahoma State Aggies against the #14 Boise State Broncos. On the following Saturday, September 10th, there are two other key matches.

- The Associated Press and Coaches polls are published and both have ranked the defending national champions, Florida Gators, as the top seeded team in the country. They are followed by: the Texas Longhorns, Oklahoma Sooners, USC Trojans and Alabama Crimson Tide filling out the rest of top five teams. All five of these teams have a realistic chance to gain entry to this year’s BCS title game.

- The #7 Virginia Tech Hokies and the #13 Georgia Bulldogs take on the #9 Oklahoma State Cowboys. In week 2, a great match up of BCS contenders go at it, #4 USC Trojans at #6 Ohio State Buckeyes and then you can also watch a great rivalry game with #23 Notre Dame Fighting Irish against the Michigan Wolverines. During week 3 you’ll have #24 Nebraska Cornhuskers at #7 Virginia Tech Hokies and for your viewing pleasure, another great rivalry game with the Texas Tech Red Raiders at #2 Texas Longhorns. So get ready, put on your team colors and prepare for the intense, adrenaline-filled college football action in the coming weeks.

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