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Construction’s in the Air

Oh where, oh where have the students gone? Upon entering the Pitkin Building at Bergen Community College, we have all been no stranger to the infiltration of students surrounding the main lobby. You’ll be surprised to discover that students are no longer capable of sitting around on those comfy couches they’ve been so accustomed to. BCC has been extremely pro-active regarding the “all-encompassed” construction that has been forthcoming.

Throughout winter break leading into spring semester of 2010, the noise of construction workers and debris filled the air. The initial steps to the complete revamp incorporates gutting the Student Center in its entirety. Access of the student lounge will be restricted to the public; it will be under construction for the duration of spring semester. Not only will the interior be remodeled, but what was once our easily accessible entryway is being torn down and extended out on a 30-foot curve.

The construction has been under rigorous supervised planning for about one year now. Much thought and consideration has gone into every little detail and generated certain questions such as: Where will the chess tables be moved? Where will the speakers and performers present? Where will students hang out between classes? Will parking play a major role regarding consolidation? The list goes on.

Until the construction is completed, temporary relocation of certain areas will be established. For those who engaged in a competitive game of chess, be aware that the chess tables will be moved to the hallway outside the bookstore. The pizza oven that was once located next to the Dunkin’ Donuts will be situated in the cafeteria. The events that once took place in the Student Center will be extended out on a 30-foot curve.

PhD in the making

Dr. Susan Morrison: Voyage to Haiti

On December 16th, 2009, Dr. Susan Morrison visited Bergen Community College to provide her interested listeners a public dissertation held in the Student Center. Her discourse was about her recent travels to Haiti which included her experiences as well as her mission to aid the impoverished, yet beautiful, country of Haiti. Seeing first-hand the living conditions of the people as well as the economic status of the island, Morrison recognized how imperative it is to step in to help our Caribbean neighbors.

Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere; economically, affecting the health, living situations, and the basic needs of the population. She had witnessed countless Haitians with health conditions in need of immediate care, including elephant syndrome; a congenital disorder that makes the body develop overgrowth of skin, irregular bone development and rashes throughout the body. Very few people have the opportunity to see doctors, and due to the fact that there is no health insurance provided in the country, hospital visits must be paid for in full. This is truly difficult for the average family who lives solely on approximately two dollars a day. Morrison stated the average teacher’s salary alone reaches only about thirty dollars monthly; those being the fortunate percentage.

Although there are some non-governmental associations that help Haiti in the best way they can, children are still in need of more resources for school uniforms and clothes. Most children own, on average, one to two uniforms for their school and another separate outfit to play in, possibly owning one or two pairs of shoes. Through Morrison’s observation, this is all they own.

Education and success is very important to the Haitian people, however school must be paid for as well. In general, to live a standard normal life filled with health and education is hard to come by when money is short. “These kids are the future of Haiti,” states Morrison, “just like you students are the future of the educational system; you are the future of Haiti.”

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In every habitual situation, students tend to follow the path of least resistance. Regarding the parking situation, for example, what it comes down to is a matter of being able to easily operate around the construction. Essentially, the main problem is that everybody wants convenience; in this case that would be parking within close reach of a destination’s main entrance, making it as easily accessible as possible for the individual. Because of the ample amount of faculty members as well as student body at BCC, it is going to come down to this one simple fact: the later you get to school, the further out you will need to park.

Upon your initial arrival on campus, if you are not too familiar with college grounds, you may find yourself somewhat overwhelmed in maneuvering from class to class. No need to “stress the mess,” as usual, Bergen’s got you covered. The ever-so-convenient method of “signage”
**Impact of Governor Christie on Bergen**

New Jersey’s new governor, Chris Christie, has ambitious plans for higher education institutions. Some of the tough issues Christie must confront include: budget cuts, tuition increases and financial aid. With the Recession making even community colleges difficult to afford, students are wondering, “What will Christie do for us?”

According to “88 Ways Chris Christie Will Fix New Jersey” on www.christiefornj.com, the Governor Christie said, “I will meet with all the state college, university and community college presidents on a regular basis to ensure our college presidents have a real seat at the table in Trenton, not a backseat.”

As promised, Christie joined President Richard McCormick of Rutgers University in attending the Executive Board of the New Jersey College Presidents’ Council on December 14th, 2009. Nj.com reports McCormick appreciated Christie “for his ‘honesty’ about more funding, but stressed that colleges will be struggling if there are more cutbacks.

President G. Jeremiah Ryan of Bergen Community College, who also attended the council meeting, had the courtesy of doing an interview with the Torch, and stated, “[Christie] pledged that higher education was very important to him and that it was his goal to be able to do anything to assist higher education in his first year.”

With budget cuts looming, President Ryan and the Executive Council are creating a Contingency Plan, preparing both for five percent and ten percent cuts to accommodate Christie’s measures in dealing with the state’s eight to nine-billion-dollar deficit. “We think the worse-case scenario would be that we would have to cut 1.3 million dollars and [other] expenses,” he explained. “And we’re starting to work with Vice Presidents and Deans right now to identify where those tough cuts might come from. They will not be in the core academic area of teachers and classes.”

**Game Show At Bergen**

What better way to start off the semester with winning cash prizes on a game show? As part of the Welcome Week events, Bergen’s Student Activities Board (SAB) sponsored a game show hosted by L.E.G. Enterprises. Five questions and overhead was set up at the cafeteria, where the SAB staff encouraged students to participate in a trivia game and a chance to win up to $80.00.

Dozens of students eagerly lined up to give their student ID cards and receive a small remote that allowed them to choose budget cuts, budget cuts, and more budget cuts. There were also multiple choice questions. The host read out the questions on the overhead, covering topics anywhere from politics, math, science, TV shows and movies.

Examples included: “Who played the 40-year-old virgin?”, “Who is the Roman Goddess of love?”, and: “Would you take the first African American Secretary of State?” (Answers are at the end of the article.)

The students were simple, answer the questions correctly to accumulate the most points and win. The remotes had names of the teams you were in, such as the Big Reds, the Cavaliers, and the Beavers. You could see your team’s name on the scoreboard projected on the overhead after each question.

“It is fun and engaging,” Sam said, “but now I got seventy-five dollars!”

The three legs that make up Bergen Community College’s operative budget are based since its founding in 1965, and entailed 33 percent financial contributions from each of these sources: the county, the state and tuition. However, with the economic crisis, tax revenues have significantly decreased, thus, diminishing state aid for BCC. “The state aid that I get for the budget is 10 percent; it used to be 30 percent, so that gives you a sense of what happened since 2005,” President Ryan stated. Although, Bergen County has increased its aid by 3.4 percent, someone else has to pick up the burden, and that falls heavily on the students. Tuition now comprises 50 percent of the operative budget, when it used to be 33 percent five years ago.

President Ryan confirmed that there will be tuition increase this upcoming year, but assured that it will not rise to the double-digits, at least.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges sent the Christie Transition Team a Memorandum proposing solutions for community colleges struggling in the midst of this economic downturn, stating, “...the higher education community believes that the state’s eight to nine-billion-dollar deficit will require significant reductions in state funding and increased responsibilities for community colleges...”

The students of Bergen Community College took the cafeteria by storm and organized a day of opportunity to become more involved with our school. Welcome Week continued its events with Club Day which consisted of students recruiting new members to their clubs. Each club set up their own tables with sign up sheets and treats for their interested potential newcomers. “I’m excited to join a few clubs,” remarked one student. “I think it’s a great opportunity or students to make new friends, and learn something new within the club they choose. I especially liked the ‘Turkish pudding that the Turkish club provided.’”

Students were excited to take part in the music, food and activities provided, such as airbrushed tattoos, and heat pressed pictures on t-shirts; all free of charge. A number of students were lined up, waiting both patiently and impatiently to have their picture taken to be put on a t-shirt. Two booklets were provided with various templates and backgrounds to choose from, and also celebrities with cut out faces for you to place yours.

“I chose to put my face on Spiderman’s body,” one student said. “Everyone said it looked real. It was fun to do, especially since it was for free.”

Each semester, Bergen hosts Club Day so that students are more aware of the opportunity they have to indulge in extracurricular activities. Many clubs also plan fundraisers, talent shows, fashion shows, retreats and field trips. Be sure to become a true member of the Bergen Family and join a club today.

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**By Carina Tesone**

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   - A. The Roman Goddess of love (Correct)

2. Who is the Roman Goddess of love?
   - B. Venus (Correct)

3. Would you take the first African American Secretary of State?
   - A. Yes (Correct)

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**By Ayelet Shimrion**

**BCC News**
Jambon! Konnichiwa! Hello! Hello!

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After the story, they practiced chopsticks. Practice chopsticks differ from regular chopsticks. “These ‘training wheel’ chopsticks come attached together making it much simpler to pick things up with. The children practiced on popcorn, which they picked up from one bowl and placed into another.”

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Environmental Club and Green Team Fight for Forest

Robert Williams, said that in September 2009 SHP's attorney, totally unnecessary – loss of a rare in NJ, and if eradicated, it is filled with a vast variety of rare plant and tree species, as well as animals of the wild like the Great Horned Owl, Red Tailed Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red Fox and a Great Horned Owl, Red Tailed Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red Fox and a Specialist, Bruce Kershner, Old Growth Forests are extremely rare in NJ, and if eradicated, it would be irreplaceable – and totally unnecessary – loss of a rare environmental, historic and scenic treasure.

During a zoning board hearing in September 2009 SHP's attorney, Robert Williams, said that there will be a minimal impact to the environment as they remove 1,000 trees to be replaced by 975 new trees. "Some of the trees coming up are diseased... we're still leaving 12 acres of natural forest". SHP's planning expert, Peter Steck, said that the construction would be "inherently beneficial". However, it is reported that over 1,400 trees of 33 different species are really being destroyed, and that only five or six will be replanted. At the zoning board hearing on January 14th, the consequences entailed in clear-cutting the forest were also discussed. SHP has been proposing to build two baseball diamonds, five tennis courts and parking lots. However, a sidewalk was not included in the plans nor was the concern for likely flooding in athletic fields and nearby residents properties.

In theory, SHP can do whatever it wants with the forest since it is their private property. The question is, do they really have an obligation to the community to conserve the forest, or can they build enhanced athletic facilities for students, instead?

"When I first heard about this issue from some of my students, all I could think of [are the poor professors at Seton Hall teaching my subject, Environmental Science]," said Caitlin O'Connor Fitzpatrick, an Environmental Science professor at BCC. "How could those professors teach, in good conscience, the necessity of preserving old-growth forests while their own school diabolically exploits and plans to destroy the McClellan Old Growth Forest?"

Kershner stated: "The destruction of Old Growth Forest to construct athletic fields makes a serious statement about Seton Hall School's values and priorities."

Long-time environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Chief Prosecuting Attorney for Hudson Riverkeeper, wrote on behalf of the West Orange Township Planning Board, Mayor John McKeon, and the Sierra Club to SHP's Headmaster Michael Kelly in 2007. The letter mentioned how SHP is so fortunate to have this rare and historic site; but how with global warming on the rise, the school should set an example to protect the environment, not to deforest it. "I urge you to develop a winning solution to this controversial plan, one that all of your students and your community can be proud of," he said. Professor Rachel Wieland, faculty advisor of the Environmental Club, encourages that students become more aware of these kinds of issues and get involved, as she stated, "Action is more important than hope. If we want a better future we better step up to the plate and take it seriously, not hope for it to happen."

Trees can't stand up for themselves, they need your help.

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ATTENTION!!!

Important Dates/Events

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HONORS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS HARVARD GRAD. SPEAKER
Feb. 3rd at 12:30-1:30 to TEC-128

GOLDEN DRAGON ACRONyms OF CHINA
SUNDAY, Feb. 7th at 2pm & 6Pm in CICCONE; PRICE $22

BCC BOOKSTORE BUYBACKS
MondAy, Feb. 8th

“A JOURNEY TOWARD PEACE” PRESENTATION
TUESDAY, Feb. 9th at 11:00Am in CICCONE

ASHARI DEVINE FASHION SHOW
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10th at 7:00Am in CICCONE

“FELA! A NEW MUSIC”
THURSDAY, Feb. 11th at 5:00Pm; $70 ORCHESTRA SEATING

SIZZLING HOT CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO
FRIDAY, Feb. 12th at 7:00Pm in CICCONE; PRICE $22-26

A VALENTINE’S DAY EXTRAORDINARIA
SAT., Feb. 13th at 7:00PM in GYM; BCC STUDENTS $15

POLAR BEAR RUN-WALK FOR AUTISM: SUN., Feb. 14th at 11:00Am; FOR MORE INFO GO TO POLARBEARRUNWALKFORAUTISM.COM

APOLLO THEATRE
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17th at 4:30Pm; $25 DINNER INCLUDED

DR. DEBORAH WILLIS “POISING BEAUTY”
THURSDAY, Feb. 18th at 7:00Pm in S-138

AN EVENING WITH SIMONE IN CONCERT
FRIDAY, Feb. 19th at 7:30Pm in CICCONE

GREG KENNEDY INNOVATIVE JUGGLER
SATURDAY, Feb. 20th at 7:00Pm in CICCONE; PRICE $12

LEADERSHIP WEEKEND
FEB. 19th – 21st at SPLIT ROCK RESORT in LAKE HARMONY, PA

“EL MUSEO DEL BARRO”
SUNDAY, FEB. 21st at 5:00Pm; $10 IN NEXUS, NY

JOE OPPORTUNITY DAY
TUESDAY, Feb. 23rd from 10:00Am-2:00Pm by REGISTRATION

“MEMPHIS ON BROADWAY”
THURSDAY, Feb. 25th at 5:00Pm; $70 ORCHESTRA SEATING

WAR IN PARANOM PLAY
FEB. 26th-28th and MARCH 5th at ENDER HALL LAB THEATER; $7.00

SKI TRIP
SATURDAY, Feb. 27th at 9:00Am in MOUNTAIN CREEK SKI RESORT, VERNON, NJ; $50

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Hidden Computer Labs Exposed!

By Joe “Kaan” Pendle

Contributing Writer

As the semester starts up again, many students still rely on the library as the only computer lab available. However, there are other free-time computer labs that are on campus. A majority of these labs contain the basics such as Microsoft Office 2007 and Adobe. Some of these labs have specialized programs for certain majors, but they are not restricted to students that do not fall under that category. The labs are available for all students to use.

For example, the computer labs in the library are open to everyone. L-222 and L-305 labs contain the Allied Health software for the nursing majors. The two classrooms in the back of the library have also been opened up for usage. S-346 is also available for all students, but doesn’t contain any specialized software.

Aside from the main building, Pitkin, there are computer labs in the other buildings such as West Hall, the Technology Building and Ender Hall. West Hall has three computer labs, one of which contains Apple iMacs (W-215). The other two labs, W-211 and W-317, are for specialized majors such as digital music, music production and computer 2D and 3D animation.

In the Tech building, TEC-114 is open to everyone and also has programs for the accounting and business majors.

Finally, there is also a computer lab in Ender Hall, E-175. This lab is also open to everyone, but does not contain any specialized software. The lab is very convenient for people who have classes there instead of having to walk back to the main building just to print something out.

This information could be beneficial to those who stay on campus to study; and to help alleviate congestion at the main labs during “crunch-time” and finals. For more information, contact the Academic Computing Department at 201.612.5477.

Celebrating the Season of Giving at BCC

By Nicole de los Santos

Senior Writer

On the final school day of the Fall 2009 semester, Bergen Community College wanted to start the winter break off with a bang. The traditional “A Celebration of Giving” event was held on Monday, December 21st, from 3 pm until 4:30 pm in the Student Center. Students, along with faculty and staff, joined in the festivities, which included giving others to the holidays.

Tables filled the usual student hangout spot with bright Christmas lights adorning the walls, and, of course, the traditional “holiday” tree to the left. The ambiance created by the decorations allowed attendees to take part in celebrating the success of collecting presents for those deserving of them, as well as a job well done for volunteers. Set up on the stage was a three-man band who blasted music for all to hear as guests sat at the tables. Snacks, drinks and such were laid out for everyone to pick at and enjoy.

Attendees and those who gave donations delivered canned and, packaged, foods and goods, as well as coats and jackets, to those in need in our local community. The event was in the spirit of drawing all together as an act of civil engagement and service and for the first time drawing in the students to celebrate together. BCC students, faculty and staff have dedicated themselves to acts of good-spirited generosity and providing as bountifully as possible.

President G. Jeremiah Ryan commented that he was proud of the work the volunteers had done and the amount of donations they were able to compilation. It was a tremendous effort on the parts of the students, faculty, staff as well as the community to give to those who needed generosity this holiday season. He hopes that we can continue to do this kind of thing for years to come, as well as do more events that focus on giving back to the community. President Ryan knows that it is difficult at times to give like this, with BCC’s budget and the state of the economy. It is difficult at times to give like this, with BCC’s budget and the state of the economy.

As a community, a celebration is needed that acknowledges and supports the need to give. BCC students, faculty and staff, joined in the festivities, which included giving others to the holidays.

“We are very grateful for the support and generosity of our community” President Ryan continued. “We also want to thank those who have supported our students and the College with their contributions. Your support has made a difference in the lives of our students.”

“I am humbled by the generosity of our community,” President Ryan concluded. “I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our success in giving.”

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Celebrating the Season of Giving at BCC

By Nicole de los Santos

Senior Writer

On the final school day of the Fall 2009 semester, Bergen Community College wanted to start the winter break off with a bang. The traditional “A Celebration of Giving” event was held on Monday, December 21st, from 3 pm until 4:30 pm in the Student Center. Students, along with faculty and staff, joined in the festivities, which included giving others to the holidays.

Tables filled the usual student hangout spot with bright Christmas lights adorning the walls, and, of course, the traditional “holiday” tree to the left. The ambiance created by the decorations allowed attendees to take part in celebrating the success of collecting presents for those deserving of them, as well as a job well done for volunteers. Set up on the stage was a three-man band who blasted music for all to hear as guests sat at the tables. Snacks, drinks and such were laid out for everyone to pick at and enjoy.

Attendees and those who gave donations delivered canned and, packaged, foods and goods, as well as coats and jackets, to those in need in our local community. The event was in the spirit of drawing all together as an act of civil engagement and service and for the first time drawing in the students to celebrate together. BCC students, faculty and staff, joined in the festivities, which included giving others to the holidays.

“We are very grateful for the support and generosity of our community” President Ryan continued. “We also want to thank those who have supported our students and the College with their contributions. Your support has made a difference in the lives of our students.”

“I am humbled by the generosity of our community,” President Ryan concluded. “I want to thank everyone who has contributed to our success in giving.”
Haiti’s Strength Eclipses Despair

BY PERPETUA ROMAIN
STAFF WRITER

In just a mere fifteen seconds, everything changed. What was once an unacknowledged yet beautiful country filled with gorgeous landscapes and humble people is now dominating all major news headlines worldwide. Indeed, a very terrible way to start the New Year is to watch your entire neighborhood crumble into turmoil. Yes, Haiti is in the midst of pure distress, and my people are suffering.

On January 12th, 2010, a massive earthquake blindsided the people of Haiti, terrorizing the capital city Port-au-Prince as well as its surrounding cities such as Petionville, Les Cayes, and Carrefour. A 7.0 on the Richter scale triggered continuous 5.9 aftershocks claimed the lives of many; up to 50,000 lives within the first two days. And 100,000 confirmed by day four.

Medical treatment is very scarce, leaving the population to resort to jungle medicine; a very desperate and gruesome procedure involving amputation without anesthesia or sterilization, the use of tree branches as splints, and other mechanisms of immediate care with a deficiency of resources.

The prisons and jails have also collapsed, and over 4,000 inmates are released, running rampant throughout the towns and neighborhoods, endangering the lives of many innocent civilians.

Sadly, thousands of the bodies buried remain unclaimed and unidentified. A vast majority of these corpses are being thrown into ditches and covered. Even though many people have survived the quake, thousands more await to be taken to the afterlife.

The expectancy of its completion is aimed to be equally divided between the people of Haiti and other poverty stricken areas around the world. Indeed, Haiti is a country in dire need. On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, the people of Haiti had suffered a life changing devastation that will scar many for years to come. An earthquake, measured at 7.0 on the Richter scale struck the capital city Port-au-Prince, leaving many people homeless, and the town immensely destitute. Many have died, some are still missing and children are left without parents or other family members. Now more than ever is the time to recognize Sue Morrison’s mission and message to help Haiti.

The total cost of the renovations, funded by Bergen County, comes out to $50.00 million. The expectation of its completion is aimed to take place around the beginning or middle of Fall 2010 semester. If not, we will see ourselves go into another winter with people scattered all over campus. The problem is, once the project is completed, getting students to come back to the lounge area, a place where they once felt so at home.

It may sound like an inconvenience at first, but once the construction is done there will be an indoor waiting area as well as a large canopy area established for people to stand under while waiting for the bus. Look at it this way, at the end of every rainbow there’s a pot of gold, this one being a beautiful, more modernized campus inside and out.

Consider a six year old boy who had been buried under rubble for four days and comes out defeated, yet alive and hopeful; or the spirit of an 80 year old woman under the debris of a building for seven days, surviving, without any major injuries. This resiliency truly makes me very proud to be Haitian.

Some organizations accept money towards earthquake relief only to confer a portion of the earnings to it, one credible organization whose mission is for the country is the R.O.S.E Foundation of Haiti, founded by Pierre Romain in April 2009; it had been set up under the inspiration of his mother. “The foundation is non-profit and our intention is to help rebuild Haiti for now and in the long run,” states Pierre. “Our current focus on earthquake relief is to drop a duffle bag of supplies that helps a family of 3 each.” For more information on how to get involved, visit www.rosefoundationhaiti.org.

Always Missed...Never Forgotten

BY AYELET SHIMRON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When you feel as though you have nothing, but in reality you have it all... When you know that within you are flying, but you look down just to see yourself fall... And you can’t help but seem helpless. For all the pain you “think” you feel... And you convince yourself time’s on your side, and that time will heal all... If the world becomes unstable, and a facade sits secure on your face... Realize the reality is there are others, when in heart bane would take your place... There are world tragedies we cannot avoid. For mother nature [at times] does her damage... Yet we find ourselves in the midst of the calamity. Carrying our own selfish baggage, we are selfish, for what happens outside our own mental desires... But if to know anything at all. The best gift in life is to live, love and inspire.

~Dedicated to Perpetua Romain, her family and those lost in the tragic earthquake that took place in Haiti. Always Missed...Never Forgotten~

“Give Till it Helps”

That’s the slogan for a campaign coming to BCC in February. Starting soon, you’ll see BCC club members ask for your donations. All of 57 of the BCC clubs have joined together in a campaign to raise $10,000 by May 30, to support Haiti. The funds will be equally divided between Habitat for Humanity International, Doctors Without Borders, and Save the Children. Our hope is that if every student gives just $1, we will easily reach our goal!

Construction

as well as gating has been established. In other words, if you happen to find yourself lost in the midst of the construction pandemonium, just look for the nearest arrow to guide you. Not only do you have arrows and fencing, but the public safety officers are always available to lead you in the right direction.

The disruption that the construction may provoke is something that, we can only hope, doesn’t result in too much of an uproar. When you have such a critical mass of students situated in one location, their only alternative option is to find somewhere else to station themselves. The proximity is that students, like rushing water, will meet a resistance and relocate to the next available area so that the overflow can potentially reach Ender Hall, creating new patterns. Waiting for the bus will cause students to hang around other areas as well.

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Dr. Morrison

who accompany her in helping the people of Haiti. These acts of kindness are meant to show the people of Haiti and other poverty stricken areas around the world that we are all united and need to help our fellow man prosper in today’s world.

Indeed, Haiti is a country in dire need. On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, the people of Haiti had suffered a life changing devastation that will scar many for years to come. An earthquake, measured at 7.0 on the Richter scale completely destroyed the country’s bravura, and many have only been acquainted with the land for the first time due to all the exposure of the recent tragedy.

Although Haiti has suffered through four massive hurricanes within the past couple years, endured a very uncracking president that finally was taken out of office, and this recent destruction of the island through two full earthquakes within a week, Haitians still continue to pray—to hope and pray that they can overcome all the turmoil. As a nation, they are fighting to sustain their lives as well as their families.

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Online Classes for the Masses?

Ayelet Shimron
Editor-in-Chief

If only there were more hours in a day, but their optimistic mindset that I’m sure sounds quite rewarding to the majority of students. However, what happens when you add time to an equation but subtract social advancement? Where does the happy balance meet? Taking online courses could either work for or against you, it primarily depends on the individual. During my first semester at Bergen, with an open mind, I decided to give online classes an opportunity to prove their worth. I do not sit by for the student body as a whole in indicating, the entire experience had taught me that I tend to be more driven when situated in a classroom setting; giving and receiving feedback from classmates. It takes a great amount of obedience to sit in front of a computer and theoretically “self instruct.” Online courses consist of interactive discussions in which the professor designates rigid time blocks to virtually interact with the students. It is up to it is a lesson that students are able to present their comments, observations, views and opinions. One hindrance I found was that the virtual communication between professor and student was less efficient and resulted in high levels of frustration. For example, I found that when presenting a question, I couldn’t expect to receive an immediate response. More often than not it took a matter of hours before I could master a full understanding of a certain issue. Rather than face-to-face verbal interaction, you are restricted to concepts, and you might not get “it” you’re forced to either post a question, anxiously await a response or continuously attempt to figure it out autonomously. You don’t have the option of raising your hand to ask for clarification.

On the other hand, online classes could benefit those individuals such as: full-time parents, nursing mothers, those with full-time jobs, those who more comfortably express themselves in private settings and those who lack easily accessible means of transportation and/or live a substantially great distance from campus. Online classes allow for a more flexible schedule in the event the student is unable to adhere to a fixed schedule.

An online education enables a student-centered teaching approach. Every student uses their own individual methods to adapt and learn. So long as you remain responsible in making sure assignments and tests are submitted by the deadline, attendance is predominantly managed at your own pace. If you find that you are the type of learner that focuses more when able to take in and assimilate information at a specific time of day, and if you happen to be tech savvy, then by all means, cyber learning is the way to go.

Another way to benefit from online education is accessibility. Course material is available online 24/7 and for a day, seven days a week. This is handy in the event you find yourself habitually misplacing assignments or even for those who simply feel more organized having their documents electronically within reach. Also, online courses are structured in a methodical manner. Every assignment is laid out for you in a timely fashion and in that sense is well organized.

It would be unjust of me to disrepect the benefits of online courses. However, a face-to-face education is more my style in that I find it to be more formal. Online classes are better for visual learners, I fall into the “hands-on” category of those who “learn by doing.” Education serves the purpose of advancing us as young individuals in many different ways. Regardless of your individual preference, so long as you embrace what you are being taught, you receive and indulge yourself with intrigue, you are on the right path to success.

Ratemyprofessor.com Ratings Trustworthy

Ratemyprofessor.com’s popularity has grown enormous throughout colleges and has helped many students choose classes for their upcoming semesters. It is a review site that consists of 6,000+ schools, 1,000,000 professors, and 10,000,000 ratings or opinions by professors and anonymous college students. I personally find ratemyprofessor.com useful as it has helped me with my prior classes. You cannot really depend on other people’s opinions, but their opinions may help you decide which professors you would prefer. Even though some people may not find others’ opinions of professors impartial, I choose to see it as an advantage. It is a way for students to make decisions beforehand so you will benefit a lot.

Some professors even teach too slowly or too fast so students are not able to comprehend the lecture. It is a good idea to find out how the professor sets up his or her syllabus and a preview of the way in which the teacher proceeds beforehand so you do not get stuck with a nightmare after all. It is a good idea to find out how the professor sets up his or her syllabus and a preview of the way in which the teacher proceeds beforehand so you do not get stuck with a nightmare after all. It is a good idea to find out how the professor sets up his or her syllabus and a preview of the way in which the teacher proceeds beforehand so you do not get stuck with a nightmare after all. It is a good idea to find out how the professor sets up his or her syllabus and a preview of the way in which the teacher proceeds beforehand so you do not get stuck with a nightmare after all. It is a good idea to find out how the professor sets up his or her syllabus and a preview of the way in which the teacher proceeds beforehand so you do not get stuck with a nightmare after all.
**Roving Reporter**

"How do you feel about the construction and remodeling taking place in the Student Center?"

**A. Martinez**

**MAJOR: BIOLOGY**

"I believe the construction will create more problems in the parking lots, making it extremely harder than before to find parking spaces."

**Sagar Rana**

**MAJOR: ENGINEERING**

"I believe it will cause confusion for visitors who are thinking about attending BCC, and overcrowdings will make it unpleasant for everyone to move around throughout the school."

**Maya Sasao**

**MAJOR: UNDECLARED**

"It's a struggle just getting to class. It will affect the student's ability to be present in their class because it's hard to get there on time; which could ultimately result in a lower grade."

**Hoonme Angelino**

**MAJOR: UNDECLARED**

"I wish they would have worked on the parking lot first because, even though it's great that we will have a new place to hang out, the blocked off section is causing parking issues that affect me, in a sense."

**The Relationship vs Sex**

Neither the thrill of a one-night stand nor the exhilaration found in a Friday-night hookup are a match for the deep joy and pleasure found in long-term, meaningful relationships. However, as counterproductive as it may sound to the average college student, taking time to build a trusting and caring relationship with someone one will make your sexual experience with them much more pleasurable by any order of magnitude.

Most college students might find it hard to believe, however research has proven time and time again that the path to a truly fulfilling and happy union between a man and a woman is based upon respect and integrity. Sex without a meaningful relationship is empty, short-lived and is even harmful to both parties involved.

When a man and woman have a sexual relationship, the hormone oxytocin is released in the brain, creating a bonding effect between the two partners. Furthermore, numerous tests have proven that without a mutual respect from each other all this desire for a healthy sexual experience will be thirty-five-fifty percent less enjoyable for males; and for females. That trust and natural bonding takes time, and is clearly not possible in a sloppy hookup with a brand new acquaintance.

Sex that lasts is a thrill seeker's high that fades quickly. Furthermore, sex is a very intimate experience for both parties, and should only be shared with someone who has been trustworthy and respectful. Neither Viagra nor chocolate have as great an effect as some romanticists may have hoped on their significant others. It takes more than Cupid’s arrow to put the look of love in your lover’s eyes. Make note: before you write off your romantic dreams of passionate love making sessions, there is a solution which is simple, and in fact free. What might terminate your sexual experience is the hormone oxytocin, released in the brain, creating a bonding effect between the man and woman."

**T.V. Has Become Too Much**

**Raven Bryant**

**STAFF WRITER**

Nothing new expected from media when they join our young viewers. I wish American media would respect the way we loud. The trend towards less and less clothing, more violent language, and less real stories in the media is what you are exposed to every day. We need to think this is all normal because promiscuity is expected from us, and not from escalating. The question is do we want it to continue this way?

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**Your Real Resume**

**Nita Lim**

**STAFF WRITER**

So you walk out of an interview thinking, "I nailed that. I had a killer suit on, a great resume, and a stellar academic record." Want to know what else you got? Facebook, along with msn. and half million other college students aged eighteen to twenty-five. According to "Inside Facebook," an independent company dedicated to providing news and market research in the Facebook community...people though has been found that insignificant, your Facebook profile can be one of the biggest factors in the hiring process for future employers.

"Resumes have been around for years. You have full control of what goes on them and you know what to put on them. You put your good qualities, your great work experiences and references to past jobs that you did not get fired from. Companies are realizing this and have been going further, thoroughly examining potential employees. Not only are they looking names in a search bar like Google or Yahoo, they are going to Facebook and MySpace along with other social networking sites to find out who you really are. Skeptical? Then listen to Tim DeMello, who owns the internet company site Ziggs.com that allows people to post an online business-focused profile. During an interview DeMello was asked if he did any internet searches for when he is looking to hire someone and he said, "Of course! Why does a first resume not know what it means to dress appropriately anymore. The sad part about this is, there is no turning back. We can only hope that the young generation does not go from escalating. The question is do we want it to continue this way?"

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**The Torch**

...is hiring!

Writers and Reporters, Photographers, Cartoonists, Those Interested in Graphic and Web Design

Please attend a meeting, held in B-101, every Tuesday at 12:30 for more information
Without the proper event to show it off, who would’ve known that deep in the heart of Bergen Community College lies such great talent? With the right amount of hand work and dedication, BCC’s Art Club was able to conduct Bergen’s “first ever” art show exhibit, titled “Art in Real Time,” which took place in West Hall’s “Gallery Bergen.” What began as a simple idea quickly turned into a proposal which led to a signed petition; overall granting the Art Club the permission to “make it happen!”

“Art in Real Time,” led by Art Club’s President, Jessica Stroh, was a great hit due to the many who contributed their time and effort. Stroh initiated the Art Club in the fall semester of 2009. To get a head start, Stroh began recruiting in the summer, seeking artists who were just as passionate about art as she is.

It was a three hour, “Come at your own pace” sort of event. Everything was very organized and well-planned. With hopes of satisfying everybody, Stroh ordered catered food for 75 people; which ran out within minutes, confirming that several hundred people showed up throughout the night. The Music Interactive Club also made an appearance, providing entertainment on an electric piano. With a mere two days to promote the event, the Art Club surpassed above and beyond their expectations, which is a huge accomplishment.

Upon entering the exhibit, viewers couldn’t help but admire the professionalism that was being expressed before their very eyes. The artwork was nothing less than breathtaking. The art show featured a variety of artistic methods and designs and allowed all artists, old and new, to exhibit their talent. Every individual piece of art looked so captivating under the bright studio lights; you almost lost track of focus because you didn’t know just where to look.

The wide variety of art that was present at the exhibit varied, consisting of: paintings, drawings, photography, graphic design, sculptures, and mixed-media. As a club, they had delegated tasks and each individual took on at least one
responsibility. Everybody arrived at four in the afternoon to hang everything up, efficiently working together as a team. This shows great dedication and how, when students put their minds to something, anything is possible.

Two students who seemed to be a big buzz of the night were Carolina Espin and Lisbeth Jimenez. The two students contributed a wide array of work to the display, taking up almost one whole wall of absolute artistry. When asked what art means to her, Jimenez responded, “For me everything is art. The world is art.” When asked what her inspiration is, Espin responded, “My grandfather. He was an artist for fifty years and passed away last year. My inspiration is his memory that keeps living through me.”

The Art Club did plenty of ‘behind the scene’ work throughout the semester as well. They worked with the Recycling Club, painting the lids of recycling bins as well as pumpkin painting with Student Activities Board. They held fund raisers, such as bake sales, and attended a Washington D.C. trip. They had two live models come in as a template for students to draw from. It’s good to see how clubs have been collaborating, going full-force in such a limited amount of time.

Stroh’s experience as President of the Art Club throughout fall 2009 was a learning experience to say the least. She expresses her passion in stating, “I think art is important because it helps people see the world in a new perspective. I think that’s what art really is. I personally try to challenge myself to see things differently and I try to share that with other people; I try to express myself to them through my art.”

Any successful event depends solely on the amount of work put into it. It was definitely a defining moment in formation of the young club. Stroh’s final statement was, “I hope it’s just the beginning of more student shows and more student recognition at BCC. Its been awesome having an art club on campus!”

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Google vs. Blackberry vs. Apple iPhone

Stephen Zheng
Staff Writer

Apple iPhone has been around for two years now and has taken the crown for the best cellphone ever created. But it seems that two other companies have produced a phone to compete with the iPhone. Rim Blackberry, the original creator of all smartphones, is making one to combat the Apple iPhone with their new product.

All Blackberry phones deserve a righteous place as the kings of all smartphones, as they allow business owners to carry Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and also Microsoft Excel; so that now they do not have to carry a computer along. Blackberry phones stand out with their legendary Suretype keyboard, allowing hardcore “texters” to text away. E-mail users feel at ease thanks to Blackberry’s most powerful e-mail support system, making it the ultimate phone for social networking, such as Facebook and Twitter. Blackberries have the ability to switch between multiple applications and operate them at the same time. Blackberry also owns AppWorld, which is producing some major applications that are available to download. Blackberry Enterprise Server is flawless in service as it gives the entire business owner great connection and great applications to do all of their work for their “on-the-go” jobs. Blackberry is the best phone you can ever get for business.

Another phone company that is causing a lot of trouble for the Apple iPhone is Google. Google started producing phones in late 2007 with the Google G1 for T-mobile. Unlike Blackberry and iPhone, all of Google’s phones are unique in the way that they have an open source operating system. T-mobile. Unlike Blackberry and iPhone, all of Google’s phones are unique in the way that they have an open source operating system. Google’s phones are the best cellphone ever created. But it seems that two other companies have produced a phone to compete with the iPhone. Rim Blackberry, the original creator of all smartphones, is making one to combat the Apple iPhone with their new product.

Google is the little search engine that could. With roots beginning in 1998, the company has flourished so much that its name has been incorporated into our daily dictionary. Google owns half the market share, with Yahoo and Bing behind. Not all of Google’s revenue comes from advertising programs, according to their Annual Report in 2008. Google’s search engine owns half the market share, with Yahoo and Bing behind.

Google’s amazing screen resolution on each phone makes it a great multimedia phone compared to the iPhone and is definitely worth buying.

Last but not least is the Apple iPhone, which was produced back in June 2007, created the whole touch-screen world we live in today; as the iPhone is still famous for its amazing touch-screen and 100,000 (plus) applications.

Overall, the result of this is that if you are a businessperson or just a hardcore texter, then Blackberry is your cup of tea. If you are into highly enhanced multimedia phones, then the Apple iPhone and Google phones are your best choices.
Avatar

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In one form or another, we have heard the story before: “Dances with Wolves,” “The Last Samurai,” “Fern Gully,” “The Rebel”—the list goes on. A protagonist (Sam Worthington) comes to destroy their opponent (Zoe Saldana), but through certain circumstances that protagonist has learned the errors of their ways. Now they fight along their opponents’ side. By no means is it a bad theme or plot. Besides, every generation needs a retelling of a good story, right? However, what makes or breaks the retelling of a good story is how innovative or creative the retelling is. James Cameron’s two-and-a-half hour Avatar attempted just that by trying to immerse us with a completely brand new world and entirely new creatures that many can surprisingly relate to.

On a visually technical aspect, the 3D compositing was as good as it gets so far. The ways the 3D sprites moved and looked were very believable. Subtle facial expressions and muscle movements in all the 3D creatures added more to the realism. If you can get past the fact that it is a sci-fi movie, then it won’t be too difficult to immerse yourself even more in the visuals and the world. The musical score does its job. James Horner may have borrowed some elements from his past scores, but all musicians have their style. Despite all that, Horner’s music adds nicely to the movie’s epic feel.

Now, it is obvious that James Cameron is trying give us a moral to his movie. It is a moving and powerful message, but sometimes it feels like he lays it on thick. Some people may not be too fond of that and may view it as preachy. Some, however, may find it eye-opening and enlightening. Either way, the message is positive and moves the story forward. Every turn of events has an understandable and believable cause. There’s not much to complain about, it is a fantastic movie. Don’t expect to experience a new story. Instead, wonder about how an old story is going to be retold with a twist.

Sherlock Holmes Takes Us on a Mystery Ride

JUAN SALIBA
STAFF WRITER

Robert Downey Jr. has another solid performance as Sherlock Holmes, a fictional detective created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. His performance is not to be outdone by his partner in crime, Dr. John H. Watson, played by Jude Law.

This action-packed movie flows quite nicely, though it moves at a fast pace. So stay attentive, or you may miss a key part of the story; though it is worth the re-watch and may help in catching those little details you missed the first time around. Holmes is a bit eccentric, but what he lacks in manners, he makes up for in his ability to not miss a detail and use the smallest of clues to bring Lord Blackwood to justice. The way the plot was set up is really well done; like I said before, the action flowed beautifully. From beginning to end, Director Guy Ritchie, created a movie that took your imagination to new heights.

The plot was easy to follow, yet allowed you to become involved in brain work, and the conclusion leading towards the end left me speechless. Sherlock Holmes is an action movie, but with a twist: the film keeps you guessing until the very end—a “who-done-it” type of movie. And while almost everything is explained at the very end, it leaves the possibility of a potential sequel in the future.

If you are looking for an action flick, then this is your movie; but be prepared to pay attention as key details that are essential to the movies progress can get confusing. I highly advise you to watch this film, not only for the acting, but for how Holmes uses his smarts to help foil his enemy’s sinister plot.

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**Going Gaga over Lady Gaga’s The Fame Monster?**

**Nicole de los Santos**

Lady Gaga, the New York-born songwriter and performer, came out with her second album, The Fame Monster, on November 9, 2009. The deluxe album, which features its predecessor, The Fame, was released on December 15th to represent the “ying-yang” persona she wished to achieve about her life with fame.

The two-disc compilation covers over an hour and a half worth of music that shows off the good and bad that came with fame. “The Fame” is the re-release The Fame Monster, [Gaga] wrote about everything [she] didn’t write on The Fame. While traveling the world for two years, [she has] encountered several monsters, each person a different song on the new record: [her] ‘Fear of Sex Monster,’ [her] ‘Fear of Alcohol Monster,’ [her] ‘Fear of Love Monster,’ [her] ‘Fear of Death Monster,’ [her] Fear of Loneliness Monster, etc.

The Fame and The Fame Monster differ greatly as she belts out the turbulent emotions that came out while on tour and how she has come to learn how to morn them when they happen, and move on. The new album covers compositions with RedOne, Space Cowboy, Fernando Garibay, Rodney Jerkins, LaShawn Daniels, Lazaronate Franklin, Beyoncé and Taja Riley. The original solo CD with new songs contains:

“Bad Romance”

“Alejandro”

“Monster”

“So Happy I Could Die”

“Speechless”

“On [Lady Gaga’s] Dark”

“Telephone”

“Teeth”

On her second disk containing The Monster, Lady Gaga fought with the record companies to combine the two, so that the music was more affordable for the fans. Although the two CDs are available together, she wanted for the two to be made distinctive and for The Fame Monster to be an art in of itself, standing alone as a new album of worthy material.

**Glee, the New TV Show Crazel!**

**Raven Bryant**

**Staff Writer**

The new television series “Glee” has greatly influenced people who enjoy all aspects of music and theatre to go ahead and spontaneously break out into song and dance! When aired on September 9, 2009, it introduced to us Mr. Will Schuester, a young, good-looking Spanish teacher, determined to create what once was the best thing that he remembered ever happened to him. Glee Club! Schuester recruits a group of misfit kids at William McKinley High School. Lea Michele plays Rachel Berry, the seemingly talented one who usually underlines the equally talented Mercedes Jones, played by Amber Riley, but with a loyalty in her best friend Kurt Hummer, acted by Chris Colfer.

He plays a gay male whose range is soprano, amusing all with his flamboyant designer attire. Kevin McHale, as Artie Abrams, singing and dancing in his wheel chair plays along with his love interest, the exotic and feisty Tina Cohen-Chang, executed by Naya Rivera. The band no longer has a bass player, but guitarist David Isen’s playing was good. He plays a couple of songs from their latest album, Desperate Living, and things became intense when they ended with their classic song which everyone was waiting for “Cuckoo.” Everyone put all of their energy into the final song. Overall, the band was well received. It was not their craziest performance, but it was still solid. Their set seemed too short at only half an hour and all the Horse The Band fans wanted more, lamenting their farewell. Horse the Band is known to put on one of the most intense live shows so make sure to catch them on their next tour! Horse the Band’s latest album is called Desperate Living and their new DVD “We Flooded It and Theirs Yoghurt Everywhere, AKA 48 Hours in Ukraine” is available now.

**Horse The Band perform in New York City**

**Dawn Foster**

**Staff Writer**

“1, 2, 3! H the BII!” Horse the Band, whom self-label their music “nintendocore,” opened for Norma Jean on their “Explosions 2009!” tour along with Anonists Get All the Girls and The Chariot. Horse the Band have the sort of fans that are raptid in love with them—there is no in between. Their performance at the Gramercy Theater in New York City arguably stole the show. Those who had never heard of them before enjoyed them and their goofiness.

The band began with the signature sounds of their nintendo-esque synthesizers. Once the speedy drum riff of “Birds” was heard, the crowd’s energy was wild. Singer Nathan Winneke came onto the stage and yelled, “Bird...O!” The crowd screamed out all the lyrics right back. Erik Engstrom, also known as Lord Gold, was dressed in a full, sparkling, gold pant suit. This tour featured Ed Edge, who played the triangle. Edge had the most energy and charisma and he is probably the only person ever to do the triangle headbang.

**The Legend that is Zelda since 1986**

**Nicole de los Santos**

**News Editor**

The 15th game in the Zelda game series, “The Legend of Zelda: Spirit Tracks,” was released on December 7, 2009 for the Nintendo DS (double screen) handheld video game console, holding itself high from the first game back in 1986, fans eagerly took the DS game in and gave it positive reviews.

“Spirit Tracks” can be your usual “save the princess” video games that may sound cliché and overdone, but let’s throw some ghosts and choo-choo trains into the mix. For those who have never played any Zelda games, there is the main character, Link, protecting Princess Zelda of Hyrule at every second. In this game, it plays out as a betrayal from the princess’ counselor who separates Zelda’s body when she and Link go off to explore why the train’s Spirit Tracks are disappearing. From there, ensue the goals of:

(1) Get Zelda’s body back so she can go back into it.

(2) Defeat the bad guy.

(3) Fix the mishap with the tracks so Link can go on and fulfill his duty to be a railway engineer.

The new game has features similar to Phantom Hourglass, such as using the stylus stick to have Link move around in the game. The double screen is used both the top and lower for cross-world usage. A neat feature on the DS is the built-in microphone, which allows players to use the DS as Zelda’s Spirit Flute. Even though this is the normal case of saving the damsel in distress, Zelda helps Link throughout their adventure to get the Spirit Tracks back by overaking the evil phantoms’ bodies and helping him along the journey; in so it is, a woman’s turn to save the guy.

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Let’s face it, we all get those butterflies in our stomachs when it comes time for a job interview. Unfortunately, they cannot be avoided if you want to work. However, mistakes CAN be avoided if you prepare before the big day. This may sound silly, but interviewing is a skill. Preparation is key to being successful. This article will give you tips on how to answer some of the typical interview questions:

• Why are you interested in this field?
• Why are you interested in this company?
• What unique quality would you bring to this job?

Be prepared for questions you may not like to answer:
• Your work experience
• Your lack of related experience
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• Your lack of leadership experiences
• Your record of job-hopping

Make sure to keep your explanations short and simple, so answer only what the interviewer asks without offering other information. Proper body language is vital. To look confident and friendly, you must maintain good posture, eye contact, and sit still.

Also, keep in mind that you should dress for success. Wear a sharp suit or business attire in preferably neutral colors, such as navy, gray, and black. Finally, arrive a half-hour early so you can find your way to the office, take a few deep breaths, and begin visualizing yourself working there. They will be lucky to have you.

History of Successful Books

8 Must Read Books for the Future Entrepreneur

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From the pages will captivate the reader, and set you on your way to success.

The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle

This book will enable you to let go of the past and embrace the moment by teaching NOW is all we really have. The past no longer exists and the future, as far as we know, will never come. In actuality we live in an everlasting succession of the present. Action is needed to accomplish anything we desire and we can transform ourselves into who we want to be.

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: Lessons in Personal Change by Stephen R. Covey

Mr. Covey illustrates the history of this successful book masterpiece. Equipped with practical knowledge, this book will not only change your thinking through its advocacy of a principle-centered life.

Think Bigger and Kick Ass in Business and Life by Donald J. Trump

This captivating read details Donald Trump’s real estate career, and how always setting the bar high for yourself will help you reach previously unattainable heights!

Walk the Walk: 41 Keys for Real Leaders by Alan Deutschman

Gratified by someone who aspires to change the way that others think, feel, and act. This guide will teach you how to become a leader and will instill in you a renewed understanding about what it takes to actually lead.

Rich Dad, Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach Their Kids about Money - That the Poor and Middle Class Do Not! by Robert T. Kiyosaki

An essential read for anyone desiring to be financially secure and independent. Mr. Kiyosaki will show you the mindset it takes to get ahead.


A second book by Robert Kiyosaki? YES! Simply because this one is even better. This work exposes the myth that our money is backed up by gold and discusses how our education system is designed to create soldiers and employees.

Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Other’s Don’t by Jim Collins

By researching all of the Fortune 500 companies, Mr. Collins has established what key characteristics help transform a business from Good to Great. Good is the enemy of Great and this book inspires the latter.

Negotiation Genius: How to Overcome Obstacles and Achieve Brilliant Results at the Bargaining Table and Beyond by Deepak Malhotra and Max Bazerman

If you want to learn how one of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s advisors ended up gaining money from a $10 million lawsuit, this book is for you.

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Unpaid Internships Pay in the Long Run

Travis White

Spring semester is finally here, which means the end of the school year is approaching. Most students are starting to make plans for their summer vacation. While most of them will search for jobs that pay above minimum wage, there are students who will be working for free, just as hard, but for no money at all. As most may assume, I refer to unpaid work. The first thought that comes to everyone’s mind when thinking about internships is the cliché of a well dressed college junior, running to the break room of some company wearing a suit and tie. This may not sound logical to land a job that pays rather than go through with an internship, but most employers and previous interns will tell you that an internship will pay for itself long after the money from that summer job is gone.

Internships offer a unique experience and provide on-the-job experience, the knowledge of how to conduct oneself in a work environment, possibly make contacts in the field of the internship, and determine whether or not one likes the field that the internship is in. These internships can be as short as a few weeks and last as long as a year, with most being unpaid. The rarest find for college students seeking an internship is to find one that is paid. Not all intern walk away empty handed when the internship is unpaid. Most unpaid internships will offer academic credit as compensation. This academic credit cannot only boost your GPA, but will look great on your resume when you begin searching for your first job.

All internships are wonderful for your resume, but it is best to choose an internship that correlates to your area of study and the career path you eventually want to take. Depending on the field, some internships can be very competitive. There are two major reasons why this is true for unpaid internships. Firstly, some internships lead to being hired by the company you are interning for once you graduate. Secondly, employers want to hire college students who have the drive and ambition to succeed, and will choose those who have interned over those who have not. Remember, an internship can be the start of your career, so act professionally and be as prepared as you would be if you were getting paid. If you have any hope of being hired by the company you are interning for, your ability to adapt to the professional environment will be a major factor.

In addition to being competitive, some internships are very hard to come by, depending on where you live. At Bergen Community College, most of us are fortunate enough to live within a commuting distance of New York City, and therefore not have to worry as much about being able to commute to an internship there. New York City is home to some of the most famous companies in the world that provide jobs for multiple careers. This means that internships for companies that specialize in television or fashion will be easier to come by.

The following links provide internships in the New York City area:

www.internships.com
www. internshipsprograms.com

Other sites that are designed for workers in various fields to make contacts based on common careers.


www.nyccampus.com/summerinternships.shtml

http://myinternsource.com/myinterns.html

For us who are living at home this summer and fortunate enough to still live with our parents, it is the perfect time to look for these internships and plan your future. Since the internship application process can be very competitive, it is best to start looking for a summer internship now. This may give you an edge that will allow you to land an internship that will change your career, as well as your life.

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How to Nail a Job Interview

Emily Prendergast

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Interview questions are typically wide open and practice are vital keys to help you interview if you are hired or rejected. So, to prepare, write down your accomplishments, values, and interests. Decide which strong points you want the interviewers to know. Review them before your interview. Next, learn about the company and the position that you might be taking. Show that your future is important to you. Finally, update your resume to include your current classes, activities, and job. Now you are ready to practice. Rehearse in front of the mirror and have a friend critique you. To impress the interviewer, make sure your voice sounds confident. Practice answering some of the typical interview questions:

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Valentine’s Day is the perfect time to express to your loved ones how you feel. Even in the face of this cold weather, warmth and comfort tend to emerge around this season, where not only spring is in the air, but flirtation, affection, and love as well. It is also the time for tradition that may or may not pressure you into feeling the need to provide your female companion with a gift. Here are some avenues you can explore:

1. **Flowers.** Flowers and candy are always a favorite. Have a bouquet delivered to her house or job with a poetic message telling her how much you care. It is sweeter to incorporate her favorite color and/or flower(s).

2. **Be Poetic.** Writing down how you feel in a tender way shows care and significance in the relationship. Whether it is flowers or not of importance, it is the words from the heart that matter.

3. **Be Spontaneous.** Create a scavenger hunt with clues and a trail of petals to lead her to her gift, and be sure the gift has, or can create, sentimental value. A name necklace or feminine perfume.

4. **Relive the “good old days.”** Movies are a common dating activity, but when was the last time you went to the carnival or roller skating? Take her out and have a fun crazy night to be young and expand to the care of the friendship/relationship as well.

5. **Romantic Dinner.** Setting up a romantic dinner for two is special and gives opportunity to connect again after much time has passed, or even for those first timers. These avenues can help couples improve in learning about each other. Learn to make everyday a Valentine’s Day.

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**Bounce Back, Don’t Rebound**

Perpetua Roman

It is a common quality in a human being to want to feel needed, as well as loved. However, sometimes we let our emotions get the best of us and grab the first interesting thing we find, then cultivate it with our own wishes of happiness that may not really be there. Rebound relationships can harm both parties involved.

Choosing to date someone after breaking up with your significant other is a delicate process since emotions are vulnerable, whether it is admitted or not. Being with someone simply because they may have a few common interests may be, use that to your advantage to make something original, heartfelt, and creative. Bake cupcakes and use icing to draw hearts or something specific to you. For a guy, knowing that your girlfriend can cook is a big turn on.

Yet these relationships can end in another failure for lack of truly getting to know this person. Maybe they are “nice”, “funny” or you have many of the same classes together, and that alone may spark enough interest to want to create something that you believe will be fresh and new. Nonetheless, a break-up is similar to a bee sting; its venom remains in you even after removing the stinger. You still feel the effects from the initial sting and you do whatever you can to remedy the pain.

Some people are very aware that the person they choose to date is a rebound, and will date them until they get over their last relationship; believing this will remedy their pain. Others are in the relationship not knowing they are being used for emotional healing.

If someone has just exited a relationship, it is best to give them time before agreeing to enter a new one. It is also imperative to give yourself time to bounce back before jumping into something new to give you the opportunity to like someone for real qualities, and not have to go through another break up as quickly or to be shocked to find out who they really are when you’ve already gotten emotionally involved. One concept that has helped most cure the heart in time in need is that patience is of the essence. So remember, with every heartbeat, time will heal all.

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**Putting An End to Sexting**

Benjamin De Brasi

Sexting is defined as sending sexually explicit content electronically. This can include text, videos, pictures or voice messages. According to a 2008 nationwide survey by The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, 29% of teens have sent nude or semi-nude pictures of themselves with that percent increasing to 33% when asking young adults the same question. Sexual text messages occur among 39% of all teens and 59% of young adults.

According to Connect Safely, Legal problems exist for those under 18. Anyone sending or taking a sexually explicit picture of a minor can be charged with distributing or producing child pornography. Even if a person merely receives the picture, that could be enough to be charged with possession of child pornography; cross state borders and it’s a felony.

The ramifications of sexting are not only legal—the power of the internet can keep these pictures in circulation forever. This can have effects on the future, for example, when applying for a job. There can also be tremendous social consequences too. Consider the case of Cynthia Logan. According to MSNBC, she had sent a nude picture of herself to her boyfriend. They eventually broke up and she eventually decided to disseminate the picture among fellow high school students. After that school became a nightmare for Cynthia. She began to skip classes and became depressed. If she went to school she would be called “slut” or “whore” in addition to other derogatory names. After a few months of this treatment she had reached her limit and at the budding age of 18 Cynthia hanged herself in her room.

So what of it all? Judging from the numbers it seems sexting is pretty widely done. In any situation, it is always wiser to think twice before sending sexually suggestive messages electronically.

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**Express Your Love on Valentine’s Day**

Perpetua Roman

Kermit the Frog said, “It’s not easy being green.” It is also not easy being a guy on Valentine’s Day; having the pressures to buy the right gifts or pick the card that best describes your feelings. Some consider this holiday a pain while others consider it a blessing and opportunity to mend broken bonds. However you perceive this holiday, it is about making that significant other feel special.

This article is for women seeking a guy’s perspective on what to do for Valentines Day.

The first thing is to figure out what your strengths are: baking, writing, drawing, cooking or whatever it may be, use that to your advantage to make something original, heartfelt, and creative. Bake cupcakes and use icing to draw hearts or something specific to you. For a guy, knowing that your girlfriend can cook is a big turn on.

The second action you can take is buying him a toy. Now I am not talking about a G.I Joe figure here, I am talking about a gadget for his car, a new video game or laptop accessory. Preferably an item he can use on a daily basis. Ask him how he will think of you constantly.

The third piece of the Valentine’s Day puzzle is the event. You have two ways of spending Valentine’s Day; staying in or going out. Depending on whether you are introverts or extroverts we will decide the outcome.

Make a dinner together and curl up with a good movie: “He’s Just Not That Into You”, “The Ugly Truth” and “Love Actually” will satisfy both parties, or pick originality: play laser tag, hit a comedy club, or head into NYC for a Broadway show.

Whether your Valentine’s Day is spent indoors or out, try ending the night with something more than your typical “goodnight kiss;” why not have a romantic, intimate night, and who knows, he might just stick around till next year’s Valentine’s Day.
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Resumes
Two thousand six hundred hiring managers participated in this survey that was conducted in June of 2009. This survey also showed that one of the industries most likely to screen employers with social networking profiles are those dealing with special technology or information technology. You know those jobs that deal with sensitive information. This is not only limited to those fields; many companies have pride and care about their company name, and when you are an employee of a company, you represent them.

With the competitive job market and the rising number of qualified people looking to be hired, the forty-five percent has much growth potential. Managers reported that they have not hired people due to inappropriate photos, drug use, drinking and have lied about qualifications; all of this from online profiles on social networking websites. Many companies even admit that they have even learned how to access profiles that students think are private. Ziggs.com also says that companies do this silently. They will not call you back and say “Sorry we are not hiring you due to your Facebook photos.” They just will not call you back. Do not get angry and say that it this is an invasion of your privacy. No, it is not. The internet is public domain. Remember the ‘www dot’? That means “World Wide Web”. Your Facebook page may not be public or maybe set to private, but it is your responsibility for what goes on the page and what you put on the internet. Also, the internet has a very long, very good memory. Everything that you do and post is forever there formally known as a “digital footprint” or “online footprint.”

Maybe if a Florida sheriff knew this he might still have his job. His MySpace page revealed his drinking and his captivation of female breasts. Shortly after being found out he was turning in his badge. Managers are also keeping a close tab on employees profile pages where others are also losing jobs. Like Kevin Colvin, an intern at Anglo Irish Bank, who told the bank he was having a “family emergency,” but his Facebook status and photos revealed that he was at a Halloween party. A cashier from the Ottawa grocery chain was fired for saying on Facebook that working at Ottawa was “s**t.”

Calamities of Nature by Tony Piro

Whoever thought that the text on your Facebook or all the photos that you are tagged in could have such an impact on your life?

MoMa is Burtonized

The first room you gain access to is pitch black, shrouded in the glow of ghoulish Burton creations. Stainboy. Staying to the left you get to watch five episodes, each on individual screens and each running no more than four minutes apiece. The only two downsides to the exhibit are gaining entry and the layout. As you walk around admiring for Burton’s works, you cannot help but to feel as if they forced a lifetime of ideas into a small confined section. Last bit of advice, make sure you go online and pre-order tickets for your specific day, IN ADVANCE, or else plan on showing up right when the doors open at nine-thirty for the hope of tickets and a line circling the block.

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January 13th, Gloucester Community College rounded up on the mat for quick-warm-ups, as the bleachers filled up. Bergen’s Bulldogs Wrestling Team was in for an exciting match. Fathers, brothers and friends all came for support, as they know all too well that when their grappler is down, he needs all the coaching he can get to bounce back.

Bergen had nine wrestlers competing. Though it would be my first time watching a wrestling match, it is definitely intense. Gloucester CC, who has had back-to-back National Championships in the Third Division in 2008-09, took much pride in their accomplishments, and they hope to succeed again. However, Bergen put up a good fight; many of the matches made close ties.

In each round, the seconds quickly slipped by, as they try their best in scoring points and pins. All the while, the players must configure in their minds what their coaches and teammates advise for the next move, not to mention the audience on the bleachers. But sometimes, all is blocked, and it’s just the enemy they see and the pounding of their heart they hear. The nerves dissipate, and the motive to win is only blocked by the strength they can bear.

The Wrestling Team

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SPORTS

Those Women Bulldogs Got Game

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The women’s basketball team is now 8-7. Having a difficult start, it’s not hard to notice how the team has grown. These women Bulldogs play to win, are driven, and self motivated. But all the players, along with the coach, recognize that it’s the team that wins the games, not the players alone.

Coach Tracey Green says that what this team portrays most is their discipline, specifically when executing plays. “We can definitely make playoffs” says Coach Green. With an outside and inside game, Tamika and Ashley running point, Mikhi Hayes on the inside, and the Dangerous 3 point shooter Hannah Jensen, the women’s basketball team hustles for wins. Starters include Ashley Devaney, who averages 18 points per game, Chelsea Sahlher, Mikhi Hayes, who averages 10 points per game, Hannah Jensen, with 22 total 3 pointers, and Tamika Mills, aka. “T.”

Unfortunately, Tamika Mills injured her ankle. Even though she is unable to play, she still attends the games in order to support her team. Highlights in Tamika’s career are her 90 rebounds, 80 assists, 57 steals and 18 blocks, while offensively averaging 13.7 points.

The defining moment within the season, where they found themselves pulling together, was during their rematch with Passaic. According to players Hannah Jensen and Nicole Gotelli, when they played Passaic, the team had lost by 32 points. During their second game they were able to win by pulling together, using the invincible method of teamwork.

In this more recent game against North Hampton, the women’s basketball team is going to adjust to Tamika sitting out, and rely on their positives in order to win this game, and hopefully get into the playoffs. The team lost their last game against Brockholts, 68-48, but there’s still a sense of confidence that resides in their voices. The women’s team did not make it last year, but a fire within the eyes of these youth’s gives a sense that they are in the process of breaking through to a successful season.

The Women Bulldogs

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SPORTS

Head to Head

Sunday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. ET, on CBS, Sun Life Stadium, Miami, Florida

The Quarterbacks

Peyton Manning and Drew Brees meet in Super Bowl XLIV

The Teams

Comparison of the starting quarterbacks’ regular season stats

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Sunday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. ET, on CBS, Sun Life Stadium, Miami, Florida

The Quarterbacks

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Number one in the nation, Bergen Community College’s Bergen Bulldogs is not the underdog in this scenario. Now 20-0, the Bergen Bulldog’s have gone undefeated, showing poise and team fluidity, similar to a young 95-96 Chicago Bulls. That’s right, Bergen has its own Jordan, Pippen, and Rodman. Though most of the team see Jordan as the best player, many of our players are humble and don’t compare their game to that of the MVP’s, but they recognize their talent. It is easy to note that these players are the rising stars of tomorrow’s basketball.

The basketball team consists of a well rounded group of talent. The starting 5 include David West, who averages 18.9 points per game, forward Elgin Brown, who averages 17.3 points per game with 250 total rebounds, center Jayvon Beaty who averages 14.5 points per game, and guard Jimmy Schmitt with 145 total assists.

David West, who denies any relation to Kanye West, scored 33 points against Passaic in one of the hardest games in season. David West is a resident of Paterson, NJ. Attending Bergen, he finds that the school offered a great opportunity through its athletics program. He is now in one of the best teams in the nation, according to NJCAA. “It feels great,” he describes “I’m glad to be a part of it.” He says the students need to be a part of this also because this is one of the best teams Bergen has ever had.

Their Coach Sean Kelly points out that the key to playing well is to play together, unselfish, like a team. “Everyone plays,” states Kelly, it shows, not only in the way the players work, but also in the way the players interact. Forward Juan Matos, #13, says that being a part of the team is like “being a part of a family. We all see each other like brothers.”