Keeping our campuses secure
When a shooter opened fire, Hope Jarvis locked it down

By Noelle Gilman with the Staff of the College Voice

James Kerney Campus Security Officer, Hope Jarvis, was speaking with Administrative Specialist, Natasha Bullock, when a pop in the earphones caused Jarvis to look outside an adjacent door. Simultaneously, a group of students began running, including one female who was markedly distressed. Jarvis, who had struggled to maintain its erect stature, as it climbed up a nearby set of stairs.

“They’re shooting! They’re shooting!” Bullock recalls hearing. In the same instant, the woman’s eyes rolled back as she began to faint.

In an interview with The VOICE on October 14th, a year and a day after the event, Bullock described attending to the victim, who later woke to tell of her encounter with a gunman whom had aimed, but failed to fire at her.

As the Administrative Specialist then related the heroic acts of Officer Jarvis who had, in the meantime, orchestrated a lockdown of Mercer’s Trenton campus.

Mercer receives $600,000 grant to help fund STEM scholarships

By Ousman Joof
Senior Reporter

Most of you may not be aware but Mercer County Community College (MCCC) has started a program to educate the next generation of teachers who are majoring in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Recently, MCCC has been awarded two separate scholarships this fall and along with a grant received over the summer by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Science Foundation-Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Grant. Dr. Eun-Woo Chang, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jim Macarrilla, Associate Professor and Coordinator Engineering Science, and Civil Engineering Technology, and Theresa Capra, Education Coordinator will be leading the project at MCCC with help from Professor Laura Blankender in Biology, Professor Jamie Fleishner in Mathematics, and Helen T anzini, Professor of Chemistry. In an interview with The VOICE Dr. Eun-Woo Chang, went on to mention MCCC has received a grant in the amount of $600,000 from the NSF to help fund STEM scholarships. The grant will provide for 116 full-tuition scholarships to students who are pursuing a career in STEM over the next five years.

As for the NSF- Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Grant Prof. Capra went into detail to explain that the scholarship will be given to students who are in the STEM program, but would like to pursue a teaching career at the high school level. In a separate interview with The VOICE, Prof. Capra stated that MCCC will be working with William Paterson University to identify future STEM teachers and give them support. They will be giving each student one on one advisement, mentoring them and giving them classroom experience so when the student transfers to William Paterson University they will be ready academically.

Hoping to hear more about the STEM grant and his viewpoints, The VOICE tried interviewing with one of the program’s coordinators, Jim Macarrilla. Unfortunately however, do to timing, we were unable to get a direct comment.

However, The VOICE was able to find a quote from Maccarrilla on MCCC’s website stating that “Mercer has produced numerous graduates who have gone on to very successful careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.” He further stated, “We are grateful for this opportunity, which gives us the ability to open our program to the next generation of technology innovators.”

“We live in a technology-driven economy, and we continue to see tremendous job growth in science and high-tech fields...We are pleased that the NSF has selected us for this important project, as it speaks well of our talented faculty members and their ability to provide a quality STEM education,” said Dr Chang in an article published on NJ.com.

For more information and any question about the two STEM Scholarships, the information could be found on http://www.mccc.edu/STEM/
MCC has added, "the Middle States education accreditation is a voluntary process, but it is an important part of the institution's education that is assessed throughout the semester to determine whether it is improving and in what aspects they need more research. We also expect it to be a required standard, a status which we do assessment, "Every project we do, we take this process very seriously and are sparing no effort to comply with the accreditation committee's recommendations." According to Officer Flaherty, the security office is finalizing a new surveillance system as an effort to provide additional protection. Indoor and outdoor cameras will be implemented, virtual means of conducting patrols and maintaining security. Both Officer Flaherty and Dr. Wang recommend that students read the Atlantic City Safety and Security report which provides information regarding behavioral issues in criminal and emergency situations, guidelines that are required by the Cleary Act. The best defense we have for our students is to be involved in each and every one of us," Dr. Wang said. "If you see something, say something."
Mercer’s theatre Professor sidelines as tango king

Late night series welcomes all with “rockstar love”

Imagining an event where everyone is open to do and say whatever they want, one in which people can agree to disagree without there being any harsh feelings. Not only does this event exist, but it is accessible to everyone in Mercer County. Every other Friday night at the Studio Theatre of MCCC’s West Windsor Campus is the Late Night Series, an open-mic night for acts of all kind. While other open mics require you to bring a certain number of people, as well as an entrance fee, Mercer’s Late Night Series does not. Its open atmosphere and accessibility sets it apart from other open-mic events in the area. The event is free to anyone who comes in, and is held from 10 pm to 12 pm. Just as anyone can attend, anyone can perform. Sign up starts at 9:45 pm.

The acts can include dancers, musicians, comedians, filmmakers, poets, and more. Performances range from artistic creations to guided meditations. Every talent or skill is showcased at the Late Night Series to create a welcoming atmosphere.

There is little to no advertising for this event, as a result some students may not even know it exists. While this season’s opening night had around 30 people, the second date of the series had less than 10. Attending the series was exciting, and the variety of acts kept it fun and fresh. On one recent occasion, the audience participated in comedy, music, and improv games. Most impressive was the supportive atmosphere. The series is based around a concept called the “love bubble,” where anyone who steps on the stage receives “rockstar love.” Expect loud cheers and rounds of applause before and after each performance, encouraging each performer. All performers and attendees lived up to the concept. "Once you step in, we love you,” said Katie Horahan, host of the Late Night Series. “It is terrifying to have something inside you that you want to share and you don’t know how. So I think things like this in particular are important to you hone your gift." Unusual opinions are welcome at the event. Participants are encouraged to step outside during a performance that they may not agree with or find offensive. Nobody has to listen to what they don’t want to listen to,” said Jody Gazenbeek-Person, one of Mercer’s Theatre and Dance professors who helps run the series. “We want to give something fun and productive for students to do.” The Late Night Series prides itself on being a safe space for people. The series was started in 2002 by Nick Anselmo, MCCC’s Program Coordinator. "I wanted to energize the student body and give them an artistic outlet,” said Nick. “It is one of the most diverse events that happens on campus with a mix of students that you would rarely see together; all sharing, learning and supporting each other.”

Anselmo currently works at Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he also started a Late Night Series, that he says is “doing very well.” The next night of Mercer’s series is Friday, October 23. Students can show up and share original poetry, music, or comedy for an unpredictable night.
Halloween

New Jersey’s local myths and legends

Staff of the College Voice with Pablo Araya-Chacon

From the Jersey Devil to the Devil’s Tree. The VOICE, has scoured our county to find all the spooky local legends in time for Halloween. Although the popular TV show the X-Files depicted the Jersey Devil more like a rabid dog, locals know it to be a creature with a horse head, a snake-like body and the wings of a bat. Legend has it that its hunting grounds are in the South Jersey pine barrens, where it has been terrorizing citizens for centuries. Sightings of the Jersey Devil go back at least as far as 1820 when Napoleon’s older brother is said to have seen it while hunting near Bordentown (i.e. 10 miles from Mercer’s main campus). There are several origin stories for the Jersey Devil with some saying it has been handed down from local Indian tribes, and others citing it as a product of the thirteenth pregnancy of a local woman who ended up making with the Devil himself. Either way, if you happen to be wandering in the pine barrens during the full moon this month, you may want to carry a cross with you to ward off evil.

Another popular Jersey tale is that of the Devil’s Tree located in Bernards Township, New Jersey. According to local lore, the tree is haunted, and that anyone who tries to cut it down comes to a nasty end. One local who chose not to be named, for fear of angering the spirits, told The VOICE, “Those who try to meddle with the tree are never seen or heard from again.”

Another story comes from Mercer student, Miguel Sajche, who told The VOICE of the legend of the Ghost Boy. It is said that the boy was just hanging around the Clinton Road Bridge, near a place called “Dead Man’s Curve” when he was hit by a car and killed in the spot. His spirit now lives under the bridge. You can summon him by throwing coins in the water and he will throw them back to you.

According to the edition of popular book series “Weird New Jersey” this same section of Clinton, New Jersey, where the eerie Cross Castle is located, has also seen its fair share of albino apparitions, satanic cult drawings on rocks, UFOs, and even a floating dog. Since the Jersey Devil is hard to find, if you need an adult level Halloween scare this year, it may be time to head up Rt. 31 to Clinton where the horrors come fast and often.

Philadelphia’s Terror Behind the Walls celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Max Leavitt-Shaffer Senior Reporter

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Terror Behind the Walls, America’s largest haunted house attraction. The exhibit, located within Philadelphia’s Eastern State Penitentiary (ESP), features 13 rooms of terror, all of which can be experienced even the most seasoned haunted-house patrons. The creators of Terror Behind the Walls have crafted six main attractions, each with its own theme. These include Lock Down, Machine Shop, Detritus, and The Infinmary as well as two new attractions for the 2015 year. Quarantine 4D a show based upon the hallucinogenic symptoms one might exhibit with an infection, and Break Out!, ESP’s production of a real-life prison escape. Terror Behind the Walls also offers the choice of wearing a so-called “tacking device”, a glow-in-the-dark necklace which signifies to the site’s actors that you permit additional interaction like physical contact and individual separation from your group. Although optional, it is recommended for those seeking the ultimate terror experience. Indeed, this option is nearly exclusive to the Eastern State Penitentiary, further confirming its status as America’s number one haunted house. For a total of $13 to $45 dollars, based upon advanced or at-the-door prices, guests can bypass the cliche clown shows and hokey hay rides for a more intense thrill. And if you really don’t like sleep, look into their overnight stay packages.

This is totally optional, but it adds an interactive element to the performance that you don’t get anywhere else. You can always take it off if the experience ever gets to be too much. But it almost makes terror behind the walls what it is, a very thought out, interactive horror experience.

As you walk through the six different sets, they gradually get more and more interactive and more and more intense. You can tell that the sets are all very thought out. This isn’t your typical carnival shop of horrors. This is a state of the art world class attraction. You can tell that the staff put a lot of hard work into it by the life like corpse strung about the mad scientist laboratory, or the zombies in what you hope is just make up.

People come from all around to visit this haunted house, and it is one of the best in the country. Adam Berry of Ghost hunters has this to say about Terror Behind the Walls, “Absolutely amazing night at Eastern State. Terror Behind the Walls is one of the best haunted attractions in the country. Go now!”
Vikings men’s soccer score national recognition

By Patricia Ramirez

Mercer County Community College’s men’s soccer team has yet to lose a game this season, despite intense competition. Halfway through the regular schedule, the Vikings rank among the top 10 in the nation with more than 60 goals scored in 14 games played.

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He continued, “Players who come with a positive attitude and great work ethic are always welcome at Monroe but they must understand that the team is the priority ... not the individual.”

Yavapai College, located in Prescott, Arizona, poses an additional threat to Mercer’s dreams of a national championship. In fact, the Roughriders, as the Yavapai students are called, are seven-time National Champions and are currently ranked 12-2 for the season.

It appears the Vikings have a long road ahead to accomplishing the same heights as the 2004 team; however, if the current trends of teamwork and impressive ball-handling techniques continue, their prospects look very optimistic to end the season successfully.

Mercer’s coaches recruit top athletes from all over the world

When Ignacio Redondo came from Venezuela to play soccer for the Mercer men’s team last year the only thing familiar in the United States was his uncle who lives in New York.

But he did not have much time to spend with him, instead had to focus on fitting in with a new team, attending classes, getting past the language barrier and coping with food that felt ridiculously greasy.

“When do Americans have to put so much grease on their plates?” he asked when The VOICE interviewed him.

Redondo says he looked at his uncle’s account. Finding suitable limited scholarships into the United States was his uncle’s advice.

According to soccer coach Widmarc Dalce, “It is the case for Redondo who already have family in the United States. Dalce says this can lend both moral and financial support, though not all students in the program have this advantage. Still, Dalce works to ensure that the students have their own financial means.

International students frequently rent apartments with one or two more teammates. Dalce said that international students learn to live as a family. This is the case for Redondo who says sharing housing with two other students makes it possible for them all to pay for the necessities.

Basketball coach Howard Levy also recruits internationally and says his focus is on the prospective athlete’s abilities, but he has to take cost of living and limited scholarships into account. Finding suitable players becomes a time consuming task, he says. It may not be immediately evident why a community college, supported by state and county taxes, is the right fit for international players. Tennis coach Marc Vechiolla explains that the benefits of incorporating international players on the team extends beyond the athletic ability they bring. He says that educators want to send students out into the world who have broader perspectives and this is facilitated when they are exposed to people and perspectives from all over the world.

In the past, he says, he has had players from as far away as Taiwan, Sweden, Scotland and Turkey, and many other international students are called, “I like my players to have freedom on the field while fitting into the team concept.”

international players from Mercer have evidently made an impression in the classroom. A former Mercer soccer player from Honduras, Kelvin Flores made such an impression in the classroom that, English professor Dr. Edward Carmien was quoted in the VOICE in 2013 saying, "In my 5 years teaching, he is the only one I have ever asked to come back and speak to the students.”

International players have also gone on to prestigious programs. For example, Mercer midfielder Amit Aburnad, of Zofin, Israel was awarded a full athletic scholarship to Boston College, a Division I team, in 2010. While there he majored in economics and was a star of the team, notably scoring the equalizer in the ACC semifinals of 2011 against Duke University.

Although Ignacio Redondo says that the brutal New Jersey winters made him miss the tropical climate of Venezuela, being able to play soccer for Mercer more than makes up for the challenges.
Aren’t school shootings really a mental health problem?

Although school shooters often show signs of emotional distress, the vast majority of people struggling with mental illness are not violent. That said, many colleges, particularly community colleges have few or no resources for students who are suffering from mental health issues; this includes Mercer, which has no health center. Students facing anxiety and depression, two of the most common mental health concerns, have little support. So, too, a student who is potentially violent also cannot be directed to care.

Can you carry a gun on campus?

As the West Windsor campus is home to the Trenton Police Academy, it wouldn’t work to ban firearms from the campus, but only those with proper licenses can carry them. The good news is, in the event of an active shooter on campus, we are likely to have trained officials on hand faster than any of our sister colleges in the area.

Is Trenton a gun safe city?

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Shot and killed in Trenton
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DAVAE DICKSON

Shot and killed in Trenton
7-25-15
LEON MCLENDON

Shot and killed in Trenton
6-24-15
HARVEY SHARP

Shot and killed in Trenton
3-10-15
STEVEN BRANNON

Shot and killed in Trenton
6-26-15
JAH’VAE MINNEY

Safe state, I mean?

The inconsistency

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Although gun violence in New Jersey is low, Trenton is one of the most violent cities in America with more gun deaths per capita than Newark, Camden and even Detroit. Since the layoff of more than 100 police officers in Trenton in 2011 there have been 136 homicides in the city, with 51 of them since 2014. The most at risk group are African American males between the ages of 18 to 25, according to the SpotCrime web data aggregator. All ten of the shooting deaths in Trenton in 2015 so far have fit this demographic.

What should I do if there is a school shooting?

According to a pamphlet published by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the best option is to run, leaving all belongings behind, and keeping hands visible. If not possible, the next best thing is to hide, preferably in a place that provides sufficient protection and does not restrict movement. The last resort option is to fight, making use of both your body and objects within the surrounding area.

Are we safe at MCCC?

No college is entirely safe where mass shootings are concerned. By their nature they catch everyone off guard. However, Mercer has established basic protocols, following the steps recommended by the Department of Homeland Security, that give a plan of action in case of such an event. As for other types of crime, although Mercer has run into trouble with accurate reporting of crime statistics in the past, overall we know the campuses to be quite safe. Of the few incidents reported each year, most are petty theft of property or car break-ins.
Art served up Trenton style features local flavors

By Ivana Airo
Senior Reporter

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College presents the second exhibit of the fall semester: "Art Served Up Trenton Style," which will be held from Tuesday, October 13th to Thursday, October 29th. This exhibition includes works of art from 22 Artists in the Trenton Artists Workshop Association (TAWA) and the SAGE Coalition. The exhibit holds 34 pieces of art work between the two organizations. Artists featured in the exhibit are: Mel Leipzig, Leon Rainbow, Terri McNichol, Marge Miccio, Dave Orantes, Gentrifried Prufock, Bonnie Christina Randall, Addison Vincent, Jesse Vincent and Andrew Wilkinson, Jonathan Conner, Katie Hector, Dean Innocenzi, Aubrey J. Kauffman, James Kelevae, Wills Kinsley, Dave Klama, Leck, Priscilla Snow Algava, Joanne Amantea, Elizabeth Aubrey, William Condry.

The art works created vary from photographic print, watercolor, steel and rubber, acrylic paint, spray paint, oil paint, and mixed media. These works of art have been created between the 2011 to 2015 year span.

By Max Leavitt-Shaffer
Senior Reporter

Farmers market provides fresh produce to Trenton

Trenton is in an area that does not have easy access to fruits, vegetables and other fresh healthy goods. These areas, also known as food deserts, often occur in impoverished areas where there is limited access to supermarkets and other suppliers of fruits and vegetables.

The Trenton farmers market tries to bring something that is not readily available to the area, by offering fresh, local produce, as well as having booths for local artisans and organizations.

Trenton is known for once being a city of economic growth and production, but turning into an impoverished, down and out, town. An iconic bridge going into the city says "Trenton makes, the world takes," Lenovo the town its creators didn’t think of. However, steps are being taken to give back to New Jersey’s capital city. There is a movement of art, culture, and music taking place, one that is not always seen. One thing that is going on to give back to the city, is the Capital City Farmers Market. Music played by local musicians blares over speakers as people from all walks of life wander through a park downtown Trenton. Some are inspecting fresh fruit, looking for the perfect apple, or ripest pear. Others sit on benches and chairs, snacking on fresh baked treats before rushing back to their office building.

The Capital City Farmers Market is located on 140 East Front Street in Trenton New Jersey and is organized by the Trenton Downtown Association. Local farmers, bakers, and other artisans gather every Thursday, from July to the end of October, to sell their wares to the people of Trenton.

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The TDA is taking steps to improve the Trenton Downtown area by offering community events to get people out and about, and to show that there is a side to Trenton that people don’t see.
It is October, which also means that it is breast cancer awareness month. From pink socks and ribbons to pink donuts and pens, the color can be found almost anywhere. What better to include in this paper than local ways that people can get involved in raising money and spreading awareness? Unfortunately, The College VOICE could not find many local events. What we can do, however, is tell you where your donations will prove the most effective.

Local chances for participating in breast cancer awareness and fundraising are not as available as they used to be, especially during the month dedicated to it. Despite the lack of opportunities for involvement, pink products are still found everywhere. People buy these products assuming the money is going to research. The question here is: how much of the money raised from organizations goes to the research of breast cancer, and how much goes to the organizations themselves?

The Breast Cancer Consortium (BCC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to social, cultural, and system-wide factors affecting breast cancer. It is nearly impossible to track how much money is raised in the name of breast cancer or how much companies profit the breast cancer brand and its pink ribbon logo, states BCC on their website.

Based on the data they have collected, BCC states that around one billion dollars is spent each year on breast cancer research. Most nonprofit organizations do not invest more than one million dollars annually. The three top contributors are Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), and Susan G. Komen For the Cure.

Each company has their financial reports available on their websites. Avon’s report does not display who ran the report, only that O’Connor Davies LLP audited it. BCRF’s report is collected and displayed by Eisner Amper Accountants and Advisors, and Komen’s is displayed by Ernst & Young LLP.

Reports showed that in 2014, 30% of Avon’s earnings went to scientific research. On average, 88% of the BCRF’s money goes to breast cancer research per year. Komen spent 10.8% of their earnings for 2014 on research. When the money for each of these organizations isn’t going to research, it goes to management, fundraising, etc.

Searching for local breast cancer fundraising events led to little results. A handful of walks and 5ks were found, and with the exception of the one mile walk around Princeton on Saturday, October 3 hosted by Lace Silhouettes Lingerie, not one was in Mercer County.

Think Before You Pink is a project of the organization Breast Cancer Action that requests more accountability from companies that take part in breast cancer fundraising, and encourages consumers to ask critical questions about pink ribbon promotions. Breast Cancer Action focuses on “putting patients before profits, regulating cancer-causing toxins, and eliminating health inequities.”

Despite the billions that have been spent on pink ribbon products, we have not been able to shop our way out of the breast cancer epidemic,” said Karuna Jaggar, Executive Director of Breast Cancer Action in an interview with Jon Stewart from The Daily Show. Some suggestions:

1. Think before you spend your money on pink items.
2. Write a letter asking a company to be more informative about where donations are going (if they don’t already provide it to the public).
3. Consider giving directly to the breast cancer organization whose work you believe is most essential to addressing breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Action’s website says pink products has not contributed to research as much as people think. Finding an organization that you can trust requires research and comparing it to others. As the years go on, hopefully more events become available and organizations contribute more of their earnings to the research that goes into solving this disease.

Until then, it is up to us to do the research and verify where our donations are going.
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May 14-22, 2016

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$2,500* - Includes airfare, lodging, tours, some meals, excursions, and faculty leaders (*Scholarships may be available for qualifying students).

For more information, contact Dr. Jack Tabor (tabor@mccc.edu) or Dr. Craig Coenen (coenen@mccc.edu).

Information Sessions: Holocaust and Genocide Resource Center (LB200) at noon Oct 20, 21, 28, and Nov 5.
Horoscopes

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Ghosts from past relationships will haunt you this month. Although you may be tempted to resurrect those feelings, it is best to keep them buried.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Like a vampire, you will find your resources, whether it is your time, money, or energy, sucked dry. Avoid the all-nighters.

Pisces
Feb. 19 - Mar. 20
It appears that a black cat must have crossed your path because this month appears particularly unlucky for you at work and at home.

Aries
Mar. 21 - Apr. 19
Gatherings of friends and loved ones will happen throughout the month. Don't be a troll under a bridge avoiding contact with the outside world.

Taurus
Apr. 20 - May 20
Zombies aren't the only ones feeling brain dead this month. Whether it is work or family issues, avoid making further commitments.

Gemini
May 21 - Jun. 20
Someone has cast a spell on you this month! Whether it is magic or witch's brew, enjoy the new relationship and let things happen at their own pace.

Cancer
Jun. 21 - Jul. 22
Whether you're a werewolf or find yourself accepting a new job, change is your card this month. Although painful, it will be worth it. Avoid biting people.

Leo
Jul. 23 - Aug. 22
Life may feel as though the Jersey Devil is nipping at your heels, but eventually things will slow down this month and return back to normal. Just don't look back.

Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
As Frankenstein once said, "It's alive!!!" This month you will be the life of the party and people will want you to be in two places at once. Enjoy the ride but avoid the pitchforks.

Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
The full moon not only represents change but also opportunity. If you fail to seize the moment this month, you will find yourself bowing like a banshee in regret.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Although your finances may appear ghoulish this month, your sacrifices will be rewarded. Whether it is the philosopher's stone or a raise, a solution will reveal itself to erase your money problems.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Skeletons aren't the only things found in closets this month. Secrets from your past will come to light and will place a strain on your friends and family.

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