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Lead in water raises local concerns

By Gavin Wilson
Junior Reporter

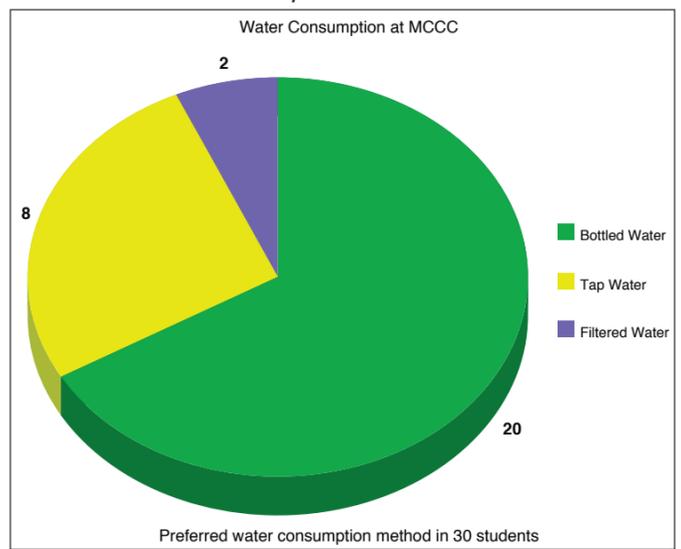
Mercer County Community College has been testing its water supply for contaminants in response to growing concerns about clean water after recent high-profile water contamination cases like those in Flint, MI. The NJ Health Lead Fact Sheet defines “the Action Level for lead is 15 parts per billion,” but stipulates that “any amount of lead consumption is detrimental.” In New Jersey it is state law for all schools K-12 to have their water tested at least every two years. Previously, testing for lead contamination was not a requirement.

Governor Chris Christie initially pocket-vetoed a bill that would have made such testing mandatory, however these water tests are now in full effect. But colleges and universities are not compelled by the law to perform such testing. “Although state law doesn’t necessarily apply to [MCCC] we took it upon ourselves to test every water source,” said Bryon Marshall, MCCC Director of Facilities, in a recent interview with The VOICE. “It is imperative for any school to provide potable drinking water for all attendees and visitors, which is why our team takes that extra step to test each fountain, sink, and every source of water intended for

consumption.” Marshall said. According to the Environmental Protection Agency “lead has adverse health effects on children, adults and pregnant women. Lead in children’s blood can result in behavioral and learning problems, lower IQ, hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems and anemia. Adults can suffer from cardiovascular effects, decreased kidney function and reproductive problems for both men and women. The Mercer water test test yielded positive results that were well within safe parameters. Dangerous levels for lead are currently measured at .015 mg/L but every source on campus came back with a reading of .002mg/L.

Student opinion on the safeness of the College’s tap water is evenly split with 51% of students surveyed

believing the tap water to be safe. However, 66% indicated that they primarily drank bottled water.



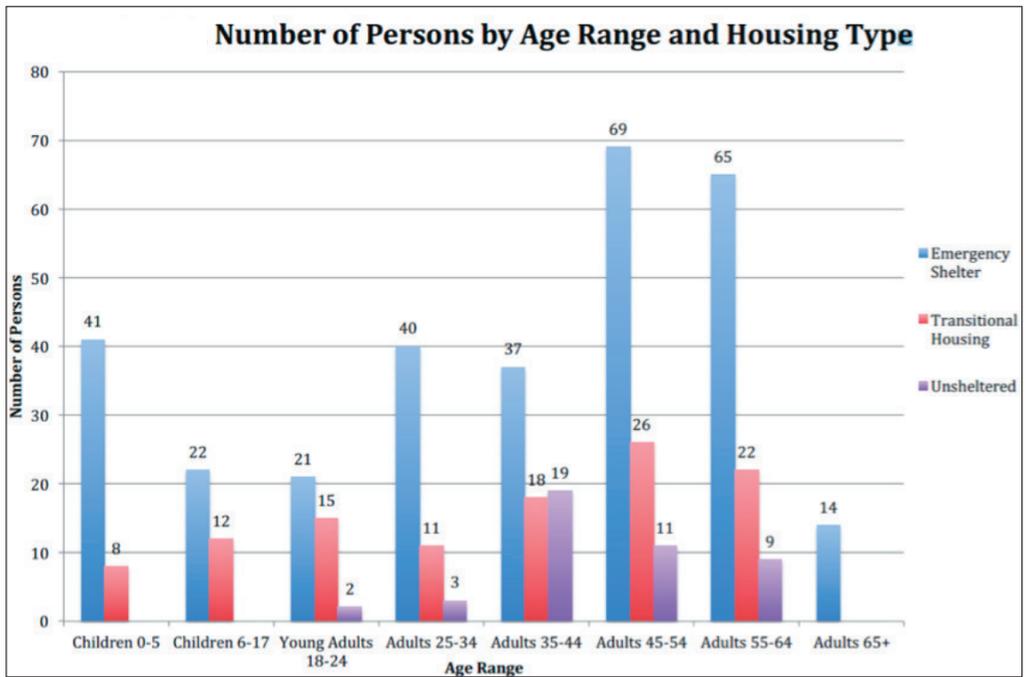
Preferred water consumption method in 30 students
GRAPH | GAVIN WILSON
This graph reveals that the majority of students prefer bottled water.

Local charities prepare for the season of giving

By Christine J. Villafuerte
Senior Reporter

Charities are in need of volunteers this this holiday season to help those who have gone homeless or hungry. With Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, many people are looking for ways to give back. To quote Sir Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” NJCounts 2016 found that there are 8,941 homeless men, women and children across the state of New Jersey. On January 26th, 2016 a total of 380 households, including 465 persons were experiencing homelessness in Mercer County according to the 2016 Point-In-Time Count. 62.4% identified their race as Black or African-American, 34.8% self-identified as White, followed by those identifying as Multi-Racial (1.5%), American Indian/Alaska Native (1.1%) and Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian (0.9%). With regard to ethnicity, 15.5% of homeless persons identified themselves as Hispanic. Organizations in the Mercer County area

such as Homefront have programs that will help feed hungry families around this time. Homefront has worked to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in central New Jersey. More than 1200 volunteers work with the organization each year to provide families with everything from food, goods, and services to assist in finding jobs and housing. On the topic of new volunteers for the organization, Development Director Judy Long at Homefront says “We want people to understand these are families that need help- we are all just people, and these a reasonable social issues that are happening in our community. There’s a long list of people who need help for various reasons.” People who would like to donate their services could help Homefront reach their goal to feed 2,000 needy families this Thanksgiving. This drive takes baskets filled up non-perishable items, whether they are grocery gift cards, canned vegetables, canned fruit, mashed potatoes, or anything to make Thanksgiving special. Cash donations are also accepted. You can contact Homefront



GRAPH | MONARCH HOUSING ORGANIZATION
This graph is located within The Point in Time Report, a study conducted by the Monarch Housing organization on the statistics and demographics of homelessness in New Jersey.

at homefront@homefrontnj.org or (609) 989-9417 x137. Drop offs are from November 9 - 18 on 1880 Princeton Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ. Also, the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen is a charitable organization that depends on the help of volunteers and financial support from individuals, churches, local businesses and community organizations. They provide

more than 3,000 free meals per week to people in need in the Trenton area. The mission of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) is to “feed those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons”. TASK is always in need for volunteers to serve hot meals to those at any day, especially

holiday celebrations such as Thanksgiving. If you are interested in volunteering at TASK, email charlieo@trenton_soupkitchen.org for more information. Giving back is important at all times, but now there are more opportunities to help people in your community. Donating goods, money or even your time can help better New Jersey one step at a time.

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Campus Events

Campus hires Dean of Health Professions Division

By Christine J. Villafuerte
Senior Reporter

Dr. Robert Schreyer is serving as the new dean of the health professions department. He has assumed responsibility for representing the views of Mercer County Community College's faculty and administration, and also oversees the conduct of the health program. In his words, "[I am] essentially...the person that can help students fulfill their dreams, can help them navigate through academia. To do that, as a dean, one of the things I do is make sure we have the courses set up, we have enough course sections that if a student is on a waitlist that we can try to have space for them in a class, but then also help advising students and helping students understand their career path a little bit better. That's some of the roles, but also working collaboratively with faculty, working to ensure that we're not only teaching the information but we're ideally the best at teaching the information and trying to improve overall the teaching modalities".

Following Dr. Schreyer's graduation from New York

University as a physical therapist in 2003, he worked at Mount Sinai, a rehabilitation hospital in New York City. He specialized in spinal cord injury but also worked with people suffering from brain injuries and strokes. In the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, he was the head of the electronic aids to living program, as Dr. Schreyer describes "high-end technology where you could drive a wheelchair by looking in a certain direction". He also ran the amputee program - prosthetics and orthotics. After returning to private practice, Dr. Schreyer taught for 2 years in a Physical Therapy Assistant program and moved onto teaching a doctor of physical therapy program for 10 years, teaching courses such as Human Anatomy, Anatomy with Cadavers, Prosthetics and Orthotics, and Neurological courses. Schreyer opened a private practice in Manhattan in 2009 and Brooklyn in 2014 for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language pathology. With a 5 year old daughter and a wife working locally, Schreyer found Mercer as an opportunity to get more involved in health professions and, hopefully as a result, try to have a bigger impact in the

world of health professions.

Dean Schreyer ensures that everybody has an opportunity to succeed and is hopeful to open his time at Mercer by "starting to develop more innovative partnerships in Trenton and also Mercer County as a whole and try to put us on the map as a strong health-care field."

Nursing student, Mary Joy Albano says that "Seeing as many people come to MCCC for the health department, I think that we're a pretty good place to get a Registered Nurse degree," while she was not aware of the change of deans, she hopes that he will be able to enhance an already exceptional Health Department. Lisa Shave, the Medical Laboratory Technology Coordinator expresses, "I think that he's going to be a really great asset to this college. He comes with many years of experience both in the industry works and owning his own physical therapy center; he has also taught at many colleges as well, so I think he definitely comes along with experience and knowledge on how to aid students in their learning. Just by sitting in on one of the faculty meetings it seems he has a lot of motivation and direction for the Health



PHOTO | CHRISTINE J. VILLAFUERTE

Dr. Robert Schreyer, the new Dean of Health Professions

Professions here at the college and I think that his enthusiasm and his knowledge on how to run a program is really going

to help propel us to expanding what we have to offer here for the Mercer County Community College student."

Namaste calm: MCCC introduces Yoga class to students

By Zayvion Thompson
Junior Reporter

The life of the average college student consists mainly of deadlines and stress with few opportunities to get a good workout in. However, MCCC is making strides to change that by offering yoga classes on campus.

For those who are not sure what yoga is, it is defined as a Hindu Philosophy that teaches a person to experience inner peace by controlling the body and mind. According to an yogajournal.com there are about 38 benefits to the body that this exercise can help with. Some of these include an increase of blood flow, decrease of blood pressure, improving flexibility and muscle strength. It also can attribute to a happier and more focused lifestyle, which many students can benefit from in times of stress.

On campus, Monday classes are ongoing from 5:30pm to 6:30pm until December 12, with the exception of November 21. Wednesday classes are ongoing from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, and will end on December 14, with the exception of November 23. Both classes will be offered in the gym which is directly across from Kelsey Theatre.

When surveyed, 21 out of 30 students said they were



PHOTO | ZAYVION THOMPSON

Attendees from the Monday afternoon Yoga class getting into the twist pose.

aware that yoga courses were being offered, but only 15 out of the 21 had actually attended a session. When asked what is the main reason for not attending a class, one MCCC student who asked to remain anonymous said, "I just don't have the time ya know? What I'm not in class I'm doing homework. And when I'm not

doing homework, I'm at work."

Professor Helen Tanzini, who is a certified yoga instructor with years of experience, teaches the sessions held on Wednesdays. "Yoga calms you down in times of stress," she stated when discussing its benefits.

"It's kind of hard to make it to class sometimes but

starting these classes has had a really positive impact on my life," said Tyler Vardanega, a MCCC student who attends the Monday night classes.

For more information regarding yoga classes offered on campus, check out the following link: mccc.edu/community_recreation

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Just clowning around? Sightings in Hamilton

By Caitlin Kevett
Reporter

Started off in South Carolina, the creepy clown sightings and threats have made their way into New Jersey and even more recent, into Hamilton. On October 5, a 15 year-old was petitioned for a post made on social media threatening Steinert High school relative to the clown sightings. The post has sparked fear in the community.

The Hamilton Police Division continue their investigations on the matter and want to make it known, individuals will be held accountable for any threats made. Captain James Stevens said, "It is not illegal to dress up like a clown, but there is zero tolerance for threats made

towards a school."

In a poll surveying 32 students at Mercer asking whether or not they believe the clown fiasco will be long term, 17 have said they believe it will cease once Halloween is over, while 15 believe it will continue to spread throughout the United States until something is done like, costumes being banned.

Stores such as Target have decided to pull clown masks off the shelves due to the current incidents, while a Connecticut school district has banned clown costumes altogether to prevent further threats.

As of now, clown costumes will be permitted in the Hamilton district but under no circumstance will threats of any kind be allowed or go unpunished. This issue has spread across the country



PHOTO | WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

This year, schools have taken extra precautions by banning clown costumes.

with sightings popping up in local sightings and charged states all the way to California. individuals please visit: For more information on NJ.com.

MCCC celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month on campus

By Maria Ramos
Reporter

Walking toward the cafeteria on a Monday afternoon, Katerin Garcia a student majoring in Hotel Management at Mercer County Community College hears Latin music. Katerin approaches the cafeteria where there is a student-run table promoting the events that will be held at Mercer to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Katerin Garcia enjoys hearing Latin music while eating her lunch; it reminds her of being a high school student in Cali, Columbia where she grew up.

The tradition of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson. Later on, it expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month by President Ronald Reagan for a period of 30 days, starting September 15. Hispanic Heritage month celebrates the independence, traditions, cultures, histories and contributions of Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The first day of HHM, September 15th, is the anniversary of the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The 16th for Mexico, and the 18th is Chile's independence celebration. Every year there are celebrations for Hispanic Heritage month across the country.

This year at Mercer County Community College the Student Life and Leadership hosted several events for celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month in the West Windsor and James Kerney Campus. One event was, Hispanic Music Series, where they played the

music of different Hispanic regions. Another event was a guest speaker Yvette Donado who spoke about "The role of Hispanics in the building of America: Education is the Way." They also had a poetry event called "Viva La Poesia de Amor." The next event was a "Hispanic Heritage Luncheon" where they served Hispanic dishes. The last one was "Hispanic Heritage Celebracion" where they displayed desserts from different regions.

The VOICE went to the "Hispanic Heritage Luncheon" that was held on the 12th of October and the James Kerney Campus. In the campus cafeteria, Hispanic dishes were served for the students and faculty members to enjoy for free. The chef Jorge Maldonado, who is in charge of the cafeteria and the Career Training Institute (CTI) of the Culinary Arts, along with his students cooked all sorts of Hispanic food. They had different kinds of rice, chicken and beef empanadas, beans, chicken, quesadillas, and vegetables. Latin music was being played during the luncheon. "Good food and good music always brings people together and have a good time, especially for students" says Jorge Maldonado.

Another person who was in charge of this event was Kimberley Bowsen who is part of Enrollment and Student Services at the CTI. She coordinated the event and played games with Hispanic trivia. "The College should do this kind of event more often; it is fun to spend time with other classmates while having delicious food," said Victor an ESL student at the James Kerney Campus.

"It is important for the students to share time and to be aware of the importance



PHOTO | MARIA RAMOS

Left to Right: Kimberley Bowsen and Elizabeth R. Gordon coordinators of the event.

of the Hispanic culture in our country" said Bowsen. Faculty and staff members were also able to attend and enjoy. "Those chicken quesadillas were delicious" said Astrid Munoz a student who attended the luncheon.

The VOICE interviewed Dr. Daniel D'Arpa, a Spanish professor who works with students in the Hispanic Student Life and Leadership at MCCC. He works with students to make these events possible and spread the Spanish language across campus.

"In these last events, we were getting very good responses from the students attending and getting involved with the Hispanic Heritage Month," said Dr. D'Arpa.

He adds that it is very important that students, faculty and staff members come together to make this



PHOTO | MARIA RAMOS

A member from the college staff getting his food.

kind of event come to life and allow the spreading of the Hispanic culture on both college campuses. "I want to hear more Spanish in the school hallways."

The Celebrity Scoop



World Series Baseball

For the first time in over 70 years, the 2016 World Series Game between the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago Cubs will be played at Wrigley Field on Friday.



Bob Dylan

Songwriter and performer, Bob Dylan, has been awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. According to the Swedish Academy, Dylan won "for having created new poetic expressions within the great American tradition."



The Walking Dead

Season 7 of AMC's The Walking Dead premiered on October 23. Fans have been waiting since the end of the last season to discover what main character was killed off. Tune in on Sundays to find out.



Sherlock Holmes 3

Warner Brothers is moving ahead with Sherlock Holmes 3, starring Robert Downey Jr, by assigning a team of writers to create a script. The previous film, Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows brought in over \$545.3 million.



Samsung

The South Korean company is being sued by hundreds of customers over the scandal of the exploding Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphone.

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Junior Reporter

Fall, a season of leaves falling from the trees, boots, flannel and of course pumpkin spice. Not only is it the time of year to “write to the great pumpkin,” like Linus from ‘It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown,’ but also the time of year to get a Venti Pumpkin Spice Latte from Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Wawa...or just about anywhere else that sells coffee.

The question now is where is the best place to get your pumpkin spice fix? Before answering, it’s best to go through the history of pumpkin spiced everything.

These days there are a lot more pumpkin spiced products than just lattes. To name a few, there’s Oreos, McDonald’s French fries in Japan, Pringles, Cheerios, Crest toothpaste, Monistat 7, Tropicana, Eggos, milk, and many, many more.

The irony is that there’s no pumpkin in pumpkin spice. So what makes up pumpkin spice? What makes it up is sugar, condensed milk, annatto and natural and artificial flavorings. What you’re also probably thinking to yourself is, “How did pumpkin spice get its name then?” Simple: the concoction is orange and its tastes like pumpkin pie.

Back in 2003 the baristas debuted the “Starbucks Pumpkin Spiced Latte,” consisting of cinnamon, nutmeg and clove with steamed milk and espresso topped with whipped cream. Since then an array of other places began selling their own variations of the beverage.



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A Pumpkin Spice latte from Starbucks.

After rigorous taste-testing Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts and Wawa I’ve come to this conclusion: that Pumpkin Spice Latte from Starbucks, which now blends actual pumpkin since 2015, is on the sweeter side, while Wawa is flavorless.

Dunkin Donuts is the best place to get your fix, serving a perfect marriage of coffee and pumpkin spice deliciousness.

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Catch Up or Get Ahead During 2016-17 WINTER SESSION at Mercer County Community College

For students seeking to complete a course in two weeks on campus or in five weeks online this winter, Mercer County Community College offers accelerated classes during its traditional mid-winter break.

Mercer’s 2016-17 Winter Session includes nearly 40 courses from across the college curriculum.

Choose from 2-week on-campus classes beginning January 3, or 5-week MercerOnline classes beginning December 19.



End of the Womens' Tennis Season

By Caitlin Kevelt
Reporter

On September 30th, the Mercer Women's Tennis team lost 0-9 to Ocean County Community College at Mercer County Park, making their record 3-5. It was a rainy, Friday afternoon match played inside the Mercer County Tennis Center. Mercer Women's Tennis lost to OCCC, but still qualify for Regionals where they will compete to be 1 of the top 3 teams to go to Nationals.

"The girls have been doing excellent. Half of the team were inexperienced in the beginning. They are a happy, nice group of women dedicated to tennis and having fun," said Assistant Coach, Ralph Bencivengo.

Alyssa Waters, pictured above, is a first year tennis player. She has said that the team is like a little family and the sport is mostly about having fun and just relaxing. Coach Vecchiolla has said for the new players, including Alyssa, "It's a big stepping stone to go out there and not be nervous. The biggest goal's are to work hard, learn, improve, and have fun."

Athletic Director, John W. Simone, has provided input saying that the sport helps to improve emotional maturity,



PHOTO | ALLISON BALLESTERO

Alexis McCray is in a power stance, going for the ball.

along with lifelong friends, and leadership skills. Simone and the coaches advise the women's academic progress. The team practices weekly, and practice with the men's tennis team during the springtime.

"This team is a really great group to coach. They are cohesive and get along really well. We try not to measure wins and losses," said Coach Marc Vecchiolla.

To find out more about the women's tennis team and scores visit: www.mccc.edu/athletics_women_tennis.shtml



PHOTO | CAITLIN KEVETT

First-year Mercer team member, Alyssa Waters, serves ball to opponent from Ocean County Community College.

Lady Vikings Acquire New Soccer Coach: Elyse Diamond

By Alyssa Flodmand
Reporter

Mercer women's soccer team began this year's season with new coach, Elyse Diamond.

Elyse Diamond is a familiar face in Hamilton, as a 1984 alumna of MCCC; she still holds the record for most goals scored (118 in two seasons). She then went on to play for a year at Rutgers University. Not only does Elyse Diamond have experience from playing, but she also has experience from coaching at Nottingham High School for 25 years thereafter. Her two daughters have also attended the college and played in the program, most recently Katie Diamond, who completed her second season last fall.

When asked what influenced her decision to come to Mercer, Coach Diamond said that it was timing. "I was ready to end my career at Nottingham and I was going to renew my high school refereeing license when this opportunity arose." She was ready for something new, another challenge, and what more of a challenge than moving from coaching high school to college soccer?

Coach Diamond has not

failed in making an impact on those around her already. "She is a very positive person. Her positive attitude puts (the team) in a good mood and makes us look forward to practices and games," said forward and second year Radiology major, Giselle Chica.

Midfielder and second year exercise major, Cassidy Denno adds, "[She's] very approachable and is so easy to talk to; she understands that school comes first and is always there if we need help." They each also talked about the mother-like quality of the new coach, and how she takes the time to get to know each girl in and out, in order to reign in the team's greatest abilities.

The team was not the only one raving about the new coach, fans have taken a quick liking to her too. Carlos Vasquez of Hamilton said, "She radiates positive energy and is a very calm, collected person which shows through this team. She's a good coach because she's able to see potential in a player before they can see it in themselves."

Some fans like Mani Kissling, second year Liberal Arts major, knew Coach Diamond's background and was able to shed some light; "[Being a former player] allows her to know the different levels of play as well



PHOTO | ALYSSA FLODMAND

Coach Diamond is all smiles during the game against rivals Rowan at Burlington.

as the different aspects of the game; she'll rise to the challenge." The team's record of 10-1 attests to that so far.

Athletic Director, John Simone welcomed Elyse Diamond as new head coach of the lady Vikings. Knowing her background he only hopes that she will be able to pass her leadership qualities

and experiences along to the players. John Simone explains his definition of success and how to reach it, "Success is measured over time not only by performance but by academia, coaching leadership, and the quality of student athletes at Mercer."

The Faculty Corner



Prof. Ellen Genovesi

Associate Professor of Biology, Ellen Genovesi, has been selected to present her work at a national STEM conference in Philadelphia in November.



Prof. Amy Ricco

Professor of Horticulture, Amy Ricco, received an award on Mercer's behalf last spring: Distinguished Service to Agricultural Education in May.



Prof. Scott Hornick

This semester, MCCC welcomes Assistant Professor Scott Hornick as the college's newest Music Department Coordinator.



Dr. Matthew Kochis

Professor of English and Journalism, Dr. Matthew Kochis, and his wife are having a baby boy in March of 2017. Congratulations!



Gahabree Gordon

"I think Hillary is going to win, but me personally, I'm not voting. I don't think either one of them are good candidates. This is the first election I've been able to vote in, I was so excited to vote turning 18 years old and it's like 'I've gotta pick between them?!' I can wait another four years. I'll be ok. I'm expecting things to get worse but I'm praying for better."



Priscilla Devine

"After Trump wins I hope he focuses on our debt. Taxes are crazy. I'm lucky if I bring home a quarter of my paycheck and for years all we've heard is 'cut taxes.' When I was in the military during the George W. Bush elections, they told us if we didn't vote for Bush we wouldn't get a raise...Banks run the country. Trump knows banks inside and out. My vote is for that, not for the racist stuff. But after Benghazi I can't trust [Hillary]. It upsets me when other women say 'I'm voting for Hillary because she's a woman.' Can I line them up and smack them?"



Yovani Martinez

"Hillary [will win], and it's going to be the same crap, corruption. Pretty much a mix of what Obama's doing now and what Bill did years ago. She's going to pick up where he left off. For me, Obama is a continuation of what Bush did. It doesn't matter much who's president."



Jonathan Plummer

"I feel that Hillary's going to win but it's going to be shady as hell. Trump keeps on saying it's rigged, and I agree. Who knows more about the corruption of Washington than a billionaire businessman?...Hillary's going to win and a lot of Trump supporters might start a riot if she does. The KKK and Nazis might start a riot. I don't care who wins because they're going to screw me over regardless...Trump's going to lose, probably end up with his own racist network...Hillary is trying to pander to the black vote and pimp them out."



Tammy Luciano

"The person who gets the most electoral votes is going to win. The country will go on surviving. I don't have a doom and gloom outlook of either candidate, though I have a preference of one over the other but that's really not the point. Half the country will think that whoever gets in will be the worst thing that could have happened for the country. That's the thing with this election: people are so passionate about who they're standing by, so the scary thing is how do you deal with people who have to deal with massive disappointment one way or another?"

WE ASKED, AND YOU ANSWERED. The College VOICE hit the streets about the current political situation in America. Here you have a collection of Election Snakes & Ladders - the game critics are

ELECTION SNAKE

DIRECTIONS: Start on #1. Youngest player goes first. Roll the die and proceed that many spaces following the numbered squares. Land on a ladder? Go up to the top! Land on a snake's mouth? Slide down to the bottom. First person to the Constitution wins!

CE hit the streets to ask students, faculty and staff their feelings
 u have a chance to read their responses, then play a quick round
 critics are calling: "About as scary as politics gets!"

NAKES & LADDERS

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| | | |  Take extra turn! |  Election therapy needed. |
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| |  Anderson Cooper keeps pundit from lying on TV. |  Stress eat chocolate until you can cope once more | | |

"I think Hillary Clinton is going to win because Donald Trump is a horrible, horrible candidate for the Republican party. I wish that Cruz or Rubio would have won so Republicans would have better representation...I don't know if I see it getting better. Obama is a better president than Hillary could ever be. I think it's going to get worse after this election. Hillary Clinton pretty much represents her husband--30 years of the same old, same old, nothing changing. She's not bringing new ideas to the table so I don't see it being too optimistic for the country."



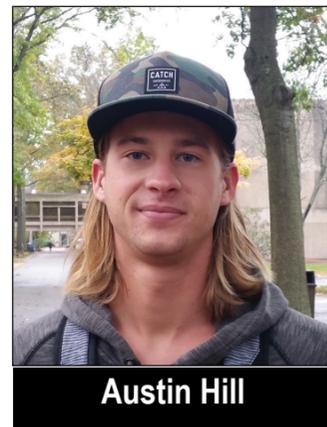
Nichole Montouth

"It's hard to say [who's going to win]. Everyone's saying Hillary but I don't know, maybe Trump. I'm not calling it or anything. I'm leaning toward Hilary. If she gets elected it will be a continuation of what we have now, a kind of gridlock. I think initially things get worse but later on they'll get better. The democrats need control of congress for Hilary to pass what she wants."



Michael Murray

"Aw man. I don't really follow it at all to be honest with you. Sounds like Hillary [will win], though. I'd like to see an increase in jobs, tax breaks. I don't things can get drastically worse than they are right now."



Austin Hill

"I think Hillary's going to win because Trump has alienated people. If Hillary was running against McCain '08 or Romney 2012 they would have won because everyone thinks she's untrustworthy. But Trump is showing out the racist sentiment. It's too extreme for even FOX News."



John Thau

"Essentially this election has turned our democracy into a joke. On one hand it shows that it's a legit democracy because the people have spoken and allowed these two people to become our candidates for our two party system that we apparently rock. However, the fact that these two people are the candidates is just not exactly the way we would have hoped things would have turned out."



Prof. Tamara Uhaze

Brick oven pizza for the perfect dining experience at Nomad Pizza

By Maria Ramos
Reporter

Walking into Nomad Pizza in Princeton on a Friday night, the smell of an old-fashioned brick oven pizza came out of the door. The sound of people chatting and wine glasses clinking filled the room. People seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The owner of Nomad Pizza, Stalin Bedon started his business with a pizza truck he named the Nomad. The business was first for serving at events and continued to gain high popularity. As a result, Nomad Pizza opened a restaurant in Hopewell, New Jersey. Later on, they opened two more in Philadelphia, and their more recent restaurant located in Princeton.

The Princeton location brings the cozy atmosphere, but it also gives a twist to make it more fun for local students and customers. Other local pizzerias cannot compare to Nomad and their organic, fresh products. Their Napolitano-style pizza is made of very basic ingredients: water, yeast, flour and salt along with fresh tomatoes, basil and mozzarella cheese. Nomad it is BYOB and in addition they offer wines from Thomas Henry Winery, Sonoma Ca.

"The most important ingredient in our pizzas is love, all the pizzas that we made are

made with love because we love pizza," said Laura Caponi, manager of Nomad Pizza.

The middle has a soft and chewy texture, while the crust is crunchy but not too hard. Just right.

"This may be my new favorite spot for pizza! But you have to really like the specialty, brick-oven type pizza or else this place is not for you. I've had dinner here twice now and each time it was incredible." Wrote Yelena P, from Sellersville, PA on September 14, 2016.

Besides having a typical Italian pizza, they offer different varieties, including a Nutella pizza, which is perfect for dessert; it is covered with Nutella and strawberries on top.

Nomad Pizza is a great place to gather with your friends, family or colleagues either for lunch or dinner. Pizzas are sold by the pie.

"I enjoy working at Nomad, even in the busy days, since we all work as the team to keep up with all the orders," said John, one of the pizza makers. The staff was very friendly and provided quick service.

Outdoor seating was available, and the area included a foosball table to keep the people on waiting list entertained, the waiting list it was around twenty minutes even that it was pretty busy, the staff was doing their best for have the tables ready, also with some Friday night live music to spice up the



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In the kitchen of Nomad Pizza.

ambiance. Every two weeks they have different kind of bands from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

It is easy to see why

Nomad Pizza has reached five stars on Yelp.com.

Nomad Pizza is located at 301 N Harrison St. Princeton,

NJ 08540, open Tuesday to Sunday for lunch and dinner.

Free Music: A local coffee shop's commitment to providing weekly musical performances

By Tim O'Boyle
Reporter

As I walked through the doors, my ears were met with the sound of "Take Five," a jazz tune by the pianist and composer Dave Brubeck. The acoustics were full and permeated throughout the medium sized shop, and the sound of the music comes together with the soft hum of conversation and the scent of a variety of coffees and teas to create an unforgettable ambiance unique to Small World Coffee.

Every Saturday night, Small World Coffee, located on Witherspoon Street in the heart of Princeton, holds a musical performance, and has been doing so for the past 20 years. Jazz, bluegrass, funk, soul, rock, and blues have all made an appearance here.

"Princeton is full of music lovers!" said Vincent Jule, who has been the coordinator for all the acts Small World has held for the past eight years.

When the group Mr. Chris & The Alley Band

performed last month, the first thing that caught my eye was the diversity of the crowd. There were couples both young and old, friends, people of all ages, in groups and alone. "Mainly I look for musicians who primarily perform original music that would be suitable for an audience of all ages," said Jule, "We always strive to be a welcoming place for anybody."

The intimate space shared between the performers and the audience result in a feeling of commitment towards one another. In the back of your mind, you realize that both the audience and the performers are locals making the experience more unique and exciting.

"The two main reasons we host free music" said Jule, "are to provide a place for people of all ages to come and enjoy local musicians, and to provide a venue for local musicians to perform their original music."

Small World's commitment to supporting local art does not stop at the Saturday night music performances. Decorating the walls are numerous distinct visual art pieces made by

artists from the local area.

Jule brought to my attention other events that are held at the cafe as well, saying, "Currently, we host an open mic night called Mic Monday on the 2nd Monday of every month. There is also an open bluegrass jam on the 2nd Sunday of every month."

Their support of locality is also practiced in their business model by selecting to purchase products that are, according to their website, "Fair Trade, relationship coffees, Rainforest Alliance Certified, shade grown, and micro lot coffees."

Some of the upcoming musical performances will feature B.D. Lenz, The Rick Fiori Jazz Trio, and Chris Harford and The Band of Changes, which, in Jule's opinion, is, "One of the more popular performers."

Experiencing quality music does not have to require spending an exorbitant amount of money on tickets. In the case of Small World Coffee the price for their weekly music performance cost me \$3 for a quality large cup of coffee.



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Local band performing at the Small World Coffee.

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The increasing price tag of higher ed

AS I SEE IT

Carlton Fedorko

I was arguing with the God of the Mercer Bookstore about why I didn't need a receipt to exchange the book I had for the book I needed.

"They're identically priced. I just want to use the dollars I already paid you for this book," I thumped the history text like it was a bible, "for the book I need. You can have this book back. I don't even want it."

The Bookstore God said no. I said "You're basically stealing my hundred bucks. You know you won't buy this book back at the end of the semester."

She rolled her eyes and said "The book you want, it's not even in stock. Won't be here for a week."

Before I said anything further that I wouldn't have said in front of my grandma, I had a realization: since the college enrolled more students than they had books available, my castigating the Mercer God's anti-logic in the middle of the bookstore would prove a fruitless endeavor. And I had already endured enough financial stress that day.

Earlier, the Bursar had wrongly accused me of owing money from the previous semester. "A scholarship covered my tuition last semester," I pleaded from prayer position. They didn't care.

They did not relent until I made good and coughed up the proverbial skrilla.

Driving home I realized that I can't be the only one thinking this college thing feels like robbery. Education means bettering myself but real self-improvement shouldn't feel like getting ripped off.

It's nearly a cliché: "Going to college will open the proper doors for you to be successful." The idea is drilled into your head--literally sold to students, educators and institutions across the country, but at what cost?

American colleges and universities sell young people the idea of success at unsustainably high prices. You deserve this education you can't afford. Student loan debt is considered "good debt," a concept that could take root

only in America. I argue there is no such thing as a "good debt" but students wait in line to buy into the higher education system and it often fast-tracks them to financial ruin.

A 2013 study by Center for American Progress found the cost of a four-year public education has increased 250 percent in the last 30 years. Meanwhile, the average US household earned merely 13.5 percent more money in 2012 than it did in 1983, according to the US Census Bureau.

If American wages increased at the same rate colleges raised tuition the average household would earn \$112,342 a year, more than double the current average household income. (All monetary figures in the above paragraphs are adjusted for inflation to 2012 rates based on the Consumer Price Index as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Simply put: We, The People, are being priced-out of higher education.

The system is predicated on the idea that students are buying their way into gainful employment upon graduation but we all know that's not true anymore. If the guarantee of a job--the one benefit that separated the educated from the uneducated--is not as sound as it used to be, why is the cost of college increasing while the value of a degree seems to be decreasing?

An April 2012 report called *The Great Cost Shift: How Higher Education Cuts Undermine the Future Middle Class* by DEMOS shows how state divestment in public higher-education in the last 20 years has shifted costs to students and their families.

"Institutions have balanced the funding equation by charging students more," the report found. It also says the real price of two-year colleges climbed by 71 percent since 1990. Your education costs you more when your state values its' colleges and universities less.

Problems arise when you subject the educational system to capitalistic principles. Small colleges like Mercer cannot remain solvent without state funding. What this means is that a stable, predictable enrollment is the largest, most reliable revenue source for small, state-funded colleges. This fact gives colleges zero incentive to graduate or

transfer students out because the more time a student spends at a school, the the more stable and predictable that schools enrollment is.

Since the school cannot guarantee that the number of new students who enroll will equal the number lost to transfer or graduation, the most financially secure strategy is bring in as many students as possible while retaining as many as they can.

The system is not designed for students to graduate on time. It's worse for students at "two-year colleges" who often balance education with employment and can't manage 12 credits per semester, the federal definition of full-time student.

In "The Rise of the Five-Year Four-Year Degree," Columbia University Professor Judith Scott-Clayton asks "How long does it take to earn a four-year degree?" The answer? At least five years.

"It's certainly better to complete college in five or six years than never complete at all. But stretching out a four-year degree means extra years of tuition costs, and additional years of labor market earnings and experience forgone," she says.

Clayton cites overcrowding and a lack of incentive for institutions to get students out faster as major factors that increase time-to-degree completion. She also points out that students on financial aid pass their college bills on to taxpayers. Sadly, however, educational debt has become the new Poll Tax.

Debt is not an investment in your future but it's most people's only option. This gives the illusion of choice and is nothing more than a scam.

Lenders don't care if you find a job when you graduate. They're looking for you to pay what you owe. A lender's only interest is interest. Massive lending institutions like Sallie Mae have been accused of making a purposeful effort to increase student loan debt through the practice of forbearance.

Here's an example of forbearance: say you owe \$50,000 to Sallie Mae. If they push back the day your loan comes due by a year it sounds like you're getting a break. What's really happening is the interest is running for that

whole year and it's running on the full amount of the loan. It may benefit you in the short term but the lender takes more of your money in the long term.

Sallie Mae earned \$937 million in 2012. "More than 600,000 federal student loan borrowers who entered repayment in 2010 defaulted on their loans by 2012," according to Ticas.org.

Many college graduates earn paltry entry-level salaries that limit participation in the US consumer culture.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) released *Student Loan Affordability: Analysis of Public Input on Impact and Solutions* in May 2013. The study addresses the potential impact of the student debt burden, finding "young consumers have been unable to participate more fully in the housing marketplace; the segment of young consumers... interested in becoming first-time homebuyers... face new barriers to homeownership."

The future does not look promising as long as the term debt is a requirement for a stable future..

Student loan debt is on the brink of financially crippling the purchasing power of Millennials. However, no single entity is to blame, though.

The entire economic mindset that values goods based on scarcity and buying things one cannot afford is unsustainable. The American financial system ensures the people who most benefit from the status quo are the least inclined to change it.

Education has unimpeachable benefits but if you have to borrow an exorbitant amount of money to get it, it's easy to think the only way to win this game is to not play it and you might be right.

I'm arrogant enough to think I have the solutions to all the problems I see or even worse to try and tell you what to do with your life. I know that being informed and choosing inaction does nothing to improve the plight of those afflicted because charity will never be as effective as reform. Our generation has the duty to either change an unfair system or admit that we found apathy more attractive than involvement.

I know which side I want to be on. You decide for yourself.

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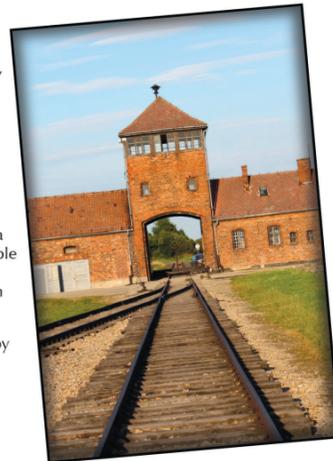
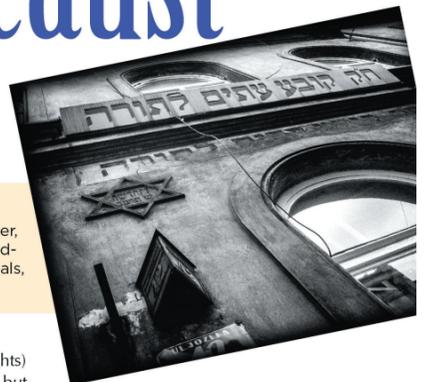
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Non-refundable deposit of \$300 paid before October 31 reserves a spot on the trip. The non-refundable deposit increases to \$350 from November 1-15 and to \$500 from November 16-December 15.

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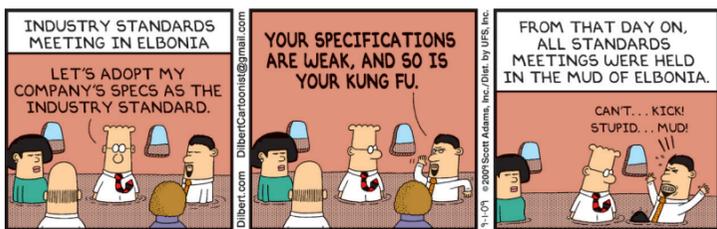
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Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

This is the time to relax and regroup. You may lean on your friends for advice, but just make sure you don't make choices based on the insights of others. Go with your gut.



Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You will be reconnected with friends and family in a major way. It is the ideal time for a collaboration or a charitable endeavor.



Pisces

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Your kindness and sympathy will help you shine this month! Help out someone in need to spread your good vibes.



Aries

Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

Optimism is your strongest suit. The ones around you may need a little cheering up. Remember to focus on your goals as well as others



Taurus

Apr. 20 - May 20

Your stubborn attitude can lead you to go with your heart instead of thinking things through. An impulse decision may keep you content but may also conceal problems.



Gemini

May 21 - Jun. 20

Your creative energy will be maximized. Since Mercury goes direct after retrograde, things will finally feel like they are going smoothly again.



Cancer

Jun. 21 - Jul. 22

Overthinking is second nature to you. After some rough incidents that have happened to you recently, but don't let it from keeping your head held high.



Leo

Jul. 23 - Aug. 22

Attention is always welcome to you. With new opportunities coming up, it is time to take a backseat and observe what to do for your next move.



Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You are hardworking and practical and after a whirl of deadlines and projects, it is time for a well-deserved break. Instead of paying attention to all of the small things, take a look at the big picture.



Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Balance is your way of life. But, someone or something might throw you out of your comfort zone. Don't let that take you away from the values and people that keep you grounded.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This month, many things will come to light, urging you to take a clearer stand on what you want. You may be pressured into changing your position but remember it may have a long term impact.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Authenticity is crucial as you are making some important decisions. It is now the time to put your plans into action with the upcoming opportunities. Only do what is right for the long-term!

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