Students and staff adapt to Student Center changes

Broken elevators create on-going problems

By Caitlin Oliver
Reporter

On September 3 of this year, the elevator in the BS building on the West Windsor campus broke down...again. The elevator has been out of service multiple times over the past year which has caused difficulty for students and staff who rely on it.

One student, Alexander Gonzalez, who uses crutches that attach to his arms to walk, told the Board of Trustees at a meeting on July 18 which was before the latest breakdown. He went seeking assistance, he said, because he cannot climb the stairs by himself so his mother came to the college last semester to accommodate him during elevator renovations scheduled to occur “maybe three to four” times a semester.

When asked in a recent interview Gonzalez said he felt that the board members “did try to listen” but that there has been “no change whatsoever.”

In an interview with Rosa Gonzalez, Alexander’s mother, who speaks Spanish so he can translate for her, she said that when she had to carry him up the stairs she “felt pain in the knees.” This pain occurs every time Rosa has to do any kind of lifting which she has had to do many times because of the BS elevator breakdowns.

Bryon Marshall, the Director of Facilities and College Safety for 12 years at MCCC, said that the elevators are subjected to routine inspections, based on the code requirements. He also said that for the broken BS elevator, it is being completely renovated.

Dylan Wolfe, who is an Associate Professor and the Chair of Fine Arts and Communication, attended the same board meeting where Gonzalez spoke. He says that the BS elevator breaks down routinely, and that in the event an elevator does need repairs, and a student cannot get to a classroom without it, the school is supposed to move the classroom to a place where the student can attend.

This is correct according to the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, which requires that some sort of reasonable accommodation be made for handicapped individuals. For example, a class can be moved to the ground floor if it cannot be accessed without the use of an elevator.

Marshall said that if a student gets stuck inside an elevator, the campus has “chair lifts, a chair for removing people who are disabled.” He did not address the question of what accommodations have been made during the current repairs.

Marshall did say that the elevators have an emergency number that people who get stuck inside can call. In fact, Professor Betty Peterson, who is currently in her sixteenth year teaching math at Mercer, got stuck in the LA elevator this past summer. Peterson said that it dropped two and a half feet. During the five minute ordeal, Peterson said that she was “claustrophobic” and had to think calming thoughts.

Dr. Jianping Wang, the President of the college, says that the BS elevator renovation will start “over winter break.” She also says that the elevators are around the same age as the college, which is 50 years old.

According to the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting on July 18, when Gonzalez raised his concerns about the chronic elevator problems, the Chair of the board, Mark Matzen said “The college will make sure procedures are in place to make accommodations for students when this happens.”

By Bianca Martinez
Senior Reporter

Renovations for the Student Center are currently underway as the fall semester gets rolling at Mercer.

The second floor of the Student Center is completely inaccessible, resulting in students now having to go elsewhere for many student services.

Areas like Admissions, Enrollment Services, and Financial Aid have relocated to the Administration building, Career and Transfer Services are now in the Library, and Veteran’s Services, Counseling, and Community Networks can be found on the first floor of the Student Center.

Mercer student, Donna Walker, says, “During the first week of September, I was trying to get to the Financial Aid office. They told me it’s all the way down there...the AD building. So, you know, it kinda impacted my life a little bit.”

As students adapt to the changes, staff are also having to adapt. Staffers say they have had concerns about the way communication from the administration about the relocations was handled.

A Mercer staff member, who wished to remain anonymous based on concern for job safety, stated that there was no choice but to adjust.

“They were forceful adjustments for both students and faculty,” the employee said.

The staff member added that they felt there was little communication from administration and when there was, it was often not timely.

Move-in dates were changed with little warning according to staffers and departments were expected to move by the first week of August. They had only received a communication on the 15th.

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A student confronts a closed second floor in SC.
Campus updates include two new gazebos in the quad

By Tori Pender
Senior Reporter

As students returned to campus after the summer break they were greeted by a new sight in the quad, directly in front of the Library on the West Windsor campus, two white gazebos.

When asked about the addition of gazebos Dr. Juaping Wang, the President of Mercer County Community College said: “This is our overall efforts trying to beautify the campus.”

Dr. Wang says the goal is to create a relaxing and de-stressing environment on campus. Originally, a Landscape Design class was working on a project to update the quad. Halfway through the planning of the layout, however, Professor Amy Ricco, Coordinator of Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Science of 22 years says Mercer went ahead and ordered the gazebos.

Professor Ricco says, “We were, then we weren’t involved...Our opinion wasn’t involved...Our opinion wasn’t involved...Our opinion wasn’t involved...Our opinion wasn’t involved...Our opinion wasn’t involved."

Professor Ricco says she and her students originally suggested pergolas instead of gazebos so there would have been multiple sitting areas for students. Pergolas have a more open, square or rectangular form with a cross beam rather than covered roof.

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Students are definitely congregating in the new gazebos and using them as a social space, however some students aren’t enthusiastic. Kiera Korns, a Forensic Science major, “They stupid. I like the trees better.”

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“Any time you get a win, it’s a positive within itself.” Suah said, adding that he was happy that Mercer showed resilience after being down a goal and that coming back to win the game. Cranbury resident Debbie Sekelsky, mother of Dalton Sekelsky, said that the game against Harcum was “pretty exciting, considering the score was 2-1."

“I hope that [they] continue to do as well as they did [during] the first half of the season,” Sekelsky added.

When asked about previous games against Mercer, Harcum head coach Alex Graver claims that “each time we’ve played [them] it’s [been] they’ve won, we won, they’ve won, we won, so it’s going back and forth and it’s always a good game.”

Mercer’s most recent victory follows a string of road wins against community college teams from Maryland and New York. The Vikings began September by soundly defeating Rockland (NY) 11-1. Next up, Mercer narrowly edged Montgomery Rockville (MD) 2-1 before handily defeating Hagerstown (MD) 11-0.

The Mercer Vikings will host ASA College (NY) on Wednesday, October 2, before traveling on Saturday, October 5 to face Monroe-New Rochelle (NY).

PROF. RICK COOKERMAN, President, Mercer County Community College
Axe throwing finds its time and place

By Kristen Miller
Senior Reporter

Competitive axe throwing has been gaining popularity in the tri-state area recently, with franchises like Bury The Hatchet mainly spread across Pennsylvania and New Jersey, with other locations in New York, Georgia and Kansas.

According to Bury The Hatchet’s website, axe throwing “is like playing darts but with axes.” It’s also a good stress reliever according to many regulars.

The first Bury The Hatchet has been open for about 2 years, according to Tyler Durso-Finely, former Mercer student and a current “Axe Master” at the Princeton, New Jersey location. Many different kinds of groups can be found at the establishment at any given time.

Durso-Finely says, “We get all sorts of groups coming through: birthday parties, corporate team building events. I first came here with my family as part of spring break, doing family things together. Some people just want to throw axes. It’s pretty cool."

Howard Klotzkin and his partner Tal Kalif are the owners of the local Bury The Hatchet. Heidi Neuflev, the Director of Operations, worked with Klotzkin before Bury The Hatchet even started. They own nine Escape Room game centers as well.

Neuflev states that Klotzkin first came across axe throwing in Canada and saw a business opportunity when he returned back home.

“When he came back to the United States, [Klotzkin] knew that it was something that wasn’t very well known [here] at all...that was three years ago and now we have almost 15 locations,” Neuflev said.

When someone first thinks of axe throwing, they may think it is a dangerous sport. However, the employees of Bury The Hatchet are very conscious of safety.

Neuflev described a recent viral video at a different axe throwing establishment where a young woman threw a hatchet toward a target only for the weapon to ricochet off the floor and come flying back, almost striking her in the head.

By comparison, Bury The Hatchet has “specific boards that are bounce back boards...we have foam padding behind the plates so that our axes don’t bounce back,” Neuflev said.

No prior experience is necessary before coming to Bury The Hatchet and it takes about five to ten minutes to learn how to throw an axe. Anyone over the age of 14 is allowed to throw axes at the Princeton location, but minors must be supervised by a parent.


In addition to axe throwing, Bury The Hatchet also has giant board games set up in the lobby at each of their locations. Jenga, Battleship, Connect Four, Charades and Giant Dice are among the options customers can choose from.

“Some of the other axe throwing places are fun but we try to make it a real experience because we really play with you the whole time that you’re there,” Neuflev said.

Axe throwing league member Domonic Diliberto said that although he came across Bury The Hatchet by chance, he was glad he stumbled upon it.

“I was actually driving by and I saw the sign. It was right before they opened up, so I looked it up on the Internet... Right before they opened up I came in and I joined the league,” Diliberto said.

“I would definitely recommend it," Diliberto added. "It beats doing laundry.”

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-MCCC President Dr. Jianping Wang

"The idea is to have a one-stop so that for the most part, students will be able to sit down with one person and get just about everything done. It is just not the space that will be re-done, but the jobs as well, in terms of the various types of services that staff members will be able to offer students. The plan is to make the process easier for students.

Dr. Wang states, “What we’re designing is a L-shape. So you go in there, you can go to any of the windows and get serviced for everything and then you go to the next window to pay because we cannot have the people who service money. The money has to be separate. So, you will have to go to two windows. That’s it.”

The newly renovated space will also feature more chairs, couches, and desks available to students, as well as larger classrooms and meeting spaces.

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Dr. Wang hopes that this will create a technology based environment for students and keep them prepared for their classes.

The president says she wants students to be able to see staff members in their offices in the new Student Center so that they will feel more welcomed, rather than walking up to closed office doors and covered windows.

She states, “It’s all focused on students. That’s why we’re doing this.”

Renovations are expected to last for one year, with completion to be ready by the 2020-2021 school year.
A year ago Greta Thunberg, then a 15-year-old, from Sweden, began a weekly strike from school to raise awareness of the climate crisis. She would sit on the steps outside the Swedish parliament by herself handing out fliers and holding a sign saying “School Strike for The Climate” in Swedish. Her action caught international attention when pictures and accounts of her efforts were posted on social media and went viral.

As attention to her efforts has grown, Thunberg has gone on to become a more and more prominent international climate activist and she was the catalyst behind the Global Climate Strike on September 20, just a few days before the UN Climate Action Summit—where she spoke—took place.

Young people across the world left classrooms and took up signs—as Thunberg had—to raise awareness of the world’s current climate crisis. According to StrikeWithUs.org there were 4,500 different climate actions held worldwide in over 120 countries on September 20. Thousands packed the streets in New York and closer to home there were smaller events. Students at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North held an event at their football field to spread awareness about the ongoing climate issues.

In Princeton at Hinds Plaza in front of the public library, a group gathered that included 56 Princeton High School students who helped lead the strike.

Nick Christie, a Student from New York’s School of Visual Art who attended the New York event said, “Battery Park here [was] filled to the brim with around 250,000 people attending. It’s extremely inspiring seeing all these people showing support about this issue.”

The United States places second on the list of countries with the highest Carbon Emissions according to ucsusa.org, but Donald Trump withdrew the country from the Paris Climate Agreement of 2016 which was a global call to strengthen the response to climate change and get nations to work together to help combat it. He did not appear at the UN Climate Action Summit.

The September 20 strikes showed just how seriously young people today take global climate crisis and how much they want a cleaner and environmentally friendly world for us all to live in.
Mitchell Canter, a Mercer Communication Professor who teaches Radio and Audio Production, has worked in the media industry for over 25 years, holding many job titles during this time. He has directed video shoots, written scripts and produced television commercials.

“One of the TV commercials that I created for my employer, Suburban Cablevision, was a finalist for a Cable ACE Award. I didn’t win, but the commercial did make it to the finalist round of judging,” Canter says.

During his early career Canter worked as a mobile DJ. In 2004 he established his own company called “Music Masters.”

“When you’re doing the mobile DJing, you have an audience that you can react off of, who you can kind of have fun with...I started off just being the engineer, so I did all of the DJing, the mixing, and someone else was the fronsman. Slowly I worked up the courage to where I could be out there with everybody,” Canter says.

Canter actually served as the DJ at the wedding of another Mercer Communication Professor, Kathi Paluscio.

She says, “He was absolutely more than the normal perception of a DJ. He can make an audience feel comfortable, included, and can take over to smooth out any snags that occur in the moment.”

Canter says he enjoys customizing pieces for wedding receptions. He would alter the introductions to fit each member of a wedding party.

Brian Passafaro, a Project Manager at DScape Interactive LLC is one of Canter’s former DJ/mixers as well as technical assistants. Passafaro says, “From 2013-2015, I worked for Mitch Canter as his Assistant DJ and Lighting Specialist. Working for Mitch was challenging but very rewarding as a learning experience but also on a sentimental level.”

In addition to teaching, Canter does workforce training at Rutgers University’s Office of Continuing Education. Now, as a full-time professor, he teaches courses here at Mercer including radio, audio production, and public speaking.

When asked if he would ever consider transitioning his profession back into the mobile DJ business in 2016, Canter says, “He does, however, keep connected to his former work. I started to feel a little disconnected...I wanted to feel more of a connection to the business so I could continue to relay real-world experience to my students. That’s why I now do weekends and fill-in work at [the radio station] 107.1 “The Boss” on the Jersey Shore.”

**PROFILE:** Communication Professor Mitchell Canter

25 years of professional experience from DJ, to educator, to radio personality

**By Aaliyah Patel**

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**Mercer hosts variety of events to celebrate Hispanic American Heritage month**

By Aaliyah Patel

**REPORTER**

Hispanic Heritage Month began its celebration on the West Windsor campus on Monday, September 16, 2019. The event to kick off the celebration was held in the Cafeteria that included free tastings of authentic Latin cuisine and a VIP guest speaker: Dr. Maria Montilla of the Latino Institute for Latino Studies and The Latino Leadership Alliance of N.J.

Students and staff gathered together at the opening ceremony to taste traditional food and listen to guest speaker Dr. Maria Montilla who began her speech by sharing some facts about the history of Hispanics in the United States. According to Dr. Montilla, knowing the facts is necessary to understanding the history of Latinos in the United States began thousands of years ago, unlike the current attention on US Latinos may show due to presidential and other elections.

Dr. Montilla said, “It just seemed that Latinos just suddenly appeared in the United States, that they ‘just came yesterday,’ quie cruzamos la frontera ayer. When in reality the history of Latinos in the United States began more than thousands of years ago.”

The evidence of that long history can be seen in our student population. Hispanics make up 20 percent of Mercer’s student body according to the college’s most recent institution data from 2018 and Latinos are the third largest demographic in Mercer and all surrounding counties of Middlesex, Burlington, and Somerset.

Vicente Erazu, a member of the Committee explains the purpose of having events like these for students saying, “The college wants to ‘bring something positive to the Hispanic students,’ and for everybody else who needs to be educated in the value of Hispanic culture.”

According to www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/, the celebration first started as a week-long event in 1968; and is now a month-long celebration to honor Hispanic Americas’ heritage. The month celebration begins on the 15th of September because of the anniversary of four Central American countries’ Independence Day. It runs through October 15.

The idea of this month’s celebrations is to honor the history and celebrate the culture of ancestors originating from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

There will be Hispanic Heritage Month events happening at Mercer through October 15.

On October 2, Latin themed books will be on display in the WWC bookstore. On October 3, there will be Paint Night at the West Windsor campus as well as a Paint & Sip at the James Kerney Campus with a “Day of the Dead” or Dia de Los Muertos theme.

The closing ceremony for the celebration will occur on October 15. It will be held at the James Kerney Campus beginning at 11:30am. The final guest speaker will be Ms. Adriana Abi-zadeh, from the Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. The day ends at JKC with a concert held at Kerney Hall at 7pm.
On September 19 the Student Government Association (SGA) hosted its annual fall Club Day event in the main quad. It featured tables for many of the college’s most active clubs, as well as food trucks, climbing walls and other activities. With mild weather and blue skies, many students, new and returning, took time to find out more about activities going on at Mercer.
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Because Mercer is a commuter college, it can be hard to find friends and be social. Many students come, go to class, then leave. Others just don’t know how to start.

Nayline Martinez, a Mercer student who is majoring in Education, states "I don’t talk in class at all because I am not comfortable being around people I don’t know and it makes me feel like going back to the old school where I had a lot of friends. I have tried to make friends but it is hard to introduce myself to others for me. I need friends because if I can’t understand something, then I can ask my friends, but if I don’t have any friends then who am I am going to talk to?"

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Even though it is hard, students have to be more confident and try new things like joining clubs and getting involved in activities that are happening on campus, otherwise they have no chance to make friends. They must try to get out of their comfort zones. Staying in a shell will make you lonely and make it impossible to connect to the people you are surrounded by.
We all might have been in a situation where we trust ourselves to remember an important upcoming test or assignment, and as soon as we leave the class so does the mental note from our minds of that upcoming test.

Then, one fine evening, while binge-watching Netflix, we suddenly remember that test the next day and if we don’t start studying right away we will eliminate the possibility of even passing the class.

Bryan Apacajca, a third semester Mercer student, says he meets deadlines, “by struggling through them, drinking enough coffee, doing late nights and not stopping ‘til the assignment’s done.”

One of the most fool-proof ways to remember something like a test is to write it down according to the upcoming date. That way you can have it on you as a reminder and plan ahead by giving yourself enough time to prepare for it. WRITE THINGS DOWN!

As students, we can end up putting off important tasks and procrastinating to the last minute. Some of us just find it easier not to worry about something early on but for the most part that is just being lazy. Even while working on important projects or assignments, we might get swayed to check our email or notifications on our phones or go down the YouTube rabbit hole while searching something on the web for a class.

A good solution to tackle that situation is to limit yourself to the amount of time you use for unimportant tasks. In the article by Anna Heinrich she says “Use your phone for good... Your phone can serve as an on-the-go calendar and scheduler. Setting reminders can help you keep due dates and other important commitments in mind as you go through your day.”

Nichol Killian a Success Coach at Mercer for the Health Professions division says, “One of the strategies I have students use, is set timers...be all about Facebook and Instagram but set a timer so you’re only doing it for 15 minutes.”

Our phones are not only good for watching cat videos and taking pictures of our tacos for Instagram. A lot of smartphones can be personal assistants right in your pockets. With voice activated AI (artificial intelligence) like ’Siri’ for iOS and ‘Ok Google’ for Android it has become as simple as ‘said and done’ when it comes to having to note something down or to set a reminder all that without even having to unlock your phone.

Jehan Mohamed, the Success Coach for the Business and STEM division at Mercer, says, “if you utilize [your cell phone] the right way and make effective use of it then you are good to go.”

Another way to get ahead of things is to set a goal and plan to achieve it. In the beginning of each semester we are given a syllabus for each of our courses. Most often our instructions provide a break down of what will be covered each week through the entirety of the semester.

So, a great way to get things done is to put dates in your phone calendar and get a planner to note down all upcoming assignments, projects and tests according to the dates they are due. Put your planner up in your room and start crossing out the days and assignments as the weeks go by.

This can also help you keep track of where and what you need to catch up on for your course work, and how well you are doing overall. A digital and/or paper planner system can also help prioritize your time and can make it easier to balance your work life with your school life and give you a sense of accomplishment when you’re completing all the assigned work on time.

Managing time effectively is one problem all students deal with, but not all students do something productive. Being punctual is a key skill for everyone’s professional career. So, starting as a college student, all students should adopt a good time management technique.

There are simple ways to better manage your time. According to an article by Anna Heinrich titled “7 Effective Time Management Tips for College Students” on Rasmusen.edu she writes, “Save yourself the late-night scramble and write everything down as you hear it.”

Dan Hulit, a Communication major at Mercer, says, “It’s not the easiest thing in the world to manage your time...I’m definitely not the best at time management.” He is not alone.

We have all been swayed away from focusing on important upcoming assignments or projects by things on our phones or surfing the web. That usually happens when we are bored and have to decide between work and school. If money is what is most crucial, put your job first and cut down on how many classes you are taking.

There are simple ways to take care of how you spend your time. Some students work better with hand written calendars and some research suggests we are less likely to forget an item we wrote down rather than one we voice dictated into a phone. Writing things and sticking notes where you can see them may be a good choice for some students.

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BONUS TIME MANAGEMENT TIPS

FROM THE MANY LISTS OF EXPERT TIPS ONLINE, THESE ONES ARE GIVEN AGAIN AND AGAIN.

1. GOOD OLD PEN

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2. SAY NO

You can’t do everything and people often pile extra work on those they think are well organized. Sometimes you will have to say no. Don’t be scared to do so.

3. PRIORITIZE

Family comes first. Then you have to decide between work and school. If money is what is most crucial, put your job first and cut down on how many classes you are taking.

4. SLEEP

If you are chronically sleep deprived you will not be able to stick to any schedule or plan. You have to take time to rest.

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A MURDER ENLISTED ON AN AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT WHEN AN OFFICER NAMED "FLINT" CAME UP TO GIVE HIM THERAPY BALLOONS NAMED "TRAGEDY".

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It’s time to cancel “cancel culture”

The internet phenomenon known as “call-out” or “cancel culture” is when a large group of people react to some piece of information—accurate or not—about a person, often a person with some influence or stature, with moral indignation. There is a kind of mass hysteria ensues in which people convert their out- rage into action both online and out in the real world.

An example of cancel culture includes when the athletic apparel company Nike used Colin Kaepernick for an ad.

Kaepernick, an activist and American football quarterback, became known for kneeling during the National Anthem at football games to protest police brutality in the US. He was widely cited as a hero by the presi- dent, and many others, as being unpatriotic.

When Nike featured Kaepernick in a commercial with the tag line “believe in something, even if it costs you everything”, the Internet re- acted. The cancel began. Indi- viduals set their Nike products on fire and posted pictures of it online and included your name and status at Mercer (major and year, faculty or staff position or alumnus). All materials submitted become the property of The College VOICE, which reserves the right to reject or edit material based on length, taste or clarity.

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Tablet newspapers do get sued for some of their stories which is why they often have specific celebrities who won’t bother suing. New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is one of them.

Netflix original show “Stranger Things” stars Finn Wolfhard who has a weird name and plays a rock band called “Calvary.”

When journalists look up previous articles and research before writing an article, they call it going to the morass.”
Dear Voice,
I lost my brown leather belt in the cafeteria (don’t ask why). Are you still alive?
-The Voice.

Dear Voice,
Why do you guys think you know everything? I see you at your exclusive Monday meetings with your sub par pizza. Not cool, guys.
-The Voice.

Dear Inappropriate,
WTF? If your brother is under 18 that’s a felony! What is wrong with you?
-The Voice.

Dear Hungry,
I chewed on some brown meat in the cafe buffet for five minutes before it broke down. Was it safe?
-No Longer Hungry

Dear Voice,
This month you’re receiving more romantic attention than usual. Don’t let it get to your head or you could see some drama come into view.

Virgo
Aug 23 - Sept 22
This month you’ll feel the pressure of what feels like everyone reaching out for help. Help them, but don’t make their problems your problems. The people in your life have it under control.

Libra
Sept 23 - Oct 22
This month, you’ll be longing for community, so join a club to make new friends. They’ll be glad to get to know you.

Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21
Your month is loaded with tough assignments, from school to your social group. Don’t procrastinate and remember to set goals. You will reach them with patience.