



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 several loud pops were heard from outside an adjacent door. Simultaneously, a group of students began running, including one female who was markedly distraught. Her body 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 young 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.

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

“Hope started doing everything she [could]... don’t let nobody in, nobody out, she was on the phone calling West Windsor, she ... also called the ambulance for the young lady.”

When asked directly of her involvement, Jarvis replied, “Everybody, no matter what [position] you worked in this building, everybody that day collectively came together to make sure that everything went as smoothly as possible...with their help I was able to get the vital information I needed while I’m on the phone with the dispatcher and on the radio with my own officers.”

She went on to credit an active-shooter training session, which had auspiciously been conducted a week prior, for her ability to remain calm and effectively handle the situation. However, The VOICE suspects her competence that day is also attributable to her 26-year long career as a security officer.

The shooting, according to an article from NJ.com on October 13, 2014, involved an

unknown number of suspects. Although two were injured during the incident, men ages 21 and 44, this type of violence was an unexceptional scenario for Trenton and the Broad Street location. However, the proximity to, and the resulting lockdown of the James Kerney campus, created an extraordinary situation for Mercer.

As required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)), Mercer must disclose both information about crime on and around the campus as well as publish security policies and procedures, including an Emergency Response Plan, in an annual report (see page 2 for further details). According to the most recent document, in the event of a situation, deemed threatening by Director of College Safety and Security, a timely-warning statement will be issued via Mercer’s M-Alert system. Any details as to what further actions would take place however, are not included in the report. Those plans, though still



PHOTO | IVANA AIRO

Officer Hope Jarvis (second from right) being honored by college president Dr. Patricia Donohue (far left).

vague according to a Mercer faculty member who wished to remain anonymous, are instead available on MLink, Mercer’s website for staff.

Whether Officer Jarvis was privy to this information, and whether or not it would have helped last October, can only be speculated. It can be said, however, that Jarvis acted with courage and governance worthy of admiration. Indeed, last year former President Dr. Patricia Donohue issued a formal commendation for her exceptional service and dedication to the

Mercer community. She was also recognized by the New Jersey College and University Student Personnel Administration (CUSPA) for heroic actions.

Officer Jarvis has remained humble as was evident in her insistence upon mentioning other Mercer staff members involvement. When asked about those unique characteristics she possesses which facilitated her well-thought action, she merely replied, “I just know what I do, and how I do it.”

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 Maccariella, Associate Professor and Coordinator Engineering Science and Civil Engineering Technology, and Theresa Capra, Education Coordinator will be lead the project at MCCC with help from Professor Laura Blinderman in Biology, Professor Jamie Fleishner in Mathematics, and Helen Tanzini, 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 an interview 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 the program’s coordinators, Jim Maccariella. Unfortunately however, do to timing, we were unable to get a direct comment.

However, The VOICE was able to find a quote from Maccariella 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/>



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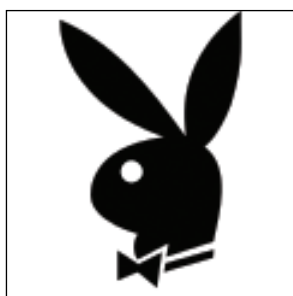
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LAMAR ODOM

American professional basketball player, Lamar Odom, was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel last week. Authorities are looking into incident as Odom remains in a coma at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center.



PLAYBOY

After 62 years, *Playboy* recently announced its plans to no longer feature fully nude models in its print editions. In response to the change taking effect in March of 2016, Jenny McCarthy, a previous *Playboy* model, stated that "I will be wearing my panties at half-mast."



LADY GAGA

Season five of *American Horror Story: Hotel* premiered this October with major cast changes. Jessica Lange appears to have been replaced by American singer and songwriter, Lady Gaga. The pop star plays a character named "The Countess" who has mysterious ties to the hotel.



ANDERSON COOPER

Anderson Cooper recently hosted the first democratic debate for the 2016 presidential election. The candidates who participated in the debate were Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, and Jim Webb.

Middle States puts Mercer on notice

By Max Leavitt-Shaffer
Senior Reporter

Mercer County Community College is at risk of losing its institutional accreditation, according to an August 2015 report by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The school has been given a temporary warning for failing to meet two of the Commission's required standards, a status that will go up for review on March 1st of next year.

As described by the U.S. Department of Education website, the risks of losing its accreditation is two-fold for Mercer and its students. First, other institutions, such as four year universities, may no longer accept transfer credits based upon standards of academic rigor. This concern is also applicable to licensure and certification programs, which may be terminated. Second, the investment of public and private funds may cease, to the detriment of course offerings and financial aid packages. Based on the large percentage of Mercer students who rely on aid, these losses would undoubtedly affect the public's abilities to receive a post-secondary education.

The severity of the situation is tempered however by the fact that Mercer's noncompliance is limited to two of fourteen criterion. The first (Standard 7) assesses overall institutional effectiveness,

including the effective allocation of resources. The second (Standard 14) analyzes an institution's abilities to provide a serviceable education.

Dr. Karen Bearce, the Acting Dean of Instructional Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness, said that the reason MSCHE imposed a warning was because "they are looking for us to document evidence that we as an institution have a developed and implemented,

comprehensive, organized, sustainable process by which we do assessment across the entire institution." Mercer has thereby assembled a board of twenty-three individuals whose responsibility will be the assurance of Mercer's compliance prior to March 1st, 2016. Spearheading this project is Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, the first individual to assume the permanent post of "Director of Assessment."

The responsibility of meeting MSCHE standards throughout the semester to determine where students are improving and in what aspects they need more assistance. These results also indicate to professors how they might improve course assignments for the next semester to best address student needs.

"Every project we do, we are doing assessment," says Communications Professor Steven Voorhees. "Most of it might be in our head, some of it might be through our grade books, this is just now documenting

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A statement from
MCCC President, Dr.
Jianping Wang

at least some aspects of our assessment to show the school we are going through the steps necessary." Indeed, according to MCCC Vice President, Dr. Eun-Woo Chang, "In some areas we did really well, but in others [like documentation], we did not." The chance therefore, of Mercer losing its accreditation is low, according to Dean Bearce. "If I were in Atlantic City and you gave me a chip and said, 'Karen, bet on red or black,' and red is you are going to lose accreditation and black is you won't, I would put every cent I have on [black]".

In a statement addressed to The VOICE, MCCC President Jianping Wang added, "The Middle States accreditation is a voluntary process, but it is an important component in higher education...When done well, it will aid us in building upon our strengths, identifying where we can do better, refining our goals, and developing a balanced report of the excellent institution we are. Therefore, we take this process very seriously and are sparing no effort to comply with the accreditation committee's recommendations."

Mercer's 2015 crime statistics report available

By Kwame Colecraft
Reporter

Mercer County Community College's annual statement of campus crime statistics were released last Thursday, October 8, as obligated by federal law. The information, published under the title The Clery Report, indicates a small incidence in criminality during 2014 for both the West Windsor and James Kerney campuses.

The report disclosed that nine incidents occurred on public property near the James Kerney Campus. Robberies have steadily increased since 2012 with last year culminating in four reported cases. Drug arrests, however, are down by 70 percent with only three drug arrests last year. Unchanged from the last previous three years are the incidents of aggravated assault charges and illegal weapons arrests - both remain at one instance per year.

Finally, only one incident of burglary was reported to have occurred on the James Kerney campus itself.

In contrast, two crimes were reported for the West Windsor property, both of which occurred on campus. These activities included one count of domestic violence and one drug arrest.

In a statement addressed to The VOICE, Mercer president, Dr. Jianping Wang, commented on this year's report:

"Even though the public perception is that the James Kerney campus is not as safe as the West Windsor campus, we actually had no campus safety incidents," she said. "But our job is to report all incidents near the campus [as well]."

According to Wang, one reason for which more criminal activities occur near JKC is its setting within a crowded urban area. West Windsor, on the other hand, exists in a large, open space. The question thereby begged is how two

incidences occurred on the West Windsor campus.

According to Wang, the offender for the domestic violence case was not a student. "It was a relationship that went bad and the perpetrator followed the student to the campus," she said. "That was how the incident occurred."

With regards to the drug-related incident, the statement claims the perpetrator had a mental disability and that Mercer's Chief Security Officer, Michael Flaherty had originally detained him.

Flaherty's expertise is attributable to twenty-three years in patrol, narcotics, tactics and S.W.A.T. at the Trenton Police Department. However, he also credits in-service training on campus for his personal and departmental preparedness.

In an recent interview conducted by The VOICE, Officer Flaherty said that "Our officers are very dedicated... The common misconception is that

security officers are cops, [however,] these are two different authorities. When our officers are forced to act, they do it as private citizens. But our officers are very good at making sure that students have protection at all times."

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 provide a virtual means of conducting patrols and maintaining security.

Both Officer Flaherty and Dr. Wang recommend that students should read the 2015 Campus Safety and Security report which provides information regarding recommended behavior in criminal and emergency situation, guidelines that are also required by the Clery Act.

"The best defense we have for our campus safety is in each and every one of us," Dr. Wang said. "If you see something, say something."



Mercer's theatre Professor sidelines as tango king



PHOTO | STUDIO DI LUCE

Professor Jody P. Gazenbeek-Person & Anton Person-Gazenbeek.

By Savannah Dziepak
Reporter

Jody P. Gazenbeek-Person is one of Mercer's theatre and dance professors and the coordinator for those majors. When not doing his day job at Mercer, he trains for international competition in tango dancing.

Prof. Person told The VOICE, "My present life is about learning, creating, and leaving some kind of mark in all things that I do."

This year at The National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, New York, Prof. Gazenbeek-Person and his husband, Anton, who is also a well-known tango teacher and dancer, were asked to

perform a routine for the opening exhibit of the gala held on March 21 of last year.

Although a two man tango performance might seem unusual to some, Prof. Gazenbeek-Person explains that, "Tango started as a form of dance between two men."

At the museum's gala he says, "They wanted the history of tango in our performance...They could

have chosen anybody else."

Prof. Gazenbeek-Person was a dancer for many years before he learned tango. The class he signed up for happened to be Anton's, which is how the two met.

His interest in dance started when he spent his summers at his parents' cabin in Saratoga Springs, which was only a few miles from the National Museum of Dance. One day, the future professor decided to walk there on his own.

"I really learned about dance and learned about who I want to be as a human being," said Prof. Gazenbeek-Person. Eventually, he began taking classes at the School of the Arts at The National Museum of Dance, being one of the first students to learn in their dance studio.

"The National Museum of Dance has always been a part of my life...For me it was like coming home," he said, continuing, "I am thrilled that I get to perform in professional situations. It allows me to feel confident in front of my students as I teach them about the business of acting and dancing."

Current Mercer theatre major, Jorge Martinez, told The VOICE how Prof. Gazenbeek-Person has affected his education saying, "He helped me build my confidence...He taught me that I should always believe in myself and I should work hard

for what I want to get."

Brianna Rap, was a part of the Career Prep program for dance at Mercer and last season she was instructed by Prof. Gazenbeek-Person for her lead role as the dancing Juliet in the Kelsey Theatre's Romeo and Juliet production. Rap said that Prof. Gazenbeek-Person has a unique and effective approach to teaching.

"He always pushed us to do things that I literally thought I could never do," said Rap. "You can tell when he walks into a room that he's different than everybody else because of how much he has inside of him."

Kitty Getlik, Artistic Director and Manager of the Kelsey Theatre commented on his teaching:

"They're not only learning theatre...he's teaching them life skills." She said that Prof. Gazenbeek-Person helps to give students a well-rounded education.

"Day and night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week...He is about 900 percent dedicated to what he does," said his husband, Anton.

When Prof. Gazenbeek-Person is not performing and working on other projects, he spends his time learning new languages, like French or Mandarin while driving to work from his home in Jersey City.

"I hope I'm on the verge of creating a whole new artistic movement," said Prof. Gazenbeek-Person.

Late night series welcomes all with "rockstar love"



PHOTO | SAVANNAH DZIEPAK

Eddie Gonzalez playing accoustics live at the Late Night Series.

By Savannah Dziepak
Reporter

Imagine 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 help 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 former Drama 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 and should be prepared for an unpredictable night.

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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 is by throwing coins in the water and he will throw them back to you.



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Ghost floating on water haunting local areas on nights when the full moon appears.

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 on select days between the last week of September and early November.

Unlike other 'haunted' attractions, the Penitentiary and Terror Behind the Walls boast a history of disturbing occurrences experienced by inmates and correctional officers beginning in the 1940's. These allegations have been supported by nearly 60 paranormal investigations, including those conducted

on television shows such as Syfy's "Ghost Hunters" and Travel Channel's "Ghost Adventures", according to the attractions website. This particular past looms ominous for 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 Infirmary as well as two new attractions for the 2015 year, Quarantine 4D a show based upon the hallucinative symptoms one might exhibit with an infection, and Break Out!, the 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 cliché clown shows and hokey hay rides for a more intense thrill. And if you really don't like sleep, look into their over-night 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 to 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 corpses strewn 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!"

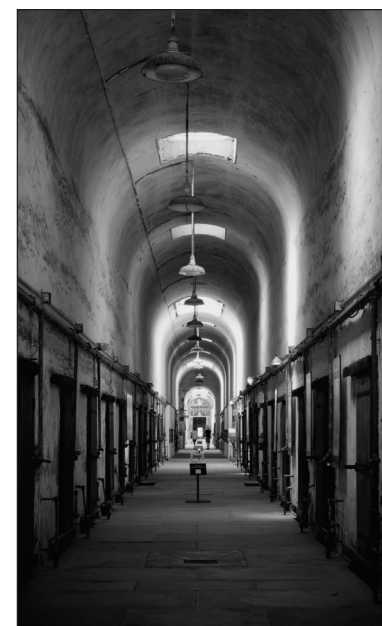


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One of the two story cell blocks in Eastern State Penitentiary.

Vikings men's soccer score national recognition

By Patricia Ramirez
Reporter

Mercer County Community College's men's soccer team has yet to lose a game this season, despite instances of stiff 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. In fact, according to the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) Division I men's soccer report, our school is currently ranked number five with a record of 13-0-1.

"Technique is their best weapon," said Alexis Martinez, a fan who remained faithful under the rain until the game ended while the team played against Manor College, from Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, last September.

Though the current record is worth commendation, a successful season is not exceptional for Mercer soccer. In fact, the Vikings won the National Championship Division I in 2004. Then, in the same tournament of 2006 the Vikings placed

second only after losing to Jefferson College (MO) 2-1 in overtime with a season record of 15-3-3. Last year, Mercer soccer posted a similar winning record of 14-5-1.

In an interview with the VOICE on October 7, former Mercer player, Lido Guzman ('11-12), attributes this seasons success to the lack of viable competition in combination with a deeply talented roster.

At this point in the season, Mercer's toughest competition seems to be Monroe College, located in The Bronx, New York, men's soccer team which boasts a 10-1-1 record. Indeed, although defeated by Essex County with a score of 2-1 in overtime, the Monroe Mustangs are still ranked number one nationally for the NJCAA.

In a statement concerning the dynamics of his top-placing team, Monroe head coach Marcus DiBernardo stated, "I like my players to have freedom on the field while fitting into the team concept."

He continued, "Players who come with a positive attitude and great work ethic are always welcome



PHOTO | KARIME GASCA

Team captain, Valdo Jean-Baptiste takes possession of the ball.

[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 15-2-1 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

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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.

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

Redondo says the transition has only worked because of the support of teachers, coaches and new friends.

Redondo is one of many international athletes who have played on Mercer teams over the years, students with skill in sport who can lend strength to teams and get the benefit of an American education.

According to soccer coach Widmarc Dalce, going back to its inception in 1963 the team has always been fortified by international players. The

have come from all over the world: Israel, the Czech Republic, England, Yemen.

Dalce says, "Throughout the years, the level of competition between the athletes get better because it pushes each and every one of them to do better."

Dalce explains that the application process for international students is particularly rigorous. He says he looks for students, like 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 Vecchiolla 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.

Previous 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 Aburmad, of Zofim, 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 make him miss the tropical climate of Venezuela, being able to play soccer for Mercer more than makes up for the challenges.



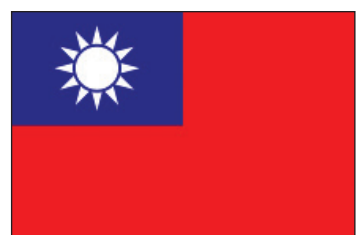
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Is NJ a gun safe state?

New Jersey has never experienced a school shooting, unlike our neighbors in Pennsylvania who have faced at least three in the last twenty years. New Jersey's record on this is considered to be a result of the state's strict gun safety laws. Despite being the most densely populated state in the union, New Jersey is the fifth lowest for gun death rates according to 2014 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

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.

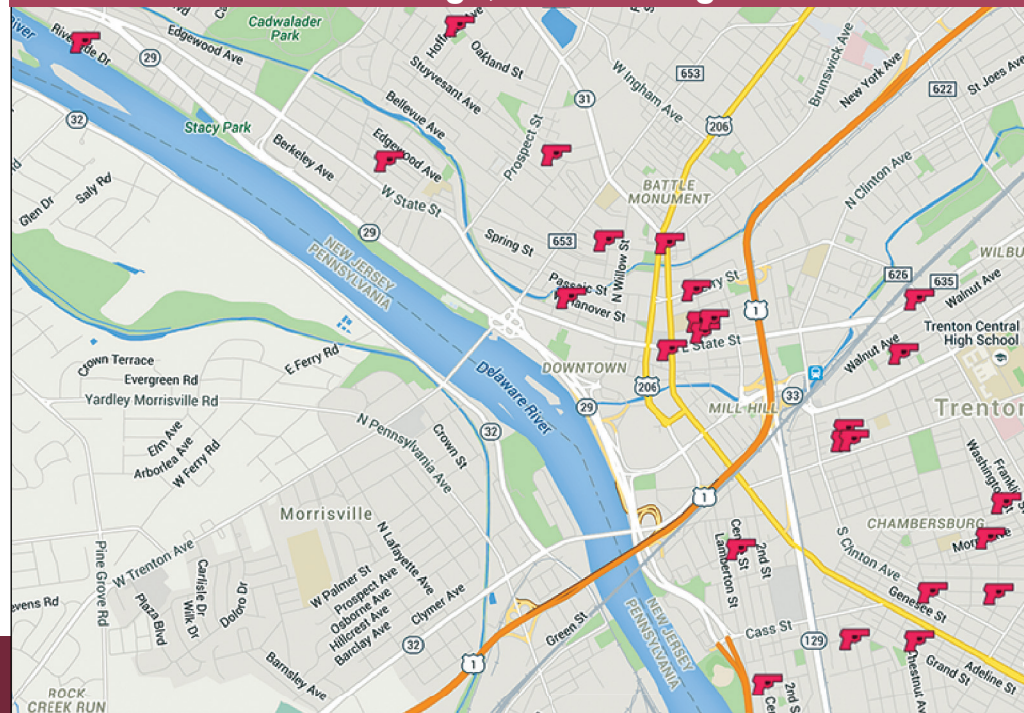


Aren't school shootings really a mental health problem?

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.

Is Trenton a gun safe city?

So far in 2015 Trenton has faced 26 shootings, 10 resulting in deaths.



10 GUN VIOLENCE CASUALTIES IN TRENTON SO FAR IN 2015



DAVAE DICKSON

Shot and killed in Trenton
9-13-15



LEON MCLENDON

Shot and killed in Trenton
7-25-15



HARVEY SHARP

Shot and killed in Trenton
6-24-15



STEVEN BRANNON

Shot and killed in Trenton
3-10-15



JAH'VAE MINNEY

Shot and killed in Trenton
6-26-15

...e, least safe city ...tency of NJ gun violence

By Noelle Gilman
The College Voice



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.

Why are school shooters so often young, white males?

While certainly the majority of school-shooters fit this profile, indeed recent studies suggest they represent 79 percent of such perpetrators, it's worth noting that the shooting in Oregon last month was committed by a minority male. Even so, psychologists have developed some theories to explain this phenomenon, including one which suggests such individuals act on account of feeling disenfranchised as the role of the white male in our society has shifted.

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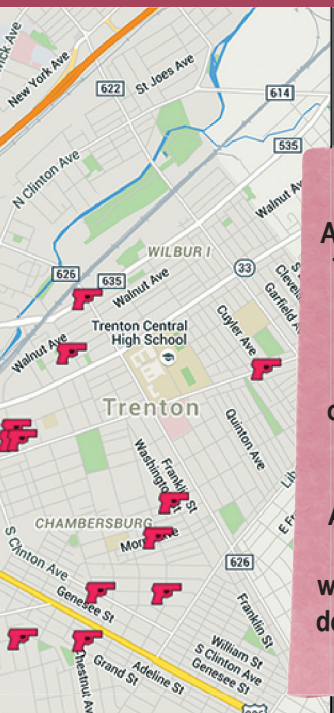


Are we safe at MCCC?

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.

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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.



RONNIE LIVINGSTON

Shot and killed in Trenton
6-7-15



TAQUAN MCNEIL

Shot and killed in Trenton
2-15-15



DARRYL FORD

Shot and killed in Trenton
3-11-15



WILBUR THOMAS

Shot and killed in Trenton
2-7-15



ANTHONY JONES

Shot and killed in Trenton
1-27-15

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, Gentrified Prufrock, Bonnie Christina Randall, Addison Vincent, Jesse Vincent and Andrew Wilkinson, Jonathan Conner, Katie Hector, Dean Innocenzi, Aubrey J. Kauffman, James Kelewae, Wills Kinsley, Dave Klama Mek One, Mary Allesio 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.



PHOTO | IVANA AIRO

Interns Christine Villafuerte and Michael Naples looking at art work by Mel Leipzig.



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An attendee viewing two pieces of art entitled “Street Watcher” and “Luv One.”

Gallery Director Dylan Wolfe told The VOICE that the TAWA organization is well known for their exhibits in the Trenton City Museum, New Jersey State Museum, and Artworks. “TAWA actually created an artist’s exchange program with the Soviet Union, and they have helped in launching other city arts programs” Wolfe explains.

The Galleries Social Media Director, Christine Villafuerte states that the SAGE Coalition is a diverse group of visual artists, engineers, fabricators, musicians and teachers dedicated to the rebirth of Trenton. “I think SAGE really brings art to life, it really focuses on taking something broken and

making it beautiful again” Christine tells The VOICE. The Gallery’s next exhibit will be “Pass the Palette: Arts Educators and Students” that will run from November 16th through December 10th. Gallery hours go from 11am to 3pm Monday through Thursday with the exception of Wednesday where they are open late, until 7pm.

Farmers market provides fresh produce to Trenton



PHOTO | MAX LEAVITT-SHAFFER

Live performance at the Captial City Farmers Market located on 140 East Front Street.

By Max Leavitt-Shaffer
Senior Reporter

The City of Trenton is known for once being a city of economic growth and production, to turning into an impoverished, down and out, town. An iconic bridge going into the city says “Trenton makes, the world takes,” foreshadowing a 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 in 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.

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 desserts, 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. “Things like this nudge Trenton,” says Iana Dikidjeva, Community Development Director at the TDA, “and when you get that nudge, things get better.” The TDA is a nonprofit organization that has been around since the 1980s. It was established for managing the Special Improvement District in downtown Trenton. This means that they help to try and increase business in the area by offering a variety of services including marketing and organizing events, such as the Capital City Farmers Market. Other events they organize and help with are Patriots Week, the Capitol City Book Fair and Art All Day, as well

as possibly organizing another farmers market for this upcoming year. “We are battling the stigma Trenton has,” says Dikidjeva. The Trentons farmers market offers a place for those in the surrounding business and state buildings to come and have lunch. While also providing an area where locals can come and buy local fresh fruits and vegetables. It is creating an area in Trenton that does battle that stigma Trenton has, offering a place that promotes local business. “It is a good market, a strong market,” says George Asprocolas of Asprocolas Acres, a local farm. He has had a booth at the market for two years. One market participant was asked what he thought of the farmers market, he responded “Great idea. It gets people out of the office and to enjoy the weather.” 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.

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Breast cancer awareness month falls short Organizations use pink product placement for profit

AS I SEE IT



Savannah Dziepak

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 rising 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, none of the few found were 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 Think Before You Pink gives on their website for supporting breast cancer include:

1. Think before you spend your money on pink items
2. Write a letter asking a company to be 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

Buying 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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"Joining the VOICE helped me find purpose and direction for my life and career. It also lead me to meet some of the most excellent people in the world."

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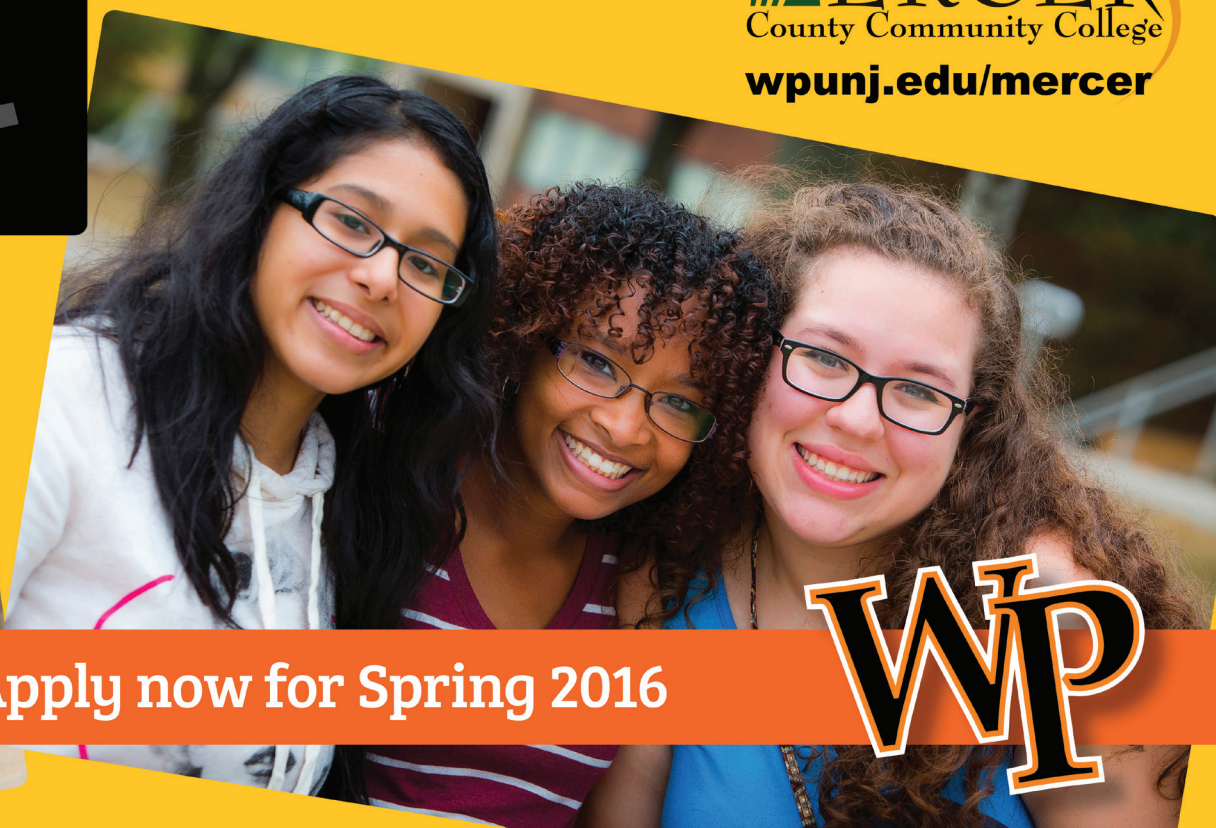


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Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Ghosts from past relationships will haunt you this month. Although you may be tempted 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 nighter.



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. I



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's work or family issues, avoid making further commitments.



Gemini
May 21 - Jun. 20

Someone's cast a spell on you this month! Whether it's 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 cards this month. Although painful, it will be worth it. Avoid biting people.



Leo
Jul. 23 - Aug. 22

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.



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 howling 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

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.



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