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A&P Club aids disaster victims

by David Allen, Jr.

Through posters, photographs, and drawings members of the Art and Photography Club are using their talent to spread the word about the need for helping those affected by Hurricane Hugo, the San Francisco earthquake, and the recent fire in Pasadena, Texas.

Members of the club contributed to the Hurricane Hugo Relief Drive at the College by setting up a display in the College Center that communicated the need for aid to the devastated island. They also created posters to be distributed throughout Perth Amboy for a dance benefit for Puerto Rico, according to Fran Krinsky, assistant instructor of Marketing Art and Design and club advisor.

The Art and Photography Club were recognized by the Perth Amboy Mayor George



Perth Amboy Mayor George Otlowski, Sr. (standing, third from left), Art and Photography Adviser Fran Krinsky, Former Director of Puerto Rican Association for Human Development and MCC President Flora Mancuso-Edwards with the members of the A&P club recognizing the club's efforts to help the relief in Puerto Rico.

Otlowski as well as Lydia Trinidad, ex-director of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, College President Flora Mancuso-Edwards and other municipal officials.

Affiliated with the Marketing Arts and Design

department, the 50 members of the Arts and Photography club are currently sponsoring a relief concert which will feature five area bands to raise money for disaster victims in San Francisco, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and Texas.

The students purchasing tickets will mark on their tickets the city they wish their money to go to, said club treasurer Stuart Krauss.

"We are looking for custodians and Edison Police to donate their services to help enable us to reach a realistic

goal. We are also in need of public address equipment that we hope will be supplied by the school," said Krauss.

"(The club) is trying to reach out beyond itself to the needs of others," he added.

"If a tragedy like this happens to us, I hope someone helps us," said club member John Morra.

"The publicity of the concert will make people aware. If people come to see the concert, we can explain it to those people that just came to see the bands," Morra added.

"We're using our creativity on a larger scale instead of just having bake sales," added member John DiGiovanni.

"If funding runs out, (we're) not going to give up. They have a lot of energy that can be used in positive ways," commented Krinsky on the club's commitment to the project.

Trip planned for recruiting transferring minority students

by April Murray

Nearly 30 students plan to attend a one day mini-tour of Delaware State College, an historically Black college, on November 10, as part of the College's efforts to recruit and retain minority students, according to Dr. Arnold Hence, director of Minority Student Affairs (MSA).

"College tours expose students to Afro-American heritage and successful role models," Hence said. Last spring, students visited Morehouse College in Atlanta, Martin Luther King's alma

mater, as well as the King Historical Center and birth place.

As part of the Delaware State tour, students will meet with William B. DeLauder, Delaware State College president, and they will partake in Admissions and Financial Aid seminars and a walking tour conducted by students.

"What courses and credits will transfer? What course grades

won't be accepted? What are the dorm rules?, are some questions students ask", said Audra Hence, Journalism major, who has participated in

college tours with MSA.

Students will meet with peers to ask questions, share information and attend an social activity in the evening. In the past, these activities included swim parties, receptions and gospel concerts.

For students considering transferring, college applications and catalogs are made available. These materials are also available in the MSA office, explained Dr. Hence.

"As a result of the tour, I learned to perceive historically black colleges differently",

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MADE starts dealing in drug education

by Audra T. Hence

In an effort to educate students on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, representatives from more than 20 agencies will be on campus November 9, sponsored by the Middlesex Alcohol and Drug Education Committee (M.A.D.E.).

This program, Resource Day, as well as other plans for the year, was the topic of discussion at the committee's meeting on October 31 in the College Center, room 314.

On November 9, agen-

cies such as the Escape Center, the Middlesex County Division on Alcoholism, the Alcohol Treatment Services Carrier Foundation, the New Hope Foundation, and others will set up display tables throughout the College Center.

"Students should be aware of resources in the alcohol and drug area that are right here in their own back yard," said Leslie Carter, assistant professor of Counseling and Placement.

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Day Care tots go Trick or Treating around campus

by Stephanie Bader

Batman and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were the most popular costumes this year for the M.C.C Day Care Center children as they celebrated Halloween with many activities and festivities all week.

The children decorated their classrooms with bats and pumpkin people, made costumes and placemats and listened to the Halloween sounds of the motion picture soundtrack *Ghostbusters*.

"Tricks and treats and M&M's are my favorite part of Halloween," exclaimed Leah Carolronsa, age 4 1/2.

Many other children said

their favorite part of Halloween included such things as Dracula, the candy, and dressing up as their favorite cartoon character.

The children showed off their costumes when they went trick-or-treating in the different buildings on campus.

Costumes ranged from cheerleaders to cave people to devils, clowns, frogs, witches and Santa Claus.

After nap time, they celebrated by eating the candy and playing Halloween games.

Gum was the most popular treat among the 4 year olds. Candy corn, tootsie rolls, lollipops and peanut butter cups ran a close second.



The Day Care children starting their Trick or Treating rounds on campus Tuesday.

Amy E. Stern/Quo Vadis

Editorial

1989: The end of the 'me' generation

The holiday season is just around the corner, and it will begin as it does every year with Thanksgiving.

Taking a look back over the past few months, it is evident that many Americans across the land, and even in our own state, will not be especially thankful this Thanksgiving.

While many people across the United States will be seated with family members and friends on November 23 around a table with enough food to feed a family for weeks, not all will be as fortunate. While many will be thankful for their financial security and good fortune, many will just be glad to be alive.

Natural disasters such as Hurricane Hugo and the earthquake that struck the San Francisco bay area left thousands of people without food, homes or jobs.

The mass media brought the devastation into the homes of the unscathed Americans, many of whom did not hesitate to extend a charitable hand. Across the country, organizations were established to help those in their time of need.

On this very campus, students, faculty, and administration have done their part in helping to rebuild these areas of disaster.

The office of Student Activities has collected several bags of clothing, canned goods and money donations for the Hurricane Hugo relief drive. The donations have been sent to Puerto Rico and more are still being accepted.

The Art and Photography (A&P) club designed posters which are on display in the lobby of the College Center that illustrate the destruction done by Hurricane Hugo. These posters were made to publicize a dance, the proceeds of which would benefit the Hurricane Hugo relief drive.

IN the coming weeks, The A&P club plans to sponsor a concert to raise money for victims of the Hugo and the California earthquake.

Other organizations on campus as well are working to help the needy in this community. The Dance Club intends to collect canned goods which they will present to an organization or charity at Thanksgiving so those without food will be able to celebrate the holiday.

On October 13 and 30, faculty, staff, and administration were invited to donate money from their paychecks to various charities in conjunction with the Public Employees Charitable Campaign (PECC).

This year, PECC was organized by Fred Barfoot, executive director for Institution Advancement. To inspire contributors, Barfoot devised a competition between the faculty, staff, and administration, and the group which donates the most will win a prize.

This Christmas, like every year, agencies will be on campus for the annual Toys for Tots drive.

We often hear America of the 1980s called the land of wealth and greed, the land of yuppies and the "me generation." It is often said that students of the '80s don't care about social issues outside of their own social life.

Truthfully, much of the criticism is well founded. However, it is also true that there are many out there who see beyond their own little worlds and try to make another person's a little better.

Chuck Chat

American traditions: An unlikely delicacy?

by Chuck O'Donnell

American heritage and tradition is becoming a rare delicacy. American pie tradition once wafted throughout the highways, farms, beaches, back alleys, and forests of America, but the sweet baked apple aroma is fading into not-so-spacious skies over less-than-amber waves of grain.

This week alone there were enough cases of decaying American traditions to axe down an apple tree.

When it comes to American pie, the annual Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting was one of the largest remaining slices. However, this week a Japanese financial juggernaut bought the 22-acre complex, topping the pie with sushi and rice.

The American pastime, Major League baseball, concluded its 1989 season as the Oakland A's swept their way to a World Series victory. It was a season shrouded in off-the-field turmoil. Ex-Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose, despite irrefutable evidence, still insists that he did not bet on baseball. Now that he has been banned for life, he has plenty of time to steal \$15 per autograph at baseball card shows.

Ex-Dodger all-star Steve Garvey did not fare as well in court as he did on the diamond as he went 0 for 2 in paternity suits. Red Sox slugger Wade Boggs proved that too many lovers spoil the pie, and Yankee outfielder Luis

Polonia took the cake when he was caught in a Milwaukee hotel room with a 15-year old girl.

Halloween, an holiday marked by universal joviality and neighborly charity, was turned into a fiery ball of chaos. Gangs of girls roamed Manhattan streets, attacking unsuspecting bystanders with needles. Other gang members took advantage of the Halloween costume tradition by disguising themselves for a sinful night of the newest national pastime, wilding. Even before these Halloween festivities, fire-happy vandals took the term "Mischief Night" literally and left Detroit in a thick, black blanket of smoke.

Even politics couldn't avoid this erosion of American culture. Gubernatorial candidates Jim Courter and Jim Florio continued their pie-throwing contest, even dragging even poor Pinocchio through the mud.

What's the next All-American tradition to fall to the wayside? Where will it end? Will Christmas gift exchanging be replaced by friendly car bombing? On Valentine's Day, will divorce papers be given to sweethearts instead of chocolate hearts? What foreign face will be added to the U.S. presidents' faces on Mount Rushmore?

As Honda and Nissan replace Chevrolet, and as pizza and tacos replace hotdogs, we can only wonder when Kikoman or La Choy will begin mass marketing the all American apple pie and if it will taste as sweet.

Cut out dissection

"Our task must be to free ourselves... by widening our circle of compassion, to embrace all living creatures, and the whole of nature in its beauty."

These words of Albert Einstein are contradicted each day in high schools and colleges nationwide as thousands of students perform animal dissection experiments.

Opinion

by Maureen Coyle

During the 1870's, when dissection became part of the educational curriculum, it seemed to be an effective learning instrument of anatomy, physiology, biology, and the theory of evolution; however, today, new developments such as diagrams, anatomical models, charts, and computer simulations can undoubtedly supercede the mutilation of animals.

Dissection of animals has been controversial for many years, but the issue gained great prominence two years ago when a California high school student refused to dissect a frog in her biology class. Acting on her ethical beliefs, Jennifer Graham took her case to court after the school penalized her by lowering her two grades.

Consequently, her compelling testimony set a vital precedent for other students in the passage of a bill ensuring them the right to refuse to dissect animals in a class and to choose other alternatives.

According to the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), four million U.S. high school students enroll in biology courses yearly, and at least 80 percent of these students are mandated to participate in animal severance.

In addition, tens of thousands of college biology students are obliged to cut up frogs, rabbits, cats, fetal pigs, and other animals. Ironically, a minuscule proportion will pursue careers that will require dismemberment skills.

Over 5.7 million animals are killed to be dissected for educational experiments. While some are bred in "factories" for this purpose, others like chipmunks, sparrows and snakes are taken directly from their natural environment, which the ALDF claims threatens the ecology by decimating their habitats.

Many students possess ethical objections to dissection. Joyce Tischler, executive director of ALDF, says, "Dissection is a widespread and institutionalized form of animal exploitation. One way you can personally affect the way animals are mistreated in our society is to speak out against dissection in college classes."

Trace Gerow, chairperson of Biology, noted that at M.C.C. he has encountered some cases where students have raised objections to dissection based on religious and personal beliefs. Gerow said that although he attempts to encourage these students to participate in the process, other educational alternatives can be utilized if necessary.

However, Gerow emphasized that using an alternate approach isn't as effective because one doesn't get the three-dimensional aspect of the organism. In addition, he explained that the computer simulations possess poor qualities, the diagrams are two-dimensional, but perhaps the best alternate mode is the anatomical model.

Still, as long as there are

sufficient and equivalent alternative options, students' reservations on religious or moral grounds should be respected.

Perhaps M.C.C. has finally accepted the need to respond to students ethical beliefs by implementing two biology courses designed for non-science majors that don't require any type of dissection.

For some institutions and other individuals, animals are merely objects for them to exploit for distinguishing and identifying its functions and parts.

Whether students cut open and dismember animals or view them in diagrams or models, the ADLF contends they will be able to acquire the same amount of knowledge—which raises the question: Is the mutilation of these animals necessary?

We must ask also: Do all 25 students in a class need their own frog, cat or guinea pig to dissect? Is not one rabbit (if any) as opposed to 25 sufficient to show students the same information?

Biology, physiology, and anatomy are the study of life sciences. Ironically, dissection portrays animal life as insignificant and expendable.

Animals are mistreated and our only method of combat is to refuse to participate in practices that contrast with our religious or moral beliefs.

Since there are relatively few legal restraints on human exploitation of animals today, we have to promote animals' rights and ensure them the protection they cannot give themselves.

The awareness of the academic community is only augmented when students take action into their own hands and speak out against this misguided practice.

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Alumni Alley

Aquatic scientist experiences Frisco quake first hand during convention

by Pat Catullo

Atlantic Highlands resident Robin Zimmer, who arrived in San Francisco on Friday the 13, was literally shaken up when an earthquake struck the Bay Area at 5:05 p.m. on October 17.

Zimmer, who enrolled in classes at Middlesex five years ago and is now working as an aquatic scientist in Raritan Center, was in San Francisco on business, attending a national meeting for Water Pollution and Control Federation.

"I had just left an ecology meeting at Park 55 Hotel just before 5 p.m.," Zimmer said.

"I then proceeded to walk up Taylor St. with a representative of Dupont from Texas to attend another meeting.

"On the way to the meeting we stopped at a Napa Valley Wine store, so my friend could buy a bottle of wine for his wife. This was around 5 p.m. just before the earthquake hit."

Zimmer described the earthquake: "The vibration felt like I was standing on top of a freight train. The wine bottles began shaking and then crashing on the marble floor.

"The owner immediately dove out the front door of the store, and my friend and I dove out right behind him. When I was outside, the traffic lights were shaking like after being hit by a baseball bat."

Zimmer said the buildings were swaying, and some glass smashed onto the street, but electricity went out immediately in the Knob Hill District.

According to Zimmer, the earthquake seemed longer than 15 seconds.

"After the earthquake, everything was so quiet you could hear a pin drop," he said. "The normal street sounds occurred soon after, as if nothing has happened. A layer of dust covered the entire city as the sun began to set."

He walked up to his hotel, but was not allowed to enter his room for fear of after shocks.

Zimmer was impressed with how the San Franciscans cooperated with the relief effort by providing blankets, pillows and refreshments for hotel customers in the hotel lobby.

"You could hear ambulances all through the night, and as I stepped outside, I could see a red blaze in the sky where fires from the Marina District were coming from," said Zimmer

At the time, Zimmer said, he didn't know the extent of the damage, but everyone had been told that the Bay Bridge had been damaged.

It was a long night for Zimmer, and he couldn't get through to his relatives until four hours after the earth-



Amy E. Stern/Quo Vadis Robin Zimmer of Atlantic Highlands recalls his recent San Francisco earthquake adventure.

quake struck.

Zimmer's relief came when he was able to leave the City by the Bay Wednesday morning on a flight back home.

Tennis team nets two wins in rebuilding next season

by Dave Nash

The Middlesex County College Women's Tennis team concluded a rebuilding season by winning two of their last three matches.

Beginning the season with four consecutive losses, head coach Dennis Conaway led the Colts to impressive victories over Union and Raritan Valley Community Colleges.

"We improved a lot since the Ocean match (fourth loss)," said Conaway.

The Colts, who finished with a 2-5 record, improved dramatically since their first match on September 19.

"We grew as a team," said Conaway. "We all, including myself, learned a lot during the season."

Conaway's work was cut out for him since the season

by Allen Chou

Teachers and students can get a better understanding of their relationship and responsibilities to each other at an open forum sponsored by the Ethics Projects on Monday, November 13.

The discussion, which will be held in Edison Hall 177 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., aims to enable students and teachers to air concerns, rights, duties, obligations, and the consequences of not fulfilling those obligations in an academic environment.

"I want students to feel they have a chance to voice a concern on what happens on campus," said Robert Roth, professor of English

and co-coordinator of the Ethics Project.

Roth said that few such opportunities are offered on campus for open conversation, comparing the forum to "a suggestion box."

He also added that if there was enough communication and awareness about a problem, then that conflict might eventually be resolved once it was out in the open.

The program, focusing on ethical perspectives on the teacher-learner relationship, was developed last year by the Ethics Project and produced a "lively" discussion, Roth explained. The Ethics Project plans to run a similar discussion next semester.

began. He was given a team with no returning starters from last season and a group of very inexperienced tennis players to work with.

"We had no returning lettermen," stated Conaway, "So no one knew what to expect (before the first few matches)."

The Colts received an outstanding season from third singles player Tracy Furmick, who finished with the team's best record at 4-3.

"Tracy was definitely a bright spot," said the rookie coach. "She plays tough. She won two of her matches after losing the first set."

Conaway was also very

pleased with the improvement of sixth singles player Meghan Sweeney.

"She was very excited to play," said Conaway. "She was always willing to learn and even asked me questions in the middle of her matches."

The Colts' tennis programs seems to be going in the right direction. Conaway is scheduled to start recruiting players for next season by Mid-November and is focused on the future.

"We can improve next season," said Conaway. "I'm already looking forward to next year."

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"There are very few students who don't have a family member or friend who might be dealing with the negative effects of substance abuse. We're bringing persons that work directly in the area to the students."

One of the program's goals is to make students aware of the various options available in treating substance abuse. "The more resources you have at your disposal, the more options you have to get help for yourself, a family member, or friend," Carter said.

Carter indicated that there is evidence of alcohol and drug abuse on campus, but he noted, "the evidence is seldom blatant. We don't walk up on someone getting high or drinking as a general rule."

"What we're more likely to see in the department of Counseling and Placement Services are students that are not doing well in their classes, and that can be traced back to their personal struggle with abuse, or their struggle with substance abuse that a family member engages in and causes pain for them."

The M.A.D.E. Committee also aims to expose students to information about the potential negative consequences of drugs and alcohol. "The role of the M.A.D.E. committee is to spread the word that the abuse of alcohol and the use of drugs, and the goal of making the dean's list, tend not to go hand in hand," Carter said.

Upcoming events of the committee include: a program

on steroids and its affects on people in December; substance abuse in the Latino community in January; substance abuse in the African-American community in February; and a program on the children of alcoholic parents in March.

The M.A.D.E. Committee meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the College Center. For more information, call Leslie Carter at 906-2546.

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said Danyel Long, Engineering Science major. According to Hence, three students are transferring to historically black colleges from M.C.C.—one to Norfolk State in Virginia and two to Clark University in Atlanta. Another four or five students are planning to transfer and are making their decisions on which colleges.

Other tours over the past two years have included Florida A & M, (Agriculture and Mechanical), Virginia State, Spelman College in Atlanta, Howard University in Washington, D.C. and University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Friday, November 3
Halloween Party. 8 p.m. Cafeterias A,B, and C.

Saturday, November 4
D.J. Party. 8 p.m. Cafeterias B and C.

Monday, November 6
C.C.P.B. meeting. 11:15 a.m. CC 319-21.

Tuesday, November 7
Ballroom Dancing. 7 p.m. Cafeteria C.

Communication Skills. 7 p.m. CC 310

Public Speaking. 7 p.m. CC 314

Wednesday, November 8
PTK Blood Drive. 9 a.m. CC Lobby.

Thursday, November 9
Christian Fellowship meeting. 11:15 a.m.

Psi Beta meeting. 11:15 a.m. CC 312.

Social Committee meeting. 11:15 a.m. CC 314.

Backstage Players meeting. Gallery.

Student Law Association meeting. 11:15 a.m. Ed 119.

Ballroom Dancing. 7 p.m. Cafeteria C.

is very competitive," she added.

"Spelman College in Atlanta doesn't allow televisions, refrigerators or micro waves in dorms," said Sonya Pelham, an Accounting Major.

"Smaller schools had a friendly atmosphere, not as much competition." Florida A & M is a business college and

The Delaware tour coincides with M.C.C. Veteran's Day holiday. Other MSA college tours are scheduled for one week in the Spring.

Buses will be leaving from M.C.C. at 6:30 a.m. and returning Saturday.

College Notes

Players wanted for Women's Basketball! Open gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Contact Coach Bratton in the Physical Education Center.

Brighton Beach Memoirs, Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical comedy will be presented Nov. 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in the College's Performing Art's Center Theatre. For reservations call 548-6000 Ext. 3411.

Last Chance! Final auditions for *Pass Me, I'll Come Back* will take place November 8 and 9 from 4-7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. There is still space for two more comedy acts.

Chemistry Careers Seminar- On November 16 at 11:15 a.m. in Edison Hall Rm. 100, Dr. Kurt Pollak from Union Carbide will talk about careers in chemistry at Union Carbide. An M.C.C. alumni, who works at Union Carbide, will also be there to answer questions. Please join us for an informal but informative talk. Sponsored by the Chemistry Careers Committee: Dr. John Murray and Naomi Karetnick.

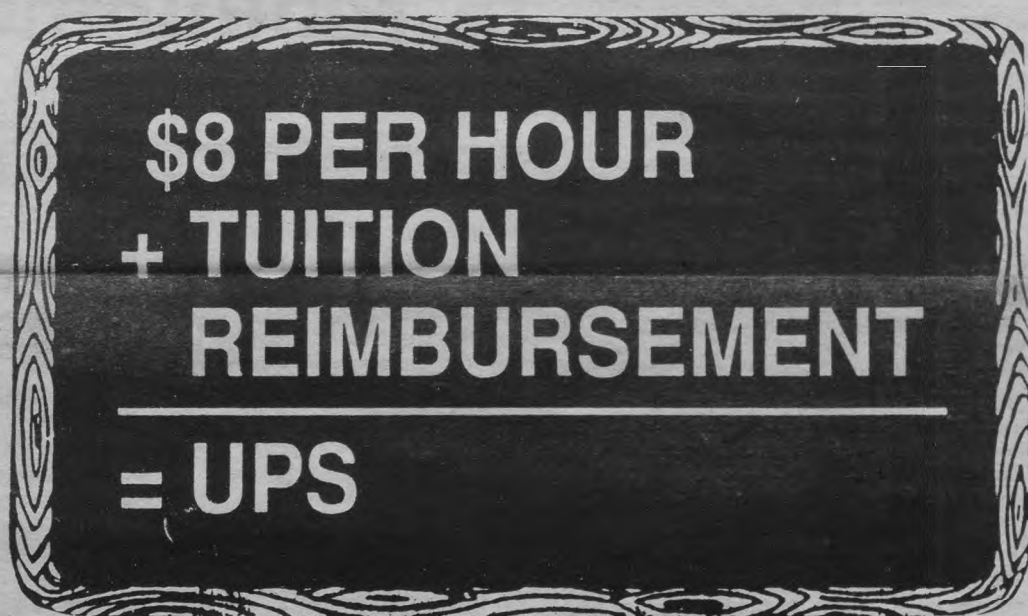
Careers in Business Seminar. On Thursday, November 9, at 11:15 a.m. in Ed 115, Prof. Patricia Graber, Chairperson of the Business Administration and Management Department, will speak on careers in business. Please join us to learn about the full spectrum of business opportunities open to MCC students.

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