



MCC Host Inauguration for Sixth President: Joann La Perla-Morales

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Middlesex County College President: Joann La Perla-Morales on Inauguration Day

MCC - Joann La Perla-Morales became the sixth president of Middlesex County College on January 1, 2005, a continuation of her distinguished 35-year commitment to higher education as both teacher and administrator.

Most recently as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at New York City College of Technology (Brooklyn), Dr. La Perla-Morales was recognized for her leadership in both student success and faculty development.

With overall responsibility for both the academic and student affairs areas of the College, she developed three new baccalaureate programs (in Applied Mathematics, Health Sciences Administration and Architecture Technology), created the Office of Institutional Assessment, initiated an Office of Instructional Technology,

secured \$3.2 million in Federal Title V grants and recruited 160 additional full-time faculty members.

As dean of instruction at Nassau Community College, Dr. La Perla-Morales was responsible for the planning, development and administration of the 29 academic departments at this second-largest community college in the nation.

She oversaw curriculum development, faculty recruitment, master scheduling, program evaluation and assessment, and led the College efforts in the periodic accrediting process for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. La Perla-Morales served as associate dean for academic affairs at

see *Inauguration* page 12

Former Education Secretary William Bennett Inspires Outrage Across United States

By Reginald Grant
Staff Writer

William Bennett, former Education Secretary of the United States, caused a country wide uproar with some comments he recently made on his syndicated radio talk show.

On Wednesday September 28, while speaking to a caller on his radio show, Bennett hypothesized that "If you wanted to reduce crime, you could—if that were your sole purpose—you could abort every black baby in this country and your crime rate would go down.

That would be an impossibly ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down."

Since that day outrage and anger towards Bennett's comments has spread throughout the country and even caused uproar amongst some government officials.

According to CNN.com, House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California has called for President Bush to condemn Bennett's comments.

Pelosi also said, "What could possibly have possessed Secretary Bennett to say those words, especially at this time? What could he possibly have been thinking? This is what is so alarming about his words."

Bennett, who as also served in the Presidential administrations of Ronald Reagan and the senior

George Bush, stands by his comments and subsequently issued a statement to CNN Thursday saying, "I was putting forward a hypothetical proposition. Put that forward. Examined it. And then said about it that it's morally reprehensible. To recommend abortion of an entire group of people in order to lower your crime rate is morally reprehensible. But this is what happens when you argue that the ends can justify the means."

Bennett went on to say that he is "not a racist" and that he has "...been a champion of the real civil rights issue of our times—equal educational opportunities for kids."

When asked by CNN if he felt he owed people an apology, Bennett said, "I don't think I do. I think the people who misrepresented my view owe me an apology."

CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Bruce Gordon, has demanded an apology from both William Bennett and the Salem Radio network, which airs Bennett's radio show.

In a written statement, Gordon said, "In 2005 there is no place for this kind of racist statement made by Bennett.

"While the entire nation is trying to help survivors, black and white, to recover from the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina and Rita, it is unconscionable for Bennett to make such ignorant and insensitive comments."



ShopRite on Oak Tree Road Closing up Shop this Fall

By Shaun Rossi
Staff Writer

The ShopRite at 1665 Oak Tree Road has had its doors open 364 days a year for the last 17 years, but on November 23, 2005, the doors will close for the last time leaving many questions for customers.

Some customers wonder what will occupy the building and some others wonder where will they will do their grocery shopping. Some of the employee's are now displaced.

Little information has been released from Foodarama (owner of this particular ShopRite) or Wakefern (owner of Foodarama).

In an interview with *The Star-Ledger* back in early August the landlord of the strip mall that ShopRite rents its space from confirmed that the store would be closing soon.

Some speculate that the replacement store will be a competitor of ShopRite.

They are saying it could be Pathmark. While the landlord did not confirm that Pathmark would be moving in, he did confirm that it would indeed be a ShopRite competitor.

Employees and customers question why the store is closing.

Night bookkeeper, Bhairvi Patel, said the store was closing because of the customers.

"They argue everything out and want everything for free," she said.

Assistant general store manager, Mike Bottone said the store was closing due to the landlord and owner of ShopRite not being able to reach an agreement on an increase in the rent.

Some of the employees say they wonder what will happen to them.

"In the past 30 days we've already begun to place employees in other stores and we're going to move the others that wish to stay with the company to the closest stores available," said Bottone.

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October 17

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Oct. 30

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Oct. 31

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- Christians On Campus
- Civil/Construction Society (CCS)
- Collegiate Association of Administrative Professionals (CAAP)
- Computer Science Club
- Concerned Parents for Childcare
- Cosmos Literary Magazine
- Criminal Justice Association
- Dance Club
- Dance Team
- Divine Sisterhood Club
- Educational Opportunity Fund Club
- English As a Second Language
- Fine Arts Club
- First World African Nation (FWAN)
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- Ski and Snowboard Club
- Society of Mechanical Management Technology
- Spanish Club
- Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA)
- Student Association of Radiographers
- Student Law Association
- UMDNJ-MCC Nursing Student Association
- United Students of Perth Amboy Club
- Vietnamese Club
- Wellness Club
- Hip Hop Dance Club
- Hispanic-American Club
- Club Hispano American
- IEEE
- International Student Union Italian Club
- Lambda Alliance of MCC
- Martial Arts Club
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- Student Law Association
- UMDNJ-MCC Nursing Student Association
- United Students of Perth Amboy Club
- Vietnamese Club
- Wellness Club
- The Wicca Club

Club

Meetings and Activities

Hip Hop Dance Practice

Tuesday and Thursday
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
College Center
Room 103

Divine Sisterhood Club

Tuesday
11 a.m.
College Center Room 313

F.W.A.N.

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Teach, Learn & Understand
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Nature Conservancy Permits Hunting on New Jersey Preserves

By Nicole La Capria
Staff Writer

The Nature Conservancy, a global organization dedicated to protecting wildlife and the environment, has considered authorizing scheduled hunts on several of their New Jersey preserves for the first time in the agency's 50-year history.

The conservancy granted the United Bow Hunters of New Jersey permission to hunt down and kill 15 does on the Blair Creek Preserve, a

480-acre stretch of Skylands matrix forest spreading across Sussex and Warren counties.

According to the conservancy, the decision was made in an attempt to decrease the overwhelming deer population and allow the growth of new vegetation consumed by the animals.

"The deer are destroying every possible food source below 5 feet in the forest," said Mike Van Clef,

director of science and stewardship for the group.

Lindsay Pollard-Post, a spokesperson for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), disagreed with the conservancy's tactics and argued with their logic.

"Hunting creates conditions that favor accelerated reproduction: The abrupt population decline that it causes leads to less competition for food among survivors, and ultimately, a

higher birth rate, thus leading once more to the very problems that hunters claim to solve," she said.

If the conservancy's actions demonstrate favorable results in curbing the deer's large numbers, these hunts may become a continual trend.

If the mission is successful, The Nature Conservancy will consider allowing hunting on 14 of their other New Jersey preserves, which total approximately 5,000 acres.

Annual Columbus Day Parade Comes

By Mike Witkowski
Staff Writer

October is approaching and the annual Columbus Day parade will soon disperse among New York's Terrace and 15th Ave.

The parade, which is headed by the Columbus Citizens Foundation (CCF), will celebrate the discovery of the New World by Christopher Columbus, as well as observe the Italian-American background.

Over the past 61 years of celebrating in New York, all walks of Italian life have been featured to lead the parade in the honor of "grand marshal" including Frank Sinatra, Yogi Berra, Rudy Giuliani and Dan Marino. Lawrence Auriana, President

of the Columbus Citizens Foundation, has announced that this year's parade will feature state president of the Order Sons of Italy in America Grand Lodge, Dan Cositore.

His lead in the parade will be followed by a wide arrangement of bands, floats, marchers, and, of course, really expensive cars, from all over the Metropolitan area.

"The Parade and the Columbus Day Weekend activities are part of a pageant that symbolizes Italian-American friendship, cooperation and mutual respect, which can be seen 365 days a year in all areas of life," said Mr. Auriana.

The three-hour event will be televised Oct. 8 through a live broadcast from channel WNBC at 6:15 p.m.

Health & Safety Fair At MCC Hopes to Raise Health and Safety Awareness

By Maria Mesquita
Staff Writer

The Health and Safety Department at Middlesex County College is coordinating a Health and Safety Fair in hope of raising Health and Safety awareness.

The Health and Safety Fair will be Oct. 13 in the College Center, on the Cafeteria C and the hallways from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., where 40 to 60 agencies will be handing out papers and will be available to answer questions on Health and Safety.

Some of the agencies in attendance will be the Environmental Protection Agency, New Jersey Department

of Environmental Protection, Fire Department and the Middlesex County Public Health.

The Health and Safety Fair will also be a place where one can get a massage, check one's blood pressure and get their bone density checked.

At this fair one will have the opportunity to see vehicles like the Edison's fire engine, the HazMat truck and a police vehicle.

This fair will benefit everyone: faculty, staff, students, said Judith DiMaio Coordinator of Environmental Health and Safety.

"Everyone should attend," said Judith DeMaio.

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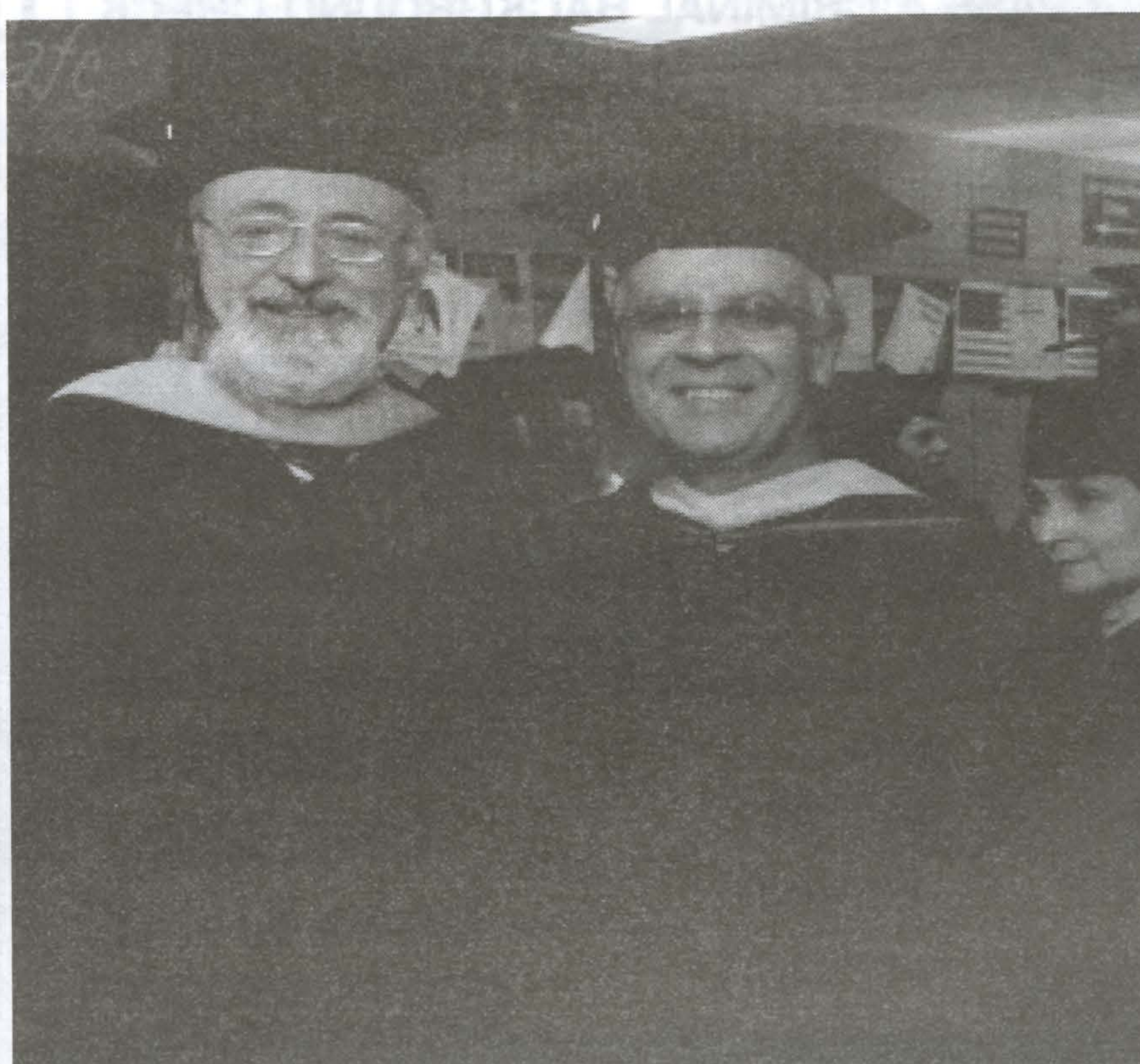
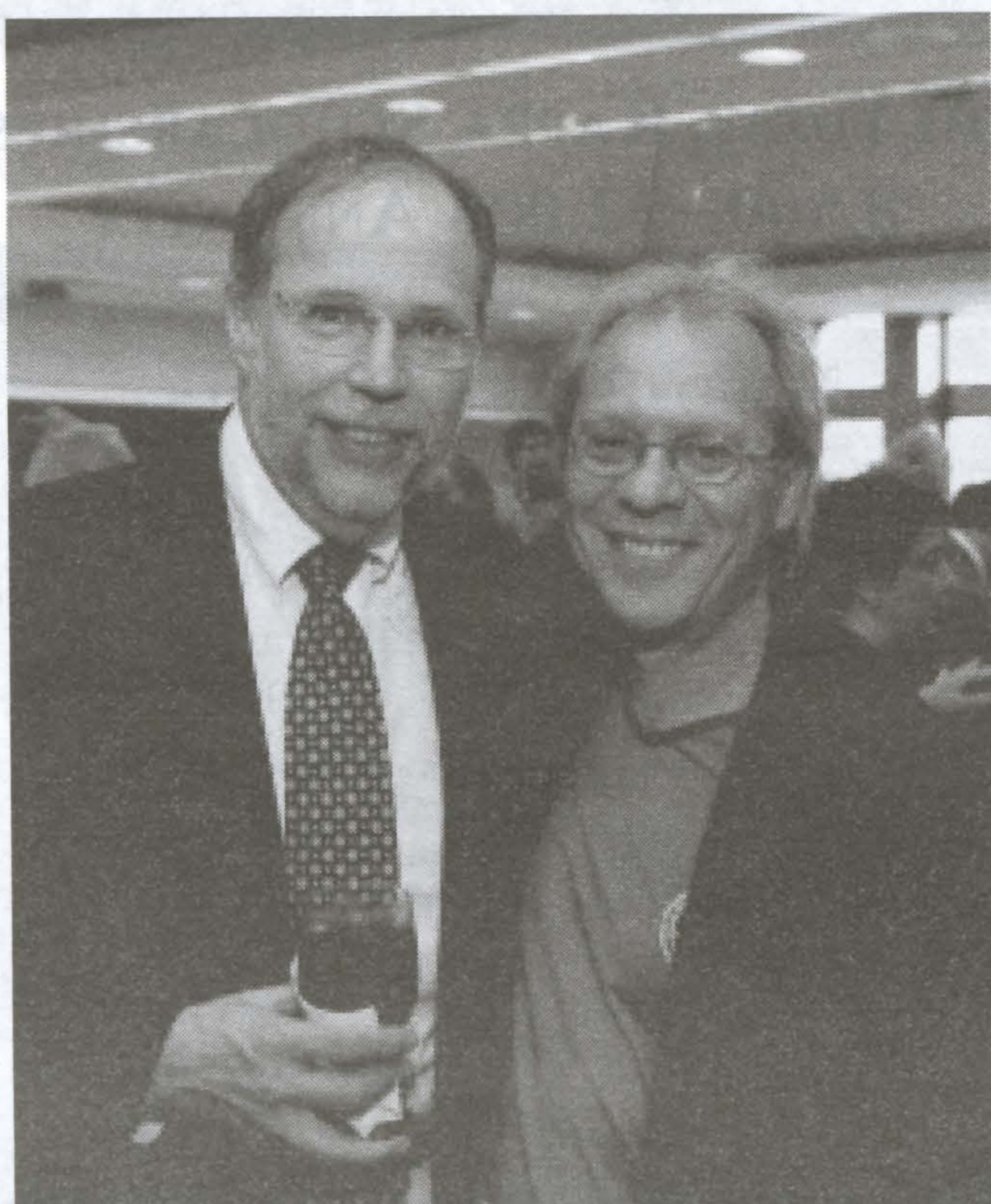
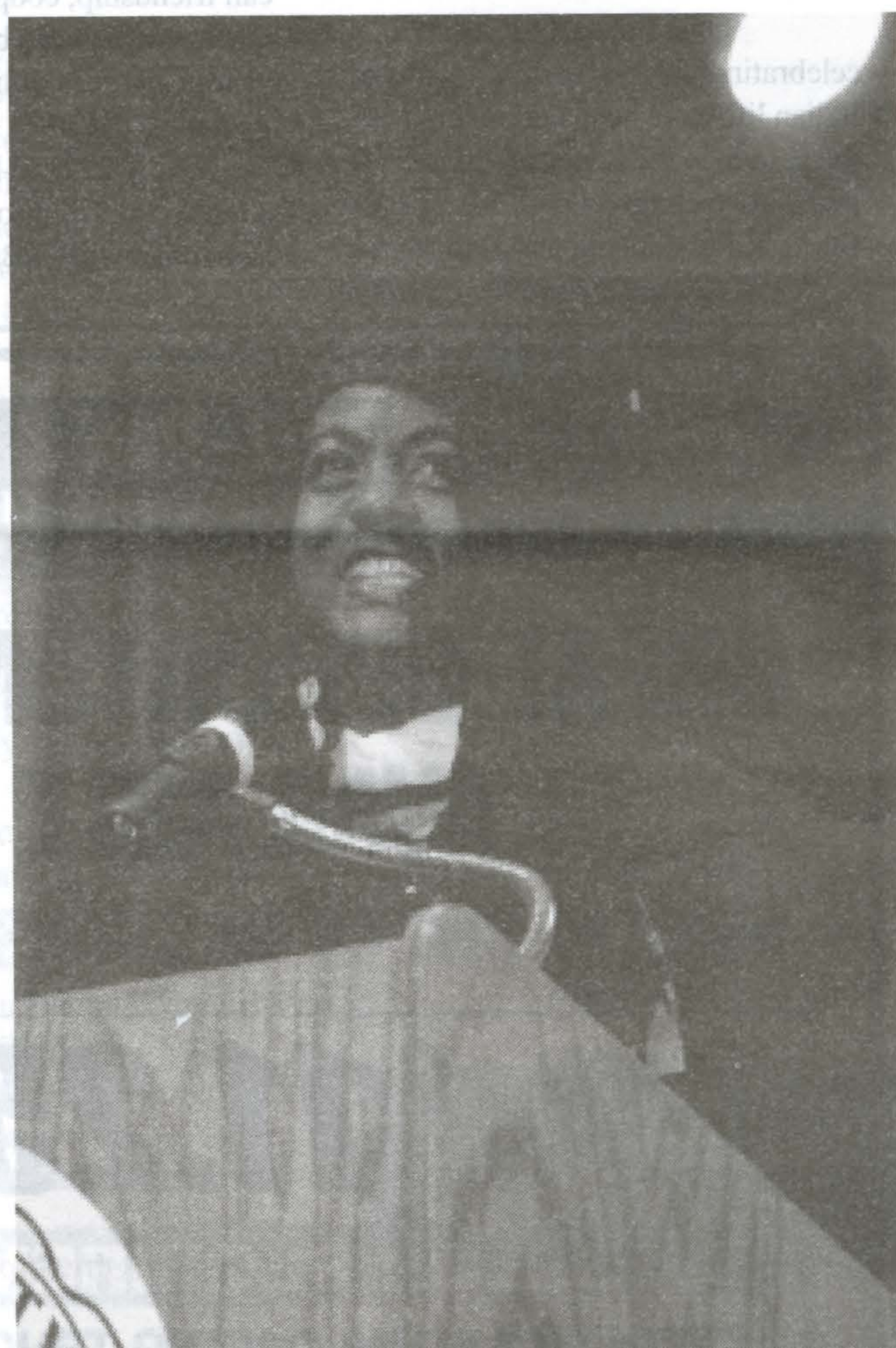
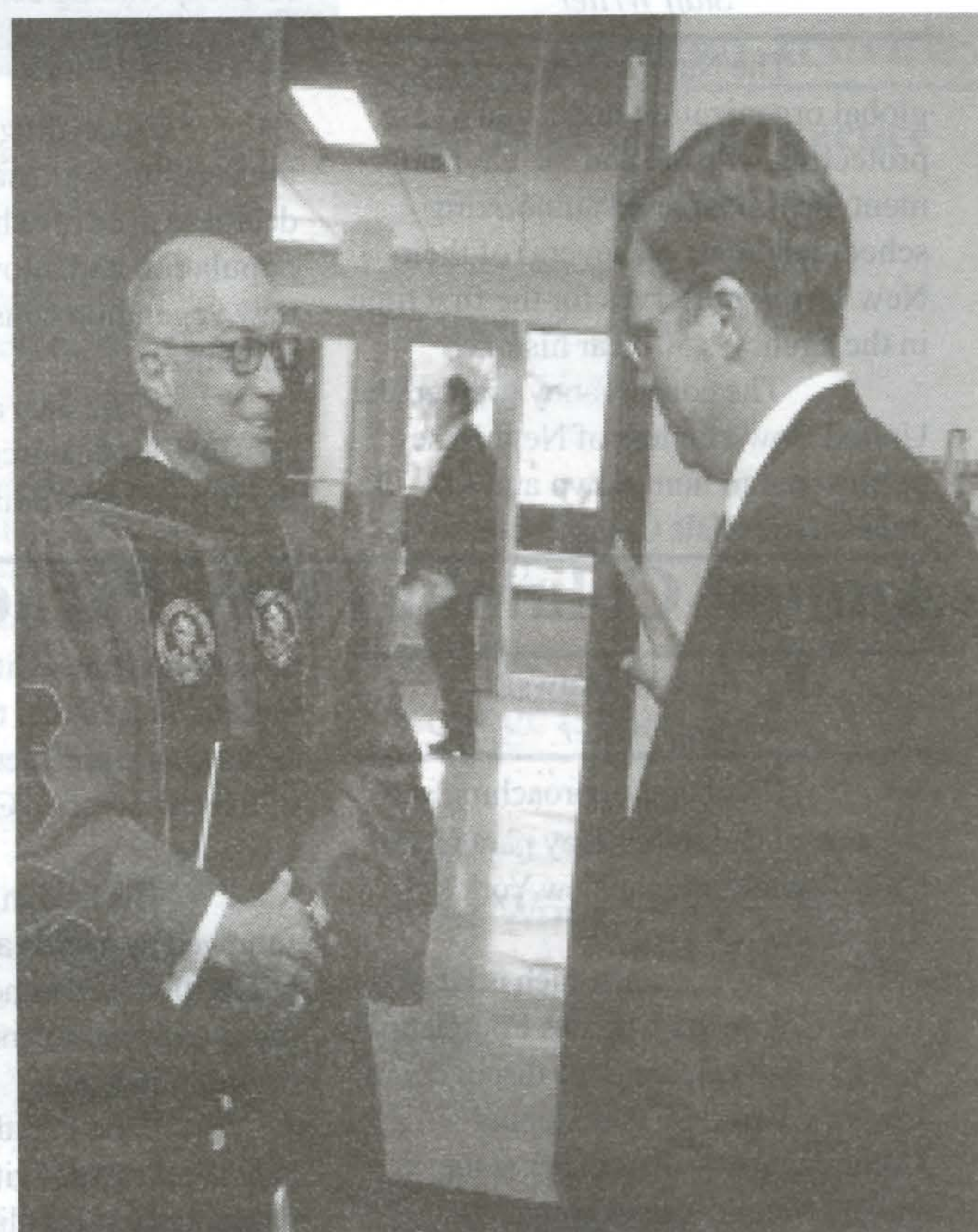
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Happenings Around Campus



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American Heart Association Heartwalk, which was held on campus October 2.

Photographer John Vohecowicz (left) with Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabel and Venus Majeski, director of Development and Community Relations for the Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County. They were enjoying a reception for the photographers who were part of the SEE Program (Special Eyes on the Environment). It allows people with cerebral palsy to express their creativity as they take photographs of the environment – both lovely landscapes and scenes of pollution. Their artwork will remain in the Edison Hall Lobby through October. The reception was part of Inauguration week activities.



Photo By Middlesex County Information Department

Early September Police Blotter

By Maria Mesquita
Staff Writer

Moving Vehicle Accident

At 8:07 a.m., Sept. 06 there was a moving vehicle accident on Woodbridge Avenue.

Both vehicles were traveling east on Woodbridge Avenue when suddenly Vehicle 2 made a lane change and struck Vehicle 1.

No injuries were reported from this accident.

Moving Vehicle Accident

At 11:03 a.m., Sept. 06 there was a moving vehicle accident on Parking lot 1.

A vehicle traveling south in the parking lot made a left turn into a parking space. The driver claims to have looked left and then right, but at that point she struck the pedestrian.

The police and the nurse attended to the victim until first aid personnel arrived and transported the victim to the local hospital. The driver was issued a summons for careless driving.

Missing Property

At noon Sept. 06 there was an incident of missing property by the Bookstore.

A student went to headquarters to report a lost drivers license when the responding police officer spoke with her she stated that somewhere between the bookstore and the College Center she lost her property.

The search for the missing property proved unsuccessful and so the case is still pending.

MV Accident

At 12:27 p.m., Sept. 06 there was a moving vehicle accident on parking lot 4.

While driving through the parking lot, vehicle one noticed vehicle 2 make a right turn and then strike her. Vehicle 1 stopped however vehicle 2 fled the scene, driver in vehicle 2 was issued two summonses.

There were no injuries reported and so the case was closed.

Personal Injury

At 6:10 p.m., Sept. 06 a student

with an injured foot by the College Center approached a police officer.

While on his way to a call a police officer was approached by a student who said to have injured his foot the previous evening at home, he also stated that he had gone to the Health Services office but it had been closed.

When the officer offered to call for first aid personnel the student refused and so the case was closed.

Alarm

At 8:05 p.m., Sept. 06 headquarters received a security alarm from West Hall.

The responding officer arrived and observed the area the area was determined secure and the alarm reset and so the case was closed.

MV Accident

At 8:08 p.m., Sept. 06 there was moving vehicle accident on Blue Colt Drive.

A vehicle stopped on the exit ramp at Mill Road for oncoming traffic when a second vehicle that was watching oncoming traffic struck vehicle 1 in the rear. There were no injuries reported

and so the case was closed.

Safety Issue

On Sept. 06 a police officer saw that the lights in parking lot 2 were not working while on patrol. From there the maintenance personnel was notified to fix the problem and so the case was closed.

MV Accident

At 8:30 a.m., Sept. 07 there was a moving vehicle accident on parking lot 1. A vehicle was struck while parked later the owner arrived to his vehicle and noticed the damage. Since there were no witnesses to the accident the case is still pending.

MV Accident

At 9:18 a.m., Sept. 07 there was a moving vehicle accident on parking lot 2.

A vehicle was backing up into a parking space when a second vehicle that was traveling west in the parking lot struck vehicle 1.

There were no injuries reported and so the case was closed.

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Faculty, Staff and Administration Show They Can Have Fun Teamsters Defeat English Department

By George Georgoulas
Staff Writer

Teamsters- 13
Hit & Run-ons- 6

"The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, is a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again. Oh people will come, Ray. People will most definitely come."

- James Earl Jones,
Field of Dreams

If you build it, they will come. People came to see this great game.

The players walked on the baseball field as legends. They once again touched the field as though they were kids.

Many of these players kept sensing that, "This must be Heaven."

It was not in Iowa. It was at the Middlesex County College baseball field where the teams played a classic game of softball.

It started in the spring of 2005 when the Faculty challenged the Maintenance Department to a game of softball.

Both teams worked and tirelessly trained throughout the sizzling summer. The tough raindrops, the humidity, and the 100 degree scorchers did not affect the warriors on the battlefield.

In the minds of these great players was only the game itself. Great players such as Kristin Honey, Mat Spano, Greg Leblanc, Wilson Class, Ricki Cohn, Bob Cleffi, Georgiana Planko, Jim Keller, Mike Lepore, Amiee Mitacchione, and Sallie Delvecchio led the Hit & Run-ons.

In addition, the legend himself, English Department Chair Howard J. Scheiber played in this mammoth match-up. The Teamsters had a powerful line-up with famous names such as Jamie Eichert, Tom Mayoros, Tom Kaczmarek, Gary Noto, Mike

Fischer, Jason Fischer, Bill Solomon, Andy Morallen, Mike Mchenna and Jerry Slicner.

I had the great honor of speaking to them and seeing them play.

All the madness started in the first inning when Jason Fischer hit a two run homerun; he hit another homerun in the second inning.

Jamie Eichert also went deep in the second inning. Gary, Tom, Bill, and Jason were the lethal weapons of the team. The Teamsters scored 13 runs in the first five innings of the game.

However, Wilson Class pitched four scoreless innings to keep the Teamsters in check. As great as they were on the field, the Hit & Run-ons had trouble scoring runs through seven innings. Wilson Class hit a homerun to spark a late comeback, but it was not enough to defeat the strong Teamsters.

There were many fans at the game. They included Middlesex County College President La Perla-Morales and Dean Juana Lewis, who were happy to see this amazing ballgame.

After the game was over, both teams went back to the cornfield to return to their mundane routines. Fans hope that more teams and more professors will play in the next game.



Faculty Softball Players in the Batting Cage

Photo By Maria Mesquita

Administration Defeats English Department

By George Georgoulas
Staff Writer

Again the legends came back on the field. This time a new team came to the cornfield. They were known as the rulers of the Middlesex County College world, the Chambers Hall Champs.

Once again, Kristin Honey, Greg Leblanc, Wilson Class, Mat Spano, Patrick Honey, Ricki Cohn, Georgiana Planko, Sallie Delvecchio, and Jim Keller led the entertaining Hit & Run-ons.

Let's not forget the legend himself, the one who the fans came to see, and the one who the ladies went crazy for, the "Chairman of the Board," Howard J. Scheiber.

The Masters themselves, the Champs, came to the field without any fears.

Tom Peterson, Karen Hays, Rubil Morales, Carey Monkowsk, Dave Fricke, Tom Walsh, John Moetz, Robert Harrison, Roelof Baay, Mark Banyacsk, Evelyn Saunders, Andrea Baay, and Danna Carlone led them. Both teams quickly became rivals in the game.

Back from their defeat to the Teamsters, the Hit & Run-ons tried to change their season in the first inning when Greg Leblanc hit a homerun to give the Hit & Run-ons their first and

only lead.

However, the celebration shortly ended when the Champs came back to score two runs in the second inning with the help of Mark, Andrea, and Donna to take the lead.

The Champs kept scoring runs with the help of Tom, John, Andrea, Donna, and Roelof until the fifth inning when the Hit & Run-ons came to bat.

Greg started a late inning spark with another monster homerun, followed by base hits from Wilson, Mat, Howard, Ricki, and Jim to make it 7-5.

Kristin Honey came in to relieve in the sixth inning for Wilson Class, who pitched a great game. The dominating offense of the Champs saw an opening and scored five runs to help lift the team.

The Hit & Run-ons offense tried to score, but could not score enough runs and fell short. This is the second straight loss for the young team and I hope they find a way and the spirit to win a game this season.

There were many fans at the game. President Joanna La Perla-Morales cheered for both teams as loudly as she could and these talented players played a great game for her.

Most Valuable Player of the game was Greg Leblanc with two homeruns and one triple.

Team Line-up	
Hit & Run-ons	Teamsters
1. Kristin Honey 2-4	1. Bill Solomon 2-3
2. Howard Scheiber 1-4	2. Gary Noto 4-5
3. Mat Spano 1-4	3. Jamie Eichert 2-3
4. Greg LeBlanc 0-4	4. Jason Fischer 3-5
5. Wilson Class 1-3	5. Mike Fischer 2-5
6. Ricki Cohn 1-4	6. Andy Morallen 2-4
7. Bob Cleffi 2-4	7. Tom Mayoros 3-4
8. Jim Keller 0-1	8. Jerry Slicner 1-4
9. Mike Lepore 0-2	9. Tom Kaczmarek 0-3
10. Georgiana Planko 0-2	10. Mike Mchenna 1-3
11. Aimee Mitacchione 0-2	
12. Sallie Delvecchio 0-2	

Team Standings

Teamsters	1-0
Champs	1-0
Hit & Run-ons	0-2

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Hit & Run-ons

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- Greg Leblanc 3-4
- Wilson Class 3-4
- Mat Spano 3-4
- Howard Scheiber 1-4
- Patrick Honey 3-4
- Ricki Cohn 1-4
- Georgiana Planko 0-3
- Jim Keller 2-3
- Sallie Delvecchio 0-3

Champs

- Tom Peterson 1-3
- Karen Hays 1-3
- Rubil Morales 3-3
- Carey Monkowsk 0-3
- Dave Fricke 1-3
- Tom Walsh 3-3
- John Moetz 2-3
- Robert Harrison 0-3
- Roelof Baay 2-3
- Mark Banyacski 2-3
- Evelyn Saunders 1-3
- Andrea Baay 2-3
- Donna Carlone 2-3

More Softball Game Photos on Page 7

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Sing To Me, Muse: A Baseball Poem

By Mat Spano
Faculty Writer

Sing to me, Muse, of Homeric homers and Odyssean journeys around the island base-pads, past Cyclopean shortstops, through the Scylla-sting of the third-baseman's tag, finally to return, battered and breathless but never beaten...home.

Okay, so we lost the softball game. Maintenance (with the help of a "ringer" from the MCC baseball team) edged us 13 to 6. Still, two of our heroes deserve special recognition: Howard "Scoop" Scheiber and Wil "The Thrill" Class. In addition to playing a mean second base and lining a few singles through a seemingly impenetrable defense to drive in a few runs, Howard outfitted our band of warriors, not with bronze shields or helmets forged by Hephaestus, but with orange t-shirts that have the team name emblazoned across the chest. Howard generously took the time to have these made up and paid for them himself. Howard, may the gods shine their good fortune down on you. Thank you.

And our game MVP? When our forces were pressed against the beaked ships under a hail of hits and several home runs, one man strode forth in the fourth to rally the Myrmidons.

Wilson Class loosed his famous war cry, sending panic through the enemy lines. He strode to the mound and pitched brilliantly, turning the tide of battle, silencing the bats of their famed heroes. With bat in hand, he let fly a hail of line drives and, as the campaign ended, a titanic home run that streaked through the dusk sky like a meteor that fades into the distant horizon, above some land leagues distant where men have never seen a fluorescent green softball.

Wilson, because of these feats, we bestow upon you the honor and title of game MVP.

May your heroic career continue at least through the next game against the administration next week. You can make it, can't you?

And so it happened that glorious day on the dusty plain of battle behind the PE Center.

My song is done, Muse, and next time, forget the song and grab a glove. We need another outfielder!

The Game



Photos By Maria Mesquita



Photos By Maria

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Lease Breaking Privilege: As a Reservist going away to training or duty for an extended period of time you may have the right to break Automobile and Rental contracts without penalty.



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Backstage Players Improv Troop Give MCC Laughs with Skits

By Jason Vass
Staff Writer

Every other Friday for the rest of the fall semester Middlesex County College's Backstage Players Improv Troop will set out to give students and faculty barrels of laughs and fun, with their creative form of developing

comedic skits.

Some may be wondering what exactly improv acting is. Improv Troop leader Dmitry Arutunyan said, "Improv theatre is a spontaneous form of acting. (We) make up all of the scenes on the fly."

He added, "Nothing is pre-

prepared. It's all put together on the spot."

In essence the Improv Troop gets on stage and prepares comedic skits knowing little more than the audience they perform for.

MCC's Improv Troop

currently consists of five members: Arutunyan, Josh Yopez, Andrew Young, Erin McCourt (President of the Backstage Players Club), and Anish Parmar.

see *Backstage* on page 12

Lucca's: Good Coffee and a Good Time

By Maria Mesquita
Staff Writer

Review



Lucca's, on 416 Main Street, in Metuchen is the place to go, for good coffee and a good time.

As soon as I walked in I was greeted by the delicious aroma of coffee. With an airy and friendly atmosphere it always says welcome even to those who aren't regulars.

see *Luccas* on page 12

Trapt's *Someone In Control* Gives Fans A Sense That The Band Is Out Of Control With Talent On Their Sophomore LP

By Krizia Colon
Staff Writer

Someone in Control...or a band sadly out of control with their talents? Trapt's sophomore LP isn't exactly what fans had expected it to be.

The first song's title, Disconnected (Out of Touch), explains Trapt's disconnection from good to bad, judging between this and their self-titled first album.

Someone in Control repetitively subjects the listener to heavy guitar riffs and well corresponded double-bass drums, but many of their

CD Re-

new songs don't exactly have the same decency as their first album.

Songs like Product of My Own Design and Skin Deep have good instrumentals and lead singer Chris Brown's voice increases the aggressive approach in the songs as well. Brown's voice is extremely flexible and melodic, but he definitely does not use his voice to his full advantage in this album.

Songs like Echo, from their first album, displays Brown's voice in its zenith and

sweetest, but no songs on their new album could match the romanticism to that single song.

Stand-Up, their newest single, packs a punch, but the lyrics somewhat parallel the threats Chris Brown wrote in their first single, Head Strong.

The lyrics haven't exactly matured, in my opinion, but yet again, many bands tend to follow their past album's essence, especially if that album was the corner-stone in their career.

Therefore, the lyrics are not as bad as most others.

see *Trapt* on page 12

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MCC Student Radio Station Begins Broadcasting this Fall

By Jason Vass
Staff Writer

Sometime during the Fall Semester Middlesex County College will join the college radio ranks when WMCC begins airing live from the College Center.

Louis Dellomo, a communications Professor here at MCC, is the faculty advisor for the program and he is currently training students who want to be on-air personalities; teaching them how to use the soundboards, how to cue up songs, and get them ready for their on-air debuts.

When asked how training has been moving along Dellomo said, "At first all the glowing buttons scare people, but in time it gets much easier and students have been catching on fairly easily."

When WMCC begins broadcasting, student Disc Jockeys will be heard throughout the College Center, Mon.-Fri. during the hours of 9 a.m.-7 p.m. There are currently 25 on-air slots for student DJ's (most of which are already filled).

Slots are two hours long

with different students taking each slot every day.

In addition to the 25 on-air slots, WMCC also consists of executive board positions, voice over talent, and a news and sports division.

Every department of WMCC is student run and operated.

The Executive Board of WMCC is split into six departments, production/imaging, promotions, music, news/sports, sales/copywriting, and a CCPB representative/administrative assistant.

Students chosen for the executive board are Rey Rivera (production director), James Ales (asst. production director), Tara Bandoni (promotions director), Dana Demers (asst. promotions director), Sarah Demarck and Catherine Bailey (music directors), Stephen Gleason (asst. music director), Lorraine Seid (news/sports director), Anthony Gonzales, Vinnie Pizutelli, Elliot Krause (newscasters), Anthony Gabriel, Anthony Gonzales

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Poetry Corner

My Liege

By Maria Mesquita
Staff Writer

As light creeps through
And warmth sweeps over me
To an ancient call I am drew
And so icy waves come over me
Perpetual thoughts of howling
at the moon
Body overcome by unknown
invaders
I await my doom
By the soulless crusaders
Good becomes evil
Love becomes hatred
Nightmares are real
Dreams are dated
Wind cries out angrily
Demanding me to answer
I do so lonely and desperately
So, so long forgotten
slumber...comes to me from
thee
My liege
At last we meet
Under your siege
At last I sleep...

Entire

By George Georgoulas
Staff Writer

As I touch
Your gentle face
The glory of my years
Near your face
My joyful cheers

Hold with the hands
Of the strength
You give me in battle,
I shall offer these hands
To the Gods
And shelter what
Makes me entire

Submit Poems
to the
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quovadis_newspaper@hotmail.com

The 37th Annual MCC Transfer Information Fair will be held in the Gallery Lobby of Edison Hall on November 1st – 4th.

Already over 50 colleges and universities have confirmed to attend. This is a once a year event and a great chance for students to speak with admissions representatives from colleges and universities both in and out of state. The 37th Annual Transfer Fair is sponsored by Transfer Services, Counseling & Career Services – Edison Hall 100. This is a once a year event – Don't miss your chance!

TUESDAY - NOV 1 10:00AM - 2:00PM	WEDNESDAY - NOV 2 11:00AM-3:30PM	THURSDAY - NOV 3 (AM) 10:00AM-2:00PM	THURSDAY - NOV 3 (PM) 4:00-6:30PM	FRIDAY - NOV 4 9:30AM-12:30PM
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Felician College-NJ	John Jay College-NY	Rider University-NJ	Georgian Court University-NJ	Johnson & Wales University
Five Towns College-NY	Montclair State University-NJ	Rutgers-University College-NJ	Kean University-NJ	Kean University-NJ
Georgian Court University-NJ	New Jersey City University-NJ	St. Johns Univ (Jamaica)-NY	Marymount Manhattan College-NY	La Salle University-PA
Monmouth University -NJ	Rowan University -NJ	UMDNJ / School of Health Related Professions -NJ	New Jersey City University-NJ	Lincoln University-PA
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Ramapo College-NJ	Seton Hall University-NJ		Rider University-NJ	Sacred Heart University-CT
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Robert Ross International Univ. of Nursing, St. Kitts	Widener University-PA		Rutgers-University College-NJ	Thomas Jefferson U-Jeffers College of Health Professio PA
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Fall TV Schedule: a Welcome Change from Summer



Photo By: Maria Mesquita
Dave Sturchio

By Dave Sturchio
Staff Writer

The earlier nights are upon us and the colder weather is coming towards the tri-state area soon.

What does this mean? This means it's time to cuddle up in warm clothes and sit in front of the television screen. The new fall lineups for the well known television stations are here just in time.

Column

According to ABC.com, The second season of *Desperate Housewives* is among us.

Last year's shocking sitcom is back with added flavor to the pot. How better to end your night after viewing a long day of NFL football than to tune in every Sunday at 9 p.m.

How will Marcia Cross (former star of *Melrose Place*) spice up this season? Tune in to find out. Also on ABC comes the second season of the hit show, *Lost*.

In the first season, the show left us with a cliffhanger, letting the viewer ponder if the cast and crew would ever make it out. Here's your chance to find out first hand every Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

ABC isn't the only station bringing you entertainment for the fall season. FOX of course will be competing in the sitcom race as well with all

new seasons of the *Simpsons* and *Family Guy* as their two key hilarious cartoons.

Also, according to FOX.com, a new hit series will take over Sunday nights called, *Prison Break*.

The show gives a combination of James Bond meets Mission Impossible," says Nick Smith, a senior at Woodbridge High School, who will be attending Middlesex in 2006. Fox is also hosting the minimum of one NFL football game this season.

CBS hasn't always been higher than the rest when it comes to ratings, but this fall watch out! CBS has released two new seasons of hit sitcoms, *The King of Queens* and *How I Met Your Mother*.

"I love Kevin James. He's so funny and so real to his character. It's always a good show no matter what

the scenario is," said Danny Sturchio, a senior at Woodbridge High School.

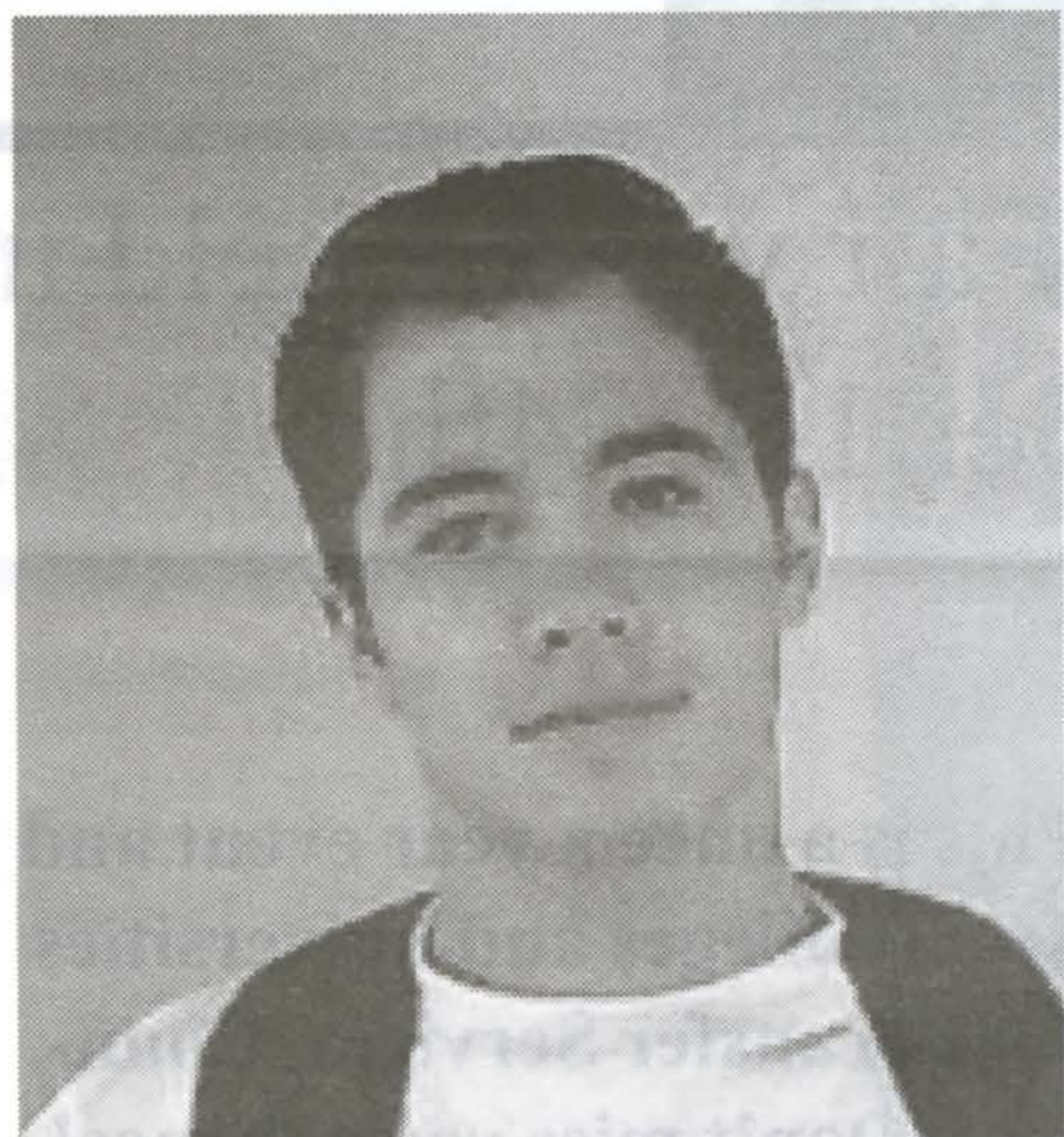
Kevin James isn't the only one making noise on CBS. CBS is also ready to release a new season of the hit series *CSI: New York*. This show caught the eyes of millions and now has the forensics business increasing world-wide.

With three hit cable stations and over twenty new hit shows, the fall season of TV should attract most viewers in 2005.

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What is Your Favorite Thing About the Fall Season?



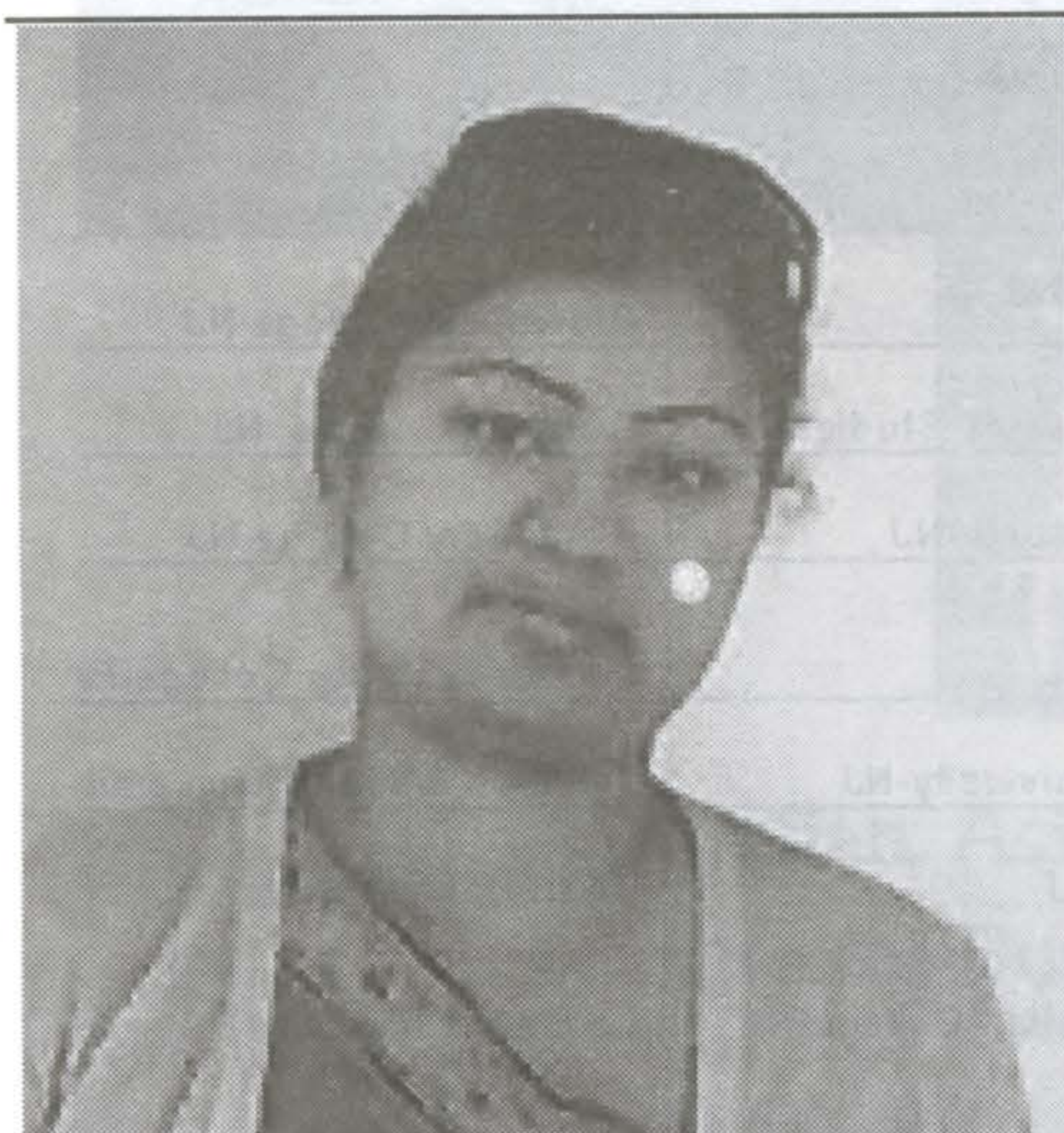
James Walters, 18, East Brunswick
"Get out of school by one o'clock."



Kory Harper, 18, Piscataway
"Try out for Basketball team."



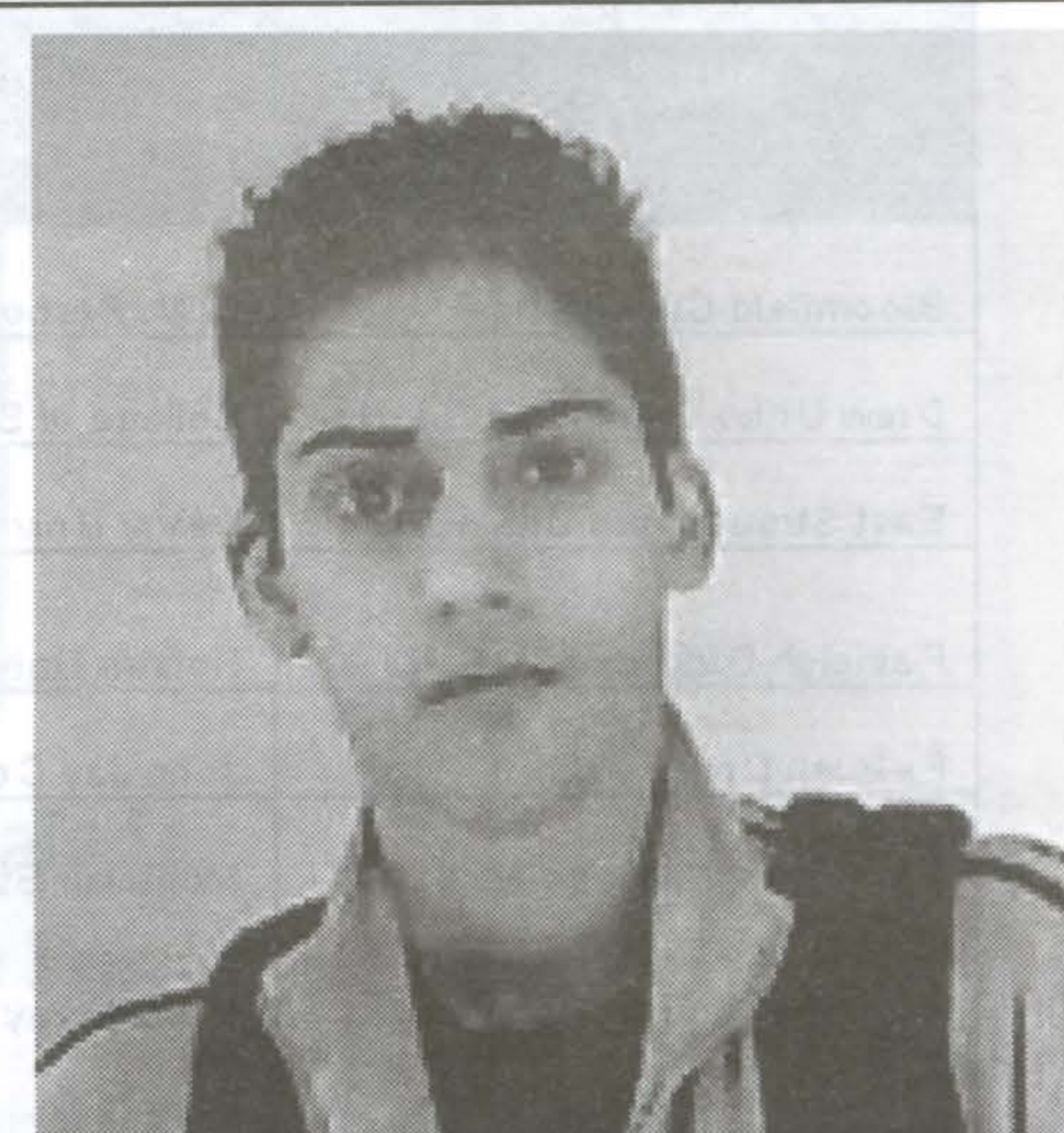
Kashfia Ahmed, 18, East Brunswick
"It's not too hot like summer. It has got a breeze. The fall colors in trees are nice to look at."



Misbah Arif, 20, South Amboy
"Fall colors - the starting of winter."



Carina Aguila, 18, East Brunswick
"Not too hot, not too cold."



Danny Ramos, 17, South Plainfield
"Nice and cool. Scenery is nice - the change in color."

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By Nick Mockoviak, Staff Cartoonist



Ninjas

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Backstage *cont' from page 8*

For Students interested in someday joining the MCC Improv Troop, Arutunyan holds workshops every Monday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the old Studio Theatre located near parking lot two.

Any students interested in attending are welcome to come and develop improv acting skills with the current troop members.

When asked how difficult it was to get on stage and perform with no script, lines, or screenplay, Arutunyan said, "It's something you pick up in time, but there are some things that are needed for improv to be successful, such as accepting any offer your partner sends your way.

"Teamwork moves scenes along," says Arutunyan.

So in essence, always going along with statements and actions made by your partner are key.

"Never, ever put your partner on the spot," he added.

The MCC Improv Troop performs every other Friday in the old Studio Theatre. Upcoming shows will be on Oct. 21, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18. Tickets can be purchased for four dollars at the door.

Lucas *con't from page 8*

Quiet and peaceful, it's perfect for all who wish to escape the fast and impersonal pace of other coffee places - with fast and friendly service, it is no wonder.

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"The Chubby Shady", a combination of hot chocolate, hot white, and au lait is like heaven to ones palate.

Lucca's is a coffee place where one can go alone for a quick coffee or with friends for coffee and a conversation.

Trapt *con't from page 8*

It took time for Someone in Control to grow on me, but it has not proven itself to be a "great" album, as of yet. Trapt is a very talented band with a rock-core sound that separates them from many other bands.

If you are a Trapt fan, still trying to shake off the shock of their failed new album, check them out when they visit Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, NJ, on October 24.

For more details, visit starlandballroom.com or trapt.com for more tour dates.

Complaints, Concerns, Comments? Any Bands You Want To Hear About? E-mail me at krizzie_the_metalist@yahoo.com

Radio *con't from page 9*

and Vinnie Pizutelli (sales directors) George Mantoudakis and Anthony Gonzales (CCPB representative/administrative assistant).

WMCC will be covering news and sports around campus, and also playing contemporary hit music in a "Z100-type" mold, while not being restricted to any one type of music. Dellomo said, "We need to stay universal to reach the student body and staff."

Soon to be MCC DJ's are being trained by Dellomo, who is a radio veteran. Dellomo has been a DJ on 94.3 here in New Jersey for 11 years. He can be heard every Saturday from 10a.m.-4 p.m. and on Sunday from 2-6 p.m.

All MCC students interested in campus radio are encouraged to get involved and help out with the daily productivity of the station. The WMCC staff meets every Thursday in the college center at 3:30 p.m., room 174 (room, day and time may be subject to change).

Inauguration *con't from page 1*

Bloomfield College, dean of continuing education and community services at Union County College, assistant director of fundamental and continuing education services at Montclair State University and education program specialist with the New Jersey State Education Department. Among her diverse teaching experience in both English and Spanish, Dr. La Perla-Morales was a Peace Corps volunteer in Bogotá, Colombia where she taught beginning and intermediate English and phonetics courses to university undergraduates and English teachers.

A native of New York, Dr. La Perla-Morales earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at the State University of New York, College at Oneonta where she majored in education with a concentration in Spanish. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and a Doctorate in Education in Higher and Adult Education both at Teachers College of Columbia University. Her writings have been widely published in academic journals and she has been recognized as an outstanding academic by many professional and community associations.

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