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## Kean Credits Available on MCC Campus

By Jenna Uveges  
Staff Writer

Starting this semester, Middlesex County College is giving its students and Kean University students an opportunity to take classes at MCC that will count towards a bachelor's degree in education at Kean.

The largest two-year feeder school of education majors to Kean University is MCC, and students who plan to transfer there to earn their bachelor's degree can take classes at MCC that will count as credits at Kean. This also applies for students who

already attend Kean but live close to MCC.

Frank Osborne, chairperson of Middle and Secondary Education at Kean University, said the course that is currently being offered is Technology and the Young Child.

This program is designed for students who plan to major in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Physical Education at Kean University, said Osborne.

These courses will also be offered for the fall 2008 semester. They will be held on Mondays at 5 p.m. MCC students planning on taking the courses can do so as a visiting Kean student, he said.

"One advantage to MCC students is that the course and its credit appear on a Kean transcript," said Osborne.

"They would not interfere with the guaranteed transfer credit afforded to MCC students with associate degrees when they transfer to Kean under the new Transfer Credit law," he said

A new course will be added for the fall 2008 semester, as well. Geog 2010-World Geography will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m.

Although Kean does not require geography, a pre-requisite of geography is required before students

partake in any social studies courses, said Osborne.

There are advantages to this program for both Kean and MCC students. Kean students who live in the Edison area benefit from the fact that the MCC campus is much closer to them than Kean's campus, he said.

"Not only is it convenient, but they might save on gas by cutting back on trips up to Union. We are grateful to the enthusiasm of the MCC students in selecting Kean and we are hoping to make things even more advantageous to [sic] them," said Osborne.

Students who have questions can contact Frank Osborne at fosborne@kean.edu.

## Photos of the Week Snapshot of Campus Life Photos By Marianne McGarrity



Rich Kohut (a.k.a. "Reeses") can be seen at various high-ceilinged spaces around campus juggling.



See the story "Student Shows His Juggling Skills on Campus" on page 7.

## Somatokinetic Workshop Introduces Stress Relieving Techniques to Students

By Javasia Wiggins  
Staff Writer

On March 31, the Northeast Holistic Center held a Somatokinetic workshop in the IRC building to share their experiences with new forms of health and healing.

Caroline Bayard, founder of the Northeast Holistic Center located in Belleville New Jersey began studying holistic healing after years of battling with spinal injuries. After four years of in depth research, Bayard used "Holistic Synergy" which the center defines as the combination of natural remedies to help cure pain, to create a place to study and experience many forms of natural healing. Her lectures focus on documented research and development of new and existing natural health and healing remedies.

Bayard said, "No matter what the age, the healing takes place. If you are working on the elderly, suddenly they're not stiff. If you're working on the very young, they respond also."

All through the workshop students and faculties were introduced to new techniques using these natural pain remedies such as Light Touch and Orthbinomy.

Bayard began by the workshop demonstrating by Light Touch. This process begins by determining which leg is longer. The longer leg is determined to be the weaker one and that is where Light Touch does the job of moving stored stress up the spine. This is done

by the practitioner placing one finger on the buttocks while gently applying pressure up the spine with another finger.

If done properly the exercise will release all the stress that has build up in the upper back and shoulders. For Trudi Harris-Johnson, this was more than a demonstration.

When Bayard demonstrated Light Touch on Harris-Johnson, she noticed that Harris-Johnson had a lot of stress and tension buildup. Once she was finished, Harris-Johnson was amazed by the relief she was feeling.

"I need to know who you guys are so I can start making appointments" she said. "This is something I need to do regularly."

Bayard also demonstrated Orthobionomy which was founded by Dr. Arthur Lincoln Pauls D.O in the early 1970's. It was created by two arts: osteopathy and Judo.

The concept of this is to straighten out and energized the spine by having a practitioner stretch and apply pressure to the back of the neck. This helps relieve upper body stress and tension.

Other tips that were shared by Bayard and her staff to help the healing process were to always reach down to type on the keyboard which will relax the shoulder muscles and lay off the carbohydrates which help feed the existing yeast in your body.

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## MCC Campus & Community Calendar

### April 10

Immediate Decision Day:  
New Jersey City University by appointment only (ED-100)  
Last day to withdraw from Spring 2008 classes  
1-4 p.m. Engineering  
Tech. Job/Internship Fair

### April 14

Workshop: 5 p.m. Preparing for Final Exams (ED-100)

Submit calendar events to  
quovadis\_newspaper@hotmail.com.

## Weather

Wednesday, 4/2 – Hi: 57°, Lo: 39°

Thursday, 4/3 – Hi: 56°, Lo: 40°

Friday, 4/4 – Hi: 60°, Lo: 41°

Saturday, 4/5 – Hi: 57°, Lo: 39°

Sunday, 4/6 – Hi: 57°, Lo: 37°

Monday, 4/7 – Hi: 58°, Lo: 37°

Tuesday, 4/8 – Hi: 58°, Lo: 37°

Wednesday, 4/9 – Hi: 58°, Lo: 38°

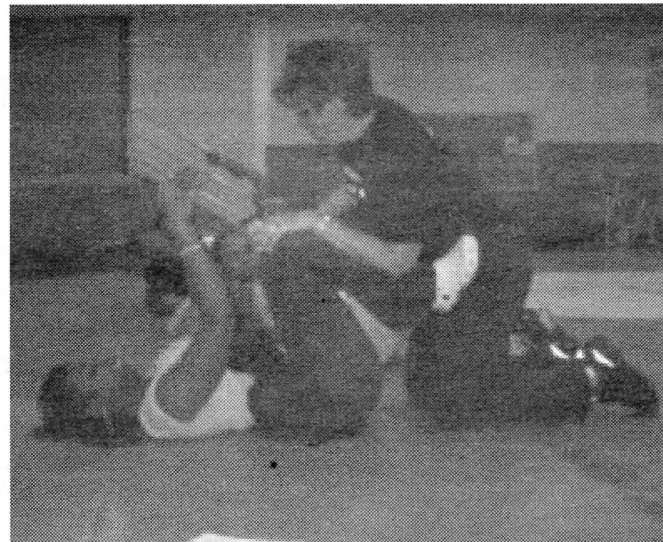
(Courtesy of www.weather.com)

## Fearless and Female Workshop Comes to MCC



**Top right photos**

Instructor, Cindy Coughenour, seen in black, demonstrates personal boundaries.



**2<sup>nd</sup> picture** (girl in yellow shirt on floor and instructor in black shirt above)

Kristina Kwadzogah, 20, Engineering and Nursing major, demonstrates with Coughenour, how to break free from the rape position.

(Girl in white shirt)

Alexa Kane, 19, Fine Arts major, also demonstrates how to escape the rape position.



**3rd picture** (red punch bag and students)

Students demonstrate how to kick an attacker after being knocked to the ground.

For more information, go to:

[www.fearlessandfemale.com](http://www.fearlessandfemale.com), e-mail Cindy Coughenour at [cindy@fearlessandfemale.com](mailto:cindy@fearlessandfemale.com), call (951) 674- 0999, or chat on [www.fearlessandfemale.blogspot.com](http://www.fearlessandfemale.blogspot.com).

### Get passport information on Campus

*Planning to travel this summer? Need to get your US Passport?*

Counseling & Career Services and the United States Postal Service presents

## Passport Day @ MCC

Thursday, April 16

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Edison Hall room 100

To get general passport information, information about cost and documents you will need to get your passport, and to REGISTER for a time on April 16, go to

[www.middlesexcc.edu/career](http://www.middlesexcc.edu/career)

### Book Buy Back

The next USED Book Buy Back will be held at the Blue Colt Bookstore Thursday, May 1 through Saturday, May 10. Monday – Thursdays - 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m..

### Late Lunch Specials for Students and Staff

Free yourself from traffic... Tired of sitting in your car for 30 minutes just to get off campus? Come to the College Center instead, enjoy a Late Lunch Special at the Winner's Circle or A Café and relax while the 2 p.m. traffic clears up.

\*\*\*\*Offer only available for students between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.\*\*\*\*

Winner's Circle: receive a FREE order of medium fries with any purchase of Specialty Burger or Chicken sandwiches.

A Café: receive a FREE large fountain soda with purchase of any 2 slices of pizza.

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# The Quo Vadis Sudoku Challenge Results

By Marianne McGarrity  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday April 2, the MCC Sudoku Challenge took place in room 310 of the College Center. Each contestant was given a set of instructions with a sample Sudoku puzzle.

They were then given a page with six puzzles on it. Two were considered easy, three were medium and one was difficult. Contestants had one hour to complete as many puzzles correctly as they could.

They were working so intensely, you could almost see the smoke coming out of their ears!

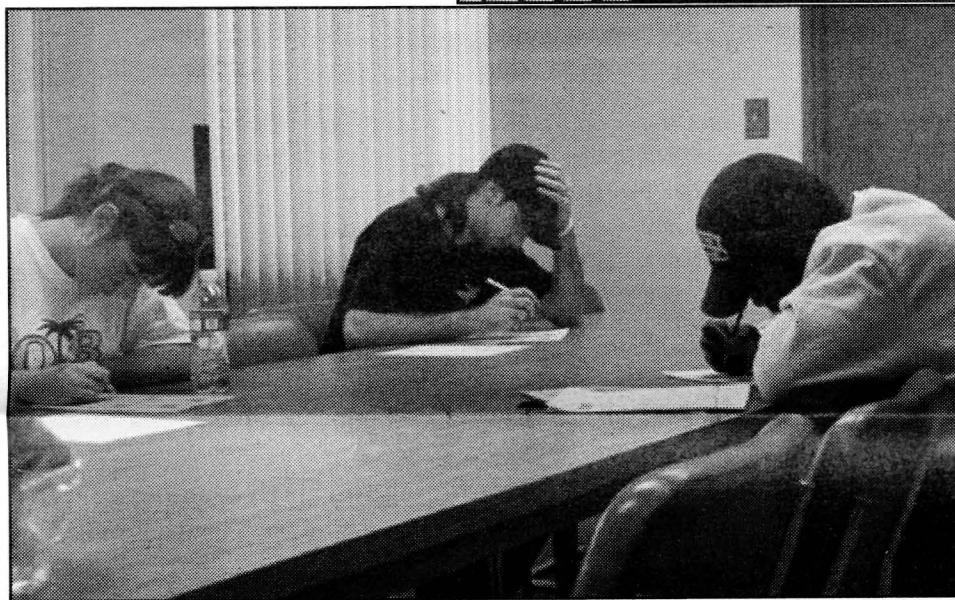
When the ashes had settled MCC had its first Sudoku champion, Matt Biderman.

Matt is in his third semester at Middlesex, majoring in Psychology. A graduate of North Brunswick High School, he previously spent two years at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. He's been doing Sudoku since high school and thinks they're a lot of fun.

Matt edged out Courtney Cerreta, a liberal arts major, for first place. Courtney complained that her head was burning, but was gracious in defeat. Matt was presented with a gift basket valued at over \$100 dollars. Among other things, the basket held an MCC hooded sweatshirt, a Starbucks gift card, an Applebee's gift card and an AMC Theater gif card. Matt happily accepted his winnings from Natalie Serrano, a Quo Vadis staff member.

**To the right:** Natalie Serrano gives the prize basket to Matt Biderman, the sudoku challenge winner. The basket prize was filled with two sudoku books, gift cards to Starbucks, Applebees, and AMC Theaters and a MCC hooded sweater. The prize basket was valued at \$100!

Photo by Marianne McGarrity.



**To the left:** Contestants Matt Biderman, Courtney Cerreta and Joseph ??? work intensely to finish their sudoku's in the hour they were given.

Photo by Marianne McGarrity.

## MCC Card Playing Gamers Looking For Challengers

By Derek Gean  
Staff Writer

The College Center in Middlesex County College is home to several MCC card playing gamers who gather around every day in cafeteria B starting at 9 a.m. They play "Yu-Gi-Oh!" and "Magic: The Gathering".

Both of the card-based games have a healthy number of gamers, and the general population of players are friendly to newcomers. There are between 20 and 25 people who play at MCC at this time.

"The card games that are played by the majority of today's young adults are frowned upon by others just because it has the word 'game' in it. I believe it is not so. Not only does the game require the players to be good strategist and the use of their cunning, it is also a very good way to learn basic mathematics. By keeping track of life points, attack points, damage and multiplier effects, many of the children become better mathematicians and problem solvers after playing this card game," said Michael Capiral, a student of MCC.

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## Person on the Street

By Jennifer Lyman  
Staff Writer

What does your tattoo symbolize in your life?



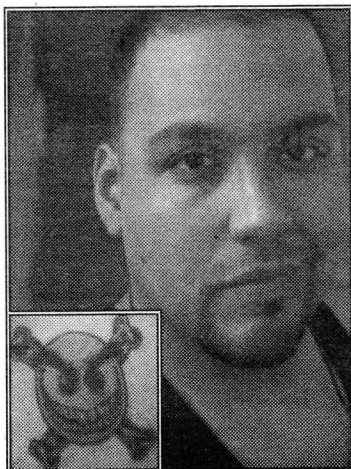
Michelle Haney  
Age: 21  
City: Bedminster, NJ  
Major: Undecided  
"My tattoo means, be true to myself, live each day to the fullest, and not let things get to me. It helps me to remember the good and know that the bad always makes you stronger."



Nikki Ortiz  
Age: 19  
City: Chatham, NJ  
Major: Creative Writing  
"My tattoo means 'serenity.' I wanted it so that I could remind myself to keep serenity in my life. It plays a bigger role now, after I was with my boyfriend because he really messed up my life with stress. I gained weight and my mind and world went into a sort of chaos. I don't want to ever go back to the old me. I want serenity in my life and my tattoo is there to remind me not to let things get out of control again."

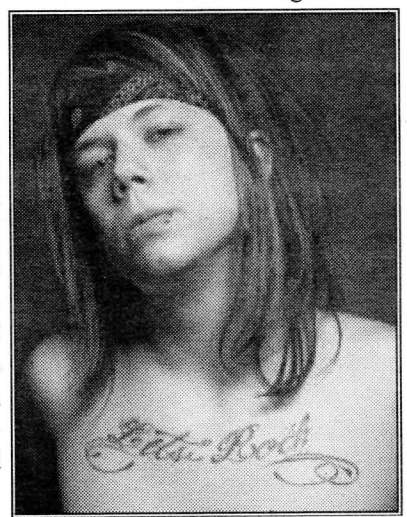
Tony Ortiz  
Age: 26  
City: Basking Ridge, NJ  
Major: Digital Media Production

"Honestly, the design came to me in a dream and I thought it was perfect; not only for a tattoo but also for the face of my future production company. The character, 'psycho smiley' was actually from the comic, "Chaos" that I used to read. I had the dream when I was 16 and waited seven years to get it. It confuses most people at first, but I feel it shows my dark and twisted view of something good."



Danny Lavarco  
Age: 21  
City: Wallington, NJ  
Major: Undecided

"Most of my tattoos have been spontaneous. I went to get a Spiderman tattoo and mentioned a 'Lets Rock' tattoo as a joke, but my tattoo artist was totally about it. He sat me down and 2 hours later I had the tattoo! The guys in my band couldn't believe I actually had gotten it."



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## Horoscopes

By Courtney Cerreta  
Staff Writer

### Capricorn (December 22 ~ January 20):

If you really want something, you've got to change your mindset. Get ready to accept your new reality.

### Aquarius (January 21 ~ February 19):

Something really, really important is happening tomorrow, so take today to make sure you're ready for it!

### Pisces (February 20 ~ March 20):

You've been keeping something from a friend because you're afraid of being judged, but today you'll come clean.

### Aries (March 21 ~ April 20):

Someone whose life you thought was perfect will confess that they've got their own issues, too.

### Taurus (April 21 ~ May 21):

You have a lot to look forward to! Concentrate on getting things done so you can get to the fun stuff sooner.

### Gemini (May 22 ~ June 21):

You really woke up on the right side of the bed today! Your positive attitude will cheer up everyone you see.

### Cancer (June 22 ~ July 23):

Instead of asking for advice, you'll make a quick decision on your own, and be totally proud of yourself.

### Leo (July 24 ~ August 23):

A friend has been just a little too honest lately. A little white lie now and then wouldn't hurt!

### Virgo (August 24 ~ September 23):

Someone's been really critical lately, and it's taking a toll. Tell them how you feel - they might not realize.

### Libra (September 24 ~ October 23):

## Movies for April 11

By Courtney Cerreta  
Staff Writer

### Prom Night—PG-13

Like most teenagers, Donna (Brittany Snow) is expecting her prom night to be the greatest night of her entire life. The party, hosted at a posh hotel, goes off without a hitch, but the night of their dreams turns into a nightmare when Donna and her friends are suddenly pursued by a serial killer.

### Smart People—R

Lawrence Wetherhold (Dennis Quaid) is a brilliant college professor, but, as a widower, he's struggling at home to raise his teenage daughter, Vanessa (Ellen Page), properly. Things don't go any smoother when his good-for-nothing adopted brother, Chuck (Thomas Haden Church) moves himself in. The only bright spot in Lawrence's life is when he meets up with one of his sexy former students, Janet (Sarah Jessica Parker).

### Street Kings—R

Tom Ludlow (Keanu Reeves) is a L.A.P.D. vice detective who makes a vow to do whatever it takes to find the killers of his former partner, Detective Terrance Washington (Terry Crews). Having no problem bending the law to get the job done, Ludlow is assisted by a rookie robbery-homicide detective (Chris Evans), while a nervous Captain Wander (Forest Whitaker) keeps a watchful eye over the pair so they don't come under suspicion from internal affairs investigator James Biggs (Hugh Laurie).

You will realize you overstepped a boundary when giving someone advice. Apologizing will clear things up.

### Scorpio (October 24 ~ November 22):

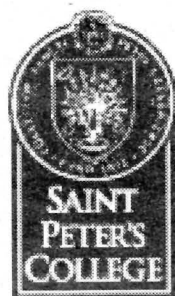
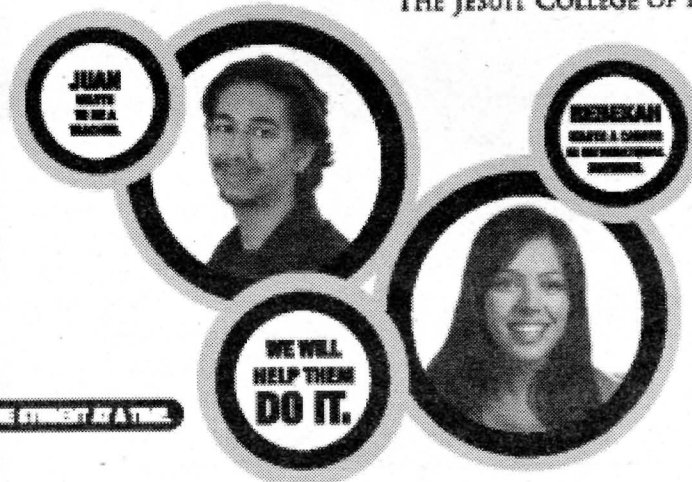
You'll feel a bit off today, but won't be sure why until someone makes a comment that makes perfect sense.

### Sagittarius (November 23 ~ December 21):

You totally got your dates mixed up! Something you thought wasn't until next week is this week. Whoops.

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## The Exhibition BODIES Dissects Human Anatomy For All Eyes To See

By Marianne McGarrity  
Staff Writer

At the South Street Seaport Exhibition Hall you can find one of the most amazing displays you'll ever see, called "BODIES, The Exhibition." Similar versions of this exhibit have traveled around the world dating as far back as

1995, and finally it's conveniently available for us!

"BODIES, The Exhibition" is an exquisite and enigmatic display of human dissections that have been preserved and presented in a thought-provoking and often whimsical manner.

The exhibit features formerly living human beings who have had the liquid removed from every cell in their

bodies and replaced by silicon polymers, which harden during their curing process.

What is left is a completely visible permanent display of muscles, bones, tendons, ligaments, organs and blood vessels.

The specimens are displayed complete in action positions, like shooting a basketball, or as individual parts for closer examination.

My favorite was a skeleton who was dancing with her own muscles and nerves. In order to better view the desired parts of the body, the skin is generally removed prior to the preserving process.

The human body is a most

remarkable machine and the opportunity to see it like this should not be missed. One display has a specimen cut into seven thin slices from head to toes so you can see how everything fits together vertically.

Another is cut into horizontal wafers. A very dramatic room in the exhibit displays only veins and arteries without any other body parts.

The circulatory system is preserved in red polymer and to see the beauty and complexity of this is incomparable. Without bones, organs, or flesh you can see the perfect shape of the entire body mapped out in what looks like fine red threads.

Different rooms feature different body systems. There are also examples of diseased organs for you to see. The black lungs of a smoker, for example, make a pretty dramatic presentation. One specimen has things like hip replacements and head and bone plates, so you can see what advances the medical profession has made.

There is also a room featuring embryos and fetuses, which can be avoided if you choose to do so. I personally found it every bit as fascinating as the rest of the exhibit.

"BODIES, The Exhibition" has created some controversy as it's traveled around the world. The biggest issue seems to be that all of the specimens are Chinese and many appear to be quite young. Given China's policies on human rights, some people have wondered about the morality of the exhibit,

considering we can't be sure that the specimens chose to be exhibited. According to the literature, made available by the exhibitor, all specimens died of natural causes and had their remains donated to medical schools. The exhibit in New York has 17 complete specimens, fifteen males and two females, as well as many separate organs and parts.

The three hours I spent in the exhibit left me with the utmost respect for the incredibly complex machines that we are, and gratitude to the scientists, doctors and donated human cadavers who made the experience possible. We are truly a beautiful miracle. Do take advantage of this unique opportunity to see what you're made of!

Tickets need to be purchased in advance, and in order to control the number of people in the exhibition hall, when ordering tickets, a starting time needs to be chosen. You can order tickets through Ticketpro.net or call at 1-888-9BODIES

The exhibit will run 7 days a week until June 30 at the South Street Seaport Exhibition Hall, 11 Fulton Street on the corner of Front Street in Manhattan. Tickets cost between \$26.50 and \$27.50.



Photo from the internet :yahoo images

## MCC Offers New Scriptwriting Class

By Jennifer Lyman  
Staff Writer

If you're a lover of visual arts and expressing yourself, the Scriptwriting class offered by Professor Benjamin Marshall may be the perfect fit. Scriptwriting was initiated when Marshall was approached with the opportunity to develop this course, and he was pleased to see students joining. He , "I think it attests to the students' interests and ambitions."

Only in its second semester, the average class load is 18 students, which Marshall believes is close to the ideal size. Every class, students are gathered in a circle, and this process is very significant within the course itself. Gathering in such a way allows students' scripts to be heard, an opportunity for more attention to be given, less of a chance to hide yourself, and most importantly, it allows for instant feedback based on the observations of others' expressions.

Professor Marshall said he believes "a lot of learning comes from a kind of osmosis. That is, you absorb things from other students—what works and what doesn't. The students learn a lot more, even the smallest things such as punctuation." In the past, there has even been talk of turning scripts from students into plays performed by the Backstage Players Club, but nothing has been set in stone so far. Marshall said, "I think what surprises many students is that once you take away the special effects, name actors and elaborate scenery, what is left is a script. The techniques in putting the script together are the same techniques that established playwrights used—even Shakespeare."

## The Riches Starts Its Second Season on FX

By Doug Herko  
Staff Writer

On March 18, the second season of FX's series "The Riches" kicked off. Eddie Izzard stars as Wayne Malloy, along side Minnie Driver playing his wife Dahlia Malloy. The family also includes three children; Cael (Noah Fisher), Di Di (Shannon Marie Woodward), and Sam Malloy (Aidan Mitchell).

What sets the Malloy family apart from any other TV family is that they have a secret. They are con artists, and have stolen the identities of an extremely wealthy family from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who died in a car accident. That family was the Riches

Wayne has assumed the identity of Doug Riche while Dahlia has assumed the identity of Cherien Riche. The Malloy's have completely adopted the Riche's lives. Their clever children assist Wayne and Dahlia by performing tricks of their own. Cael is skilled at picking locks and disabling alarm systems. In the season two premiere, he hotwires a car in order to steal it. Di Di pickpockets and Sam, the artistic one, can also speak French.

The plot of the series is unique and clever because, despite being such

con artists, the Malloy family doesn't appear to have the villainous persona that you might expect. You see them as any other loving family who cares about each other – despite the lifestyle that they lead.

The episodes will keep your attention and entertain you as long as you remember that what you're watching is just a television show. Much of "The Riches" is incredibly unbelievable and sometimes you'll be left wondering, "How do these people get away with all of this?" Yeah, they're con artists, but the magnitude of conning that the entire family accomplishes over the course of the series is unrealistic. Doug Riche's occupation was a lawyer. With no legal experience at all, how can Wayne do a successful job at adapting to and taking over Doug's career, including his relationship with his clients and co-workers? Ah, the magic of television...

The good thing is that if you set that aside and just focus on watching the episodes without really thinking, you'll find a very enthralling show.

In the second season premiere, titled, "The Last Temptation of Wayne," the family splits up as Dahlia and the children head off to Mexico with the real Cherien Riche's mother, who suffers from dementia. Wayne stays behind in

Baton Rouge, where they have been staying, to deal with Pete, a family friend of the Riche's, who is on to the family's scam. Pete has the power to end the Malloy's scheme – however, he runs into his own problems when Dale, Dahlia's cousin, who also wants to be in on the plan, needs to silence him for his own agenda.

At one point during the premiere, a security guard from the gated community where the Malloys live, stops by when Wayne's (or Doug's) car is parked illegally. After several gunshots, he investigates inside the Riches' house – ignoring the dead body that is hidden in the car's trunk after hearing the victim's cell phone ring from inside the trunk. To some, that may just seem laughable. But, if you enjoy mindless entertainment, you'll find the scene suspenseful and enjoyable. FX's "The Riches" is a truly unique, entertaining, television show with a clever plot – if you're willing to suspend your disbelief for an hour or so. It is television, after all, and as a television show, it delivers. The second season just started last Tuesday, so you're not late at all if you want to tune in. The Riches" airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on FX.

# MCC Presents Drunk Driving Seminar

By Mike Anton  
Staff Writer

"Everyone is affected by drinking and driving. The driver, the passengers if there are any, and, of course, the other drivers," said Joe Reed, a contributor to "The Drunk Driving Experience."

On Thursday, March 27, 2008, Middlesex County College had a special event, which was attributed to the effects of drunk driving. Joe Reed, who has been working with the program for

over 10 months, explains what the "experience" is all about.

"We have a replica dashboard of an actual car. The steering wheel, gears, brakes, and everything else you would find in the front of a car. We have brought a simulated experience here to get the feel of what it is like to be driving as a drunk driver... It [the simulator] would start as if you were normal with no blood alcohol content and then it would eventually get worse, meaning you would get drunk as the drive continued. After a while, you



The National Save a Life Tour made a visit at MCC to bring awareness that "Drinking and Driving Kills" to students. Photo by Natalie Serrano.

## Blast from the Past...

By Courtney Cerreta and Paul Lazaro  
Staff Writers

20 years ago: April 15, 1988

### "Co-op Credits Transferable"

A study was conducted to answer students' concerns over the acceptability of co-op credits by other schools. The study found that 12 out of 14 four-year colleges in New Jersey accept MCC co-op credits towards graduation. These schools included Ramapo College, Bloomfield College, William Paterson University, Montclair State University, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

"Hygiene Students Win Awards" – Two dental hygiene students won awards at the Northeast Regional Dental Hygiene Conference in Boston. They presented a study on the dangers of smokeless tobacco. The students put their project together for their Public Health class. The awards included a certificate and \$100.

10 years ago: April 6, 1998

"Students Rally Over Graduation" – A group of MCC students held a rally protesting the change to the current graduation policy. The current policy stated that students, except those in certain certification programs, must complete all degree requirements by the end

of the spring semester so they can take part in May's graduation ceremony. The student who organized the protest asked that students who are only six credits away from graduating take part in the ceremony.

"Rutgers Says No More Tests" – Administrators at Rutgers University changed their general admission policy, which validates transfer students' English courses, by making all applicants take a placement exam. Now, as long as one has a grade of "C" or higher, Rutgers University will validate the transcript without a placement test.

5 years ago: April 14, 2003

"MCC Currently Gets Involved in International Week" – The Modern Languages Department hosted a number of events in celebration of International Week. Some of the events were supposed to include Mexican folklore dancers, a French film that was shown at the Foreign Film Festival and an international food sale. The Mexican dancers were involved in a motor vehicle accident and could not perform.

"College Assembly Alters MCC Policies on Withdrawal Criteria" – Members of the Academic Standards Task Force suggested that they get rid of the withdrawal notations of WP and WF and replace them with W.

would see it is difficult to drive and you eventually start to swerve and the car gets harder to control," said Reed.

Reed and "The Drunk Driving Experience" have been across the country in high schools and colleges to deliver a serious message about the dangers of drunk driving to students. The foundation is called the "Save a Life Tour" and Reed feels that wherever he goes, he can make a positive impact on someone's life.

"I feel this would really show

students how it's like to get behind the wheel when you are really intoxicated. It's so dangerous and some kids think that they are invincible until something terrible happens. We try to make the message clear. Don't wait until that moment happens. Just be safe and stay away from the wheel," said Reed.

Dan Lercher, who attended MCC has strong feelings on the subject: "I would never drive drunk. It's too much of a risk. I've seen my friends get in trouble from drinking and driving. It's not worth the consequences."

## Italian Club Dines Together



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Some of the Italian Club enjoys a pasta night at Basile's in Monroe, New Jersey, on March 24.

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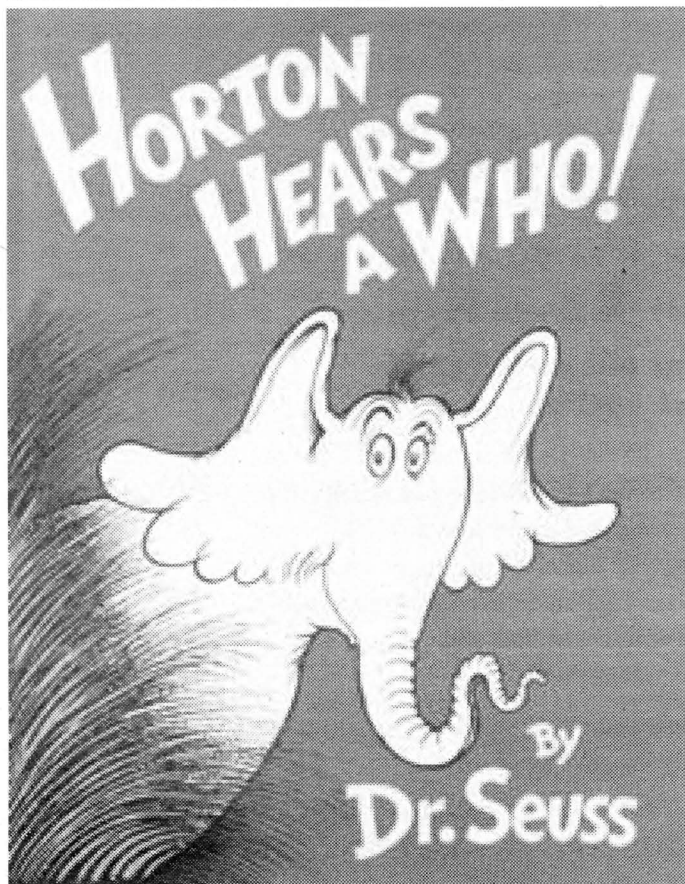
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# The Doctor is Back with *Horton Hears a Who*

By Mike Anton  
Staff Writer



The doctor is back in business. That's right, everyone's favorite childhood storyteller, the late Dr. Seuss, has been

brought to the big screen again. Thanks to directing from Jimmy Hayward and Steve Martino, "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!" blends the timeless story with ever improving computer technology, making the movie's visuals absolutely phenomenal. Looks, however, do not make a good movie. It has to have a story and an

excellent cast of characters in order to do well both at the box office - and in the minds of its critics. Well, "Horton" does have both of these qualities and enough heart to ensure an enjoyable time for the whole family.

Horton, (Jim Carrey) is an elephant living a life of ease in the jungle. One day, while bathing, he notices a speck of dust float by and hears a very small voice call out for help. After much trouble he tracks down the speck and hears the cry again. Anxious to help, Horton tells his jungle friends who, unfortunately, can't hear as well as their large-eared friend. Horton is consequently ridiculed by the others for insisting that there is someone on that speck in need, especially so by the nasty and smug Kangaroo (voiced by Carol Burnett).

The filmmakers have managed to turn this very short story (originally just 58 pages, of which most are illustrations) into a very entertaining one at that. The main focus of the story is Horton, of course, hearing a Who, and the lengths to which he will go to save his microscopic new

friends. The script also takes us deeper into the big lives of the little citizens of Whoville, starting with the Mayor (Steve Carell), who we find out has 96 daughters and a son. In one memorable scene, the mayor talks to each one of his kids for 15 seconds each - that would make anyone sweat. It makes you wonder when he finds time to run the town! The main stars deliver brilliant takes on their characters, with Carrey leaving his typical sarcasm at home and giving Horton a sweetness that's contagious. His performance is equally matched by Carell, whose Mayor is constantly on the run, dealing with city and family problems alike. The rest of the cast is perfectly matched with their characters, giving Seth Rogen (Knocked Up), Jonah Hill (Superbad), Will Arnett (Arrested Development), and Amy Poehler (Saturday Night Live), among others, perfectly animated alter egos to have fun with.

The cast members flow wonderfully with one another and bring together a story that everyone can really enjoy. "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!" is one for all ages "no matter how big or small."

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Daniel Wong, of South Brunswick, is an expert of both "Yu-Gi-Oh!" and "Magic: The Gathering". Wong said, "There is a [definite] difference between the two card games. The minimum for any card deck in Yu-Gi-Oh! is 40 whereas [in] Magic it is 60. Also, Magic utilizes the use of mana or 'land' in order to play or summon a creature, whereas Yu-Gi-Oh! just needs a regular summoning condition."

Every semester, there is a new wave of players that go to Cafeteria B to face some of the regular players there - be it Yu-Gi-Oh! or Magic: The Gathering. The veteran players of the two games are always looking forward to new faces and opponents to enjoy a game with.

## Student Shows His Juggling Skills on Campus

By Marianne McGarrity  
Staff writer

Rich Kohut (a.k.a. "Reeses" - ask him that story yourself!) can be seen at various high-ceilinged spaces around campus juggling his little heart out. He's usually in the lobby of the Instructional Resource Center on Thursday afternoons if you would like to catch his "sessions."

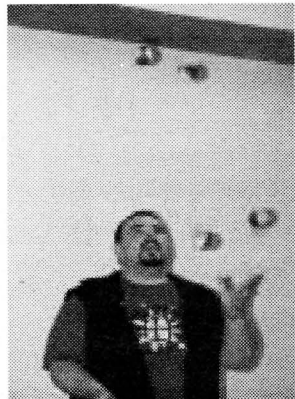
Reeses is a very friendly, happy guy who absolutely loves to juggle. He's been juggling since early 2004. He idolized Adam Savage of "Myth Busters" and decided to try it himself. He picked up three tennis balls and stayed up all night until he could juggle and he hasn't stopped since. He can juggle clubs, balls, boxes, rings, yo-yos, diablos, and devil sticks.

Reeses practices one to two hours each day and tries to learn a new juggling trick each week. After about a year and a half of practice, he felt that he had improved enough to perform in public, and took his show on the road to his Mother's school. The experience was successful. He had business cards printed up and has since been performing for events, such as parties and Renaissance fairs.

An alumnus of East Brunswick Vo-Tech, he expects to graduate from MCC in 2009. His major is civil engineering. When I asked him if there was a connection between juggling and civil engineering, he laughed and said that he wants to build structures with high enough ceilings so he can juggle. Now you know why he juggles on campus... there's no better place to practice!

If you're interested in hiring him for an event, Richard Kohut, Jr. can be reached at reeses2150@msn.com.

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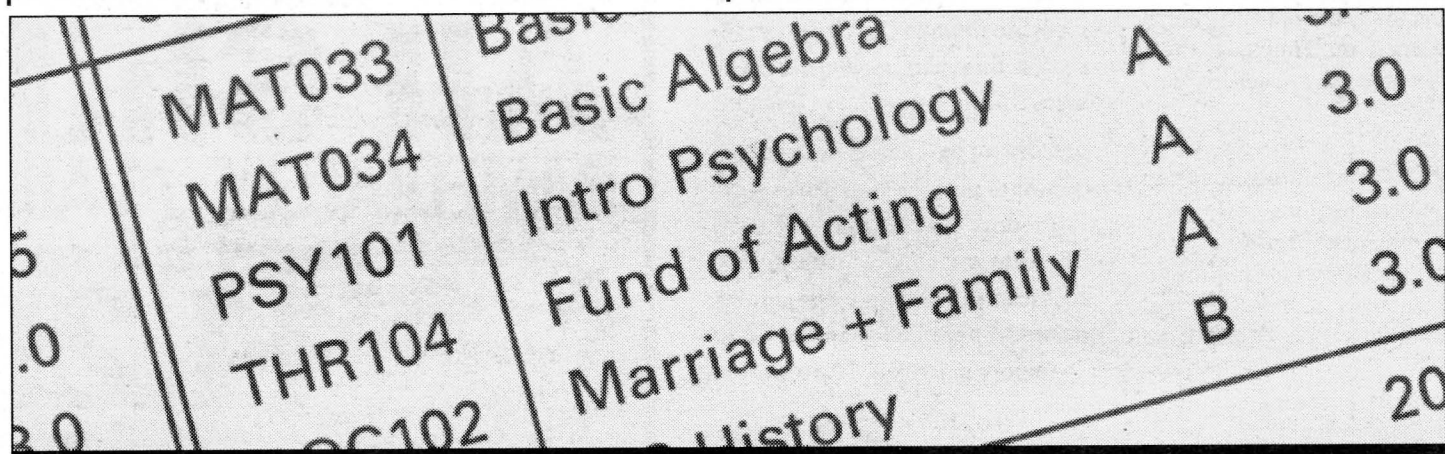
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