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## Maintenance Fights Litter in Johnson Learning Center

By Courtney Cerreta and Paul Lazaro  
Staff Writers

"They were chewing tobacco and just spitting it like this was their own private spittoon."

This is how Gary Noto, a general mechanic for Middlesex County College's Facilities Maintenance, described what has been happening in the Johnson Commons for the past four months. Noto and other Facilities Maintenance personnel say that they have found spilt food and drinks and stains from chewing tobacco being spit in and around the study cubicles in the IRC.

Noto said he regularly performs building checks in the morning and discovered the chewing tobacco spit while inspecting the cubicles. Other items that have been found in the area, including used condoms, beer, sneakers and broken chairs, he said.

"This has been an ongoing problem in the JLC, the Commons and the elevator," said Terry McGlincy, director of Student Activities.

Noto said he brought the situation to the attention of his immediate superiors, the custodial supervisors and the college administration as soon as he discovered it. "It was appalling," said Noto. Noto said several administrators are aware of the problem.

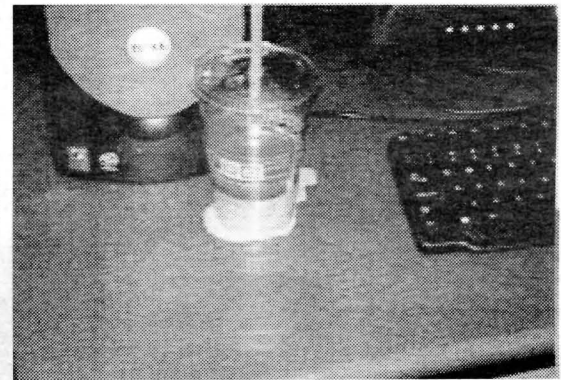
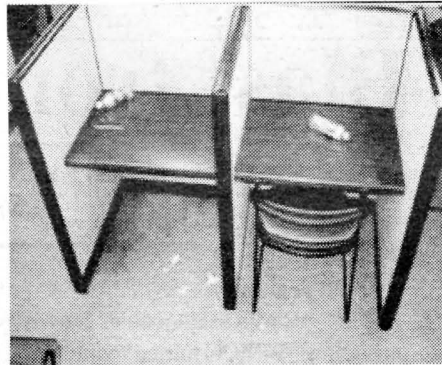
"My custodians have been complaining and complaining," says Noto. "We gave the college every opportunity to fix this and they didn't do anything."

John Mondano, director of supervisors for Facilities Maintenance.....

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Photos by MCC maintenance employee Gary Noto



Pictures above show the destruction done to tables, desks, chairs and computers on campus - leaving coffee, papers and personal belongings behind for the maintenance crew to clean.

## College Assembly Discusses At-Risk Students

By Paul Lazaro  
Staff Writer

The success of at-risk students at Middlesex County College was at the heart of a recommendation proposed by the Academic Standards Task Force at the College Assembly meeting on Thursday April 3.

Dr. Steven Zale, chair of the Academic Standards Task Force, presented the recommendation. A Task Force sub-committee, chaired by Dr. Christine Harrington, did the research and formed the recommendation regarding the conditions and basis for placing at-risk students in SSD (Student Success Course) 101.

The original recommendation stated that "students who place into two or more of the listed developmental courses (RDG 009, RDG 011, ENG 010, MAT 010, and MAT 013) be required to take SSD 101."

MCC's current policy requires that students who are taking two or more developmental courses in RDG, ENG or MAT also take SSD 101. RDG 009 students are not permitted to take SSD 101. Instead, they were given the option to take SSH 010, Freshman Seminar.

With input from Edwin Griffith, registrar for MCC, and professor John Ramirez, Harrington offered an

amendment to the recommendation. The amendment stated "... and that it be further recommended that the developmental education guidelines be modified to allow RDG 009 students to register for SSD 101."

"We felt the RDG 009 students were the most at-risk and in need of SSD 101," said Zale.

According to Zale, SSD 101 is a course designed to instill in students the various skills needed to be successful on college. These skills include good note taking, how to take tests, punctuality and following a syllabus.

The Task Force also provided data showing that students who have completed SSD 101 have higher GPAs and accumulate more credits while at MCC.

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### Follow-up On Meeting

Middlesex County College president Joann La Perla-Morales approved several of the recommendations from the March 6 College Assembly meeting.

President La Perla-Morales signed off on the recommended course changes made to the civil/construction engineering technology, the electronic and computer engineering technology and mechanical engineering technology programs. The proposed changes to the chemistry science transfer program were also approved.

The recommendation that the number of media-enhanced classrooms be increased was accepted, as well as the proposal that wireless access on campus be increased and made more accessible.

## EWNJ to Honor President of Middlesex County College at Awards Dinner

Executive Women of New Jersey (EWNJ) will honor Joann La Perla-Morales at its "Salute to the Policy Makers" 2008

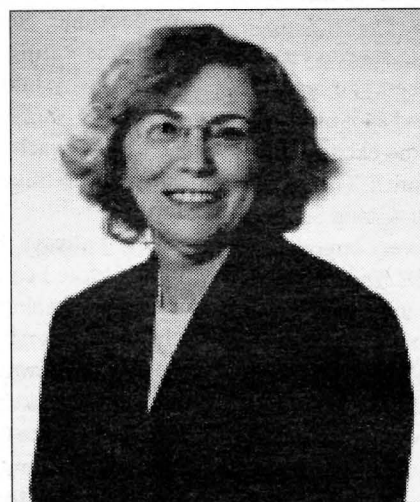
Awards Dinner on May 15 at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. EWNJ holds the biennial fundraising event to recognize women of professional distinction in New Jersey.

EWNJ President-Elect and 2008 Dinner Chair Mary S. Hartman, Ph.D., who also serves as director of the

Institute for Women's Leadership at Rutgers University, lauded Dr. La Perla-Morales. "This year, EWNJ will pay tribute to Joann as one of 36 ambitious and admirable women for their professional achievements as members of boards of directors or as senior executives at major corporations and organizations based in New Jersey," Dr. Hartman said. "Over the course of the last two decades, The Salute to the Policy Makers Awards Dinner has evolved into a 'Hall of Fame' of sorts for accomplished women throughout the Garden State and we are pleased to honor Dr. La Perla-Morales this year."

Dr. La Perla-Morales has been president of Middlesex County College since January 2005, responsible for

leading an institution of 12,000 credit and 10,000 non-credit students, with a main suburban campus and two urban centers. She has sparked new academic programs and student services, including creation of a nursing program in cooperation with Raritan Bay Medical Center. She serves on several boards, including New



Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales

Brunswick Tomorrow, the United Way of Central Jersey, the New Jersey Technical Council, the New Jersey Community Colleges Consortium for Workforce Development and the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. Dr. La Perla-Morales holds a doctorate and a master's degree from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Oneonta.

Proceeds from the Salute to the Policy Makers 2008 Awards Dinner will fund EWNJ's scholarship program, which has provided over \$875,000 in scholarships to more than 275 deserving...

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**Police Blotter**

By Melissa Varela  
Staff Writer

**Motor Vehicle Accident**

At 12:30 p.m., as vehicle #1 was entering College Dr. East from Parkside Dr., it collided with vehicle #2. Major door damage was sustained by vehicle #2 while vehicle #1 sustained significant scratches and paint damage to its front bumper. No injuries were reported.

**Altercation**

At 1:47 p.m., a staff member requested that an individual not be on the cell phone while in the Library. The subject, not knowing who the staff member was, nudged past him ignoring his request. After speaking with both parties, neither wished to pursue the incident

further.  
**Alarm Activation**

At 10:52 a.m., a fire alarm was accidentally activated in Edison Hall. Edison Fire Department was called to the scene and the alarm was immediately reset.

**Motor Vehicle Accident**

At 10:56 a.m., vehicle #1 struck vehicle #2 in the rear bumper while attempting to back out of a parking space. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

**Disruptive Individual**

At 11:24 a.m., an individual was asked to leave the classroom after the teacher deemed the student to be disruptive. Subsequently, the student was asked to speak with the Chairperson of the department.

**Weather**

Wednesday, 4/9 – Hi: 60°, Lo: 42°

Thursday, 4/10 – Hi: 55°, Lo: 41°

Friday, 4/11 – Hi: 58°, Lo: 43°

Saturday, 4/12 – Hi: 59°, Lo: 38°

Sunday, 4/13 – Hi: 60°, Lo: 39°

Monday, 4/14 – Hi: 60°, Lo: 39°

Tuesday, 4/15 – Hi: 60°, Lo: 39°

Wednesday, 4/16 – Hi: 61°, Lo: 39°

(Courtesy of [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

**Meet the DJs**

By Doug Temple  
Contributor

I'm a 21-year-old Communications major and I live right here in Edison. I wanted to become a disc jockey because I thought it would be a lot of fun and very beneficial for my future career in broadcast journalism. I have learned a lot about how to run a show and about the studio settings from Professor Dell'Omo's Radio Broadcast Production class.

It is important to stay on your feet and not slack off when you are in the studio. Every song and spot must be introduced with the same excitement and energy as the one before it. The DJ needs to be aware of when a song starts and ends. Presentation is very important.

I have been a DJ since the start of this spring semester and I look forward to my show every week. Sometimes I feel like my week doesn't start on Sunday, but on Thursday. Next fall I will be attending Hofstra University in Long Island, N.Y., which has an amazing communications program. I will continue pursuing my goals in broadcast journalism. My dream job has always been to work with ESPN, either in radio or television, I'd be happy with either one.

As for the radio station, I have a great slot. I am a DJ every Thursday night from 6-9, where I play an hour of 80's music. I am a big fan of 80's music so being able to play an hour's worth of that is fun. It doesn't matter how much we like to poke fun of 80's music, I guarantee everyone has at least one song from the decade that they like to rock out to. I have many. In the remaining two hours, I play today's greatest hits, which is also a lot of fun! Attending Middlesex County College and being apart of the Blue Colt Radio has been a great experience for me. This experience will take me far in my career.



By Corina Lombardi-Adamousky  
Staff Writer

Twenty year old Kim Lopazarki, a Journalism major at Middlesex County College, is one of this week's feature D.J.'s. Lopazarki currently resides in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Her favorite hobby is eating. She loves the 80's - "Hence why I do the 80's fix at 6," she said.

The beach is her favorite place and she plans to travel around the world before she settles down.

"I always thought of being on the radio before I came to Middlesex. I like music and speaking. I've learned so much already about radio from just doing music and the news," she said.

Lopazarki has been a D.J. for Blue Colt Radio since October of 2007 and she plans on pursuing a career in radio when she transfers to Rutgers University. Aside from being a D.J., Lopazarki also broadcasts the news on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. A strong clear speaking voice is a must on the radio so that people can clearly understand what is happening in the world, said Lopazarki.

"I love to speak on the air and more importantly I love music! I think the best part of being on the radio is having my voice heard over the air. I've always loved public speaking and I plan on pursuing a Broadcast Journalism as my career [sic]," Lopazarki explains.

Lopazarki truly enjoys being a D.J. It is something she looks forward to every week, whether it is her 80's show or a newscast. "It's a nice environment. I know the experience I've gained at Middlesex will help me a great deal as I move to Rutgers and a career in radio.

**Phi Theta Kappa Inducting New Students at MCC**

By Adam Garabedian  
Staff Writer

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs that awards scholarships to two-year college students, will be inducting new students at Middlesex County College on April 23 at 5 p.m. in Cafeteria C.

"[Phi Theta Kappa] is the national honor society and Middlesex has a chapter that is very active," said Tom Peterson, Director of Marketing and Public Information at MCC. "Students must have an excellent GPA to be eligible for induction."

"[Once inducted] students can then become active in the organization, and lead activities such as community service, social and educational programs," Peterson said. "Active students

are also eligible for scholarships when they transfer to four-year schools later on. It is a great organization."

According to Phi Theta Kappa's official website, <http://www.ptk.org>, "Students must maintain a high academic standing throughout their enrollment in the two-year college, generally a 3.25 GPA."

Phi Theta Kappa was originally founded in 1910 at Stephens College, a two-year women's college in Missouri, under the name Kappa Phi Omicron, and later became known as Phi Theta Kappa in 1918. Phi Theta Kappa is currently headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi and has more than two-million members. For more information on scholarships that are offered through Phi Theta Kappa, students can visit their website at <http://scholarships.ptk.org/>.

**Blast from the Past**

By Paul Lazaro and Courtney Cerreta  
Staff Writer

20 years ago: April 22, 1988

"Radio Station Goes Loco over Logo" – In response to a feeling of disrespect on campus, WMCC turned to the Marketing and Art Design program to design a new logo for the station. Thirty students were given three weeks to design a logo. They were then required to present their logos and to analyze and discuss the other logos being submitted. WMCC's Executive Board Members then examined the logos and selected a contemporary logo that, according to the WMCC Program Director, would "hold value for a good five years."

"Dance goes to the Tropics" – The College Center Planning Board's Social Committee sponsored a Tropical Dance in Cafeterias A, B and C. The event lasted past midnight and drew a crowd of over 200 students. The cafeterias were decorated to resemble a tropical paradise, complete with fruit, 3-D fish, a papier-mâché shark and balloons. Everyone who attended received a Hawaiian lei. Punch and light refreshments were served.

10 years ago: April 13, 1998

"Plans Prepared for New Police Station, Welcome Center" – The Board of Trustees made plans to have a police station and welcome center built. Plans were made to place the two buildings near the Woodbridge Avenue entrance to the campus. The new welcome center was meant to introduce visitors to the many services that MCC offers and help them find their way around campus. According to the Board, no college funds would be used for construction of the buildings.

"Thought for the Week" – "Our greatest problems in life come not so much from the situation we confront, as from our ability to handle them." – Susan Taylor.

5 years ago: April 21, 2003

"Police Director Bandics Resigns" – George Bandics, director of police for MCC, resigned under his own will on March 28. He had a long career in law enforcement, having served in the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office and the Edison Police Department. The Board of Trustees announced his resignation at their March meeting.

"Alpha Mu Gamma Inducts New Patrons" – The Modern Language Department inducted 17 students into the modern language National Honor Society. Some requirements included taking intermediate language classes and earning A's in those classes. The inductees received a certificate, a pin and lifelong membership in Alpha Mu Gamma.

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## T.V. Guide for Month of April

By Adam Garabedian  
Staff Writer

### Wednesday, April 16:

*American Idol* – 9 p.m. on FOX  
One of the remaining seven finalists is voted off.

### Thursday, April 17:

*Scrubs* – 9:30 p.m. on NBC  
J.D. and Turk fret over their masculinity – J.D. wants to set an example for his son and Turk has a surgical procedure that leaves him feeling insecure. Meanwhile, the Janitor creates a hospital newspaper in response to a disagreement with Dr. Kelso.

### Friday, April 18:

*Canterbury's Law* – 9 p.m. on FOX  
In the first-season finale, Elizabeth's defense of an admitted rapist forces her to straddle a rigid personal boundary. Meanwhile, Chester goes after a slumlord on behalf of a little girl who was mauled by a rat, and Molly anxiously awaits the results of her bar exam.

### Saturday, April 19:

*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* – 8 p.m. on ABC  
The wizard (Daniel Radcliffe) discovers that an escaped convict (Gary Oldman), who knew his parents, is coming to confront him. The dark, character-driven film is the third in the series based on J.K. Rowling's books. Michael Gambon takes over the role of Professor Dumbledore. Directed by Alfonso Cuarón, who took over for Chris Columbus.

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## Five Times August Concert in the Heart of Hoboken

By Corina Lombardi-Adamousky  
Staff Writer

In the heart of Hoboken, at Maxwell's Bar and Grill, the stage was set for the Five Times August concert. Along with Five Times August, played another pop rock band called Dan Erickson, which opened for the main show.

The bands played in a small room set behind the actual restaurant. Inside, the stage was small and the forefront of the room was designed in black. To the right was a bar, lit up with sparkling small-bulb lights that illuminated the dark room. Ten minutes after the crowd gathered into the room, the opening act took its place on stage. Dan Erickson, a group normally consisting of five members, had two of its members in attendance. They were: Dan Erickson on guitar and vocals and Joe Raab on bass. The crowd was immediately silenced when their first song started. Not only was the sound amazing, but Erickson's voice was remarkable. Today, very few musicians sound good live. It is frequently said that artists lip-sync at concerts, but this was not a concern at Maxwell's that night.

## April Horoscopes

By Samantha Evans  
Staff Writer

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)** You will find you can relate well to others and enjoy spending time to be with others in the community. Your attitude of enjoying life to its fullest carries over and makes you popular in your professional life.

**Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20)** The kindness you have been able to give to others will come back to you. People will appreciate your consideration and friendliness.

**Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)** You thrive on wanting to be different, and you will have lots of new resources to help you for achieve a greater good in life.

**Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)** New opportunities arise this month, resulting in a positive turn for your career. You will learn to master your energy to meet your goals.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** As you successfully achieve your career goals this month, it will be important to maintain a watchful eye over the security of your family life.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** You will develop good relationships through the end of the month, which will reflect positive changes in your life. You will enjoy socializing more than usual.

**Leo (July 23-Aug 22)** Much of your energy this month will be focused on

figuring out ways improve your financial situation. Try not to let it get the best of you by the end of the month things will be looking right as rain.

**Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)** You will gain the confidence to try something new. After the boost of energy, you will stoop down like before. Don't push yourself to get back up again relax and enjoy the much needed break.

**Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)** There is a lot on your plate and you will push yourself to work harder than everyone else. Be careful, if you overdo it you will lose a great opportunity at the end of the month.

**Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)** You are normally the one being spoiled. By the middle of the month you will be the one doing the spoiling. Don't give just to get back do it for the great feeling you get when someone else is happy for a change.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)** You are still upset about a bad fight with a friend. It is not too late to set things on the right path. Put your ego aside and make up with that friend you will be glad that you did.

**Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)** In the past few weeks you have had no energy to do anything productive. Your frustration will come to an end in the middle of the month where you will become enthusiastic about certain things. Take advantage of this and do something worthwhile.

## Movie Listings for April 18

By Courtney Cerreta  
Staff Writer

### 88 Minutes- R

Who wants to kill Al Pacino? That's what he would like to know, too. Pacino stars as Jack Gramm, a college professor who does some freelance work for the FBI. One day Jack wakes up and gets a phone call telling him he only has 88 minutes to live.

**Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed-PG**  
Ben Stein, the famous speechwriter and game show host, tackles the controversial subject of intelligent design and how certain scientists who promote this particular *theory* have been blacklisted by their peers from speaking about it publicly.

### Forbidden Kingdom-PG-13

Jason Williams' (Michael Angarano) obsession with kung fu movies leads him to an antique store where he finds an ancient Chinese staff. When he grabs hold of the stick, he is transported back in time where he meets the drunken martial arts master Lu Yan (Jackie Chan), the Silent Monk (Jet Li) and the beautiful Golden Sparrow (Crystal Liu Yi Fei) who all help Jason return the staff to its rightful owner, the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the nefarious Jade Warlord (Collin Chou).

### Forgetting Sarah Marshall-R

Peter Bretter (Jason Segel) is the loyal and adoring boyfriend to TV star Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell) who has his  
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## MLB 08: The Show Video Game Review

By Adam Garabedian  
Staff Writer

SCEA's newest baseball video game for the upcoming MLB season, "MLB 08: The Show," hit stores in early March and the new game has thus far proven to be one of the best baseball games that I've played in a long time.

Since 2005, I have struggled to find a baseball video game that has provided me with as much fun as EA Sports' "MVP Baseball 2005." EA Games lost the MLB license after the 2005 season and has since moved on to releasing NCAA baseball video games. Since then, 2K Sports and SCEA have been the only two companies that have released MLB-licensed video games each year. In the past, I had purchased both games and wasn't overly impressed with either, the way I was with EA Sports' MVP series. This year, however, "The Show" has stolen...well, the show.

For starters, the graphics in "The Show," for the Playstation 3 console, are superb this year. Every year the graphics get better, but this year specifically, SCEA seemed to have stepped up their game. New batting stances, pitching deliveries and accessories for players to wear have made the game much more detailed than in previous years. You can customize any player if you feel the need to change

something – whether it is their overall rating as a player, something they wear or a change in their jersey number. You can customize players in much more detail this year.

The baseball stadiums and faces of players are both incredible. You'll be hard pressed to find any mistakes in the appearance of every stadium in "The Show" because they seemingly perfected every ballpark. In addition, players who previously had less-than-impressive face models were redone. For example, Alex Rodriguez's face looks much more accurate this year and Manny Ramirez finally has his signature dreads that he didn't have in previous games.

The game play itself has also improved compared to the previous two MLB games. The controls for pitching and batting are the same as the revamped controls from last year's game, so there isn't anything new to learn. However, if you enjoy the arcade-style of baseball controls from back in the day, SCEA included *classic* pitching, base running and batting options for the game, as well. There are also a lot more options to customize in this year's game. In addition to choosing the frequency of bad calls made by the ump's, you can also customize other outside factors, such as the wind, that play a large role

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| MAT034 | Intro Psychology  | A | 3.0 |
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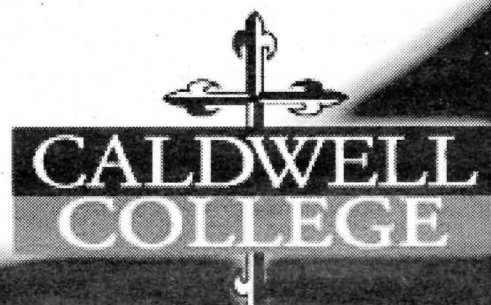
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# Triple Winners Helps Children with Cancer

By Courtney Cerreta  
Staff Writer

Starting April 11, Stop & Shop grocery stores around the New Jersey, New York, Boston and Connecticut area are

winner of a free product or product coupon, a Stop & Shop Gift Card, or cash prizes up to \$10,000.

It is called Triple Winner because there are three ways to play and three ways to win. Two of the three chances

dren with cancer. When you have a kid yourself it is something you really get behind, you think 'what if it was my kid?' Of course you want to get all the help you can. It is really a worth while cause."

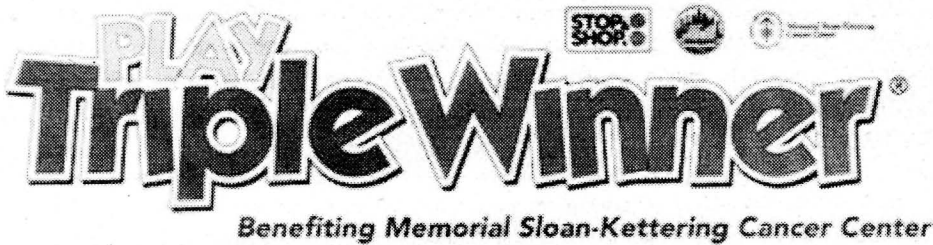
Elizabeth Merced, the Assistant Store Manager of the same Stop and Shop, has many great ideas for raising the money. "We are going to do fundraisers such as selling hot dogs, Edy's ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy, dunking booth and a car wash, with the land lord's permission. I have another plan of buying 100 tickets and seeing how much my kids sell because they want to help out. I am also going to have a con-

test for the top three people that sell the most tickets each week and they will get a Stop & Shop gift card."

The Edison Route 1 location aims to raise \$9,000 and the New Jersey/New York division has its sights set to raise \$1.25 million, said Merced. "We get approximately 9,400 customers a week so we can easily sell these tickets in a week," she said.

"I feel so bad for people that are having it rougher than I am. Sometimes you think you are having a bad day while others are having it so much worse," said Merced. This game is just one way of making life a little better for someone else.

It is said that some foods may help to prevent cancer, but it takes a whole store to help cure it.



having their eighteenth Annual Triple Winner Game for children living with cancer. Every year five children are chosen and the proceeds of the fundraiser go to their treatments through the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Stop & Shop associates and customers can make a \$1 donation to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and receive a Triple Winner Game ticket. Every ticket could be an instant

correspond to scratch off games on the left and right side of the ticket. The third way is a second chance drawing, and any person who fills in their information and mails their ticket in is eligible to win an even bigger prize.

Tony Algozzini, the Store Manager of the Stop and Shop in Edison on Route 1, said, "I really like the Triple Winner Program... it helps chil-



# Tall Does Not Necessarily Mean Hot for Some Women

By Matthew Paterno  
Staff Writer

## COLUMN

Ok, I am only five-foot seven and to tell you the truth, until quite recently I was always a little embarrassed about it. I want to stress that this is not going to be a forum where I spend paragraph after paragraph discussing how being a short man made me feel socially inadequate for a number of years, because that is not the case at all. Instead I have decided to write this column to prove something to readers through my last few weeks of research.

Since the beginning of March, I have conducted over a dozen on-the-street

style interviews not only at our college but all over Middlesex County. For those who by now have not figured out what the subject of this article was going to be, let me inform you. I have been interviewing teenage and young adult women and asking them three extremely simple questions about their dating experiences. The first: "Would you date a short man?" Followed by the second and third, "Do you prefer tall men?" and "Does tall necessarily mean hot?" Before I conducted this countywide survey, I was almost positive that I would find the majority of my interviewees blatantly informing me that they only want to date tall guys, and would hardly even consider dating a short man.

Saying that I was quite wrong about my expected findings would be the understatement of the decade. In fact, the

majority of my interview subjects seemed quite surprised that I thought all women wanted to date only tall men. In fact, most said quite the opposite. Many were just of the belief that as long as the male is slightly taller than the female, everything should be fine. However, at the same time, I wouldn't exactly say that no woman prefers a tall man either.

According to Laura Serrano, 19, of South Plainfield, "As long as the guy is a little taller than I am [5'1], that's fine. I like guys like 5'5 or over, but a tall guy is nice too." Several other interviewees shared the same feelings as Ms. Serrano, such as Katie Smithers, 22, of Old Bridge who blatantly replied, "I more or less prefer guys that are close to my height [5'6]. Height really doesn't matter that much to me as long as the guy is cute. And, oh, by the

way, tall so does not meet hot."

But despite many young girls not necessarily needing tall men, there are still some who greatly prefer them to the typical *shortie*. For example Jennie Spero, 20, of North Brunswick was quick to say, "Of course I like tall guys! Ever hear the old saying of dark, handsome and tall? I believe in that to a tee!" Leticia Jones of Carteret offered similar sentiment with her spirited response: "Tall men are hot!"

But what is the real reason that height can be such a factor in some instances? Maybe some women seem to believe that it signifies strength, and others may simply just enjoy having to lean to put their head on their boyfriend's shoulder. Perhaps we will never know. All I know is that I'm glad that at least some girls are willing to date a short man.

# Blood Drive Held on Campus Attracts Many

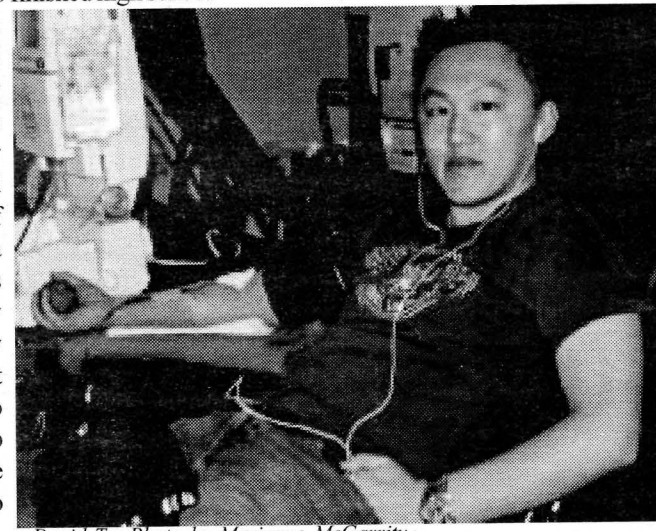
By Marianne McGarrity  
Staff Writer

On April 1 a blood drive was held at Middlesex County College in Cafeteria C from 9:30 until 3:30. It was cosponsored by Psi Beta, the National Honor Society for psychology for two-year colleges, and the People In Education organization - PIE - a newly founded honor society for future educators from two-year colleges. Lori-Ann Sciachitano, President of Psi Beta, and her Co-President, George Georgoulas, were there to organize and greet donors. They were thrilled at the response from students and staff and had all seats filled from the 9:30 opening time, hoping to meet their goal of fifty pints. They had already achieved almost half of that by noon. They were grateful to the professors of both departments for promoting the drive, as well as the wonderful turnout of donors.

Many of the students who participated had interesting reasons for donating. Angie Giacalone, a freshman Psychology major from Milltown, said that this blood drive was her third time donating blood. The reason she donates is because she knows it's needed.

Fred Zanatta, a sophomore Commu-

nications major, who finished high school in Uruguay said that he donates blood because his mother was in a very serious car accident last year and received twenty-units of blood. He also has a dear friend who is having a kidney transplant very soon. Fred said that he feels the need to give back and help other people the way others did to help his mother.



David Ta, Photo by Marianne McGarrity

M u s t a f a Engin, a sophomore Biology major who will be attending Rutgers next semester, said that he has been giving blood since he was eligible purely because he wants to help others.

Nicole Kogan, a sophomore Special Education major from Metuchen, said that she gave once in high school and continues to do so today. "If you can, why not," Kogan said. She considers it a personal triumph though it's always a bit scary for

her. Joe Puccio, an undeclared freshman from Old Bridge, has given blood many times. "It's good to do. People need it," he said.

It was an impressive turnout and we can only hope for the continued success of blood drives on campus in the future. Kudos to Psi Beta and PIE for taking on this admirable job.

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# New Jersey Devils and Red Cross Hold Blood Drive

By Jenna Uveges  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 5, the New Jersey Devils organization teamed up with the American Red Cross to hold the first annual blood drive at the Prudential Center in Newark.

The blood drive was set up in the Prudential Center's Grand Concourse, holding beds for donors, tables for food and refreshments, and tables for the preliminary questions. Upon arrival, nurses and staff greeted guests and directed them on where to go. Those who pre-registered to give blood received a complimentary Devils replica jersey. The blood drive began at 6 a.m. and lasted well into the afternoon with over 800 people showing up to donate blood. The American Red Cross collected over 800 pints of blood.

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# MCC Softball Recap vs. Ocean CC

By Philip Mathew  
Staff Writer

In an early season Region XIX match-up, the Middlesex County College softball team earned a split versus the Ocean County College Vikings on April 2.

The Colts struggled through the first game, eventually losing 11-4. Pitcher Holli Simons had a slight problem with the control of her pitches, due to an injured quadriceps muscle. The Vikings would take advantage of this injury, touching up Simons in the first inning. MCC also struggled at the plate, with head coach Carey Monkowski saying, "We were impatient, we wouldn't wait for pitches [to hit]." While four play-

ers, Vicki Lijoi, Adeline Capozzolo, freshman and sophomores Yasmin Munoz and Jamie Wojcik all had two hits, the Colts were unable to score enough runs to come back.

The second game had a positive outcome for MCC. The Colts came out strong, scoring two runs in the first inning. They held on to that lead until the fourth inning, when Ocean scored six runs to go up 6-2. "We made a couple of errors and they got some hits," Monkowski said. In the bottom half of the inning, MCC scored a run to cut Ocean's lead to three. The game stayed 6-3 until the seventh and final inning. Down to their last two outs, the Colts came back with timely hitting and base running.

Coach Monkowski recapped the run: "Vicki started it with a double to left-center, then Christine [Lepski] singled to make it first and third with one out. Christine steals second base, and Yasmin singles to score Vicki. Yasmin advanced on a botched cut-off throw, making it second and third, and one out. "Kayla [Gonzalez] hit a ball over the left fielders head, and got a triple to tie the game."

Simons struggled in the first game, but with the game-winning run on third, she had a chance to win the game for the Colts with a hit to the outfield. While Ocean's coaches were talking to their pitcher about strategy, Monkowski took the opportunity to do the same with Simons. "I just told her to make contact with the ball - put the ball in play," said

Monkowski. Simons got the message, hitting a sacrifice fly to left field, deep enough for Gonzalez to tag up and score the game winning run. The Colts won the second game 7-6, splitting against a tough Ocean team.

The victory has MCC at 4-6 overall and 2-2 in Region XIX. "I'm hoping this puts us in a good spot, to get ready for the playoffs at the end of the month," Monkowski said. "The team keeps on fighting when they are down, they don't give up after losses in the first game." That was proven by the result versus Ocean, and with continued improvement, the MCC Colts softball team should be ready for a run in the playoffs.

# MCC Baseball Team Starts Out Red Hot

By Adam Garabedian  
Staff Writer

Middlesex County College's baseball team has compiled an overall record, so far, this season of 17-2-1, and has not lost a game since March 15 in game one of their doubleheader against Orange County College.

Prior to tying Union County College 4-4 in their last game on April 3, MCC had won its previous 12 games, and 14 of their last 15.

Ryan Curtis leads MCC's pitching staff with 30 innings pitched and 25

strikeouts, while compiling a 2.40 ERA. Curtis has won two games, lost once and has also picked up a save. James Pickering is second on the team in innings pitched with 26, and leads the team with four wins. Pickering also has a 1.39 ERA, appearing in six games thus far. Julian Laguna has also proved to be a nice surprise for MCC's pitching staff, as he has pitched 23 innings, with 19 strikeouts and a 2.74 ERA. He also has two wins up to this point in the season.

Brenden Davis has been one of MCC's best hitters. He's posted a .385 batting average and leads the team in

homeruns (five) and runs batted in (28). He's also second on the team in doubles (eight), ranked only behind Alberto Ruiz, who has nine doubles, 19 RBIs and is batting a clip of .338. Ruiz also leads the team with 74 at-bats.

Other notable players who have greatly contributed at the plate are Michael Deleon (who has a .468 batting average with five doubles in 62 at-bats, and also leads the team with 10 stolen bases in 10 attempts) and first baseman/designated hitter Shane Connors (who is batting .417, with five of his 20 hits being doubles in 48 at-bats). First

baseman John McNelis also leads the team with two triples and is batting .390, after finishing last year with a batting average in the .400s. McNelis and Connors are both returning starters for MCC.

As a team, it all adds up to an outstanding .333 batting average with 192 team hits thus far in 576 at-bats. The team has posted a .895 win percentage and has 21 games remaining on their schedule. They end the regular season on April 29 at home against Suffolk County Community College-Selden.

# More than a Game for Coach Michael Lepore

By Philip Mathew  
Staff Writer

Michael Lepore had been at Middlesex County College for 21 years—the first 10 as an assistant, and the last 11 as Head Baseball Coach. While coaching baseball has been a huge part of his job at MCC, he has taken an added role.

Lepore taught math in the Old Bridge School District for 33 years, and uses that knowledge to tutor athletes here. When asked why he tutors players, Lepore said, "I'm a teacher, it is just in a different facility." Softball Head Coach Carey Monkowski knows about this first hand. "For the last three years, I've had softball players get through math because of him." On the educator subject, Athletic Director Robert Wisniewski said, "He's a wonderful educator, has patience with his students. His job here is baseball, but he's really a teacher. He

sincerely likes students."

Lepore has run a tight ship when it comes to academics, and the players know this coming in. "The students we get know they need to do well in school to play and with a good GPA after two years, they can move on," Lepore said. "Students are more serious about academics now. They know if they are not serious about school they're out. You have to get an education first, sports are secondary."

On top of the academics, the players Lepore gets have these characteristics. "They have a good attitude, a desire to play the game, and work hard," I tell them to be good citizens, and that family comes first." For Lepore, the love of the game and the job never gets old. "The people that you work with are very nice, the players love the game and want to play, and the facilities are excellent. Everything changes from year to year.

You have different players; some are here for a year and some for two years. I've seen just about everything [in my time here]."

The baseball team has been consistent every year under Lepore's watch, and while other teams here have brought headlines, his work has unfortunately gone unnoticed. "He's had a great program for so long and he does not get the credit that he deserves," Monkowski said. "His players pass classes most of the time and he has to keep track of 25 players at the start of the season, compared to 10-15 players at most for the majority of sports here." Wisniewski would add, "He is a perfectionist, he has his 250<sup>th</sup> win. It is a pleasure working with him, he is a true pro."

Another part of the job that has not changed is his assistant coach, Robert Cleffi, Jr. "Coach Cleffi has been with me since I have been the head coach,"

Lepore said. "He knows a lot about the game of baseball and has done a lot for this program. Any success I have had is because of him." A comment like that shows a humble person, to which Lepore responded, "When you get older, you understand things better." Lepore is very open and forthright, which is part of his character. Monkowski says, "He is a straightforward, honest person. What you see is what you get."

The MCC Baseball team is 17-2 as of April 4, and ranked third in Region XIX. A great start of the season, but according to Lepore, it is not entirely important. "Whether we stay [third], I cannot say. It does not matter now, only when the season ends." When the season ends, the Colts could stand atop the region, in part due to their hardworking coach, Michael Lepore.

# NHL End of the 2007 – 2008 Season Awards

By Adam Garabedian  
Staff Writer

The 2007–2008 NHL regular season has come to a close. After the postseason is over, the NHL will hand-out their awards for top players in the league based on an assortment of different attributes. But why wait until then? Here's a look at my choices for some of the top awards in the NHL:

**Hart Memorial Trophy (NHL Most Valuable Player):**

**Alexander Ovechkin** – Left Wing, Washington Capitals

**Art Ross Trophy (Top Point Scorer in the NHL):**

**Alexander Ovechkin** – Left Wing, Washington Capitals

**Maurice Richard Trophy (Top Goal Scorer in the NHL):**

**Alexander Ovechkin** – Left Wing, Washington Capitals

**Vezina Trophy (Top Goalie in the NHL):**

**Jean-Sebastien Giguere** – Goalie, Anaheim Ducks

**James Norris Memorial Trophy (Top Defenseman in the NHL):**

**Nicklas Lidstrom** – Defenseman, Detroit Red Wings

**Lady Byng Memorial Trophy (Player who displays Gentlemanly Conduct):**

**Chris Drury** – Center, New York Rangers

**Calder Memorial Trophy (Rookie of the Year):**

**Patrick Kane** – Right Wing, Chicago Blackhawks

**Frank J. Selke Trophy (Top Defensive Forward in the NHL):**

**Chris Drury** – Center, New York Rangers

**Jack Adams Award (Coach of the Year):**

**Bruce Boudreau** – Washington Capitals

**Lester B. Pearson Award (Most Outstanding Player as Selected by the NHLPA):**

**Alexander Ovechkin** – Left Wing, Washington Capitals



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## Patriots Tickets Sold at MCC

By Adam Garabedian  
Staff Writer

The Somerset Patriots will be hosting Middlesex County College Night during their minor league baseball home game on May 17 at 7 p.m. at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ.

"The first 2,000 fans will get a long sleeve t-shirt with the Patriots' and College logos on it," said Tom Peterson, Director of Marketing and Public Information at MCC.

Peterson said that MCC is selling tickets for the game at \$8 each, with the proceeds going to the Alumni

Association Scholarship Fund.

"It is a great time," Peterson said. "This year, the Patriots are playing the Newark Bears."

The Patriots are a member of the Freedom Division of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball and play all their home games at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

The Patriots have won league championships on three occasions – the 2001, 2003 and 2005 seasons. In 2001, the Patriots set a league record when they compiled an overall record of 83-43. This is a wonderful opportunity to see this winning team play, so stop by to pick up your tickets while they still last.

## MCC Presents *The Best Little Whore House in Texas*

EDISON - Middlesex County College will present the prize-winning musical, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 11, 12, 18 and 19 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 20. Tickets are \$12, with the special price of \$10 for students and seniors. All seats are reserved and may be ordered by calling 732-906-2545.



The production is based on the true story of a legendary brothel known as the Chicken Ranch which operated from the 1840's to 1973 when it was finally shut down by the efforts of a crusading Houston radio commentator and his conservative audience. The production is directed by Art Neill.



## MCC Planning Free Camp for High School Freshman Girls

EDISON - Middlesex County College is looking for participants to attend a free summer camp program for high school freshman girls.

The day camp, called TechXploration, is a four-week program in which teen girls design, develop and construct a working model of a fairgrounds ride, visit a theme park to better understand how amusement park rides work and learn from women who are working in engineering fields.

There is no charge for the camp. The camp is intended for freshman girls about to enter their sophomore year of high school and will take place July 7 through August 1.

It is being organized by Middlesex County College and will be held at the state-of-the-art Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies at the Edison campus.

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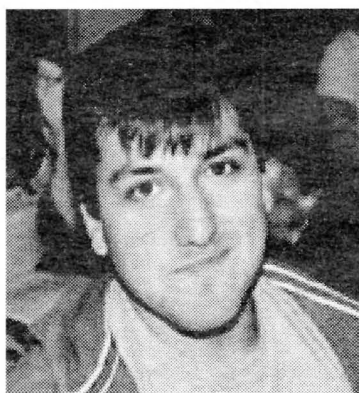
## Students Who Participated in the Blood Drive

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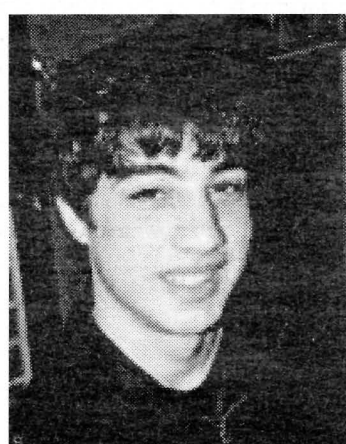


Erica Latyschow and Angie Giacolone

Best friends, Erica Latyschow is there supporting Angie Giacolone.



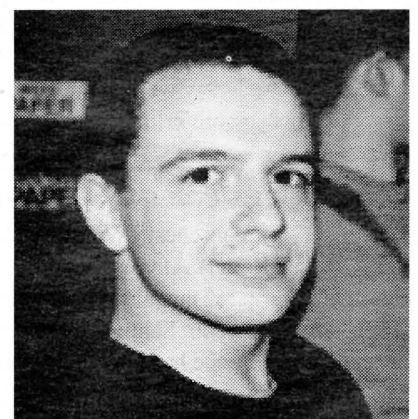
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"The goal is to inspire and empower young women with the knowledge, skills, confidence, academic preparation and interest that females need to aspire to engineering technology careers," said Josephine Lamela, professor of physics at Middlesex County College. "Any interested high school freshman girl should visit <http://www.middlesexcc.edu/techxploration/> for the online application. We are looking for students with a range of backgrounds and abilities. With TechXploration, interest and motivation are more important than grades."

This project is supported by the National Science Foundation to address the under-representation of women in the technical workforce.

For more information, please contact Professor Lamela at [jlamela@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:jlamela@middlesexcc.edu) or call 732.548-6000, ext 3007.

**Vandalism con't from page 1**

..., typed up a letter and sent it to the Middlesex County Health Department on March 7, describing the situation. The Health Department forwarded the letter to the Edison Township Division of Health. Janice Skokowski, an inspector from the Division of Health, came to campus to investigate the situation along with a team to help with the clean up. The Division of Health had not commented on this situation at the time of this writing.

Seven students have been connected to these incidents and charged with violations of the Middlesex County College Code of Student Conduct. According to McGlincy, these students were charged with violation #18, "Consumption of food and beverages in classrooms, laboratories and the Library." One of those students was also charged with violation #5, "... misappropriation, vandalism, non-accidental damage, grossly negligent damage... to any College property..."

The punishments for these students vary, and range from a written warning statement to dismissal from MCC. The students who were caught eating and drinking in the Johnson Commons were given written warnings. The Student Activities office is still investigating the incident regarding the student who was charged with both violations.

Noto said that, through his bosses, he was promised police surveillance in the Johnson Commons and the surrounding area. As of March 31, Noto said that he had not seen any of that promised help.

"If seven students were charged, then that means something was done," said campus police Chief Robert Smilek. "We have officers that patrol the building on a regular basis."

Smilek said that the police department received a report on March 18 that students had been seen chewing and spitting paan, a type of breath freshening chew consisting of a folded leaf often filled with spices, fruits and sugar, in the area of the IRC and the Library. Smilek said that campus police conducted an investigation and it is still in progress. He said that the situation has been reported to Karen Hays, MCC's vice president for Academic and Student Affairs.

Tom Peterson, director of Marketing and Public Information, said that the administration is aware of the problem and the ongoing investigation. As with any Code of Student Conduct violation, the situation will take time to resolve, said Peterson.

The custodial staff has made repairs in the area and their cleaning efforts are ongoing, said Noto. Considering the amount of time that this has been going on and all the spitting that has been done, Noto said that his main concern is that this situation has become a health hazard to students, faculty and staff in the area.

**T.V. Guide con't from page 3****Sunday, April 20:**

*Desperate Housewives* - 9 p.m. on ABC

Gaby struggles with the reality of Carlos' blindness. Someone from Lynette's past shows up at the pizzeria, and Bree and Katherine decide to join forces to plan the Founder's Day Ball.

**Monday, April 21:**

*Bones* - 8 p.m. on FOX

Brennan and Booth investigate the death of a star college basketball player found crushed under a set of stadium bleachers. Meanwhile, Hodgins attempts to propose to Angela. Chief Cutler: James Black. Coach Morse: Michael McGrady.

**Award Dinner con't from page 1**

New Jersey women enrolled in advanced degree programs at New Jersey institutions since the program began in 1986.

Ralph Izzo, chairman of the board, president and CEO of PSE&G, will serve as the event's honorary dinner chair. Gwen Ifill, moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," will serve as guest speaker.

Distinguished honorary chairpersons for the 2008 Award Dinner include governors Jon Corzine, Richard J. Codey, Donald T. DiFrancesco, Christine Todd Whitman, James J. Florio, Thomas H. Kean Sr., and Brendan T. Byrne.

**About Executive Women of New Jersey**

Founded in 1980 as New Jersey's premier organization for senior level women, EWNJ promotes the advancement of women to the highest levels of business, the professions and government. EWNJ also assists corporations seeking qualified candidates for board of director positions. EWNJ awards approximately \$60,000 annually to 20 New Jersey women pursuing advanced degrees. For more information on corporate sponsorship or tickets to the Salute to the Policy Makers awards dinner, contact EWNJ at 609-249-7982 or visit EWNJ on the web at [www.ewnj.org](http://www.ewnj.org).

**Movie Listings con't from page 3**

...heart ripped from his chest when she unceremoniously dumps him for a trendy rock star (Russell Brand). After wallowing in his own misery for several months, Peter decides to take a trip to Hawaii to cheer himself up. Those dreams are dashed, though, when he finds out Sarah and her boy toy are staying at the same hotel. But things aren't so bad once he starts dating one of the resort's hot employees (Mila Kunis).

**Pathology-R**

Can one commit the so-called perfect crime? Well, a group of bright young medical students challenge each other to perform a criminal act that no pathologist could ever solve.

**College Assembly con't from page 1**

The Assembly voted in favor of the recommendation, with one abstention.

Another recommendation from the Academic Standards Task Force introduced two new grades to be used by the registrar during midterm and final grading: the "IP" grade and the "GU" grade.

The "IP" grade will show that a course is still in progress and that the instructor has not assigned a grade yet. It would be used by instructors who teach courses that last two semesters. The "IP" grade would be used when midterm grades are due and at the end of the first semester of the course.

If an instructor cannot submit their roster grades on time due to an emergency, the "GU" grade will be used. It will show that the student's grade is unreported.

Currently, in the college's courses that last two semesters, an "I" grade is assigned until the course is completed. The Task Force saw that this negatively affects the student's GPA and found that assigning the "IP" grade would accurately describe the student's progress in the class on a transcript.

Before discontinuing use of the "N" grade, it was used by the registrar until an academic status review could be performed on students whose instructors didn't submit their grades on time. Only the registrar would assign the "GU" grade, in order to describe the student's situation on their transcript. It would not affect the student's GPA at all.

The Assembly voted unanimously in favor of this recommendation.

The Educational Resources Task Force did not have any recommendations to present to the Assembly, but professor Susan Altman, the Task Force's chair, provided two important pieces of information.

Altman said that having more media-enhanced classrooms would help with classroom assignments for instructors whose classes utilize the technology.

Altman also said that the Task Force is investigating the condition of the printers on campus and will be assessing the need for repairs or replacement.

The Assembly unanimously approved changes to the Journalism Workshop class. The title of the class will now be Journalism II. It will remain a three credit course and still be transferable to other schools.

Changes were made to the course content of the class. Some of the changes in the content include how to conduct an interview, photography and news business and advertising.

**Five Times August con't from page 3**

... I have no doubt that we'll be seeing great things from this group of young down-to-earth pop rockers. If you'd like more information on touring dates, or you'd just like to take a listen to the next greatest hit, stop by their new Myspace page. <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=265231587>.

After spending some time talking to the guys of Dan Erickson, the main performance was about to start. Five Times August prepared to take the stage. In frayed jeans and a Ghost Busters t-shirt, Brad Skistimas, the sole member of Five Times August, looked at the people sitting and standing around the small room and gave a smile revealing dimples that would make a weaker woman melt in his hands.

Brad is an independent musician, that is to say, he is not signed on to any label. But, that has not stopped this pop rocker from becoming somewhat of an overnight success, with a style completely his own. His music has been featured in several big television shows such as "Laguna Beach" on MTV and "One Tree Hill" on the CW.

The first chords of the song were played with easy precision as he took his time to introduce himself to the audience. Once the song started, the spectators were captivated with the lyrics, as well as the performance that was delivered. He radiated the confidence and ease of someone comfortable with what he's doing as if he'd done it a hundred times. Skistimas sang four songs from his new CD, "Brighter Side" and a few from his first album, "The Independent."

His song "Sentimental Spell," from the "Brighter Side" album had a large impact on the audience. The lyrics were simple yet exceptionally deep. All songs were written by Skistimas and his inspiration comes from many different aspects of his life, he said

"My second CD is basically inspired by love. Whether it is relationships, family, or aspiring to be or do something. That feeling you get when you love what you're doing is kind of what's behind the lyrics and the music," said Skistimas.

Skistimas has been playing guitar since he was 11 years old and has been performing since he graduated high school.

"I've always loved to play. As soon as I graduated high school I knew this is what I wanted to do with the rest of my life," said Skistimas.

His music is memorable. It's a different refreshing sound compared to what is played on the radio today. We are in need of more positive lyrics for adolescents to listen to these days rather than the demeaning messages that are sent through some artists' music.

If this past Tuesday night's performance is any indication of the future of music, then the surface of this fresh new musician has yet to be scratched. His down-to-earth personality not only makes him a pleasure for his fans, but makes his music feel more genuine than anything I've heard in years. Skistimas hopes to be making music and developing his fan base for many years to come.

"I love meeting people, traveling to new places and seeing people singing the lyrics to my songs. As far as my long term goals, as long as I'm still making a living doing what I love [playing music] that's the most important thing to me. I don't aspire to be a rock star, if it happens that's great. I just really enjoy playing my music for people and I think I'll be happy if I keep going on the course I'm on," said Skistimas.

If you're bored with what is being played out there today, then check out Five Times August, and listen to what music should sound like. <http://www.myspace.com/fivetimesaugust>.



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# Sudoku

By Marianne McGarrity

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# Fun Facts

As of July 2005, the Pitcairn Islands is the smallest country with 45 inhabitants.

If you're ever in the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your hands into its eyeballs. It will let go immediately.

"Mohammed" is the most common name in the world.

An average of 100 people choke to death on ball point pens a year.

Your odds of being killed by space debris? 1 in 5 billion.

The tongue of a blue whale weighs more than most elephants.

No words in the English language rhyme with "month", "orange", "silver", or "purple."

Donkeys kill more people than plane crashes.

Wrigley's gum was the first product to have a bar code.

Every second, more than 7,000 Coca-Cola products are consumed.

Donald Duck has a middle name. Fauntleroy.

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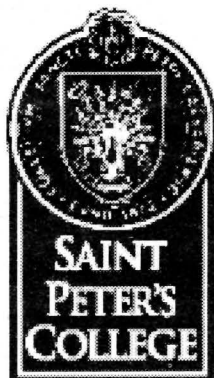
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(Event held in McIntyre Lounge, located in Dinneen Hall on Kennedy Boulevard.)



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## Poet Daniel Zimmerman

Open Reading

**Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 PM**

The featured poet is Daniel Zimmerman. Refreshments and an open mike follow the reading.

Daniel Zimmerman, chairperson of the English Department at Middlesex County College, is author of the poetry collection "Post-Avant," published by Pavement Saw Press 2001, with an introduction by the poet Robert Creeley. Has he been editor of the single issue journals, "The Western Gate" and "Brittannia" and has served as associate editor of "Anonym," which first published Ezra Pound's last canto.

His work is included in the anthology "The Poets of New Jersey" and the journals Chain, Tinfish, Chelsea, New York Quarterly, Rubber Chicken and many others.

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Mathew Spano is primarily a haiku poet. Over the past 12 years, he has published over 50 poems in the leading journals such as *Frogpond* and *Modern Haiku*. His work has also appeared in *Simply Haiku*, *Cicada*, *The Piedmont Literary Review*, *Identity Theory*, *Nor'Easter*, *College English Notes*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

In 2008, Spano's poetry was chosen by an international board of 12 haiku editors to be included in *Dust of Summers*, published by Red Moon Press. In 2007, his poetry appeared in the critically acclaimed *Baseball Haiku: the Best Haiku Written About the Game*, an international anthology published by W.W. Norton and Co. featuring leading haiku poets from The United States and Japan. In 2005, his poetry was included in *The Poets of New Jersey: From Colonial to Contemporary*, a historical anthology of New Jersey poets. Spano is Professor of English at Middlesex County College where he teaches English Composition and Mythology in Literature. He earned his Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

*Followed by open readings by audience members*

**Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 2p.m.**

**South Brunswick Public Library**

**110 Kingston Lane, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852**

**Free Admission • Food pantry donation appreciated**

For information, call 732.329.4000 ext.7635 • arts@sbtnj.org

## Liberal Arts Festival

April 11, 12 and April 18, 19 at 8 PM,  
and April 20 at 2 PM: Best Little  
Whorehouse in Texas, PAC

Monday, April 21, 11 AM: Culture is  
not an Option, lecture by Dr. Steven  
Barnhart, TSC 100

April 21 – May 4: Annual Media Arts  
Student Exhibition, Studio Theatre  
Lobby

Reception: April 21, 3 –5 PM

April 25 and 26 at 7 PM: Spring  
Dance Concert, MCC Dance  
Ensemble, PAC, free admission

Wednesday, April 30, 4 – 6 PM:  
Division of Social Sciences and  
Humanities Awards Ceremony,  
Cafeteria B & C

THE REFLECTION AND RECOVERY ROOM IS NOW OPEN

The **Reflection and Recovery Room** is located in South II Room 108. It is open to Middlesex County College Students who are looking for a quiet place to sit and chat with other students from the Peer Guidance Organization (PGO) and the Middlesex Alcohol and Drug Education (MADE) organization.

MADE and PGO members will staff the room weekly from 10:00am – 2:00pm, Monday thru Thursday and be available to assist students with college related issues. Their job is to listen, connect students with the appropriate services (Department of Counseling and Career Services, Tutoring, Academic Advising, Deans/Department Chairs, etc.) and to provide a kind word of support.

Drop by and check them out!

For more information: Leslie Carter, Department of Counseling and Career Services, Edison Hall Room 100, 732.906.2546, [lcarter@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:lcarter@middlesexcc.edu).



## Announcements

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Attention all students,

If you are planning to attend in the Fall 2008 semester, now is the time to reapply for financial aid for the 2008-09 award year.

The first step is to request a PIN number for you and your parent (if applicable) from the federal government at [pin.ed.gov](http://pin.ed.gov). If you have your PIN from last year, it is still valid.

Second, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the financial aid application for 2008-09. You will need your and your parent's 2007 federal tax returns to complete this form. Don't forget to add MCC's school code to the application, it is 002615. It usually takes about 45 minutes to complete this form online. Once you finish it, it takes the federal government approximately 10 days to process it before it is sent to Middlesex County College.

Finally, follow up with the Middlesex County College Financial Aid Office to complete any additional paperwork.

Don't wait until the last minute to apply. If you have any additional questions please contact our office at [Faid@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:Faid@middlesexcc.edu).

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*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

10:00am - 4:00pm - REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Edison Hall room 100

To get general passport information, information about cost\$ & 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)

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## Attention MCC students!

Are you looking for an exciting, important on campus job for Summer, Fall 2008 & Spring 2009?

Are you outgoing, able to present to groups of students and families, enthusiastic about MCC?

Do you have a strong academic GPA (2.5 minimum, 3.0 preferred) with at least 24 credits completed by May 12, 2008?

Will you be at MCC for the Fall 08 and Spring 09 semesters?

Consider becoming a **First Year Student Ambassador!**

Read more about the responsibilities, duties and requirements of this new position, and learn how to apply on the Career Services Job site (look in the On-Campus job category or click on the following link: <http://www.middlesexcc.edu/career/jobdetail.cfm?code=5717>)

Deadline to submit completed Application Packet is **April 30, 2008**. Read the Packet for complete application instructions. There are several steps to the application process - *don't delay, get started today!*

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## Juggling work, school, home and more?

Counseling & Career Services is offering the following WORKSHOPS for **RETURNING ADULT students:**

Monday, April 14 @ 5pm: **Preparing for Final Exams** (Edison Hall room 100)

Monday, April 28 @ 5pm: **Resume Writing** (Edison Hall room 100)

Who is a returning adult student? Any MCC adult student back in college or starting college not directly after high school ... or any MCC student who considers him/herself to be a returning adult student.



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