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Businessman Receives College's Highest Honor



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Presenting the L'Hommedieu Award to Gerald Ostrov

From left to right: College President Joann La Perla-Morales; Middlesex County Freeholder Director David Crabiel; Gerald M. Ostrov; Hank Bauer, member of the College Board of Trustees; Dorothy K. Power, Chairman of the Board and Ronald Rios, Middlesex County Freeholder and Liaison to the College.

EDISON - Gerald M. Ostrov, international businessman, philanthropist and former chair of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees, received the College's highest honor, the Paige D. L'Hommedieu Outstanding Citizenship Award at the Fall Convocation ceremony on Aug. 25.

Presented by Hank Bauer, member of the Board of Trustees, Ostrov was praised for his unselfish devotion and personal idealism originally exemplified by L'Hommedieu, founding chair of the Board of Trustees of the college.

"Middlesex County College has been such an important part of my life," Ostrov said upon accepting the award. "[The] keys to this institution are the same principles that apply to business: offer long-term solutions to empower people to create

value for themselves and then re-create value to others. I am deeply proud that we at the College have been enabling people to improve their lives for more than 40 years."

A 28-year employee of Johnson & Johnson, Ostrov rose to become Company Group Chairman of Worldwide Vision Care in 1998, retiring from J & J in 2006. In his 30-year career in the ophthalmic and consumer marketing field, he has become an international authority on eye and vision care. In January 2008, Ostrov was named chairman and chief executive officer at the Rochester, N.Y. world headquarters of Bausch & Lomb. He is also a founding board member of NuLens Limited of Israel, the developer and manufacturer of novel accommodating intraocular lenses. Ostrov has

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Back to School Expenses Cause Problems for Students

By Victor Valentin
Staff Writer

In today's day and age, it is becoming increasingly difficult for most college students to adequately prepare for a new semester. With the rising costs of gas prices, food and almost everything in general, where is one able to purchase back to school supplies at an affordable price? Retailer Sue Huss knows many ways students can save on a wide variety of things.

One such item includes something nearly everyone - student or no - should have, and that is a cell phone. A type of phone that Huss suggests is the Palringo. Huss explains that the phone "lets you carry [around] in your pocket and IM wherever you may need to". Some convenient aspects include sending photos and

voice-recorded speech with text messaging, the ability to converse with up to eight friends at the same time and being able to message as many groups as you wish at one time. This feature is also free, Huss notes. For those who do not have a cell phone on a paid plan, there is the Mobiovox. Sue Huss describes this as "the mother of all calling cards, without the card [or] even the PIN. Best for international calls, Mobiovox knows your phone numbers and the names and numbers of all the folks you call most often. Because you've entered this info on the Mobiovox site, the pricing is merely a few pennies a minute."

Huss also recommends the website <http://www.yougetitback.com>, which is a \$20 per year subscription that allows you to be able to get

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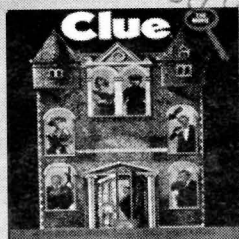
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MCC puts up 'Designated Smoking Area' signs to help students locate new gazebos.

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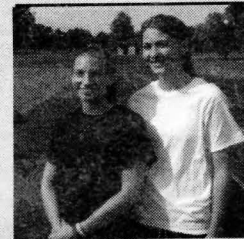
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Time of event: 9 a.m. - noon
Short explanation of event: Drop-in Counseling and Career Services
Location of event: Edison Hall Room 100
Contact Information: Call 732-906-2595

Date of event: Sept. 11
Time of event: 9:10 a.m.
Short explanation of event: Patriot Day Remembrance Service
Location of event: College Center Main Lounge

Time of event: 3:30 p.m.
Short explanation of event: MCC Women's Soccer vs. Manor College (Region XIX)
Location of event: Thomas A. Edison Park, Mill Road

Date of event: Sept. 12
Short explanation of event: Last day to add a class for the Fall 2008 term
Location of event: Chambers Hall

Date of event: Sept. 13
Time of event: noon
Short explanation of event: MCC Women's Soccer vs. Burlington CC
Location of event: Thomas A. Edison Park, Mill Road

Time of event: 2:30 p.m.
Short explanation of event: MCC Men's Soccer away vs. Passaic County CC (Region XIX)

Date of event: Sept. 15
Time of event: 9 a.m.
Short explanation of event: Last day for 50% refund for regular Fall 2008 classes
Location of event: Chambers Hall

Time of event: 11 a.m.
Short explanation of event: Constitution Day Game Show
Location of event: CC Cafes A, B & C

Date of event: Sept. 16
Time of event: 3:30 p.m.
Short explanation of event: MCC Men's Soccer vs. Bergen CC (Region XIX)
Location: Thomas A. Edison Park, Mill Road

Time of event: 3:30 p.m.
Short explanation of event: MCC Women's Soccer away vs. Bergen CC (Region XIX)

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MCC Genius Graduates and Enrolls in Rutgers

By Paul Lazaro
Editor-in-Chief

In May of this year, Dakota Killpack graduated from Middlesex County College and received an associate degree from the mathematics/science transfer program. In August, Dakota and his family finally decided on Rutgers University as the best place for him to obtain his bachelor's degree. Dakota is enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers and will be majoring in mathematics.

This is a normal transition for many college students. However, Dakota isn't like many college students because he is only 14 years old.

Dakota's parents know that he is different from other young boys his age. "He's like a Renaissance guy," said his mother, Patricia. He can play the piano and wants to learn Japanese. He loves math and the sciences along with swimming and karate. He is also an active member in his church's youth group.

What really separates Dakota from the rest of the pack is his intelligence. According to his father, Daniel, Dakota was reading at the age of two. He was doing algebra when he was

six years old. "He learns on his own," said Daniel. When Dakota was old enough to attend public schools, the family was confronted with a tough decision.

"We looked at kindergarten and it didn't make sense," said Daniel.

Dakota's parents then decided to home school him. His mother knew of some of the difficulties that Dakota might experience by being smarter than the other children. "Kids can get very mean around different people," she said. Dakota, in response to being home-schooled, said he doesn't wish he had gone through the public school system and that he's content with way things have gone for him.

After being issued a high school diploma by the state of New Jersey, it became apparent that Dakota was ready for higher education. His family began looking into colleges for him and finally decided on MCC. "The fact that it was a small school helped," said Patricia. "Because of his age, I was very careful with his classes and course load."

Dakota's took his

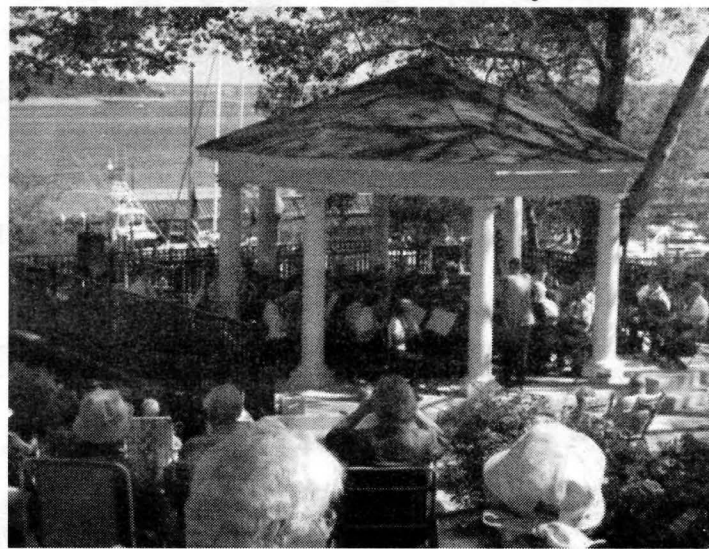
first class at MCC in the summer of 2004. It was ENG 009, Writing Skills for College I. He continued at MCC until his graduation in the spring of 2008.

"We used to ask the professors if it was ok to have a 10-year-old in class," said Patricia. For insurance reasons, Dakota's mother had to remain on campus while he was in class. She said that she would bring Dakota's sister, Jewel, along in her stroller and wait in the hallway outside the classroom.

Daniel and Patricia are grateful that they weren't alone in getting Dakota educated at MCC. Dakota said that his academic advisor, Barry Glazer, from the English department, was very helpful in many ways. Patricia mentioned Terry McGlinicy, director of Student Activities, and Audrey Davis, former assistant director of Student Activities, as being extremely helpful with anything that Dakota needed. Patricia said that she is also appreciative of the Winner's Circle staff for the free food that they would give Dakota.

Dakota's major when he enrolled at MCC was com-
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Jazz Band Performs Labor Day Concert



Jazz band plays final concert of the season for Labor Day weekend. The concert was performed at Bayview Park in Perth Amboy, NJ, on Sunday August 31.

Police Blotter


Suspicious Activity – On Aug. 6 at 4:09 p.m., a faculty member reported that a student had made contact with her at her residence. The suspect was questioned and instructed not to make contact again or he would face criminal charges.

Motor Vehicle Accident – On Aug. 6 at 8:54 a.m., on Mill Road a driver went over the curbing on Mill Road and Blue Colt Drive to avoid traffic, causing the vehicle to get stuck on the grass median.

Injury – On Aug. 9 at 3:30 a.m., as a staff member leaned over in a rolling chair, it tipped and she stopped the fall injuring her wrist. Ice was applied and the patient was transported privately to a local hospital.

Motor Vehicle Accident – On Aug. 11 at 8:09 a.m. on College Drive East, vehicle 2 was struck by vehicle 1 due to unsafe backing on an active roadway. The second driver stated that vehicle 1 came to a stop and then reversed very quickly. Vehicle 2 sustained major damage to their hood, front bumper and also sustained lighting pushed in, a cracked bumper and plate holder. Vehicle 1 sustained substantial damage as well.

Injury – On Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. in the Gateway, a staff member was carrying a heavy bag which slipped from his grasp. As he went to grab it, he felt something pop in his right forearm/elbow area.


Weather

9 10 Wednesday	9 11 Thursday	9 12 Friday	9 13 Saturday
High 79° Low 56°	High 79° Low 56°	High 79° Low 56°	High 78° Low 55°
9 14 Sunday	9 15 Monday	9 16 Tuesday	
High 80° Low 62°	High 77° Low 59°	High 77° Low 59°	

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Edison Delights Residents with Classic Car Show in August

By Courtney Cerreta
C&C Editor

On Aug. 26, Edison Township had a Cruise Night on Amboy Avenue from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This is the first year Edison has ever had its own classic car show. Edison has its classic car shows the last Tuesday nights of the month from July through October.

There were over 40 different types of classic cars from all different decades. A disc jockey plays oldies music to fit the mood.

At the end of the night they give away trophies to the best looking cars.

Laura Veiksans, 20, from



Photo By Courtney Cerreta

This is a 1942 WLA Harley Davidson.



Photos By Courtney Cerreta

This is a 1936 Boat Tail Speedster made by Auburn.

Elizabeth, said, "The cruise night was really cool.

Seeing all the old fash-

ioned cars was really neat. The 1936 Boat Tail was my favorite car."

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been acclaimed in newspapers and magazines around the world.

While Company Group Chairman at Johnson & Johnson, Ostrov served Middlesex County College for more than 14 years – as trustee and then chair of the Board of Trustees and as a member of the Board of the Middlesex County College Foundation. Under his leadership, corporate support of the renowned nursing program as well as health technologies scholarships increased in annual increments. He provided significant strength in developing the new Joint Middlesex County College-Raritan Bay Medical Center Nursing Program which allows for expansion and increased enrollment in this critical program. He also served as co-chair of the Foundation's recently completed Community Investment Campaign, where through his leadership and personal participation, the original \$3 million goal was exceeded by more than \$555,000.

The award was created in honor of the founding chair of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees, who was also a corporate leader at Johnson & Johnson and served the College from 1964 to 1972. "It is an unbelievable honor to receive an award in Paige L'Hommedieu's name," Ostrov said. "J & J is a part of Middlesex County College's beginnings and I am proud to continue that tradition."

Ostrov serves as a strong participant in leadership roles in the Jewish community and in social service organizations and educational causes. He has raised significant funds for Hadassah, the international medical and service organization, both in the U.S. and in Israel, and is the

vice president of the National Committee of Hadassah Association.

A graduate of Cornell University and the Harvard Graduate School of Business, Ostrov serves on many boards and committees of these univer-

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puter science. He hadn't given much thought about majoring in anything else until he was introduced to college level math. "I was required to take Calculus I for my major," said Dakota. He found out that he liked abstract mathematical thought and decided to

said that he formed close friendships with Dr. Joseph Conley, from the Chemistry and Physics department; Beverly Buono, from Enrollment Management and Joanne Stern, the assistant director of Marketing and Public Information.

Dakota said that he had a great time at MCC. His father said that he learned valuable lessons while in school. "He was learning how to deal with a university system and he was learning studying skills," said Daniel. "He found that learning what you love and learning for performance are totally different."

The family was faced with another challenge when Dakota graduated from MCC. He was too young to receive federal financial aid and four-year schools wouldn't enroll him because of the same reason. This began a summer full of uphill battles with the admissions offices of several schools and the federal student aid office of the U.S. Department of Education.

His mother said that the only school that showed any interest in securing funds for Dakota was the New Jersey Institute of Technology. His father said that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology also expressed interest in Dakota and sent an admissions officer to their home in June to speak with them.

The admissions office at NJIT said they would enroll him in their honors college as a full-time student and would find funding as soon as possible. In the end, however, both NJIT and MIT failed to provide funding. Rutgers University, on the other hand, agreed to help Dakota pay for his education. His funding is coming through subsidized and unsubsidized loans and will cover the two years

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sities.

Ostrov and his wife Aimee made their home in East Brunswick. They are the parents of two adult children and the grandparents of twins. "My family has been an inspiration to me in trying to make this

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change his major.

Dakota soon developed relationships with some of the faculty, especially in the Mathematics and the Chemistry and Physics departments. "He used to hang out with the professors," said Daniel. Dakota

MCC Welcomes New Police Officers for Fall 2008



Photo By Tom Peterson

Swearing in three new police officers: Middlesex County College welcomed new police officers in a ceremony August 26. From left: Sgt. Michael Ambroziak, Chief Robert Smilek, new Police Officer Daniel Kobil, new Police Officer Alaina Giles, Officer Aravinda Jayawardana, and new Police Officer Matthew Mordecai.

On-campus Daycare Provides Care and Academics for Children



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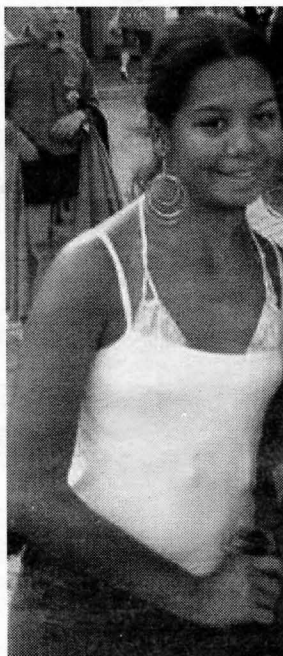
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How Do You Feel About Entering College? What are You Doing to Prepare for it?

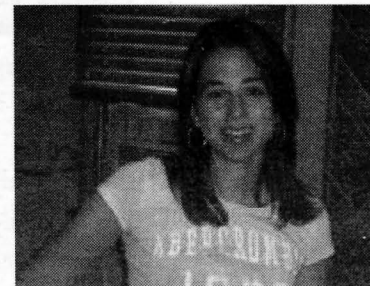
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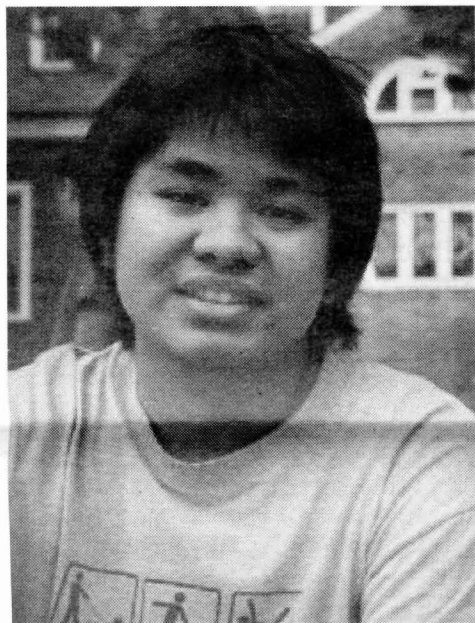
Name: Annie Zourzoukis
Town: Cranford, N.J.
Major: English/Political Science
Answer: "In all honesty I didn't really do much to prepare. I mean I did the summer reading assignment and packed, but nothing too intense. In terms of entering college, I was kind of nervous, but I've been here for two weeks and I love it so much!"



Name: Elizabeth Alvarado
Town: Edison, N.J.
Major: Mathematics
Answer: "I am really scared. I do not know what to expect. It is a whole new world and I do not want to grow up. To prepare for college I bought school supplies. I also talked to people who are already in college about how high school life and college life are different. I also asked them how to budget my time."



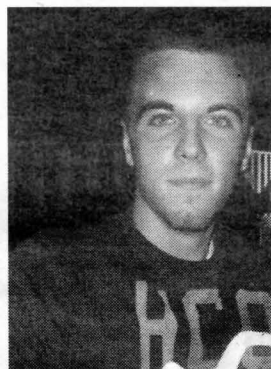
Name: Lisa Kaiser
Town: Cranford, N.J.
Major: Journalism
Answer: "I am excited to get a fresh state and meet new people. I bought all the books I need for my classes and I am curious to see what my teachers are like."



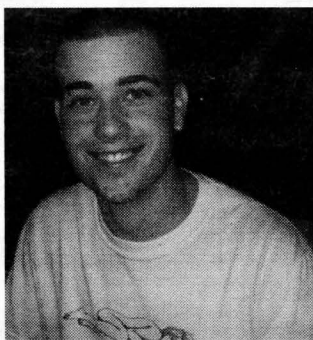
Name: Patrick Panahon
Town: Princeton, N.J.
Major: Engineering
Answer: "I feel indifferent about starting college. It is just another step up like middle school to high school. I did not really do much to prepare. I just go into everything like ball to the wall."

"What Advice do you have for Incoming Freshman?"

By Eric Sugatan

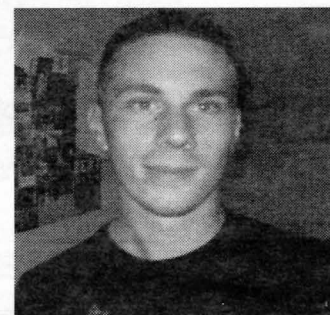


Name: Andrew Jones
Town: Edison, N.J.
Major: Business Management Major
Answer: "Obviously, go to all of your classes."
"Use your time wisely. Get your schoolwork done and then have a social life."



Name: Sean Leary
Town: Edison, N.J.
Major: Communications Major
Answer: "It's the hardest thing to catch up when you miss a class."

Name: Nick Harwanko
Town: Edison, N.J.
Major: Modern Languages Major
Answer: "Do well the first time around. Don't drop any classes because later on you'll regret all the wasted time."



Name: Rahul Sharda
Town: Edison, N.J.
Major: Athletic Training Major
Answer: "Try not to miss any classes. Just because you can miss classes, doesn't mean you should."
"Always keep in touch with your advisor."

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back any items you may have lost, such as iPods, smart phones or even entire CD collections. It also offers protection for your devices so even the most skilled hackers will have great difficulty being able to hack and use your devices.

For the long distance student, there is <http://www.sightspeed.com/dell>, a free service that provides a "simpler than ever video-conferencing and video-calling with a better-than-ever picture and voice quality," according to Huss. The service allows those who have Dell to stay in touch with family and friends with free video messaging, as well as a Facebook application as well.

For those just looking for the true best way to save on anything, Huss says, "pay for day-to-day living expenses and small expenses with a debit card. Use your credit card as little as possible." She also advises everyone to "use every day to learn, teach and inspire, whether you're in school or not."

To reach these services over the internet and receive more information, the websites are <http://www.mobiovox.com>, <http://www.yougetitback.com> and <http://www.sightspeed.com/dell>.

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Popular Twilight Saga Comes to an End

By Corina Lombardi-Adamousky
Managing Editor

"When you loved the one who was killing you, it left you no options. How could you run, how could you fight, when doing so would hurt that beloved one? If your life was all you had to give, how could you not give it? If it was someone you truly loved?" Bella Swan, "Breaking Dawn."

With an opening line such as this, is it any wonder that Stephanie Meyer's fourth and final novel in the "Twilight" saga is being called breathtaking and astonishing? The thirty-five year old Brigham Young University graduate has received massive praise for her first three novels and the conclusion to this heart wrenching saga has been no exception to the rule. "Breaking Dawn" picks up several months from where "Eclipse" ended, diving right into the engagement of Bella Swan and Edward Cullen.

The 754 page novel is broken up into three books: Book One—Bella (Pages 1-138), Book Two—Jacob (Pages 139-360) and Book Three—Bella (Pages 361-754). At the end of Meyer's third novel "Eclipse" the love triangle that was woven intricately between Edward Cullen, a vampire, Bella Swan, human, and Jacob Black, a werewolf, through the first two books, culminated when Bella accepted Edwards hand in marriage and Jacob reverted to wolf form and disappeared into the night.

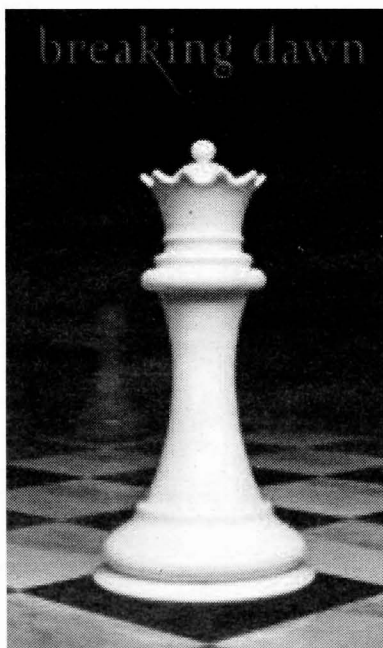
In "Breaking Dawn," Meyer's throws readers one curve ball after another. With Bella and Edwards wedding, Jacob returning after months of "running" across the globe, the honeymoon that all fans of the series have waited for with anticipation, and an unexpected pregnancy, this book is sure to

keep any reader on their toes.. The first seven chapters will be sure to keep readers guessing as they follow Bella into leaving behind the world she's always known to embrace the life she has up until now, only dreamt of.

Meyer's has, in all four novels, mastered the ability that not many authors have the capability of perfecting. She gives the reader just enough detail to picture the scenes through their own eyes without making anything too unrealistic. The raw emotion and charming propriety of Edward combined with Bella's everyday teenage problems brings together the best of nineteenth century and modern day literature that keeps readers engaged and riveted.

"Charlie, I realize that I've gone about this out of order. Traditionally, I should have asked you first. I mean no disrespect, but since Bella has already said yes and I don't want to diminish her choice in the matter, instead of asking you for her hand, I'm asking you for your blessing" said Edward Cullen, "Breaking Dawn."

Who talks like this nowadays? From what I can tell, not many people do anymore and that's a damn shame, because I think there is something to be said for old world romance. The respect that was once given so freely with new love is now hard to find. With the amount of love and self-sacrifice that Edward and Bella have exhibited for each other throughout Meyer's four novels, I'd be hard pressed to call them anything other than a modern day Elizabeth and Darcy, or Heathcliff and Catherine—so different and yet at the same time more alike then one would think for differing



species.

"Breaking Dawn" will no doubt bring out every emotion possible in its readers. Meyer's takes the right amount of humor, mixes it with the perfect amount of sexuality, devotion, and love, throws in some pain, anguish, and anger to delve into the history of her characters before climaxing to an end that will bring readers to tears. Unlike most books, the end to "Breaking Dawn" does not leave a sour taste in your mouth. The conclusion is just that, a conclusion.

Meyer's doesn't leave you wondering where her characters went or what will become of them. She closes the chapters in their lives the way one closes a book and like a true writer does, by wrapping it up from all ends. This novel was not only enjoyable, but refreshing. I'd recommend "Breaking Dawn" to all of Meyer's fans. Whether you are a Jacob fan or an Edward fan, in the end everyone wins.

"And yet, to say the truth, reason and love keep little company together nowadays" William Shakespeare, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Act III, Scene I (Page 140, "Breaking Dawn").

Shwayze is Good Time Music

By Eric Sugatan
Staff Writer

A signature sound or musical style can be a double edged sword. To be instantly recognized while not drifting further and further into musical monotony is a challenging feat.

A great number of music enthusiasts can listen to a Sublime track and almost immediately pick up on their brand of ska-infused reggae rock. In contrast, a group like the Beastie Boys is immediately recognizable by their lack of a signature style, which one could argue is their style.

Then there are genre-blurring groups like Shwayze, which is actually comprised of hip-hop artist Shwayze and producer/songwriter Cisco Adler, the son of big-name producer Lou Adler and a member of the band Whitestarr.

Their names should no doubt seem familiar to those whose televisions frequent MTV, which airs "Buzzin'", a reality show that focuses on their antics and also showcases their musical repertoire, which exudes a familiar style of mellow, hipster hip-hop more reminiscent of Gym Class Heroes than NWA.

Their major label debut "Shwayze" (Suretone/ Geffen), attempts to capture this vibe in twelve radio friendly songs, as well as a hidden track.

This is pure, good time music that is more suited to put on and hang with your friends with rather than for deep lyrical and musical analysis.

Everything about this album is lazy, so don't listen to this disc if you have a lot to do. Adler's production and hooks successfully create a lazy beach ambience in which Shwayze rhymes over equally as lazily,

both of which can be attributed to their affinity for a certain illegal green substance which is referenced several times in both of their lyrics, especially the hidden track.

Although all this laziness contributes to fun value of "Shwayze", it also causes it to fall victim to an unwavering and almost bland style. The problem is not in execution, but rather in repetition as most all of the songs on the album sound the same.

The overall tempo of the album rarely changes and the lyrical content does not vary much either, swaying between women and partying.

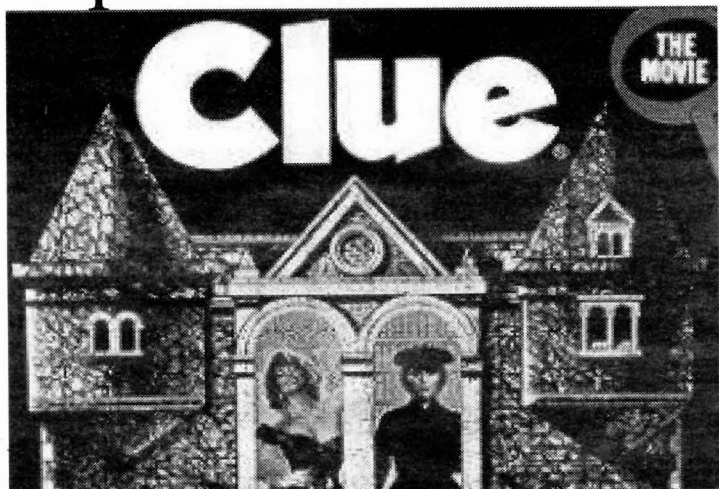
Speaking of lyrical content, most of their rhythms and melodies sound along the same lines song after song. This can be easily recognized between the first two Shwayze singles, "Buzzin'" and "Corona and Lime," both which feature a lazy sing song hook sung by Adler and verses by Shwayze that are very similar in syncopation and melody.

The music also suffers from this monotony with most of the instrumentals featuring the same instruments track after track. However, this is can be dismissed by the fact that Adler performed the great majority of the music himself.

There are loads of other CDs out there that offer more hip hop substance but, uniformity aside, "Shwayze" serves its purpose well as long as you aren't looking for the next "Ready to Die."

For those who won't bother shelling out the money, I suggest you check out the album's opener "Roamin'," "Corona and Lime," "Mary Jane" which features Adler almost exclusively and the appropriately titled "Lazy Days."

Popular Game Board Becomes Blockbuster Dark Comedy



By Dereck Rivera
A&F Editor

Based on the world famous Clue board game comes a hilarious, dark comedy, non-stop laugh out loud film entitled "Clue: The Movie." Six guests are invited to

a dinner in a secluded mansion without knowing what the invitation pertains to. All of the invited guests have a motive and a dark secret that may have brought them there in the first place, and they are sure to be in for a surprise. Bodies pile up,

confusion surrounds them and what's left is a mystery they all have to solve: Who killed whom?

When the guests make way to the mansion, the butler Wadsworth (Tim Curry) tends to them. All six guests: Mrs. Peacock (Eileen Brennan), Colonel Mustard (Martin Mull), Mr. Green (Michael Mckean), Professor Plum (Christopher Lolyd), Miss. Scarlet (Lesley Ann Warren) and Mrs. White (Madeline Kahn) wait fidgety for their hostess' arrival. Lee Ving, as the hostess, introduces himself and hands each one of the guests a gift, only to find out that they are holding lethal weapons.

When the first murder takes place, no one knows who did it and Wadsworth retains anyone from leaving until the mystery is solved. This scene is filled with constant struggles,

plenty of interruptions and silly one liners.

Memorable moments include scenes like Mrs. White saying, "Husbands should be like Kleenex: soft, strong and disposable." Mrs. Peacock steals most of the laughs, as in one scene where she is screaming hysterically and convinced she was a victim of alcohol poisoning. Then, Mr. Green slaps her to calm her down saying, "I had to stop her screaming." Jonathan Lynn, director of "Shawshank Redemption," directs this picture and sheds new light to the Who-did-it film genre.

After watching the film, I found myself re-watching it over and over. This film will keep you laughing so hard that once you see it again you will discover something new to laugh at. Any-

one who has seen "Murder by Death" or dark comedies for that matter will enjoy this film.

Even after all these years the movie still brings plenty of laughs. The cult-classic has a fan-based website that features inside looks at clips from the movie at <http://www.cluedofan.com>.

The movie was released with three alternate endings in different theaters, so one would have to go about seeing the movie two or three times to see a different ending. The ingenious plan didn't pay off because, according to Yahoo movies, the estimated box office total was \$13,377,261. However, no need to worry now; the DVD costs just under \$9.99 and includes all three alternate endings. Will you solve the mystery without a laugh?

Television Guide

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ABC	Wife Swap		Supernanny	
CBS	Greatest American Dog*		Criminal Minds	
FOX	Bones*	'Till Death*	Do Not Disturb*	
NBC	America's Got Talent			
PBS	Natural History of the Chicken		Great Performances*	
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FOX	Hole in the Wall*		Kitchen Nightmares*	
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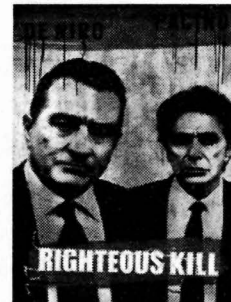
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Movie Listings

By Natalie Serrano
Staff Writer

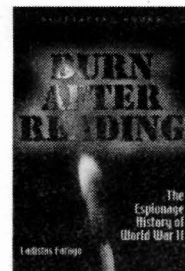
Righteous Kill

Starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino who play two veteran investigators who hunt a murderer whose acts remind them of a killer they put behind bars long ago. This movie comes out Friday, September 12 and is R-rated.



Burn After Reading

Starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt, this movie is about a memoir of a ex-CIA official gets into the hands of two gym employees who plan to use it to their advantage. This movie comes out Friday September 12 and is R-rated.



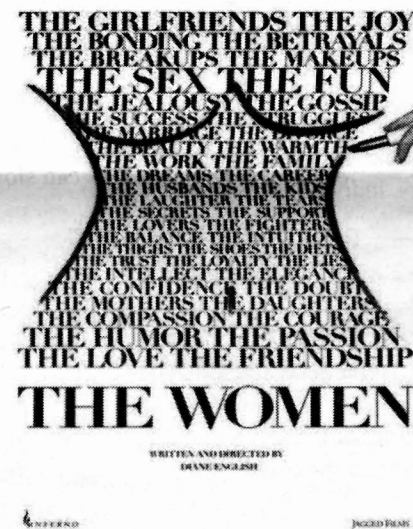
Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys

Starring Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodward, who play two wealthy friends that decide to go on a road trip to get away from stress of their children. Saana Lathan plays the role of Woodward's daughter and a wife who's marital affairs cause controversy between the two families. This movie comes out Friday September 12 and is PG-13 rated.



The Women

Starring Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes and Jada Pinkett Smith, this movie tells the story of a group of women who's friendship is put to the test when Ryan's characters husband has an steamy affair. This movie comes out Friday, September 12 and is PG-13 rated.



Horoscopes For September 10th

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20):
You just totally spilled a secret you were not supposed to. At least it was an honest mistake!

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19):
You will have the chance to indulge in something totally delicious today, and it will be so worth it!

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20):
You've been feeling really judgmental lately, but today you'll clear your head and have an open mind.

Aries (March 21-April 20):
You could have sworn you told someone about the change of plans. Hopefully they won't stay mad for long.

Taurus (April 21-May 21):
You think you're too busy, but you can make time to relax. Your health is what's most important.

Gemini (May 22-June 21):
Take time to smell the roses today. You need a day to yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 23):
Don't let all those compliments go to your head! You know you look good, but don't act like it!

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23):
Something you were excited about is sadly over, but soon you'll have another huge event to look forward to.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): You

can't help but be jealous of a friend's success. You're happy for them, but you want it, too!

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 22):
Someone you used to dislike has started growing on you and you're realizing you might just be friends after all!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22):
You'll get stuck waiting for someone again, ugh. Next time you're telling them a half hour earlier!

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): You originally dismissed a piece of advice you got, but you're starting to realize it was so true.

QUO VADIS

Smoking Ban Goes into Effect This Semester

Quo Vadis Editorial Board

On Sept. 2, Middlesex County College's smoke-free policy went into effect. Smoking will now be restricted to campus parking lots, smoking gazebos, cars and the residences on Hof Road.

This policy began as a recommendation by the College Assembly's Campus Life Task Force and was approved and sent to MCC president Joann La Perla-Morales, who later signed it and made it college policy.

The previous policy prohibited smoking within 25 feet of the entrances of all campus buildings and not only was that policy never officially signed by the president of the college, but it was also rarely enforced.

This new policy comes as a breath of fresh air, literally, for non-smokers. The biggest improvement will be at the entrances to campus buildings. People will no longer have to walk through a haze of smoke to enter or exit a building. This is welcome news for those with health issues that can be affected by tobacco smoke such as asthma sufferers, individuals with vasomotor rhinitis and allergy suffer-

ers.

Restricting smoking on campus will also help reduce litter on campus. Cigarette butts, burnt out matches and used lighters will be found only in the gazebos and parking lots. This will make it easier to keep one of the most picturesque community college campuses in New Jersey clean and free of litter.

In addition to the students, faculty, staff and administrators who are of smoking age on campus, minors are present as well. This new smoking policy would keep people from smoking around the Middlesex County Vo-Tech Academy and the Middlesex County College Child Care Center.

It is obvious that smokers will be inconvenienced by this change in policy. For example, if a student or faculty member in the Johnson Learning Center is given a 10 minute break during class, how can he or she make it to a parking lot or smoking gazebo in time to smoke a cigarette and return to class on time?

This problem is further compounded when there is inclement weather. Rain and snow can slow down travel time and make smoking a troublesome



Photo taken by Courtney Cerrera

On Sept. 2, Middlesex County College became a smoke free campus. Smoking is now only permitted in the residences on Hof Road, parking lots, inside vehicles, and within smoking gazebos. This gazebo is located in between Main Hall and L'Hommedieu Hall.

task. Taking shelter in the entrance of a campus building is almost ideal. On top of that, this is a free country. Don't smokers have a right to light up wherever they want to?

Some people may ask, "Who's going to enforce this

new policy?" The answer: the Code of Student Conduct, that's who. Violation number eight is listed as a, "failure to comply with the College's policy on smoking." An infringement of this policy will be treated the same as a breach of any of the

other tenets of the Code, such as academic dishonesty or a criminal act.

And that's how it should be. After all, it's a free country and non-smokers have a right to not smoke.

Life According To Maragaret : "I'm not just like everybody else."

By Margaret Lacey McNeil
Staff Writer

Apparently I was sitting around with my head up my butt since middle school because I seem to be the only person on earth who didn't receive the "I'm not like everybody else" script. I guess I forgot to get the mail the day it was delivered. Even without the heads up warning, though, I seem to have been able to pick up the speech fairly well, seeing as how it's been used on me at least once a week for the past few years. And you know it's been used on you, and by you, just as many times. And it goes like this:

"I know you've been hurt in the past, but I swear to you I'm not like everybody else. I know, I know, why would a girl like you ever like a boy like me? But I would treat you so well. I know you don't believe me, but it's true. There's something special about you, and I just want to make you happy."

Sound familiar? Yeah, you've all used it and had it

used on you, but the question is who actually believes this? It sounds too much like a romantic comedy, and you know what? It is. It's never true. And it's so annoying to try to "reject" someone who uses this on you. Isn't it a bit rude to respond by saying, "Yeah, that's just what Johnny, Billy, and Joe said just last night"?

But I've decided to stop being polite about the "I'm not like everybody else" speech, and I think you should too. It's not polite to give the same speech to every girl you meet, so why should we be polite about hearing it? And this is my solution--it's fail safe.

The next time someone gives the "I'm not like everybody else" speech, the perfect response would be a quick jab to the crotch. Hit him hard enough to cause the boy to double over in pain, but not enough to cause any permanent damage (You never know if some poor girl didn't read this, and he hoodwinks her into getting married and they want

to reproduce).

Why is this response so inherently perfect? Well, because if a boy is cocky enough to think you could actually say, "Oh, yes darling, let's go make out now!" then he is in need of a blow to his, well, ego (get your minds out of the gutter!) and you're really teaching him a very valuable lesson about life (and kung-fu butt-kickery).

But hold on, now. I don't want to make it seem like boys are the only one who use this speech. Girls use it, too. Their speech goes a bit more like this (usually emotional girls are very whiny):

"I just really like you, and I really think that we could have something really good between us. I mean, like, I know you think I'm just an easy girl like everybody else, but I'm really smart and funny and I have a lot to offer. I think we could have something really great, because this just feels right, and you mean so much to me. I would be so good to you, and be everything

you ever wanted if you just gave me a chance." As you can see, the girl version of the speech is even worse (and has been used on me as well more often than I'll admit). It's not that I'm a male chauvinist, but girls are very whiny and complain a lot when they're being emotional. That's why the girl version is worse. Because even if the girl is amazing, the fact that during her speech her voice gets all squeaky and high-pitched, and she snuffles a bit which drags it out, makes you have to reject her based solely on her staccato nasally voice.

But there are really people out there who aren't like everybody else. I'm not so jaded that I don't know that. But the one day I'll swoon over a speech is when it's made like this:

"Listen, I know you already blew the lid off the whole 'I'm not like everybody else' scam. I am like everyone else, just so you know. I mean, five minutes ago I took a dump, and

soon I'm going to make a sandwich, just like everybody else. I like the same things that most people in our age bracket like, because we were all raised in the same era and make all the same pop culture references. I do like you, but mostly I like your butt and want to make out. Oh, and I cook a mean steak. Also, orange colored food creeps me out, and I once licked a monkey on a dare. But that's just like everybody else, too. I mean, if you haven't left your bodily fluids on a creature at the local zoo, then you're just...not living."

See, that kid sounds like a creep. Precisely the kind of guy I would want to get to know. Like maybe he was dropped on his head as a child, but basically just a regular guy who isn't arrogant enough to think that he's special. You can't just be special to someone right off the bat. You have to earn it. So don't give me the Hollywood Romance speech. I'm much more of a B-movie spoof kind of girl.

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Student Asks? What is the Hispanic/Latino Race?

By Victor Valentin
Staff Writer

When people think of race in America, some automatically think or assume that all Hispanic and Latino Americans are all one big race. The image of an Arabic-esque, dark featured Native Indian person comes to mind when most people think of a Hispanic person. Some very ignorant people even come to see all Hispanics as being Mexican.

With about 20 different Spanish speaking countries in Europe, South America, and the Caribbean, all with very different ancestries, the idea of Hispanic being a race is a huge miscon-

ception. The very definition of Hispanic is a person either born in Spain or in a Spanish speaking Latin American country or even someone of Spanish or Latin American descent. Essentially, a Hispanic person can be of any race; white, black, native Amerindian, Asian or multiracial. Some good examples of famous white Hispanics would be actresses Cameron Diaz (Cuban), Lynda Carter (Mexican/Irish), singer Christina Aguilera (Ecuadorian/Irish) and actors Benicio Del Toro (Puerto Rican) and Antonio Banderas (Spanish). Famous black Hispanics include actor Alfonso Ribeiro (Dominican), baseball player Bernie Williams (Puerto Rican), and singer Celia Cruz (Cuban). Well known

native Amerindian and mestizo, a mixed European and Native Indian, or mixed race Hispanics include comedian George Lopez, and actresses Selma Hayek and Penelope Cruz, all whom are of Mexican heritage. A well known Asian Latino is former Peruvian president Alberto Fujimori, however Asian Latinos remain in the minority, generally speaking.

What defines a Latino? There is a difference between being Hispanic and being Latino. By definition, a Latino is a person of Latin American descent. Latin America refers to countries south of the United States where the romance languages

are officially spoken. So essentially, someone who is from Brazil, where Portuguese is spoken, or even French-Guyana or Haiti is considered a Latino even though they are not Hispanic. Like Hispanics, a Latino can be of any race even though he or she may not be Hispanic.

In essence, the Hispanic and Latino community is a very racially diverse community. Spanish speaking countries with high white demographics include Spain, Argentina and Uruguay. Cuba and the Dominican Republic, however, have a very high black and mulatto/multiracial population. The majority of South and Central American countries, such as

Peru, Mexico, El Salvador and Nicaragua, have very high native Amerindian and mestizo population. Other countries such as Puerto Rico have a very diverse racial history, made up of European that's predominantly Spanish, but has had a history of Irish, Scottish, Corsican and other immigration, native Taino Indian and African (although immigrants from Lebanon and China are also noted).

From this rich diversity and multitude of cultures and races, you cannot truly have a set image of a Hispanic or Latino person because, despite everyday judgments and preconceived notions, they come in all varieties.

Ask. Dr. Q&A

By Dereck Rivera
Staff Writer

Marissa Nuniez: Edison, N.J.

Q: Summer vacation flew this year; you know with the partying, the nice day outdoors. I can't wait for summer again.

A: Look at it this way, with global warming you will have the summer of all summers. Soon we will wear tank tops in January. Heck, I'm giving away my jackets and sweaters already.

Jennifer Locklier: Woodbridge, N.J.

Q: I usually order two pies for my friends when they come over and see a movie. They always ask, "Didn't you order two?" I say no, and keep one to myself. I really can eat the whole pie, but do you think I should be hiding the second pie every time?

A: Don't order 2 pies. Order three pies instead. Keep two pies for yourself, and give the last pie to your friends. The next time they come around they will ask, "Didn't you order three?" Say no, then they will finally realize they've been fooled.

Betsy Martin: Metuchen, N.J.

Q: I can't sleep at night. I hear the clock tick tock, the water drip drop and my grandma flip flop down the hall every night. What should I do?

A: Turn off the tick tock'n, drip dropping, and hide your grannies flip-flops.

Billie Rodriguez: Perth Amboy, N.J.

Q: Is it me, or do I smell everything around me come springtime? I hope it's just a seasonal thing. What could it be?

A: I smell everything too. Gee, we are so alike. Ask your neighbors, friends, and family; see what they say.

Xavier Pintos: Perth Amboy, N.J.

Q: I hate when there's a big line in an ice cream parlor and someone is sampling everything. Isn't Vanilla- Vanilla, Cherry- Cherry, Chocolate- Chocolate?

A: Yes, but I don't know if your anger is attended toward the line or the sampling. I can't help you out there.

Sandra Bugur: Edison, N.J.

Q: I believe that bad customer service should be appointed to penalty charges or reduced pay. Why do people have a job they can't manage? Why work at all?

A: A penalty charge is a little bit rough, but reduced pay I agree with. People work because they have no other choice but to do it.

Brianna Valdez: Fords, N.J.

Q: You finally made sense to me the other day. You told me that I should just stick to one diet. I can't get off it. I'm shedding pounds off like crazy. I think I could be your personal trainer, what do you say?

A: I gave you the advice. Don't you think I'm shedding pounds myself?

Henry Santiago: South Amboy, N.J.

Q: Blah. Blah. Blah. That's all the fortunetellers sound like. Do you really believe in Miss Little? Or is she another one of those scams.

A: Miss Little has a lot to say, she is really good in a big-little way.

Will Dunn: Sayreville, N.J.

Q: Do you believe in karma? I was talking to Jess, a friend of mine, and she said that I was losing hair. Could it be that the baldy guy at my job placed a weird spell on me? What should I do?

A: Yes, karma it is. He's collecting all your needy hair for his "one grand" hair transplant.

Tony De Rosa: Edison, N.J.

Q: I type so slow on my keyboard, and clicking the mouse is another hassle. I don't know how I managed to send you a letter via email. Could this be a groundbreaking achievement?

A: I wouldn't say groundbreaking, but achievement yes.

Robert Mc Norman: North Edison, N.J.

Q: I'm losing my mind behind the wheel. Yesterday, I bumped into trashcan. Today, I ran a stoplight. Next, thing you know it I'll run someone over.

A: Just a bad sense of direction, that's all.

Travis Leonard: Piscataway, N.J.

Q: The American dream, live life, tells it like it is, free stuff, and act on what's best for you. Life can't get better than this.

A: I didn't know it was that free?

QUO VADIS

MCC Expects Women's Soccer to Continue to Thrive after a Year of Building

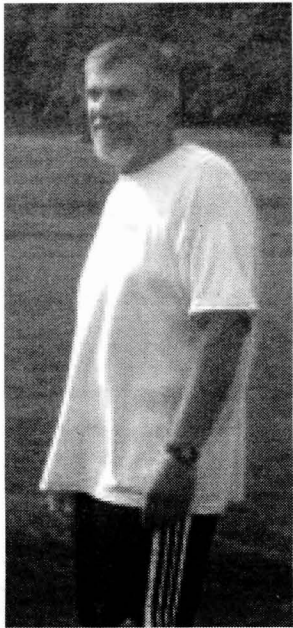


Photo taken by Philip Mathew
Coach Ted Fiorentino

By Philip Mathew
Sports Editor

Last year, coach Ted Fiorentino had the enormous task of restarting the Middlesex County College women's soccer program af-

ter the previous season had been cancelled. Finding enough players to field a team and having to play established Region XIX programs made it a trying season, but 2008 looks to be much better.

Fiorentino has seven players returning from last season and 18 players in total, six more players than in 2007. "This year, I was able to go out and recruit, so we have players that played on varsity high school teams before," said Fiorentino. "The talent coming in is better and with the seven players that know what's supposed to be done from last year, they are working really well together." When it comes to how his team has looked in pre-season practice, Fiorentino said, "They look really good, we are expecting big things out of them."

The women will have to play their best in their season opener against Camden, who, according to Fiorentino, went to

the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association Nationals last season and handed MCC a loss in the regular season. "I think we can give them a battle ... This year we're going to do much better," Fiorentino said.

Games versus Manor College in Pennsylvania, Burlington County College and Bergen Community College look good for the Colts, said Fiorentino. "I am thinking we could be 3-1 or 2-2 after the second week," he added.

After making a charge late in the 2007 season, Fiorentino is looking for steady improvement. "This year, I would be disappointed if we don't go at least .500. We have 13-14 games," he said. "If we don't win at least seven or eight, I'll be disappointed because [the women] have put in a lot of hard work. We are a better team—the games we lost 1-0, we need to turn into wins and we can win seven or eight games."

"A lot of teams are going to be surprised that played us last year; they are going to have a much tougher time this year."

A big change for this season is the addition of former MCC men's soccer player Fred Mensah as the assistant coach. Mensah is replacing Annette Ballina, who is on maternity leave. "Coach Freddie is a great guy. Obviously the team misses Coach Annette, as do I. He is a good replacement; he knows the game very well," said Fiorentino. "He played here a couple seasons ago, the team likes him and he brings a little more youth [to the team]. He's very comfortable with us, and we're comfortable with him ... He was a good choice for us."

Keeping the players academically eligible is a constant issue for all teams at MCC, and the women's soccer team did very well last year. "Other than one person, the team is all fine this year ... last year, seven

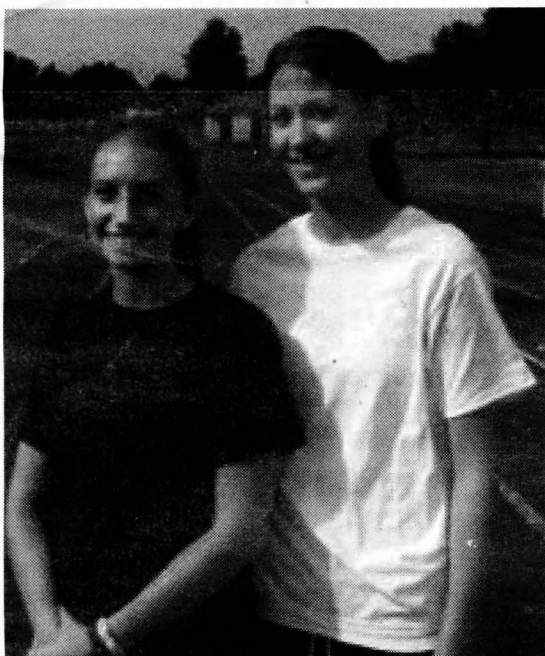
players got awards for academics and athletics. I think we had seven players that had above a 3.5 GPA," said Fiorentino.

Coaching at MCC has been a more enjoyable experience for Fiorentino. His previous job was head coach of the boy's soccer team at Bishop Ahr High School. "I enjoy this [job] a lot better, because we have more talent here than we had at Bishop Ahr. The help I get from the office inside from [Athletic Director] Bob [Wisniewski], [Assistant Assistant Directors] Carey [Monkowski] and Bob [Edmonds], they make it a lot easier on me," said Fiorentino. "If I had to make a choice, I would pick coaching here over any high school, it's a much better situation."

This season, the MCC women's soccer has the foundation in place to make strides and completely blow teams that beat them last season out of the water.

MCC Women's Soccer Captains Return

Philip Mathew
Sports Editor



Taken by Philip Mathew

Rachel Wolf and Ashley Rodriquez

Rachel Wolf and Ashley Rodriquez are returning for their second season on the women's soccer team. Wolf and Rodriquez, along with Jamie Deceglia are the captains for the team.

Wolf, a special education major from Sayreville, and Rodriquez, a biology major from Colonia, have both played soccer since they were six and playing at MCC came along as an opportunity. "[I play soccer] because I was going to the school and you can't pass up playing," Rodriquez said. "Coach [Fiorentino] called us and asked us to come out, so we came out and now we're here," Wolf said.

Balancing education and playing a sport is easier during the season, according to the two captains. Wolf said, "I actually find it easier during the

season, my grades are better during the season because I feel more focused, like I know I have to go to school and soccer." Rodriquez added, "Everything is timed, like you have a scheduled time and you know exactly when you have time, so it's all planned out perfectly."

When it comes to influences for playing the game, both got a push from their parents. "My dad influenced me; ever since I was little, he put me in it and I have never stopped," Rodriquez said. "It was kind of the same way [for me]. As a little kid, I just tried out everything and soccer just stuck," Wolf said.

When taking on their roles as captains, Wolf and Rodriquez aren't just another coach. "We try not to be a coach—it's more like leading by example, not by words, [as in] being positive and making sure everyone is comfortable on the field; if someone needs something, making yourself available to them, but just basically leading by example and everyone else gets the hint to follow along," Wolf said.

Wolf and Rodriquez are coming back with a renewed

confidence, with more experience and new recruits. "It's a step up from last year; we have girls coming back and a couple of new girls. Last year was the first year for the program, so the program is growing with more bodies and more opportunities," Wolf said. Rodriquez added, "We didn't know each other [last season], we didn't know how we played [and] now coming back, we have a few girls that played and new skill that are helping us lead."

The two women see coach Fiorentino as a father figure. "We love him; he is a very good coach. He is always positive and always helping us to get better," Rodriquez said. Wolf added, "He definitely makes it a good environment for us girls to be in, and he isn't just a coach. He is there for us to talk to—if we have a problem, we know we can [go to him]."

Losing assistant coach Annette Ballina to maternity leave left the position open for Fred Mensah, but the loss affected them more than other players on the team. "I think we were more affected by it, because Annette was like a sister to us," Rodriquez said. Mensah, however, brings other things to the table for this team. "He is a really good player. He teaches us a lot of ball control, [many] skills that we can use on the field, so we can take it to the next level—pushing us to get better," Wolf said.

The experience of playing at MCC for Mensah helps the team as well. "He [absolutely] knows what he's doing. Basically, he's played here, been a

The Blue Colt Baseball Team Poised to Duplicate Last Season's Magic

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The Middlesex County College Blue Colts baseball team is coming off one of its most successful seasons in its illustrious history. One of the key factors to last season's magical run, that included a national ranking in the top five at two different points, was the play of their first year players. One of those first year players is outfielder Jason Mickley, an 18 year-old sophomore from Carteret, N.J. His major is liberal arts at MCC, with aspirations to become a physical education teacher. Mickley is a skilled outfielder, capable of playing all three outfield positions. Before starting on the MCC diamond, Mickley was a three time varsity letter winner at Carteret High School, and was a four year member of a travel baseball team also in Carteret. Hitting his first home run during his sophomore season at high school is the highlight out of many shining moments for Mickley in his career so far. Mickley has been a Yankee fan since his youth, when he idolized former Yankee great Bernie Williams. "That guy could do everything. He was awesome," said Mickley.

Like his hero, the foundation of Mickley's game is his outstanding speed. "You can count on Mickley to utilize his speed in the outfield and on the bases. I

know we can count on him to steal a base for us at any time," said returning star infielder, Nicholas Arena.

Mickley enjoys playing a role in the Colts success, but is more concerned with the overall state of the team, rather than individual goals. He has completely bought in to Coach Michael Lepore's philosophy, to take things one step at a time: "We want to win one game at a time, that's it," said Mickley.

What separates playing for MCC apart from every other squad that Mickley has ever been a part of, in his eyes, is the level of team chemistry that exists between the players, many of which talk, and hang out regularly. "Everyone gets along with everyone. There's no hate in our locker room," said Mickley.

Mickley and the rest of this year's Blue Colts baseball team are preparing for the spring by playing fall baseball here at MCC. They will be playing games predominantly against two year schools during the fall, with a few games against four year schools, such as Stockton, sprinkled in. The team will look to focus on playing as many innings as possible this fall, so the coaching staff can evaluate and develop their talent. Jason Mickley will be one of the players that Coach Lepore will look to have lead the Blue Colts onto the field during their first fall game on Sept. 2.

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Arena Returns to Star for MCC Baseball

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The Middlesex County College baseball team is coming off one of its greatest seasons in the history of the program, and was ranked within the top five for the brunt of their spring 2008 campaign. One of the biggest factors to the team's success last spring was the play of the first year players. One of the first year players that contributed throughout the 2008 season is infielder Nicholas Arena, an 18 year-old sophomore from Colonia, N.J. Arena is a physical education major at MCC, and intends on becoming a high school physical education teacher.

Arena was a two time varsity letter winner at Colonia

High School. Arena is a long-time New York Mets fan, and is very high on their chances to win the World Series this season. Arena was one of the best all around players on the Blue Colts last season. Arena hit over .350 as a high school senior, and his success has carried over to MCC, where he batted over .300 for the majority of the season. Despite his success at the plate, Arena's defense has been deemed his strong suit, as there is very little that gets by him while playing at either at second or third base. "He is one of the better defensive players on our team by far," said fellow returner Jason Mickley.

Head coach Michael Lepore enjoys coaching Arena, and loves his enthusiasm for the game. "He's always asking me questions, and trying to under-

stand the game better. As a coach you love that in a player," said coach Lepore.

Arena and the rest of this year's Blue Colts baseball team are preparing to duplicate the results from last spring by playing fall baseball here at MCC. They will be playing games against mostly two year schools during the fall, with a few games against four year schools thrown in the mix. The team will look to focus on playing as many innings as possible this fall, and not concern themselves too much with win and loss totals so that the coaching staff can evaluate the talent that they have for the spring, where the results really matter. Nicholas Arena and the rest of the Blue Colts baseball team will begin playing games on Sept. 2, and will finish up on Oct. 4.

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coach and he knows what he is talking about and we just listen because it works," Rodriguez said.

Wolf and Rodriguez have a couple of goals for the upcoming season. "Our minimum goal is to go .500 this year, we are striving for that but we also want to exceed our expectations, that is the least we want to do," Wolf said. Both players said that the ultimate goal is to make it to the NJCAA Nationals in Texas. "Compared to last year, it's a little far out of reach, but we're being positive this year. We have a lot more bodies and a lot more skill this year," Wolf said.

For Rachel Wolf and Ashley Rodriguez, the upcoming season will be their last at MCC, and they want to leave the program on a high note.

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