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PHOTO OF THE WEEK!

http://www.middlesexcc.edu **Colts Place** Sixth in District Championship

Nick Kruger Staff Writer

The Colts were led in his five mile race by reigning All-American Ron Hall, who tallied up another top ten finish as he finished in seventh place, with a time of 28:05. Second year standout Justin Koodish touted an impressive time of 29:14, which was good enough for a 9th place finish. The team's overall placing was slightly held back by the performance of their third, fourth, and fifth runners in Massachusetts. Their efforts were good enough to seal a sixth place finish, but they could have propelled the team to as high of a placing as third.

The Colts were forced to get an early start that morning since the race was held at 9:30 a.m. The race was held at this time because Stanley Park was home to a wide range of cross country races that day. "It was good to get it in early on, and get back here at a decent ime," said head coach Robert Terelle.

The course and condiions were favorable for any cross country runner. Stanley Park is a completely flat course, with no hills. The morning proosed cool conditions, with little to no wind. "It was perfect run-

EDISON- The Middlesex County College Dance Ensemble will present its Fall Dance Concert on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6. Both performances will be held in the Performing Arts Center on the College's Edison Campus at 7 p.m. and are free.

"Our modern dance company will present a variety of dance pieces that are each uniquely entertaining, emotional, and thought-provoking," said Heather Dougherty, dance instructor and the artistic director of the Dance Ensemble. The performance will include works choreographed by students Amanda Cathcart, Kelly Farley, Ashley Sanchez and Alicia Pagan as well as alumni Raven Dunbar John Barrella. and The piece choreographed by Ms. Dougherty is an exploration of the human desire to



aspire from the mundane to the divine and the connection between the natural and supernatural worlds. "This is my first year working with these stu-

dents and I am extremely impressed by the level of talent and dedication in the Ensemble," she said. "Our performance will be enjoyable and ex-

tremely enriching. The performers and choreographers have all worked very hard to produce a great show and it will be a worthwhile event for all who attend."

Professor Dobshinsky MCC Ann Loses

Jason Torres Staff Writer

Middlesex County College suffered a major loss with the passing of mathematics professor Ann Dobshinsky of a heart attack this semester at the age of 59. Dobshinsky taught at MCC for 19 years and left an imprint on the hearts and minds of both faculty and students alike.

Born in Forrest Hills, New York, Dobshinsky attended Boston University and completed her B.A. of science and completed her Masters in mathematics education at Columbia University's Teachers College. She taught mathematics within the New York City public school system for 15 years and contributed as a freelance writer for review and supplemental materials as well as math textbooks.

Dobshinsky strove to create an environment where her students could achieve their fullest potential. "She would be available to her students an hour before her 9 a.m. classes four days a week for anyone who needed extra help," said DeLucia.

Her husband, Neil recalls that she would sit up nights thinking of different ways to reach her students.

"She successfully tried to make math fun by incorporating games and activiaward nominated for her excellence in teaching.

Equally notable to her dedication to her students was her dedication to her friends and family that were the center of her universe. She would embrace and welcome friends and colleagues into her home to celebrate Jewish holidays when they were unable to spend it with their own families.

"Years back when I broke my ankle and couldn't drive or sit still, Ann would drive up all the way up to my

close to me; Professor Dobshinsky reached out to me, above and beyond just being my teacher, and helped me cope with my loss and my schoolwork with grace," said DeStefano.

This sentiment is echoed by those that knew her well. "She was a caring person who never rushed to judgment, always listened and would help in any way that she could," said DeLucia.

Professor Dobshinsky is survived by her husband, Neil and two sons, Andrew and

ning weather that day," said Terelle.

The Colts will look to build on their solid performance at Districts, as next week they will be competing in their final and most important race of the season, Nationals in Lincoln, RI. This is our national meet. This s the biggie," said Terelle.

Mathematics Department Chairperson and close friend Maria DeLucia recalls that ties to engage her students, reinforcing that they too could excel in math," said DeLucia.

Her dedication to her students and profession is evident by the many awards and accolades she received during her career including recognition for her work with MCC's Project Connections program and an "Above and Beyond"

home to cheer me up," recalls DeLucia.

Former student and MCC sophomore Megan DeStefano remembers how Dobshinsky helped her through the loss of her grandmother during her semester in remedial math. "I was really struggling to balance my schoolwork with the heartbreak of losing someone so

Howard, a teacher himself at the University of Pennsylvania.

Any faculty or students interested in donating to Professor Ann the **Dobshinsky Memorial Fund** can contact mathematics professor Thomas Drew at the Math Department located in Center II 201 or by calling 732-548-6000 x3738.



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Middlesex County College: Campus and Community Calendar

Date of event: Nov. 19 Time of event: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Short explanation of event: HRI Luncheon (\$5 per meal) Location of event: Corral Restaurant (College Center Room 300)

Time of event: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Short explanation of event: Workshop: "I don't have a resume - How do I get started?" Location of event: Edison Hall Room 100

Date of event: Nov. 20 Time of event: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Short explanation of event: Great American Smokeout

Location of event: College Center Cafeteria C

Time of event: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Short explanation of event: Workshop: Mock Interviewing (the easy way) with InterviewStream Location of event: Edison Hall Room 100

Time of event: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Short explanation of event: Workshop: Surviving the Dreaded Test: Test-Taking Strategies Location of event: Edison Hall Room 100

Time of event: 4 p.m. Short explanation of event: MCC Foundation Board of Trustees & Directors Meeting Location of event: Corral Restaurant

Time of event: 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. Short explanation of event: MCC Basketball vs. Gloucester CC (Women at 5 p.m., Men at 7 p.m.) Location of event: Physical Education Center Main Gym

Date of event: Nov. 21 Time of event: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Short explanation of event: HRI Luncheon (\$5 per meal) Location of event: Corral Restaurant (College Center Room 300)

Time of event: 8 p.m. Short explanation of event: Performing Arts Theatre Performance "Rashamon" Location of event: Performing Arts Center

Date of event: Nov. 22 Time of event: Noon Short explanation of event: MCC Men's Basketball versus Atlantic Cape CC of event: Physical Location Education Center Main Gym

Time of event: 8 p.m. Short explanation of event: Theatre Performing Arts Performance "Rashamon"

Stop & Shop Food Donations

Courtney Cerreta C&C Editor

From Oct. 31 to Dec. 4, all Stop and Shop supermarkets are asking for donations for Food for Friends.

"The whole company has to raise a million dollars. Each store picks a food bank," said Elizabeth Merced, the Assistant Store Manager of Stop and Shop #803 in Edison on Route 1. "Our store is donating to the Hillside NJ Food Bank and we give them a check of everything we raise." Cashiers are doing their part at every store to ensure that money is raised for this good cause.

"The cashiers ask each customer if they would like to donate \$1, \$3 or \$5 and the customer puts their name on the turkey. Then we decorate the store with the turkeys," said Merced. "We are also selling bagels and coffee at \$2 for breakfast and hotdogs and soda at \$2 for lunch."

This fundraiser isn't just limited to customers. "The employees are also donating," said Merced. "We have gift baskets, raffles 50/50's, and lotteries...Last year we raised \$1541. This year we have to raise as much as last year and earn 33% more."

Elizabeth Alvarado, cashier at Stop and Shop #803, said "I believe that it is moderately effective. Having people donate in grocery stores can help. Many people go grocery shopping so if each customer donates \$1 the net amount increases."

"The company likes to raise money for all different funds and this is our holiday fundraiser," said Merced.

(College Center Room 300) **MCC MAD Design Contest**



Photo By Tom Peterson

From left to right: Mary Tutalo, buyer and marketing manager for the Blue Colt Bookstore; College President Joann La Perla-Morales; Ms. Butrico; and Francine Krimsky, assistant professor of visual arts, who taught the class.

EDISON-Middlesex County College student Gina Butrico was presented with a \$100 gift certificate to the MCC bookstore after winning a competition in her graphic design class. She created the cover of a notebook that the bookstore will be selling in the spring of 2009. They are shown with the winning design.



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Middlesex County College Showcases Student Body Works gling to find her way after los-

Jason Torres Staff Writer

Middlesex County College offers a wide variety of courses in order to prepare their students for a career where they can successfully express their passions. Sophomores Alyson Felton and Meagan Plichta have turned their passions into promising careers in the arts. Felton has published a short story, "Canvas" through online publisher Lulu.com and Plichta's "MadasaHatter" sculpture is being featured in the Avant-Grand 2008 visual and spoken word gala, presented by Starbucks.

Felton, a modern language major who began writing seriously while in high school, decided to self-publish her short story on Lulu.com, an established site for writers, in order to gain a strong standing within the literary world before attempting to find an official publisher.

ing her family to her mother's suicide attempt. The basis of

Photo By Jason Torres Meagan Plichta

her struggle is defining the meaning of reality, as she explores possibilities in search of her answers to no avail, until an old friend comes to shed a little color on the scene," said Felton.

"This short story examines the very actuality of reality and its standing within society."

Her inspiration for this story was an old friend who struggled internally with this very question and enlightened her own concerns of reality. "He claimed that all that was real in the world was emotion and everything else was arbitrary, unreal and meaningless," said Felton. "I hope to really incite people to think more about the world they live in [and] to open their minds to think beyond the standards society hands them."

Plichta, a liberal arts visual art major, developed an interest in the arts from childhood, when she would make little sculptures out of objects around the house.

Starbucks hosts an exhibit that displays the artwork of their partners annually. During the summer, interested partners were asked to submit up to two pieces of artwork within a wide range of mediums to be reviews by a judiciary panel.

Plichta immediately seized the in the art world and ultimately moment and submitted a sculpture, "MadasaHatter," that she completed for her 3-D design class at MCC during the spring 08 semester.

"I learned a lot about myself as an artist in that class; professor Maria Marshall was instrumental in helping me grow and allowed me to think outside the metaphorical box to challenge what we thought was true

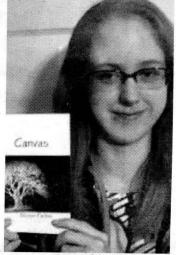


Photo By Jason Torres Alyson Felton's Canvas

rekindled my love for sculpture," said Plichta.

Plichta's inspiration comes mainly from two places: music and stage music, which are both evident in the piece she submitted to the Starbucks art show. The sculpture consists of two decks of playing cards, three working clocks, a top hat and some wire. There is a working pendulum attached to the bottom of the sculpture that rocks the entire thing back and forth.

"To add an auditory element, I deliberately set the second hands on all three clocks to different times so if you listen carefully you can hear a distinct rhythm," said Plichta.

To read Felton's short story, "Canvas," log onto Lulu.com. Plichta's sculpture, "MadasaHatter" will be featured at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 W. 18th St. in New York City on Nov. 21.

Democracy House Helps Out Middlesex County College, A Place For Everyone

Federico Zanatta Staff Writer

journey of a young girl strug-

"'Canvas' follows a short

Democracy house held a fundraising table on Nov. 6 at he College Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers raised \$55.39, which will be donated to Elijah's Promise, a community service organization located on Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick where they run a soup kitchen and several social services to those in need

"This year supermarkets are not donating as much as

have four other fund raising events on Nov.12, 17, 18 and 20, also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The organization also provides ESL classes at the Middlesex County College New Brunswick Center, tutoring services at the New Brunswick High School and Roosevelt Middle School and farm and office work at Cook Student Organic Farm at Rutgers University. Individuals interested in joining Democracy House may apply at http://

www.middlesexcc.edu/ democracyhouse.

Vilma Sierra Staff Writer

After looking for a job around Middlesex County College, Asma Sadiq, a full-time MCC student, decided to give her last try in the library. "I walked around the library, and then I asked in the reference desk if they were hiring students and they told me that they needed someone for evening shifts. Luckily, I was free during evenings," said Sadiq. She got the job as media aide.

"I was so happy when I got the job on campus be-

cause it's a convenient job. I do not need to drive [anywhere other] than school," said Sadiq. She has been working for one year at the media desk at the IRC Building. Her job simply consists of assisting teachers with everything related to media devices and she also takes care of the IRC study rooms. "This job [is] so perfect that whenever [it] is not busy, I use that free time to do my homework," said Sadiq.

Sadiq said she is so happy with her job that she doesn't see herself working in another place. "I have learned to be a responsible person,

[and] I also learned how to work with people from different cultures," said Sadiq. When asked about how the library staff treats her, she said they are very respectful and comprehensive because they know that as a student, she has many responsibilities with homework and tests.

She strongly recommends to all students that work at MCC to take it as a serious job, and also to use their time wisely by doing homework whenever their jobs gives them some free time.

Are we in a recession or in a depression? What have you made to adjust to the present economic situation?









Peter Cipparulo, Tiffany Malcolm, Rebecca Shield, and Gabriela Zanatta t fund raising table.

they did in previous years, so Elijah's Promise reached out Democracy House for donations," said Democracy House Hunger Team leader Rebecca Shield.

Democracy House will

First year Democracy House members Tiffany Malcolm and Gabriela Zanatta said they are enjoying their time with the organization. "It is nice to make a difference," Zanatta said.

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Hamad Rehman; Biology transfer major, resident of Old Bridge.

Answer: "I believe we are in depression but I am not doing anything out of the ordinary."



Hesha Parekh; Psychology major; resident of Iselin. Answer: "This is a depression but it really doesn't make any difference to me. I just live my life."

Sandy Lima; Education major, resident of Perth Amboy. Fine Arts major resident of Answer: "We are getting into a depression. I don't buy junk food as much as I used to. I am basically just paying for gas and my bills in order to save some money."



Theophilus Mensah; Chemistry major; resident of New Brunswick.

Answer: "We are in a recession; now I don't drive a lot or party a lot like I did before. I also cut my cell phone usage."

Joy Jesus Piñero-Deniz; Edison.

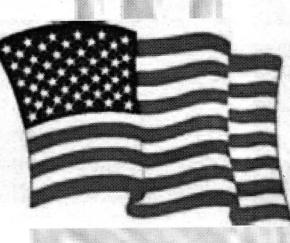
Answer: "I think that we are in a silent depression. As a consequence my career preferences have changed - instead of doing freelancing and entrepreneur projects I am considering teaching in order to fund my projects and establish financial security."

SAVE THE DATE! **Attend Quo Vadis's** Second Open Forum of the Semester on Wednesday, November 26th! We want your imput!

Holiday Cards For A Wounded Soldier

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bring joy to a Kevin, a 20-Veteran of has come Philadelphia

severely injured. Show your support by taking time out of your day to make him a

Sample Card





From November 25 through December 5, Quo Vadis will have a table set up in the Main Lobby of the College Center. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. you can decorate a pre-made card for no charge

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The Gift of Cunning: Holiday Gift high amounts for their unused

Dereck Rivera A & F Editor

This holiday season is expected to bring in even bigger numbers of gift cards sold than any other merchandise. What makes gift cards so compelling for a holiday present? Why are so many people purchasing gift cards? This sneaky side of retail gives us a look at what may be the easiest way to "scheme" customers out of their cash this holiday season.

Retailers are building their "pot of gold" with a neat trick of gift cards. According to the New York Times, lost, discarded or underused cards amounted to \$7.8 billion in "free money" last year. Retailers are profiting in gift cards. But there is a solution; some sites are helping individuals get something for unused gift cards.

Giftcardbuyback.com is a site designed to help people sell their cards for cash. All you do is mail in your unwanted gift cards and get a check in the mail or instead you can help a great cause by donating your gift cards to charities such as the Humane Society, Goodwill of San Francisco and more. Do not let your money profit the retail industry when that same money can be either yours or go towards someone who really needs it.

This stocking stuffer has promised to put either a smile of joy or just a grin of appreciation

on your face. Whether or not you get a gift card for Christmas, it will never seem to make it out of your pocket. According to ABC news, only 29 percent of mall-based gift cards are redeemed the week after Christmas and 65 percent are redeemed during January.

It is the best and easiest way to get a gift out of the way. The convenience is there, but the uniqueness is not. Purchasing a gift card can either make or break you in your creative and thoughtful message. Gift card purchasers most likely want to settle and ease the pain of frustrating lines and big crowds or the most familiar shopping scene, a one on one death match for the popular toy of the year.

Are gift cards a perfect gift? To many individuals it is because it is no different from money. However, there are those like me who do not want to buy what a gift card tells me too. That's just it; we buy a gift card because we believe that the gift receiver will love their gift as much as we do.

So whatever happened to the saying, "you should always appreciate what you receive"? That's true; however, you can't make that judgment when receiving a gift card. You are literally stuck into buying what you do not want to buy. Billions of gift card holders will spend their card cash on something they do not want or need, or on the other hand will never use it until they

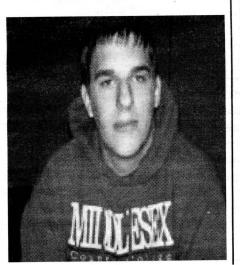
see something they really like.

Be sure to spend your gift cards this holiday season quickly. Your card will lose its value with fees and restrictions. According to USA Today, fees range from \$2 to more than \$10 depending on what card you buy.

Retailers like Best Buy, Wal-Mart, and Circuit City noticed their success in gift card mania. In turn, they have now decided to make their gift cards come to life. Some play music, display personalized messages and even wrap around your wrist as a bracelet. The kids think its cool; the parents think the same, but the retailers go bonkers with another ingenious plan of sales marketing for the holiday season.

What are your plans for this year's holiday season? How do you choose what gift to give to your friends and when do you plan on buying the gifts?





Edward Dogma, Woodbridge **Nursing Major**

This holiday's season is going to be about celebrating Christmas and my birthday, like every year, since they're both on the same day. I plan on having a party with my friends and family. Depending on the friend, I'll ask them what they want but if it's a close friend then I'll know what to get them. I plan on buying the gifts as soon as I get my paycheck.



Kyle Drost, Edison Liberal Arts Business Major

The New Holiday Season

Courtney Cerreta C & C Editor

don't know if it is because the imes are changing or I am geting older, but things are not the vay they used to be when I was ounger. I'm talking about the holidays in particular.

The first holiday that comes up in October is Halloween. My friends and I would always have off from school so we could wear our costumes and trick-or-treat all day and until all crazy hours of the night and then we would have the next day off because it was All Saints Day. The stores would out Halloween candy on the shelves starting at the end of September or the beginning of October. Now, children have chool on Halloween and the lay after. They are selling Haloween candy in August. Chil-Iren also barely trick-or-treat anymore and go to Halloween parties instead.

All the food stores and shopping malls just overook Thanksgiving as a holiday. It is just another excuse to eat a lot and watch football. When I was younger, it was all about being with the family. I would wake up early in the morning and watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The rest of the day would be dedicated to Christmas movies and getting ready for Thanksgiving dinner with all my relatives. Now as I am growing up, I find myself waking up early not to watch the parade, but to go to work.

This is not what the holidays are all about. Things are definitely much better when you are younger and don't have a care in the world.

Christmas everyone's favorite holiday, but it is also the most expensive When I was a child everything was so amazing and mysterious I would go to the mall and sit or Santa's lap. I would tell him what I wanted for Christmas and ther take a picture with him. Now there is no more sitting on Santa's lap because I am too old. Also, presents consisted of toys such as Barbie dolls, sleds board games, video games movies and CDs. Presents now consist of gift cards and money (not that it is a bad thing, but it is less personalized). Christmas Eve was most important of all to my family and me. I would go to my aunt's house and we would eat seven different types of fish and sing Christmas carols around the table. Then, everyone would go to midnight mass together and when we got back we would all open presents Now, everything seems different. We don't go to mass to-

Steven Freuh, Piscataway **Modern Language Major**

For Thanksgiving, I will be having 20 people over. I'll be cooking for my parents. For Christmas, we'll probably be opening presents in the morning and going to my grandparents' at night, which is where I'll be staying from Christmas to New Year's. I give gifts out based on my knowledge of my friends and if I don't know them well enough then I'll given them a general, yet nice present. I plan on buying the gifts a week before Christmas.

I will be spending time with my family first and then my girlfriend. I'm going to go to the Poconos. I don't really buy my friends gifts. If it's a girl, I'll get her perfume or something cute. If it's a guy, then it'll be a sports related thing. I plan on getting the gifts a week before Christmas.



gether anymore. We eat way too late and we don't have time to sing Christmas songs. Once again I find myself working these holidays, which cuts down on my family time, but increases my paycheck.

So, I ask myself: is it because the times are changing or is in because I am getting older that the holidays just don't feel the same anymore?

Maria Ciufo, Middlesex Liberal Arts/ Education Major

I'm going to spend time with my family this year on Christmas Eve because it's a big thing for us. I will also hang out with my boyfriend, too. I base my gifts for the girl depending on her hobbies, interests and style. For the guys, I look toward the music and sports section. I don't like to wait for the last minute so I'll get the gifts either on Black Friday or a few weeks before Christmas.

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Equus Shocks Audiences

Samantha Evans A & E Editor

Equus is known as a "God" among mammals, especially horses. A 17-year-old boy ends up in a psychiatric home

from blinding six horses. A psychiatrist, in attempts to decipher this mystery, sits and wonders why one would do such a thing and questions himself as well. These are all subjects that are brought into play in the Broadway play, "Equus." The story of "Equus" is not for those of the faint of heart. Although the story is very unique and somewhat disturbing, actors from Broadhurst Theatre in New York City put on an amazing performance.

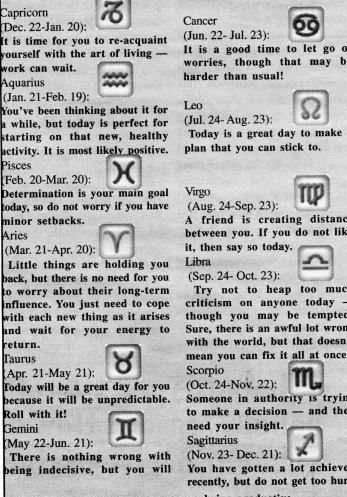
Daniel Radcliffe, known mostly for his role as Harry Potter in the hit series of movies, plays Alan Strang, teenage boy filled with angst who has an odd obsession with horses. Richard Griffiths, also known in the "Harry Potter" films as Potter's Uncle Vernon, plays a well-known psychiatrist, Martin Dysart. Dysart tries to help this poor, deranged boy in

any way that he can. Both Radcliffe and Griffiths put on fantastic performances in the new rendition of "Equus." Even if one was confused by the storyline of the play, they still sat in awe with how well these actors got into character. I was particularly impressed with Radcliffe's performance because it was so intense and such a mature role for him. Being a fan of the "Harry Potter" films myself, I never would have thought Radcliffe could pull off such an amazing role.

The set was one of simple measures. From the opening scene, the audience saw six horse heads hanging on the wall, which made it have an ancient Greek theme to the play. On stage were four simple boxes set up very simplistically. With such high ratings of a show, one would think that the set would be a little more elaborate. With four boxes and the horse heads being all that the characters had to interact around, they pulled it off quite well. The meaning behind this set was that if the set was any more complex, it would have taken away from the play. People would have been paying more attention to the set rather than the story and the performances.

"Equus" has many themes that the audience took away from it. There was an outstanding theme of the search for passion in anything from careers to life. Whether Strang was trying to find passion in horses or if Dysart was trying to find passion in his marriage life, this theme played a major role in the entire play and even in the lives of the audience. Another underlying theme in this production was faith or spirituality. Throughout the play the characters had a huge sense of faith and belief in what they thought was right. The audience could take this into their own lives with believing in whatever they do to the highest extent.

"Equus" left the audience in a sense of shock from the performances, set, costumes and overall story. When leaving the theatre all one could hear were the whispers and comments of wonder from this amazing production.



(Aug. 24-Sep. 23): A friend is creating distance between you. If you do not like it, then say so today. (Sep. 24- Oct. 23): Try not to heap too much criticism on anyone today though you may be tempted Sure, there is an awful lot wrong with the world, but that doesn't mean you can fix it all at once.

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(Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Someone in authority is trying to make a decision - and the need your insight. Sagittarius (Nov. 23- Dec. 21): You have gotten a lot achieved recently, but do not get too hung

on being productive.

HRI: Matinee Review never ending shower of ambro-

sia.

Corina Lombardi-Adamousky Managing Editor

Lights, camera, action! Or at least that's what the Hotel Restaurant and Institution Management (HRI) program at Middlesex County College wanted their matinee lunch on Oct. 29 to feel like. The tables were set, the waiters were ready and the chefs were cooking up a storm. Outside the door to the Corral Restaurant on the third floor of College Center, red tickets were being sold for \$5 to enter the lunch which started at 11 a.m.

Once inside the restaurant, guests were able to choose their own seat at one of the 19 tables set for the lunch. The atmosphere of the restaurant was upbeat, yet relaxing at the same time. As far as table center piece decorations go, I've never seen anything more creative. Each table held a small empty bucket of popcorn with shiny crinkly paper sticking out of it, a medium sized clacker and stars coming out of the clacker with the table number on them. Not only were the decorations unique in showcasing the talent of the HRI students, but the service was impeccable. Our server, Junie Altidort, an HRI major graduating in December, was more than pleasant and brought our food out in a timely manner. As soon as we were done with one course, minutes later the next course would be given to us. She also never forgot about refilling our drinks. It was like a

There were at least 50 people in attendance at the matinee lunch where they served tomato rice soup, garlic bread

twists, mushroom barley, candied sweet potatoes, stuffed chicken breast and crème de cacao torte. "It's different. I've never had anything like this.

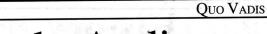
The combination of flavors is not something I'd normally eat together. It's good," said Claire Shaluha, a senior citizen from South River, New Jersey.

The soup was refreshing on such a cold day, the garlic twists were delightfully crispy on the outside and yet still pliable and soft on the inside and the entrée was delectable. The candied sweet potatoes had me wiping the extra flavor away with a breadstick and the dessert was sinfully sweet.

"This is something very enjoyable. They [the HRI students] do it for seniors. The price is right and the food is delightful," said Longin Brackman, a senior citizen from South River.

Television Guidefor November 19 - November 21

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CBS	New Adventures of Old Christine*	Gary Unmarried*	Crimina	al Minds*				
FOX	Bor	ies*	Ho	ouse				
NBC	Knight	Rider*	Li	fe*				
PBS	N	Ionarchy: The Roy	al Family at Work	(*				
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ABC	Ugly I	Betty*	Grey's Anatomy*					
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FOX	Kitchen N	ightmares	Kitchen Nightmares					
NBC	My name is Earl*	Kath and Kim	The Office*	30 Rock*				
PBS	This Old H	ouse Hour*	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow				
CW	Small	ville*	Supernatural*					
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Horoscopes

The students from the HRI program that ran the lunch were extremely professional and did a commendable job waiting on the amount of people who attended Wednesday's lunch. Comment cards were left on each table for all guests to fill out, which I took great pleasure in doing. With cheap prices and three course meals Wednesday's and Friday's this semester you'll find me in the Corral Restaurant. Where will you be?

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2008 Presidential Election: History in the Making

Column

Paul Lazaro Editor-in-chief

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 will go down as one of the more historic days in our nation's 232-year history. On that day, a 21-month presidential race ended and the United States elected its forty-fourth president. Sen. Barack Obama, a junior senator from Illinois, was chosen as our nation's first African-American leader.

I have voted in the past two presidential elections. I was deployed during the 2004 election and did not have a chance to study the candidates and make an informed decision. I voted for the incumbent that had ensured that the military continued to receive annual increases in pay and benefits.

This time around, I did my homework. After three weeks of searching through newspapers and online sources for the candidate's stances on issues that are important to me, I voted for the one that I agreed with most of the time. Neither candidate matched my beliefs or philosophies exactly; it is also my major reason for not affiliating with any political party. candidate that I voted for did not win the election, I do not feel like I threw my vote away or that I voted for the "losing" side. As I sat in front of my TV, having a one-sided political conversation with my two sc ampering cats, I thought about the significance of the event that was taking place. I had been part of, and was witnessing, an historic occasion.

When the winner was announced on every channel that I was surfing, I sat staring at the TV, transfixed. It was here, the inevitable moment that millions had waited for. Moreover, I had participated in it. As the TV networks focused on the concession speech being given by Sen. John McCain in Arizona, I tried to really listen to what he was saying. In my short life, never have I heard a more racious and praiseworthy acceptance of defeat. It was only eclipsed by the speech delivered shortly thereafter by his former opponent, the president elect.

Although I do not allow myself to be caught up in the hype of "buzz" words and catchy slogans, I found myself accepting president elect Obama's talk of "change." He stood up, undaunted by the magnitude of the job that we had just awarded him, and spoke about his plans for uniting and changing this country. I sat almost motionless through these two speeches and tried to remember every word that these two men said. I remember thinking that I was futilely trying to memorize these lines so I could hand them down to my children when they are old enough to understand, just like my father has told me about the memorable events that he has been a part of.

I was witness to a landmark event in my nation's history. Regardless of its outcome, never have I been prouder to be an American.

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Change Has Come to America, But is it Enough

Column

Jasson Torres Staff Writer

Here it is: Nov. 5 and president-elect Barack Obama has promised to bring change to the United States. He has promised a change that will hopefully help to address the many grievances the past eight years under the current administration have brought us: FEMA's poor response to Hurricane Katrina, the economic crisis brought upon by failed mortgages, crumbling banking institutions and the current military campaign fighting the war in Iraq. March 20 marked the five-year anniversary of the beginning of the war in Iraq and with the

country have been told and the tremendous price we have paid both financially and with human lives, is it any surprise that the majority of Americans want this war over and done with? It is important that we remember the history of this war and realize that our own inaction is the true deception that has cost us the most.

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Today we are told that the war in Iraq began to settle a score between Iraq and our 41st President George H. Bush. Our preemptive strike against Iraq was not a solitary act by a president drunk with revenge, but a multinational force composed largely of American and British forces and supported by Australia, Denmark, Poland and other nations. We were told Iraq's alleged possession of weapons of mass destruction posed an imminent threat to western security.

In reality, that information was ultimately based on false intelligence, but where were the American people and their outrage then? Why wasn't the country taking to the streets to protest the lives already lost and the lies being fed to the public? What should stand out more than the many lies we have told is how passively we sit and eat the same garbage day in and day out under our current administration.

What are the two issues that have gotten Americans out of their seats and into the streets? They are immigration and gay marriage. It would be laughable if it wasn't so sad. In April 2006, tens of thousands of people poured into the streets to challenge immigration reform. On Nov. 4 this year, 52 percent of California voters (5,387,989 people in total) voted against same-sex marriage. Does anyone realize how backwards this kind of thinking is? We have an ongoing war funded by the blood of American and Iraqi citizens that has crushed our economy and broken our trust in government, but what is the most important issue in America today? What Obama will or won't do once he takes office in January. We should be ashamed of our inaction.

It is true that a change is coming, but we should not believe that a change in political power will change an American people that have become more accustomed to being concerned with what's going on in their own backyards than that of their neighbors. We have been lied to for years yet our inaction to properly respond to those lies has made a bed for us that we must now lay in. We have created the hell that the Iraqi people and our soldiers live in on a daily basis and until we accept responsibility for that, the war will continue as it should. Until we learn to get off of our couches and demand that enough is enough, until we learn to be greater than the beliefs that divide us and until we learn that there is more to life than just what we can personally amass, we will continue to live in a world at war - and we have gotten exactly what we asked for.

coming up soon, I'm going to get fat. How about you, Doc?

A: I can't wait till Christmas. Yeah, I had my Thanksgiving feast already. So shut up!

Kristen DeGosstero, New Brunswick

Q: My best friend is upset all the time. She used to be fun and have a sense a humor, but now she's always crying about something and bringing me down with her. Am I a bad friend for not wanting to hang around her anymore?







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A: Get a job. Everyone else has one. Why can't you?

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Tracy Returns With One Goal in Mind the first time since 1971, but said. "I have to make sure I am

Philip Mathew Sports Editor

"I think we are going to go all the way...the third time's a charm." That is sophomore forward/center Marc Tracy on what the Middlesex County College men's basketball team's main goal is for the 2008-2009 season. Tracy, age 20, from Franklin Township, is a Liberal Arts - General Major here at MCC. Tracy averaged 10.1 points, 8.8 rebounds, 2 assists and 1.6 steals as a freshman and will have to improve on those stats to make a return trip to the national championship.

MCC finished runnerup two seasons ago in Region 19 and won the title last year for were only able to finish seventh out of the eight teams at nationals last March. Winning that Region 19 title last year was a great achievement for Tracy, along with the rest of the team. "It was indescribable, it was priceless," Tracy said. "Being a freshman, being a young guy out there and being a starter, you can't beat it."

As the leading returning scorer and co-captain along with point guard Brandon Rogers, the pressure is on them to make this goal a reality. Being a leader and a sophomore on this team is not much of a change for Tracy. "To be honest, it's really the same thing, just taking more control," Tracy

said. "I have to make sure I am a leader at all times, not letting anyone else take my spot. I am the leader...taking complete control of the whole team."

Tracy and Rogers were the key freshman contributors last year, and their relationship is important to how well this team plays this year. "It's a lot of chemistry between me and Brandon…he's my point guard and I'm his big man; we can't have a team without us both," Tracy said.

Playing as a center this season, versus playing power forward last year is nothing new for Tracy. "I played [center] in high school...in high school, I played the same way I play here, inside-out, an all-around



player," Tracy said. The off-season went quickly for Tracy, due to having to improve in certain areas. "[I had to improve] my right hand, making layups with my right hand and I gained 20 lbs. in muscle over the off-sea

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MCC Basketball Player Profile: Jason Morris

Matthew Kardos Staff Writer

As the Middlesex County College men's basketball team made their trek to the Region 19 championship last season, sophomore swing guard Jason Morris found himself on the bench and an afterthought in Head Coach Corey Lowery's rotation. As a new season is on the horizon, the former JFK High School standout is ready to step up and become a significant contributor to the Colts national championship aspirations this season.

Sitting on the bench as a freshman and seeing scarce playing time may have been a crucial element in the maturation process of Morris. It was something that he had never dealt with in his entire basketball career after starting all four years of high school.

"Not playing last season made me humble," said Morris. "It motivated me to push myself harder over the summer to ensure that I don't have to experience not playing again."

The learning curve appears to have paid dividends for ing into my second season in this wonderful program," said Morris. "Last season matured me a lot as a player, I didn't get much playing time so I took in what I was learning and put forth to it in practice and in the games I saw action."

Morris is a unique talent who offers a multi-dimensional arsenal on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor.

"I am actually new to running the point guard position," said Morris. "My entire career I was always a shooting guard, but I have made adjustments to make me better at the position over the summer. I am actually an interchangeable guard meaning I can play both guard positions as well as small forward on occasion."

On defense, Morris is the type of pesky defender that enjoys placing relentless pressure on the ball handler in hopes of creating turnovers. "Coach Lowery urges our defensive style with a pressure scheme that we like to call 94 feet of heat," said Morris. "We put pressure on the ball all the way up the floor."

Morris, a business major here at MCC, fashions his game after Detroit Pistons point guard Allen Iverson of the NBA. "The best of me comes out during games, just like Iverson," said Morris. "We both like to play quick and [we] both manage to mix in some street ball moves into our game."

As for Coach Lowery, he hopes Morris will follow the approach of another NBA player. "Coach wants me to play like Eddie House on the Boston Celtics," said Morris. "He's the emotional leader and gets everyone hyped to play. He accepts his role when his name is called and comes through in the clutch."

As a player who's biggest asset is running the floor on the fast break and shooting the three-pointer, Morris becomes an additional scoring threat for an offense that led Region 19 in total points scored (2604) and points per game (86.8) last season.

Morris will turn 21 in December and this is his final season at MCC. He has begun evaluating what he would like to do with his future. "I hope to transfer to a four-year school somewhere and try to continue playing basketball there, as well as get my degree," said Morris.

He envisions his departure to be made in the wake of securing the elusive national

Colts Cross Country Looks Forward to Nationals

Nick Kruger Staff Writer

The Middlesex County College Colts cross country team is looking to finish their season with a bang and a big performance in the National Meet in Lincoln, RI. The county college of Rhode Island will play host to the biggest race of the year as roughly 20 of the best cross-country teams from all over the country will go at it to see who the best is.

The Colts are coming off a sixth place finish in the Disrict Championships in Springfield, MA on Nov. 1 and will look to build off that momentum, and turn another great performance in at Nationals.

The Colts will be led into this clash of the titans by second year stars Ron Hall and Justin Koodish, who have been running 28's and 29's [minutes] respectively all season long, and have a legitimate chance of reaching All-American status if they run their best race in Rhode Island. "They probably have to run in the 27's in this race," said head coach Robert Terelle of his two star athletes.

But in order for the Colts to experience the level of success that they are hoping to, they will need everyone to push as hard as they can. "If everyone runs their best, we have a chance at fifth or sixth place," said Terelle.

Terelle has been prep

ping his team for a mostly flat course, with a hill here and there by slightly easing off this week during practice, in an effort to still provide his team with a challenging task while trying to give his athletes more rest time for the biggest race of the year. "We're going to run hard this week, but for less time. We want to lay off for a bit," said Terelle.

The National Meet in Lincoln will be the final race of the season for MCC and the last cross country race that multiple second-year runners will ever compete in. The upperclassmen look to send their careers off on a high note in the biggest of all races.

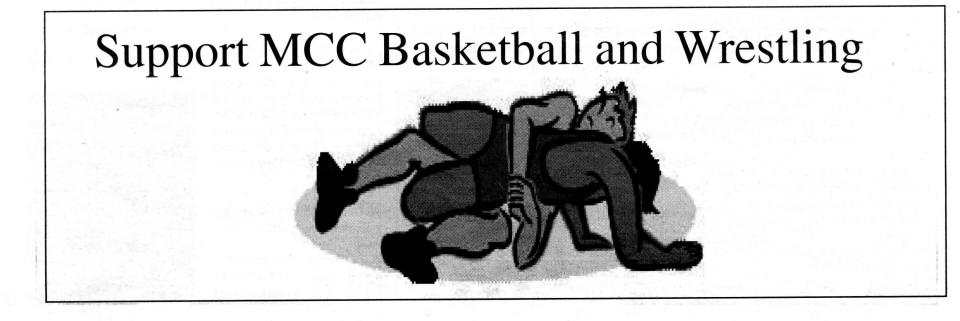
number 23 as he is projected to see substantial playing time at point guard this season.

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"The past two years, we pr have made a gradual progrestit sion," said Morris. "In 2007 this th

program won the conference title, last season we won both the conference and a regional championship title; all that's left for 2009 is for us to take home the national championship."



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Laud Anderson Profile: MCC Star Basketball Player

Josh Caulfield Staff Writer

Laud Anderson, the 6'2" sophomore star guard for Middlesex County College and one of four captains of the basketball team, has his eyes on the big picture. After last year's heartbreaking loss in the division three national tournament to SUNY Cobleskill, Anderson came into this year with a mind focused on hard work and dedication to make sure he and his team would not have to endure such a tough loss again.

Anderson came to MCC from North Brunswick High School where he played two years on the varsity team. He even played through his entire senior year with a torn meniscus in his right knee. For his hard work and grittiness, Anderson was awarded with the Coaches Most Improved Player Award, along with being named to the white division "All Hands" team.

"Coming into MCC, I had many nerves and played nervous a little bit. This year, I've taken on the captain role and am much more relaxed, which give me more swagger and confidence on and off the court," said Anderson.

Anderson, or "Lauddy Doddy" as they call him on the courts, is one of three returning sophomores the MCC team has. The team has played two scrimmages to this point, dropping the first to William Patterson 69-67, and winning the ladder against Rutgers Camden 77-69. "We really expect to win the national championship this year," said Anderson.

As one of the captains, Anderson knows his responsibilities of having teammates looking up to him comes both on and off the court. "I do my best to make sure that all my teammates are getting it done, most importantly in the classroom and then on the court."

Anderson attributes his success to coach Corey Lowrey. "Lowrey stresses a 2.3 GPA, even though you only need a 2.0 to be eligible." Anderson has even brought his own grades up a significant amount over the past year. "I had a 1.9 GPA at the end of my freshman year, but I listened to Lowrey, and attended all of his mandatory study hall hours, and even took some summer classes to improve my grades." Anderson is at a 2.5 GPA and continues to watch it rise as each semester passes. Anderson's biggest goal is not to lead the team in scoring or have the most block shots, but instead to get his GPA to a 3.5 by the end of the school year.

The basketball team practices six days a week and stays until about 8:30pm each night. With that kind of ardor, a National Championship seems attainable. Along with hard work, MCC will look to its defense to win most of its games. "The pressure defense we put on for most of the game is too much for teams to handle," said Anderson.

Anderson had nothing but good things to say about this year's team. "This team has a lot of personality. Everybody gets along great, which has built strong bonds between us all. Everyone on the roster has something to offer to the team."

Anderson said he knows the team's goals are achievable. "This year we're poised for a very special season, everything is put in place to step up and take care of business the way we know we can," said Anderson. "With the guidance of Lowrey, and hard work by each and every person on the roster, the sky is the limit for this team."

All-American Award Recipient Yanique Folkes Runs MCC Track

Kristian Santiago Staff Writer

The Colts winter track ind cross country teams conist of many talented athletes. Among them is All-American ward recipient Yanique Folkes. Folkes graduated from John P. Stevens High School in Edison where she competed in the 400 neter dash, the long jump, the riple jump, various relays and he distance medley. She coninues to compete in the same events for Middlesex County College. Folkes, who began running track at the age of seven, pelieves it was in her blood from he start.

"It [track] actually chose me from birth. My mother actually told me that I started running before I could walk. Being born in Jamaica, it was either play soccer or run. I chose running. I chose to run with lines or jump into sand," said Folkes. Besides handling track practice, cross country practice and 16 credits this semester, Folkes is involved with the fashion club Project Runway, which hosts a student run fashion show at the end of each semester. Between school, work, track and activities, Folkes certainly has her plate full.

"I wish [I] could run away from stress, but it seems to always find me. [I try and balance] 16 credits, working at Target, running on grass, rocks, twigs and hills, dodging geese poop, gopher holes and squirrels, then rushing to Project Runway to practice for the modeling show and [later] hopefully try to study," said Folkes. "Oh yeah, and balance a social life as well... Yes, stress kills, but it's worth it. I always try to strive higher, and at times it may be rough."

Folkes turns to her family and her best friends at MCC, twin sisters Adora and Aranda Ekeocha, who also run track. "We are always there for each other and help each other out in any way we can. I don't think I could have made it so far without my family and friends. I am deeply grateful. I can always turn to anyone of them when I'm in need," said Folkes.

Besides her All-American award, Folkes shares other accomplishments she's made while competing with the Colts. "The All-American

was for triple jump. I jumped 10.56 meters. I'm so proud of that; that was my best. I definitely ate sand because of that jump. This was spring 2008...May 9. I was so excited that I almost knocked Coach Terrell over. I was just as excited when I broke the pole vault record for MCC with 6'6" and won second in districts with only three girls on the team. I still smile about that to this day. This year, I'm going for more," said Folkes.

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son," Tracy said. "I basically had no off-season!"

When it comes to where he wants to go after MCC, Tracy said, "Any school that will give me a scholarship." The education aspect is very important to any athlete here at MCC, and it is the responsibility of the individual to get the job done. "That's what the whole team is about, while I am the leader, everyone is their own leader," Tracy said. "I can only tell them the consequences if they don't make the good grades...they won't be eligible for next semester."

Being a student at MCC has made Tracy mature quicker than at a four-year school. "Basically, it makes you grow up more than being at a university," Tracy said. "At MCC, you have to wake yourself up; you have to drive yourself to school. If you have an 8 o'clock class, you have to make sure you are at that 8 o'clock class...it basically makes you take more responsibility."

When speaking about head coach Corey Lowery and assistant coach Christopher Tarver, Tracy is very complimentary. "[They are a big] inspiration, they are my role models...I would actually like to come back and help coach because I love the system," Tracy said. "It's one of those systems that is so easy, but is so hard to defend. On defense, we do not do a lot on defense, but it is so hard to break us down. Coach [Lowery] says play defense or don't play."

Speaking to the students here at MCC, Tracy wants us to come out to support them. "Basically, come out because it is going to be a show, a free show," Tracy said. "[Coming out and] supporting both the men's and women's basketball teams because [fan's support] will help us win." Tracy will have a major role in whether or not the men's basketball team comes through on their goals in the 2008-2009 season.

Both teams will play at home on Nov. 20 versus Gloucester County College, with the women playing at 5 p.m. and the men at 7 p.m. The men will also play on Nov. 22 versus Atlantic Cape Community College at noon. All games are at the Physical Education Center Main Gym.

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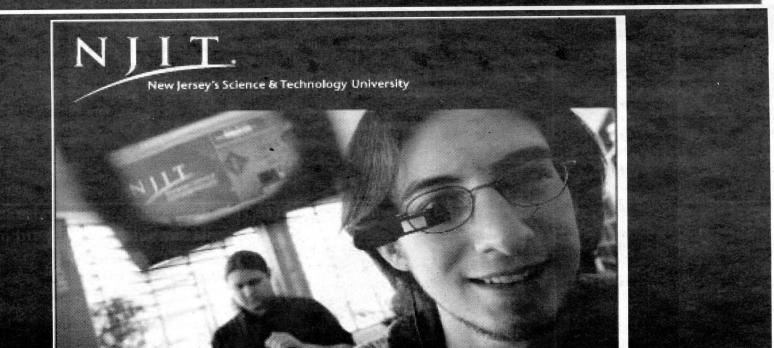
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