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## MCC Goes With a Global Trend and Builds a Green Building

By Joseph Lisnow Staff Writer

For the first time in its 45 plus year history Middlesex County College will build its first ever Green Building. At a time where the

entire world is looking into becoming more energy efficient, MCC will be doing its part with this environmentally friendly building. The new building will be called West Hall II and ground breaking is set to take place in October 2009.

"The whole idea of constructing Green Buildings and developing Sustainable Management Systems makes a lot of sense in the long term," said Dr Alan Sherman.

"Our country, and in fact, the world is not yet on a trajectory that is sustainable. In my view, academic institutions need to lead the way, both in educating students about sound environmental stewardship and in practicing sound environmental stewardship in the way that they manage their campus. Many Colleges and Universities are just beginning to establish Departments of Environmental Sustainability.

They are also beginning to implement Sustainable Management programs, including the construction of green buildings. The construction of West Hall II shows that MCC is committed to such a program."

The 36,000 square foot building will be built in the teacher's parking lot 1B right next West Hall by an outside contractor yet to be announced. The building will consist of 13 classrooms, four computer labs, two meeting rooms, a demonstration kitchen, and an office suite for Corporate and Community Education.

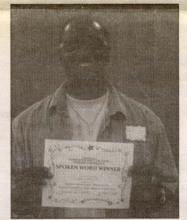
The new building will cost around 10 to 12 million dollars. The funding will be provided by a special group that works with county colleges in New Jersey called Chapter 12. The cost will be split in half between the county and the state. The counties will sell bonds to cover their side of the cost. The cost of construction was not a reason for the increase in tuition for the fall 2009 semester according to Director of Marketing and Public Information Thomas Peterson.

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After construction is completed West Hall will be torn down according to Peterson. Extra parking spots are also going to be created by Edison Hall and the Technical Service Center. "The parking will remain neutral," said Peterson "We may lose one or two spots or gain one or

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### Literary Journal Group Holds Writer's Conference to Raise Money to Publish Second Book During the Summer



Spoken Word Contest Winner David Cole Jr. won \$200.

> By Joseph Lisnow Staff Writer

Middlesex County College the first Tri-state writer's conference entitled Express Yourself on August 14 to help raise money for the second edition of "Middlesex a Literacy Journal.". by high school students, college students, teachers looking to earn five professional development credits, and anyone interested in writing.

The event was attended by 45 people from across the tri-state area. In the end the event had a net profit of \$2,801 according to English professor and one of the coordinators of the event, Melissa Edwards.

For over six hours professionals helped educate others on a variety of English subjects such as poetry, plays, non-fiction, writing novels and screen plays, and how to get their own work published. Five 50 minute sessions took place throughout the course of the day. Individuals were able to select what workshops they wanted to attend. Edwards, Shirley Wachtel, of the English department, Hank Kalet, of the Princeton Packet Inc., Ben Marshall, of the English department, Mat Spano, of the English department, Emanuel di Pasquale, of the English department, and Dan Zimmerman, of the English department, presented. All seven participated on a volunteer basis. "The workshop was a great success," said Director of Marketing and Public Information Thomas Peterson. "All

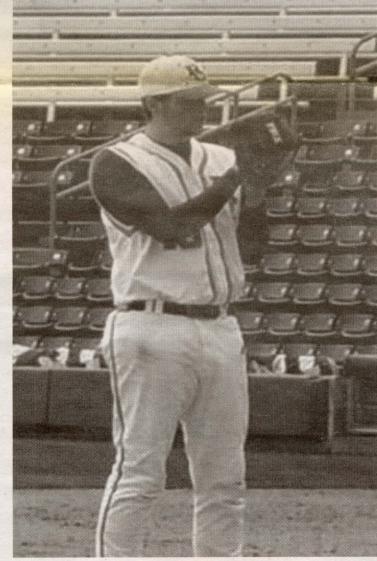
## Major League Baseball Selects Former MCC Student to Play in Chicago

#### By Matt Kardos Staff Writer

Last fall, the Middlesex County College baseball team appeared to have added the final piece in their efforts to get over the hump of ultimately winning the seemingly elusive national championship.

Chris Zagyi, who came to MCC from Rowan University as a transfer student nearly a calendar year ago to play baseball for the Colts, was selected in the 42nd round of the 2009 Major League Baseball amateur draft by the Chicago White Sox organization on June 11 this past summer.

"Being drafted to play professional baseball is a lifelong dream for me. I've wanted to do it since I was a little kid." said Zagyi, "I've met many professional ball players and I've always wanted to know what it felt like to play in front of a big crowd on a huge field, to wear a pro uniform, to have kids ask for my autograph, it truly is a



dream come true."

The towering 6'5" right handed pitcher from Oratory Prep High School spent one year at Rowan before opting to transfer to MCC, where he felt he had a better opportunity to be drafted.

"I came to Middlesex because I felt like I had a chance to be drafted earlier there as opposed to Rowan," Said Zagyi.

It didn't take long for Zagyi to leave a lasting impression on his coaches and teammates when he suited up for the Colts during last year's fall league.

The 20-year-old hurler dazzled opposing hitters every time he took the mound; it appeared as though the Colts

#### Chris Zagyi

could have the best pitcher in Region 19 once the real games began in the spring.

"Last fall, Chris was absolutely lights out," "If I said he gave up one run, which may even be stretching it." said Colts outfielder Jason Mickley, "He had dominant stuff for our club and he did an amazing job. With him I thought for sure we were going to have a huge year." However, Zagyi struggled academically during the fall and ultimately found himself on the outside looking in when the spring rolled around. "It was very disappointing not to see Chris out there for us," said head coach Michael Lepore, "He just needs to stay focused and he can do whatever he wants to do, I think that Chris has learned a lot from that experience."

Despite not throwing a single pitch for the Colts in the spring, Zagyis stock did not sour in the eyes of Major League

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The conference was coordinated by a small group of volunteers from the ranks of faculty and staff across the college and the Alumni Association, as a way to help raise money for the second edition of "Middlesex a Literacy Journal."

People from all around were invited to attend. It cost \$75 if paid for in advance and \$80 at the door. It was attended

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## **Police Blotter**

#### By Joseph Lisnow Staff Writer

A harassment complaint took place at the College Center on July 13 at 5:15 p.m. After being involved in a verbal dispute, an individual threatened a physical confrontation should additional words be exchanged.

An arrest took place at the Edison campus on July 17 at 1:17 p.m. After conducting a motor vehicle stop, an individual was arrested for outstanding warrants.

An incident occurred at Chambers Hall on July 22 at 2:37 p.m. A student became disruptive over a situation with his class schedule. After speaking with the student and calming him down, he was then able to complete his registration.

A theft was reported at Edison Hall on July 24 at 6 p.m. A carrying case containing a Nintendo DS game system and various games was left outside of Edison Hall. When the owner returned to retrieve the case, the games were missing. There are no known suspects or witnesses at this time.

A vehicle was towed on Blue Colt Drive on July 2 at 9:35 p.m. After conducting a motor vehicle stop, the driver was found to have been driving with a suspended license. The vehicle was subsequently towed. The Physical Education Center was evacuated on July 30 at 12:05 p.m. after a fire alarm was set off due to a malfunctioning smokehead.

A vehicle was impounded on Chambers Drive on August at 4:43 p.m. Subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Chambers Drive, the vehicle was impounded due to its being uninsured and unregistered.

Stalking was reported at South II on August 4 at 4:13 p.m. An individual reported that someone has been watching and following her coming to and from class. This has happened several times. The victim has been advised to contact police for an escort to her vehicle.

A terroristic threat was reported at the Edison campus on August 5 at 10:30 a.m. An individual reported that someone threatened physical harm to her if she accepted a job opportunity. The victim was advised of her rights.

Properly damage was reported at Main Hall on August 18 at noon Computer mouse wires were damaged in the computer lab, Room 101. It cannot be determined if the damage was accidental or intentional as the wires get caught when the monitors are folded down causing the wires to nick or completely sever.

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**Edison Arts Society Honors MCC College President** 

#### Honored for Service and Leadership

Middlesex County College President Joann La Perla-Morales (center) was honored by the Edison Arts Society at its 10th Anniversary Gala Ball May 30. Dr. La Perla-Morales was presented with the organization's Medal of Honor and a glass figurine of two ascending stars for her leadership of the College and the partnerships she has forged with local organizations, including the Edison Arts Society. She is flanked by Angelo A. Orlando, president of the arts society, and Anne Redlin, the executive director.

### **New Brunswick Center Offers Unique Threatre Course**

#### By Joseph Lisnow Staff Writer

Behind-the-Scenes Theatre Course Offered at Middlesex County College's New Brunswick Center Middlesex County College, in cooperation with the State Theatre, is offering a theatre class that goes behind the scenes and shows students what the world of theatre is really like. It begins September 29 as part of the College's Fall II schedule.

"Students are going to be able to go behind the scenes at the State Theatre and get a true feel for the nuts and bolts of the theater and the performing arts," said Evelyn Rosa, director of the College's New Brunswick Center, which is where the course will be held.

"There will be backstage tours, meetings, workshops, and dis-

cussions with visiting performers, directors, choreographers, designers, producers, and business professionals of the State Theatre.

You'll be attending shows at the State, the George Street Playhouse and Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick, on and off-Broadway in New York, McCarter Theatre in Princeton, and on MCC's main campus in Edison.

You'll be looking at the great theatres from the cities of the past, with parallels to contemporary New Brunswick, now the heart of culture and nightlife in Central New Jersey."

Martin Kushner, a graduate of the Yale School of Drama, managing director of Jersey Artists and Musicians (JAM!) and adjunct professor in the Performing Arts Department at Middlesex County College, will be teaching the course. The class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays thru December 17 from 6-7:40 p.m. at the Center, which is at 140 New Street, at the intersection of Joyce Kilmer Avenue.

The 3-credit course, THE 105N, will cover all facets of theater: production, performance, and management. There is a \$170 theater course fee (in addition to tuition) that will cover all performance ticket prices and some transportation.

You may apply and register in person or online at www. middlesexcc.edu. You may view performances and special events online at: www.statetheatrenj. org/workshops.

For additional information, contact the New Brunswick Center at 732-745-8866 or email: infonb@middlesexcc.edu.

### **Upcoming S.A. Fair Informs Students of Opportunities**

By Dan Taylor Staff Writer use simply for fun. The Office of Student Activities has various things to offer from discounted

fun part of being in college." Student Activities is sponsoring a fair on September

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Want to save money on movie tickets, Broadway shows, or ball games? Then you should visit the Office of Student Activities, located on the main floor of the College Center.

Let's face it—on a college student's budget, it's hard to balance school and work and still manage to find money to

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tickets to events such as parties and movies (viewed in the College Center Lounge), free refreshments, giveaways and more. In addition, students can get involved with the many clubs offered on campus.

College Center Assistant Brenda Cooney encourages students to get involved and visit their office. She said, "It's the 14 in which students may speak to club representatives and join clubs.

The Pathfinder also list a number of opportunities for students.

The Pathfinder can be picked up in the Student Activities office. There are also signs in the College Center for upcoming events.

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## New MCC Green Program Graduates 8 Students



They are, seated, from left: Wilmer Obando (Elizabeth), Orlando Sanchez (Perth Amboy), Nestor Martinez (Old Bridge), Joseph Acheampong (Plainfield). Standing: Mario Santos, the instructor, Fernando Quijano Jr. (Elizabeth), Frank Takacz (South Brunswick), Antonio Del Toro (Old Bridge), Andrew K. Vera (Elizabeth), and Dr. Moran.

EDISON - A new program at Middlesex County College, called "Electronics for Green Jobs," graduated eight people at a ceremony in July. The program, which began in May, trained them in

electronics in this new, rapidly

expanding field. Students learned about solar panels, repairing recycling devices, and geothermal and wind-based electrical systems and much more. The program was developed by the Institute for Management and Technical Development, a department at Middlesex that handles customized training for business. The director, Dr. Patricia Moran, said, "For months, I've had employers telling me they could not find electronic technicians." George Paradise, production director with Petra Solar who was at the ceremony, said his company is hoping to hire qualified green electronics technicians and the students' job prospects looked bright. "Green technology is where the world is going," he said. All eight who started in the program successfully completed it. The program is funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor. The next class begins August 11, and more are scheduled in the fall. For more information, call 732-906-4681.

## **Recent High School Grads Thrive in Summer Program**



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Twenty Middlesex County College students who recently graduated from New Brunswick High School are taking part in the Summer Scholars Program. The six-week academic refresher course, designed to serve as bridge between high school and college work, is funded by a grant from Johnson & Johnson. Chatting with students Michael Flores and Suzil Villalva are Alice Picardo (standing, left), the director of the College's First Year Experience Initiative and the coordinator of the program, and Bonnie Petrauskas, director of corporate contributions and community relations at Johnson & Johnson.

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# **Administration & Faculty**

WWW.quovadisnewspaper.comVolume 45, Issue 1Page 4September 9, 2009Converse Shoes Mark Dedication of Professor

By Eddie Ortiz Staff Writer

Who is the professor that wears converses? Seeing a professor walking on school grounds wearing the very trendy converse line in different colors and designs everyday is unusual, but if you see Professsor Roberta Rosen, you will have this unusual experience.

Rosen has been teaching at Middlesex County College for 11 years and if you don't know who she is, just look for the converses. Rosen said she is Brooklyn raised and you can definitely tell by her unique accent. Highly spirited, she says with pride what the streets of an urban area can

do for one.

"Brooklyn has a culture all its own and I am very proud to say I am totally acculturated." Rosen is passionate about her work. After a few years of teaching in Old Bridge, she said she became a fetal alcohol educator for Monmouth and Ocean counties for five years. That is when she fell in love with teaching, she said.

"I have coached almost every sport that there is to teach, but the real fun comes from impacting change in my student's life styles and teaching health allows me to do that. When I first went to college I was contemplating either becoming an elementary school teacher or teaching art; I am very happy with the choice I made," said Rosen.

It's obvious what her subject of passion is, now the only question is, how did she come up with converses?

"I started wearing converse when I went back to teaching in 1986. I was asked to take a job substitute teaching at Manalapan high school and I didn't really know what to wear since I had been out of teaching for so many years. I remembered my professor in college telling us that the students really look at how you [dress] and it doesn't hurt to be colorful. One thing led to another and now I have purchased 71 pair." With a staggering number of 71 pairs of converse sneakers, it's quite easy to say this professor is in with the "old school" and "new school". More important than any collection of sneakers, is the lesson she tries to get across to the young generation.

She said her assignments are all designed to help students think and to discover who they are and where they want to be.

Rosen says students have heard the facts over and over through the years they can Google anything and get the answer in a second. Her thoughts and mentoring go much deeper than a keyboard, click, and "search" tab.

"What I want for them is to use the information to change the things in them that are holding them back and to allow themselves to move forward so they can reach their potential. I also want them to learn from each other so that we can stop the anger and hatred that prevails around us from living a life of ignorance. If this sounds ideal, well, call me an idealist. But when I get students emailing me years later to tell me that they are in a better place because they stopped smoking or started exercising, then I think I have accomplished some part of what I want to accomplish," Rosen said.

## **Professors Lamella and Finne Work with H.S. Girls over the Summer** *TechXploration Camp Comes to MCC*

The TechXploration camp, which was a month-long program over the summer brought high school girls on campus. They built working models of fairgrounds rides. The program was funded by the National Science Foundation and the idea is it gets the girls interested in careers in science and technology. Professors Josephine Lamella and James Finne taught the girls.







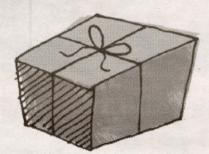


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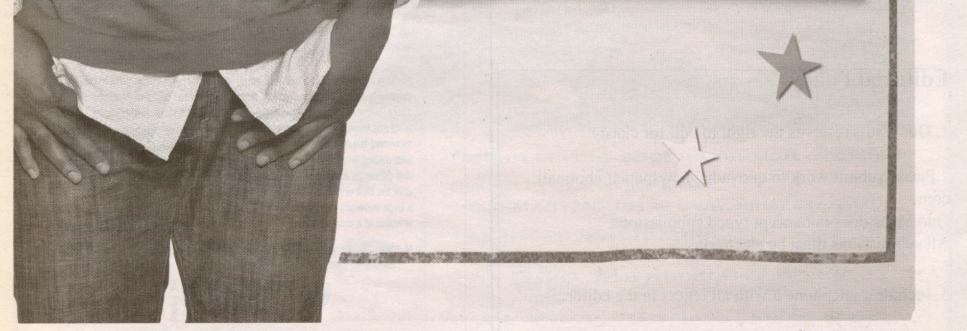


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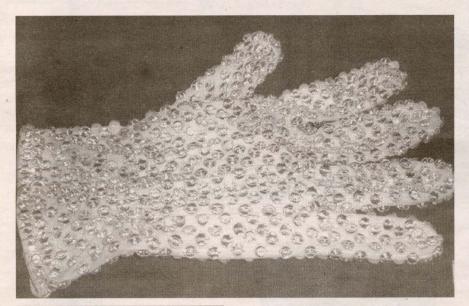
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## Fan Says That the Late MJ Had Undeniable Talent



By Tatiana Smith Staff Writer

Everyone has the opinion on Michael Jackson, but not everyone can write in their school paper about him. So read mine. I have been a huge fan of MJ for the past twenty two years.

His death hit me like a ton a bricks. Not just because he is the King of Pop and not because he has a music library deep enough to pack an iPod, but because he was my first musical experience.

Way back in 1988 I would cry if I didn't get to watch his videos. His movie "Moonwalker" has been played so many times in my house, the tape won't rewind past the very beginning. Anything he has ever done that has been shown on American TV, I probably have on tape somewhere. I stalked him! Posters, t-shirts, and even my Halloween costume this year.

Michael Jackson showed the world how to have fun, how to have a heart, how to but be happy. Michael donated much of his time and money to charity, in part to his love of children and his love for the world. You can't knock a man like that.

Even in all his legal trouble he never stopped caring, he never stopped giving. M.J was never a joke to me. Tons of people want to make fun of him. He was a weird man, but his talent overpowers that. Yea he was weird, dressed strange, had some weird habits, but his musical gifts just made you stop in awe. Here would be the part where I talk about how Michael could out dance anyone at anytime even up to the day he died, but most don't know the volume of his talent.

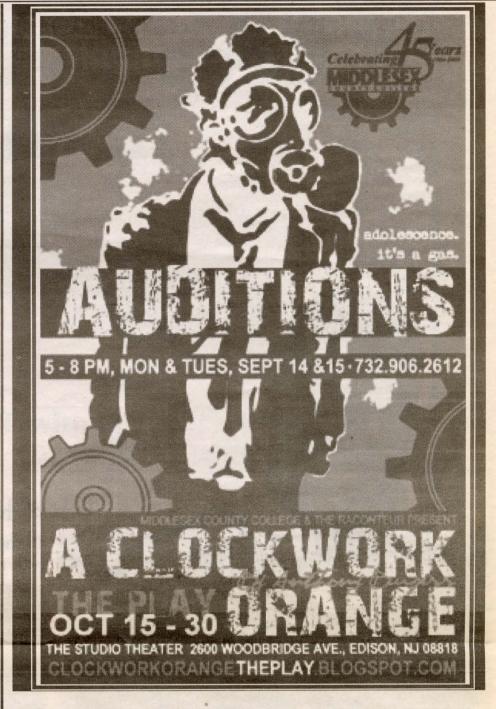
How many songs he wrote for other artists, how many albums he really made outside of the major ones we all know. The most touching song Michael ever did would be "Music & Me".

If you haven't heard this song you really should go find it. This simple song, Michael wrote as a child, is about how nothing compares to the relationship he has with music. Writing has always been my first love but music is a very close second.

There is something about melodies and notes that just speak to my heart on a level that blesses my soul. Adding the dimension of lyrics right from the writer's heart - that's like a warm hug to me. Michael understood that.

He knew early on how music gives you an escape route from whatever is on your mind and how a song can change how you feel in just a few minutes. No matter how many times I play his songs, they still have that same new feel - that same safe taste to them.

There are always ways of finding new parts to each song that makes it even better. No other artist has touched me in such a way. His loss is major to the music world. Every musical artist wants to impact the industry the way continues to even in his death. You may not be a fan, you may not respect him, but you can-



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### **Conference** con't from page 1

the members who participated did a great job. The surveys that were handed out came back great. The only criticism was that they wanted it be longer."

During lunch a spoken word contest took place. One by one people went up, on a volunteer basis, to read what they had written. From short stories to poems to raps, everyone was treated with the chance to express themselves.

The winner David Cole Jr., also known as teertS won the contest beating out over 10 others. He walked away with the prize of \$200. Cole performed "Weapons of Our Mass Destruction" a poem/ spoken word piece from his CD Blood, Sweat and teertS. He spoke about drugs and how they tear down a person, place, and the things that one has worked so hard for.

"I've never won anything before," said Cole. "I'm very grateful for this."

"Bridges of trust and respect have been burnt down and society has not done their part in fighting the war on drugs until it affects them," said Cole. "There's always a war going on with drugs, and America wants to help because that's what she does."

Everyone who attended the workshop will receive a copy of the journal when it is published around October/November.

"I learned quite a bit throughout the day," said Spotswood resident Spencer Hershkowitz. "I figured I'd give the workshop a try and I am happy I did. I really walked out of here with a better understanding of poetry."

Currently there is talk about getting started on the third issue according to Peterson.

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two. Parking won't be a problem."

Thomas Edison Park, which is adjacent to the campus, will be used for additional parking during high demand times with a free shuttle bus service to be provided to transport students to the college bus stop on campus.

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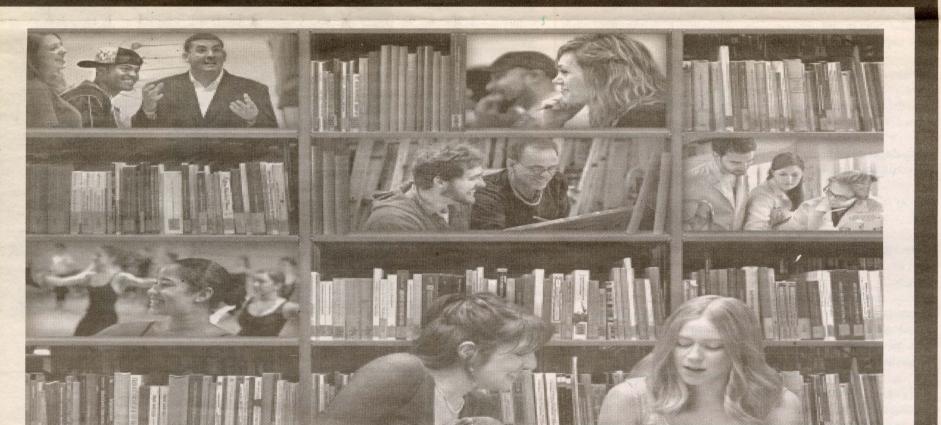
Shuttle bus will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday. The shuttle bus will also pick students up from this same location and return them to the parking lot when their day is done. College police will be posting signs at the entrance way to each parking lot as they fill to notify students. "During this time we appreciate your patience and understanding and suggest that you allow extra travel time, to arrive on time for class," said Peterson.

By being energy efficient West Hall II will have several unique traits to it. While being constructed 80% of the materials will be reused as a way to not waste material. Rainwater captured will be used to keep the landscape healthy. The practice of daylighting will be used to keep the rooms let. Large windows will use the sun as a way to light up the room instead of having the electricity flowing nonstop, although this can be adjusted by the room to accommodate everyone. There will also be a charging station for electric cars.

## **MCC Graduates New Class of Nurses**



The first graduating class of the MCC/Raritan Bay Medical Center nursing program received their nursing pins at a ceremony before graduation.



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### **Colts Upcoming Games:**

**By Matt Kardos** 

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Date of event: September 10 Time of Event: 4:00 p.m. Event: Men's soccer away versus Atlantic Cape Community College

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Date of event: September 12 Time of Event: 12:00 p.m. Event: Men's soccer home versus Union County College

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clubs. Teams like the New York Yankees and Mets, Philadelphia Phillies and Washington Nationals all inquired about Zagyi. No team, however, maintained an interest quite as adamantly as the White Sox.

"I knew all along that the White Sox had intentions of taking me if I were going to be drafted, they really showed the most interest of any of the other teams that talked to me," said Zagyi.

Had Zagyi not been drafted, his intentions were to return to MCC and again try his luck at being selected in the draft. That choice was due large in part because of the relationship he has established with Lepore.

"I enjoyed my time at MCC, Coach Lepore is a great coach and cares so much about his players," said Zagyi. "He was a huge mentor for me; I want to come back here in the offseason and work with the pitching staff and give them some helpful tips."

Just days after hearing his name called on the final day of the draft, Zagyi inked his name on the dotted line of a contract with the White Sox on June 14.

"The day I signed that professional contract was the happiest day of my life," said Zagyi.

Almost immediately after inking the deal, Zagyi was summoned to Bristol Connecticut where he would suit up with the Bristol Sox, the rookie league affiliate of the White Sox in the Appalachian League.

As of Aug. 23, Zagyi had posted a 7.36 ERA with the Sox as he continues to learn and adjust to the advanced hitters in the professional ranks. Through 18 innings pitched Zagyi has gotten 18 strikeouts, all coming as a relief pitcher, a role that Zagyi is not accustomed to, having started his entire career.

"That has been the biggest adjustment for me going pro," said Zagyi. "As a starter you know beforehand and you're ready, coming out of the bullpen you have to understand the situation and you have to be ready quickly and get the job done after sitting there Volume 45, Issue 1

## Soccer Team Looks to Rebuild Their Roster

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By Nick Kruger Staff Writer

The Middlesex County College Colts men's soccer team, coming off an 8-7-2 season, has an interesting task at hand. They will look to rebuild their roster after losing a sizable chunk of last year's squad, but in doing so; they hope to contend while doing so.

The Colts will return a few key contributors from a year ago, but "there's not a whole lot of them, there're lots of new players" said head coach Bill Andrews.

The notable second year players include defenders Donatas Zuirelis and Michael Corbin, as well as forward Hooman Khatem. Headlining the large batch of fresh faces inside the Colts locker room are Diego Curello, Steve Basse, Fernando Passilo, and Alvaro Telaez.

The team began working.together as a unit with practices on August 1, but ran into a minor road block along the way.

"We couldn't do much because we had to wait on players getting physicals," said Andrews. He intends to be fully practicing with his entire squad by Aug. 24.

Over the summer, the Colts coaching staff stressed three main principles, all of which include fitness. They work on conditioning, defending shape, and attacking shape. The biggest difficulty for the team thus far has been getting the team to play well together as a unit. "Very few of them have played together before," said Andrews. "They need time together."

The Colts enter the season having a solid technical ability to play the game according to Andrews. "All of these guys are very good technical players. The other side of that is that they do play very well together."

The biggest question mark heading into the season is just how much success to expect out of such a young team. And with a schedule that is packed with tough competition, the youthful team will be thrown into the fire early and often. "I'm not sure how competitive they will be. I don't know how the pieces will all fit together. It takes time for players to fit in together," said Andrews. "Nothing is going to be easy here. We play in one of the toughest regions in the country."

The 2009 schedule will be

headlined by an early clash with Union County College on Sep. 10, as well as a visit to The County College of Morris on Oct. 10.

"Those two teams both have quality coaching. They definitely get the most out of their players, they're going to be very tough games." said Andrews.

They will also take part in the Fall Men's Classic, a tournament in played in Maryland and is hosted by Prince George Community College.

Despite their youth though, the Colts have growing hopes for the 2009 campaign, but will need to stay closely unified in order to make their dreams a reality. The season will kick off for the Colts at home on Sep. 3 against ASA College.



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for five or six innings."

Zagyi added, "It takes some getting used to, in high school and college, I felt like I could just throw my fastball and I knew nobody was going to be able to hit it, it didn't matter who was up, now more preparation and scouting goes into my routine. I have to be aware of the hitters' weakness and strengths and have to be able to place a pitch in the perfect spot."

Taking into account that Zagyi did not get to pitch at all during the spring aside from scout showcases and tryouts, he is naturally going to face a learning curve like he is right now. As most 20 year olds are watching baseball on television, Zagyi is living it.

He possesses all the tools necessary to succeed at the professional level, it's just a matter of how quickly and smoothly he is able to harness those tools together.

"Chris has the size and all the ability in the world to be good, he is a fine young man who has been given a rare opportunity," said Lepore.

"He wanted this very badly, so let's hope he continues to strive to be the best he can be, if he does this, we may see him in the Major Leagues someday."

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