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College to Shorten Semester Length

By Arthur Iurilli
Staff Writer

Semesters at Mercer County Community College will feel more fast-paced when the spring 2007 semester arrives, as the college will shave up to two weeks off its academic term.

Mercer now operates on a 15-week semester, plus an additional week for finals. College administrators and faculty are reviewing two plans. The first, which was recommended last month by the Faculty Forum on Teaching and Learning, is to shorten the semester one week by including finals week in the 15-week semester.

The second plan would shorten the total

semester to 14 weeks, including a finals week. Mark McCormick, acting vice president of academic and student affairs, proposed the idea after receiving the Faculty Forum's recommendation for the 15-week inclusive plan.

Other community colleges around the state and nation are moving to 14-week plans. McCormick has said the change could help the college cut down on unused classrooms and other facilities and also add a winter-break session in January, among other benefits.

The Faculty Forum is set to vote Thursday on whether to recommend the 14-week plan. While the committee can only make recommendations,

McCormick and other administrators are expected to enact the plan the committee recommends.

Susan Zambrio, acting assistant to the president and vice president for academic operations, said students would still have the same amount of classroom time per credit hour. Under the 14-week plan, 10 minutes would be added to every hour of class time.

Tuition rates would remain unaffected, Zambrio said. She also said that a winter session might save Mercer students money who would otherwise have to pay out-of-county rates to take winter break courses at another college.

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Flat Enrollment Adds to MCCC Budget Woes

By Emelyne Smith
News Editor

Failure to increase student enrollment has contributed to an income shortfall of almost \$750,000 for Mercer County Community College's 2006 fiscal year.

Acting President Thomas Wilfrid revealed the information at the February board of trustees meeting, when he explained the college's \$1.5 million overall budget deficit.

Revenue from tuition and fees fell \$160,000 short of what had been projected for the 2005-2006 academic year, contributing to an overall revenue decrease of \$732,511, said Walter Brooks, dean of finance.

"The school had budgeted for a one percent growth in enrollment, but enrollment was essentially flat," Brooks said. Projections are made based on the enrollment trends of previous years, which Brooks said have been healthy.

"I am at a loss to explain why this happened," said Diane Campbell, dean for enrollment and student services.

Despite the enrollment shortfall at MCCC's West Windsor campus (WWC), credit course enrollment grew by 23 percent at the James Kerney campus (JKC). However, that growth failed to generate enough

revenue to compensate for the stagnant rates at West Windsor, Brooks said.

Campbell cited JKC's Daylight Twilight G.E.D. Program as a reason for that campus' increase. The program allows students to earn high school diplomas through evening classes.

Wilfrid said the school expects an enrollment boost in the fall, citing the large number of students graduating high school this year in Mercer County and high tuition costs at four-year schools.

Mercer also has a number of initiatives intended to boost enroll-

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High-Level Admin Positions Filled

By Paul Plumeri
A&E Editor

Mercer County Community College has filled two top-level administrative positions while making progress in the search for a new president.

Jacob Eapen has been appointed vice president for administration and chief business officer, and Jose A. Fernandez will assume the position of director of policy development and compliance.

"I can't wait to get started," Eapen said. "I am very gratified that Mercer County Community College has extended me the opportunity to perform at my full ability."

Eapen, who currently works for the New Jersey Department of Human Services and holds several degrees in both management and commerce, will work directly under the president. He will be responsible for the business operations of the college, as well as overseeing several departments within the college.

Eapen will start work April 3.

Fernandez, who has previously worked for the State of New Jersey's Executive Commission on Ethical Standards as a legal specialist and investigator, said, "Working at an institution of higher education always attracted me."

He added, "I have taken accounting classes at Mercer and was very impressed with the facilities."

Fernandez will be responsible for ensuring that the college is compliant with laws and regulations, in addition to developing and maintaining



Jacob Eapen (left), and Jose Fernandez (right).

internal politics at the college. Fernandez holds both law and business degrees and sits on the New Jersey and New York bar.

Fernandez will start work search 27.

Their appointments mark the conclusion of a search process that began last November when the college's board of trustees created the positions. The administrative shakeup came when trustees fired former President Robert Rose for, among other things, lax accounting and alleged graft. Rose had earlier eliminated a similar position of business vice president.

According to Acting President Tim Wilfrid, both new hires had to compete against nearly 80 other applicants to obtain the final nomination and needed "excellent credentials."

The appointments were announced at a March 16 meeting of the board of trustees.

At the same meeting, it was revealed that the college has chosen the Association of Community College Trustees to conduct a nationwide search for its new president.

Although ACCT will conduct the search, the eventual candidate will be chosen by a committee comprised of administration and faculty members of MCCC.

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College News

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New Cafeteria Wall Aims To Control Traffic, Theft

By Najia Rizvi
Staff Writer

Mercer County Community College officials have built a new wall in the West Windsor campus cafeteria to control traffic as well as prevent food theft, college officials say.

The wall, which cost the college \$300 and one day to build, was erected about one month ago and partially encompasses the registers.

Kenny Miller, supervisor of facilities, said the wall was mainly erected because students have been walking out without paying for food.

But Jackie Dunn, the cafeteria's manager, said it is meant to solve another problem.

"The wall has been put up to avoid chaos in the cafeteria and make an entrance and exit for the students," Dunn said. She refused to comment on the allegations that students were stealing food.

"When I'm the only cashier, the wall helps during rush because it creates one way in and



Photo by Matt Witkowski

A new wall partially encompasses the registers in order to control traffic - and theft.

one way out, so it stops people from stealing," said Sebastian Warren, a cafeteria cashier.

Security Officer Joe Pierleonardi, who has nicknamed the new addition the "wall of shame," said that he thinks it will function well as a preventive measure against theft.

"If people have the opportunity to steal, they are more compelled to do it than without the opportunity," Pierleonardi said.

The construction has caused minor complaints.

Some faculty members have complained that it has led to crowded conditions while making it more difficult to enter and exit the cafeteria, Warren said. Others have said they dislike having to circumnavigate the wall to reach the cafeteria entrance to the faculty dining hall, Miller said.

In response, the cafeteria has added a third register closer to the entrance to the faculty dining hall. The extra reg-

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MCCC's Student News Show Wins Award

By Nicole Stankowski
Staff Writer

Mercer County Community College's student-produced television news show, MCN Live, has won honorable mention at an international competition for its coverage of the firing of former college President Robert Rose.

"I am really proud of them," Television Club Advisor Steve Voorhees said. "They all did a fantastic job covering such an important issue."

MCN Live submitted a segment on the Rose fir-

ing to the Communicator Awards and won for technical and journalistic integrity in a news broadcast. The Communicator Awards are open to all organizations and individuals involved in visual communications.

The segment was produced by Jennifer Joyce and directed by Wilmar Luna, both MCCC students. About 13 students work on each live show, which covers college, community and national news. MCN Live airs twice a week on the college's cable station, MCTV.



MCCC Teaching Assistant Valarie Daniels, students Joshua Miller, Read Langan, Jennifer Joyce and Wilmar Luna, and faculty advisor Steve Voorhees won honorable mention in the "Communicator Awards"

Wi Fi Connections Ease Net Access for Mercer Students

By Christopher Cole
Staff Writer

The first floor of the Mercer County Community College West Windsor student center has joined other campus locations in offering students and staff wireless Internet access.

While wireless Net access, known as Wi-Fi (for "wireless fidelity"), isn't new to the MCCC campus, this is the first time it has been available in the student center, where many students use laptops in the cafeteria and lounge.

Other buildings on campus feature Wi-Fi, such as the Administration and

Engineering Technology building. But the student center has joined the library as the only campus locations offering Internet access to which anyone can connect.

Wi-Fi technology uses radio signals to allow computers to connect wirelessly to a network. Unlike cell phone technology, users are limited in the distance at which they can maintain a connection; a signal in one building would not likely be available in another building.

According to Mark Meara, dean for information and technology services, adding Wi-Fi to the student center is only one

step in the college's deployment of the technology.

For example, teachers and students can get Net access on Wi-Fi equipped laptops in multiple AD classrooms, allowing the college to save money by not having to buy computers for each classroom, Meara said.

"If there were no Wi-Fi laptops, there would be 30 computers in all five classrooms," said Meara.

Carol Andrejck, information and technology services coordinator, said only a few courses, such as Professor Jim Franklin's English 101 and 112 classes, are using laptops in these classrooms.

CAREER FAIR

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Facing \$1.5 Mil Budget Deficit, College Cuts Costs

Emelyne Smith
News Editor

Mercer County Community College officials have initiated cost-cutting measures to eliminate a \$1.5 million deficit in the fiscal year ending in June, while offering employees early retirement packages in a bid to control long-term costs.

The college's fiscal picture is likely to darken given New Jersey's \$4 billion deficit, which will probably lead to cuts in the state's payments to community colleges. As part of a plan to cut long-range costs – and at least hold down expected tuition increases – MCCC has created a program to allow faculty serving 15

years or more to retire early and receive a lump portion of their salaries.

Acting President Thomas Wilfrid told the board of trustees in February that costs need to be cut in the current budget year because of unexpected expenses and an income shortfall. Expenses surged \$746,479 beyond expectations, while revenue dipped \$732,511 below projections, Wilfrid told trustees.

Wilfrid blamed unexpected costs in part on increased utility prices in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Income from tuition and fees came up \$160,000 short of expectations as enrollment rates fell flat, while income from non-credit courses,

contracted training, use of the school's conference center and the Camp College program also fell well short of projections, officials said.

To keep long-term costs down, trustees this month approved an employee voluntary separation program, which could save the college hundreds of thousands of dollars, officials said.

The program is available to full-time MCCC employees of at least 15 years. Faculty and staff with more than 25 years will receive half of their salary this academic year, in a sum no greater than \$45,000, while faculty with at least 15 years will

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Nominees Reviewed for Teaching Award

By Chris McGloin
Staff Writer

Mercer County Community College is culling nominees to select its 26th Distinguished Teaching Award.

The college gives the award to a professor who goes above and beyond standard teaching prerequisites and has a large impact on both students and faculty, said Jeff Callahan, secretary of the selection committee.

The committee reviews some 300 nomination forms submitted by students, faculty, staff and others to create a list of five finalists. Nominees must be full-time tenured faculty members with five years of service at the college.

"The selection process is extremely difficult," Callahan said. "This is not a popularity contest, and the committee takes its task very seriously."

What students write

on their nomination forms, as well as the number of nominations for each teacher, weighs most heavily in the initial selection process, said Dr. George Colnaghi, an MCCC psychology professor and 1992 Distinguished Teacher.

The more specific and personal the nomination, the more likely a professor is to be considered.

"Anyone can say that a professor is a good teacher, but what we're looking for is how a professor has made an impact on someone's life," Colnaghi said. "One of the main goals of every teacher is to have a profound effect on kids, which is a large reason why we're happy to see nominations that aren't generic."

Once the committee picks five finalists, it analyzes each nominee's background, approval record and participation in college governance and

extra-curricular activities, as well as representation of the college. To be considered, each candidate must sign a waiver to allow the investigation.

The committee then narrows the list to three candidates, which it presents to the college president. Acting President Dr. Thomas Wilfrid will pick this year's winner from that list.

Until the day before graduation, Callahan and Wilfrid are the only ones privy to the information. The winner is told a day in advance of the ceremony to prepare a speech.

Winners earn automatic positions on the selection committee and remain members until two years after retirement.

Colnaghi said being on the committee is one of the most difficult parts of his professional life. The number of highly qualified nominees, as well as per-

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College Investigates Harrassment Charges

Matt Witkowski
Editor-In-Chief

Mercer County Community College has hired a special investigator to look into harassment complaints by three former and current employees.

"Allegations have been raised both between people within human resources, by former human resource employees and against former human resource employees," Anthony Cimino, chairman of the board of trustees, told The Times of Trenton.

Lawyer Elizabeth Watson Gramigna will investigate three complaints that have been formally filed under the college's Prohibition Against Harassment policy and procedures, said Acting President Thomas Wilfrid. The complainants' names have not been made public.

Wilfrid said the hiring of an outside investigator is unusual.

"Such complaints are normally investigated internally by a designated staff member, but these three complaints do not lend themselves to internal investigation," Wilfrid said.

Due to the confidential nature of the complaints, Wilfrid said he could not comment further. He said the issue would be handled within the coming weeks.

The charges and hiring of the investigator were revealed in an impromptu agenda item at a March board of trustees meeting.

Cimino told The Times that the charges were unrelated to the firing of former President Robert Rose last October. Charges against Rose that led to an investigation by Mercer County Inspector General Robert Farkas' were initiated in part by a whistleblower from within the college.

Reporter Paul Plumeri contributed to this report.

Welcome Center Construction Approved

By Danielle Cifelli
Features/Sports Editor

Mercer County Community College's board of trustees last month gave the go-ahead to start planning several large-scale facility improvements.

Included in the list are the addition to the West Windsor campus of a welcome center, as well as solar panels to the Engineering Science (ES) and library roofs to reduce energy costs.

The welcome center will connect the library and student center and house a new bookstore and expanded space for student activities. It has been in the planning stage since the idea was put forth under former

President Robert Rose.

The James Kerney Campus will also see several changes in the coming year, including the expansion of the hotel and restaurant institution lab and the elimination of the Academy Street ramp.

Funding of nearly \$6 million for these projects in fiscal year 2007 is being provided by the New Jersey Chapter 12 Program, which provides funding to community and college institutions for facility improvements.

According to a winter 2005 issue of MCCC's Viking newsletter, the original welcome center plans were "in response to rapid growth in credit

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ment.

"We are thinking about community outreach to students who wouldn't necessarily think

of MCCC as an option," Campbell said. Her focus will remain on upgrading the public's perception of the college in order to boost enrollment for next year, she added.

Brooks said the school

is also considering the addition of a January credit session to increase both enrollment and revenue.

Campbell said the college embarked on several projects last year to attract new students.

These included revamping the college's Web site, distributing new college catalogs at high school and community venues, and Campbell's own involvement in local talk radio. A show on WIMG-AM with

Beverly Richardson, vice president of college advancement and JKC provost, has featured Campbell and other college representatives discussing MCCC programs and courses.

Features

What's to see around Mercer

Retired Mercer Prof: "There is life after the Holocaust"

By Christine Busacca
Staff Writer

Still haunted by her childhood experiences, Holocaust survivor Vera Goodkin trembled while recounting her family history on March 2 at Mercer County Community College.

Goodkin, 75, spoke at MCCC's West Windsor Campus as part of her effort to educate youth and to promote her new book on her life during World War II and the Holocaust.

A Hungarian immigrant and retired MCCC professor of French and English, Goodkin recently published "In Sunshine and Shadow We Remember Them," an account of her childhood survival story and tale of her family's struggles and successes.

"As soon as the Nazis entered (Hungary), Jews became non-citizens, non-humans," Goodkin said. "We lost the protection of the laws."

During her presentation, she showed pictures of family members affected during World War II.

She gave brief descriptions of their experiences and fates.

Goodkin's parents were sent to labor camps but managed to escape, while members of her extended family members were executed – the same fate suffered by six million other Jews at Nazi hands.

In her adolescence, Goodkin was a hidden child of the Holocaust. She moved around with Catholic families to keep her Jewish faith hidden. She lived with a few families in Hungary in order to secure her survival before she and her parents could be reunited after the war ended in 1945. The family moved to America in 1947.

"There is life after the Holocaust, although it wasn't and would never be the same as before," Goodkin said to sum up her lecture, her hands still shaking.



Photo by Christine Busacca

Retired MCCC Professor and
Holocaust survivor Vera Goodkin.

Goodkin frequently stops at New Jersey colleges to give presentations on the Holocaust, "to teach young people that we are human beings first, despite our differences," she said.

MCCC will offer a new course covering genocide beginning this fall, said Joanne Maisto, an MCCC history professor. The course will be titled "The Legacy of Hate."

"This course will go in-depth on acts of hatred and genocide, including the Holocaust," Maisto said.

Goodkin's book is available in the school's bookstore and library, or at bookstores by request.

County students display science skills

By Zohair Zaidi
Staff Writer

Students from throughout Mercer County showed off their science skills at the annual Mercer Science and Engineering Fair on March 14.

Sponsored by the Mercer Science and Engineering Club, this year's event hosted 460 participants, from elementary to high school students.

Awards were divided into three categories: an elementary division for elementary school students, a junior division for grades six through eight, and a senior division for grades nine through 10.

Rohit Chandrasekar of Princeton High won grand prize for his project entitled, "Design of an Aerodynamically Enhanced Plasma for Synthesis of Nanoparticles." Chandrasekar will represent Mercer County at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair this May in Indianapolis, Ind.

"I wanted to develop a simple and low cost way to develop nanoparticles," Chandrasekar said. "I definitely want to pursue nanotechnology and do some

research."

First runner-up was Denise Xu, also of Princeton High, for her project entitled, "Developing Microporous Metal Organic Frameworks as Hydrogen Storage Material."

Although Princeton High walked away with the grand prize and first runner-up, Hamilton High East came away with the most senior division awards, while Villa Victoria Academy won the most in the junior division and University Heights Elementary won the most in the elementary division.

Science and Engineering Club President William Wong said he wanted to give Mercer County students a challenge by giving them a chance to participate in the county's 53rd annual fair.

"The goals of the club are to foster interest in science and engineering," Wong said.

The Mercer Science and Engineering Club was founded after the Trenton Engineer's Club ended its 50-year existence three years ago.

Gay-Straight Alliance to Hold "Pride Prom"

By Scott Schendlinger
Staff Writer

Mercer County Community College's Gay-Straight Alliance will hold a "Pride Prom" at MCCC's Conference Center on April 22.

Jody Person, the GSA faculty advisor and coordinator of Mercer's theatre and dance programs, hopes the event will give gays and lesbians the prom they have always dreamed about by "turning their fantasy into reality."

The prom will be black tie- and drag-optional, and will feature live music, a disc jockey, dancing and catered food. It will last from 6-10 p.m.

and is open to all, with sponsors hoping to attract students from the College of New Jersey and Rutgers, Rider and Princeton universities.

Part of the event's purpose is to support the Princeton-based nonprofit organization HiTOPS, which aims to help high school students understand their sexuality and to educate them on topics such as sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy and safe sex.

Liz Boyle, a GSA member, said she hopes the event will inspire more lesbian, bi-sexual, gay and transgender (LGBT) events, as well as help LGBT organizations on

local campuses to become aware of and interact with each other.

"We are a small but strong group, and I think this event will help show just that," Boyle said, adding that she feels students need to expand the organization on the Mercer campus.

Person said he expects no backlash for renting the school's conference center, adding that any individual or group can rent the space.

The event has received a \$1,000 sponsorship from The Coliseum, an LGBT-friendly nightclub. The club will

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MCCC DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES UPCOMING LECTURES - SPRING 2006

The History of Still Life Painting

Tuesday, April 11, 2006, noon, WWC, CM110
Mel Leipzig, professor of Art and Art History, will present a lecture and slide presentation on the origins of still life painting from Roman to Modern times.

GO to Orbit

Thursday, April 13, 2006, noon, WWC, CM110
Featuring Gregory Olsen, who became the third private citizen to enter orbit on September 30, 2005 when he launched into space aboard a Soyuz spacecraft on a 10-day trip to the International Space Station.

Lesser-known Masterpieces of Portraiture

Thursday, April 20, 2006, noon, WWC, CM110
Robert Bunkin, painter, art historian and independent curator, will lecture on the history of portraiture with an emphasis on lesser-known artists.

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Arts and Entertainment

Mercer's Creative Side

Family Plays Together in Kelsey's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

By Maria Koehler
Staff Writer

Kristine Beckers and her children Hannah and Thomas Davidoff are preparing to perform together in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre.

The family will appear in the Yardley Player's stage rendition of the 1964 book by Roald Dahl, which will run at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre from April 7-9.

"We decided to make it a family affair," said the play's director, Howard Matter. "It was a good match," he added, saying the family fit the roles well and that he knew Beckers would help her children learn their lines.

Thomas, 7, and Hannah, 9, who are playing two of the play's 15 Oompa-Loompas, do not have previous acting experience. Their mother has performed in stage versions "The Hobbit" and "Oliver."

"It's weird and unusu-



Photo by Maria Koehler

Kristine Beckers and her children Hannah and Thomas will play together in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

al to be in a play with my mom and sister," Thomas said.

Hannah described the play as "entertaining" and "hilarious."

"This play will be great entertainment for the whole family," said Beckers, who's playing Mrs. Beauregarde, the mother of Violet. "It's appealing for everybody."

Beckers, who moved to the United States in 2001, said she first read the Dahl book in Dutch

when she was 11 years old. Thomas read the original version a few weeks ago.

The family auditioned with the Yardley Players at the beginning of January and has been in rehearsals since then.

Stage Manager Chris Szemis and Choreographer Jane Coult have helped the children learn their steps and other difficult movements.

"There is a lot to remember in the Mike Teevee song because it's really long," Hannah said of her and Thomas' favorite song of the play. "It has lots of action and funny words to sing."

The play is approximately one hour and 15 minutes long and will show at Kelsey Theatre on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, at 2 and 4 p.m. Admission is \$8, but MCCC students, staff and faculty pay \$5. For information about tickets, visit www.kelseytheatre.net.

Review: The Fabulous Entourage Preforms in NYC With Style

By Christopher Cole
Staff Writer

New York-based band The Fabulous Entourage brought its style of glam-rock to New York City's Whitney Art Museum on March 10.

Located on the museum's bottom floor, the show was packed with the band's fans and friends.

"Fractured Identity" was the show's theme. Several photos of people were taped to a wall, while disfigured faces were projected onto the main display in back of the band as it performed.

The Fabulous Entourage combines several different styles of music, from 80's synth-

pop and punk to progressive rock and power ballads, so it's not surprising that the night's music fit perfectly with the suggested theme.

In addition to its music, the band is known for flamboyant costumes: animal print jackets, pink wigs and fishnet stockings worn as gloves.

The show's program described the Entourage's female singers as "Supremes-style."

"The hand movements and 1960's wigs are reminiscent of the Supremes, but our style is just having fun," said Libby Winters, one of the singers. "From the outfits to the music, it's all about fun."

The band consists of its founding members, bass player/vocalist Travis Chamberlain, keyboardist/vocalist Kyle Jarrow and drummer Perry Silver, plus vocalists Winters and Flo Larkin. The women in the band constantly shift.

"At different shows that we play, there are comedians and guest artists who play with us," said Winters.

Like David Bowie and the B-52's, The Fabulous Entourage is engagingly theatrical. Their flashy costumes and energetic performances cement this characteristic.

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Local Music Scene Struggling

By William Carr
Staff Writer



Photo by Paul Plumeri

McFly playing at Finnigan's in Heightstown.

Mercer County's music scene is struggling from a lack of attention, according to those familiar with the county's music venues.

Shows that feature local bands often have mediocre attendance.

A recent show featuring four local bands at Finnigan's bar in Heightstown, entitled "Metal Mayhem," attracted a crowd of around 25 people, most of them

band members.

A guitarist for the local jam/indie/classic-rock band Southbound, MCCC student Jarrett McCarthy has experienced this draught firsthand. McCarthy suggested that promotion may be a problem at some local clubs, adding that bands often need to promote themselves to garner crowds of moderate size.

Many students who

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Local Concerts

Friday, March 31st
The 449 Room ~ 21+
9:00pm \$6 door
Performances by:
The Cleanest River in America

Saturday, April 1st
Finnigan's ~ ALL AGES
5:00pm \$7 door
Performances by:
Scream! Hello, Roman Numeral 10, Chasing Monroe, Euclid

Friday, April 7th
The Conduit ~ 21+
9:00pm \$8 advance/\$10 door
Performances By:
Sage

Saturday, April 8th
Finnigan's ~ ALL AGES
5:00pm \$7 door
Performances by:
Behind The Sun, Helvetika, Infernal Truth, In Memory Of

Crosswicks Community Center ~ ALL AGES
5:00 pm
Performances by:
The Roskoes, Flames!!
Over Broadway, JoeyCrowns2ndLife, The Lady Is Not For Burning, Make Me

Wednesday, April 12th
The Conduit ~ ALL AGES
8:00pm \$8 advance/\$10 door
Performances By:
Morrison Brothers

Friday, April 14th
The Conduit ~ 21+
9:00pm \$8 advance/\$10 door
Performances by:
John Ginty Band, The Mark

Saturday, April 15th
Finnigan's ~ ALL AGES
5:00pm \$7 door
Performances By:
Dark Rode, Mourning Wood, Zigman Bird

Want your band's upcoming gig listed here? E-mail A&E editor Paul Plumeri at mcccvoice@gmail.com

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POSITIONS Con't from P1

"It is vital that everyone involved from the faculty to the administration gets input into who will become the new president," said Narcisa Polonio, vice president of ACCT.

Polonio added that the search process will last "about six months," with the president expected to come on board by year's end.

The college will pay ACCT an estimated \$35,000, Wilfrid said.

Wilfrid said using a consulting firm to search for a president is normal in academia.

"A presidential search is a unique process with very high stakes for any college, so virtually every presidential search uses an experienced consulting firm," he said.

SEMESTER Con't from P1

Many faculty members have expressed concerns about the change. Some credentialing programs, such as nursing, have a mandate to cover specified amounts of material. Teachers of some night classes, which meet once a week for three or four hours, don't want to add time to already lengthy sessions.

Kene Booker-Taylor, a nursing science major, said, "If you can do anatomy and physiology or microbiology in five weeks over the summer, then you can do it in 14 weeks in a regular semester."

Students are encouraged to express their opinions by emailing them to arthur.iurilli@ptk.org.

WALL Con't from P2

ister will also serve high school students from the campus' Rubino Academy if the cafeteria experiences overcrowding.

CONSTRUCT Con't from P3

enrollment over the past four years – nearly 16 percent since Dr. Robert Rose took the reins as president in 2001."

The funding and plan approvals come with the college struggling to cut a \$1.5 million budget deficit in the current year, as well as enrollment rate stagnation.

BUDGET Con't from P3

receive an amount based on years of service.

The college offered a similar buyout in 2003 as part of a plan to add faculty members in newly popular programs. That year, Mercer hired three people at lower salaries for every two who retired, Wilfrid said. This time, one-to-one replacements will not be immediate, and instead the college will shift faculty and use adjuncts to cover retirees' duties, he said.

Forty-three employees took advantage of the 2003 program, which also had more options than the current plan. Under the current program, Wilfrid estimates that between 12 and 18 employees will voluntarily separate from the school by June.

Additional cost-cutting strategies are under-

AWARD Con't from P3

sonal connections among faculty members, makes it hard to choose a winner, he said

"The best part is how the faculty shares in the joy of one another's success," Colnaghi said. "It's a miraculous phenomenon, and being on the committee gives me the opportunity to be part of a process that allows all of us to have a ton of respect and admiration for one another."

The award was established in 1980. Of the 25 award winners, 15 – Carlo Alfare, Laura

Blinderman, Colnaghi, Frances Davidson, Marilyn Dietrich, Noreen Duncan, Diane Hilker, Deborah Kell, Framarz Khoushab, Melvin Leipzig, Angela McGlynn, Marianne Reynolds, Arthur Schwartz, Michael Shea and Carol Weber – still teach at the college.

Brooks said the school had been planning to hire six new full-time faculty members next year, but reduced funds will allow only four to be hired. The two positions to remain unfilled are in the business and mathematics departments, Wilfrid said.

Trustees said the budget will be affected by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine's call for cuts in higher education spending. The final college budget for 2006-07, including any tuition increases, will be approved at the April trustees meeting.

A plaque containing the names of all recipients is on the first floor of the Science and Allied Health (MS) building on the West Windsor campus.

Joe's isn't the only

PROM Con't from P4

also provide guests with a bus to go to the club after the prom ends.

Thus far no price has been set for the event. Person said admission will likely be \$15 to \$30, with a final price dependent on the amount the alliance receives from sponsors.

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MUSIC Con't from P5

might otherwise be interested in attending such events are often unaware of local music.

"I do not really go to shows because I never know who is playing and where," said MCCC student Dawna Burns.

Todd Lynn, an employee of Joe's Millhill Saloon in Trenton, which often features local bands, doesn't understand how crowds there continue to be generally small with such a diverse palate of music.

"There are jam bands, jazz, reggae, punk rock, metal, and indie rock bands that play here," Lynn.

place that offers a wide variety of local music. The Conduit, Buffstones, Championship Bar and Grill and Finnigans also feature similar shows. Fans of house and club music are catered to at the Katmandu bar and restaurant in Trenton.

REVIEW Con't from P5

"Our sound is definitely influenced by early David Bowie when he was doing his glam-rock music, and the B-52's, as well as a little bit of Megadeth," Silver said.

Currently finishing its debut album, Play Nice Now with acclaimed producer Tim O'Heir (All American Rejects), the band has garnered praise from a variety of publications.

The band's album will hit stores March 2006. To find out more, visit <http://www.fabulousentourage.com>.

Venues such as The Sidestage, The Urban Word Café, Joe's Millhill Saloon and The Slowdown Café even offer weekly "open mic" music sessions, for those who are interested in testing the performance waters in front of a small and intimate crowd.

For more information about local venues, such as show times and locations, visit www.jersey-music.com.

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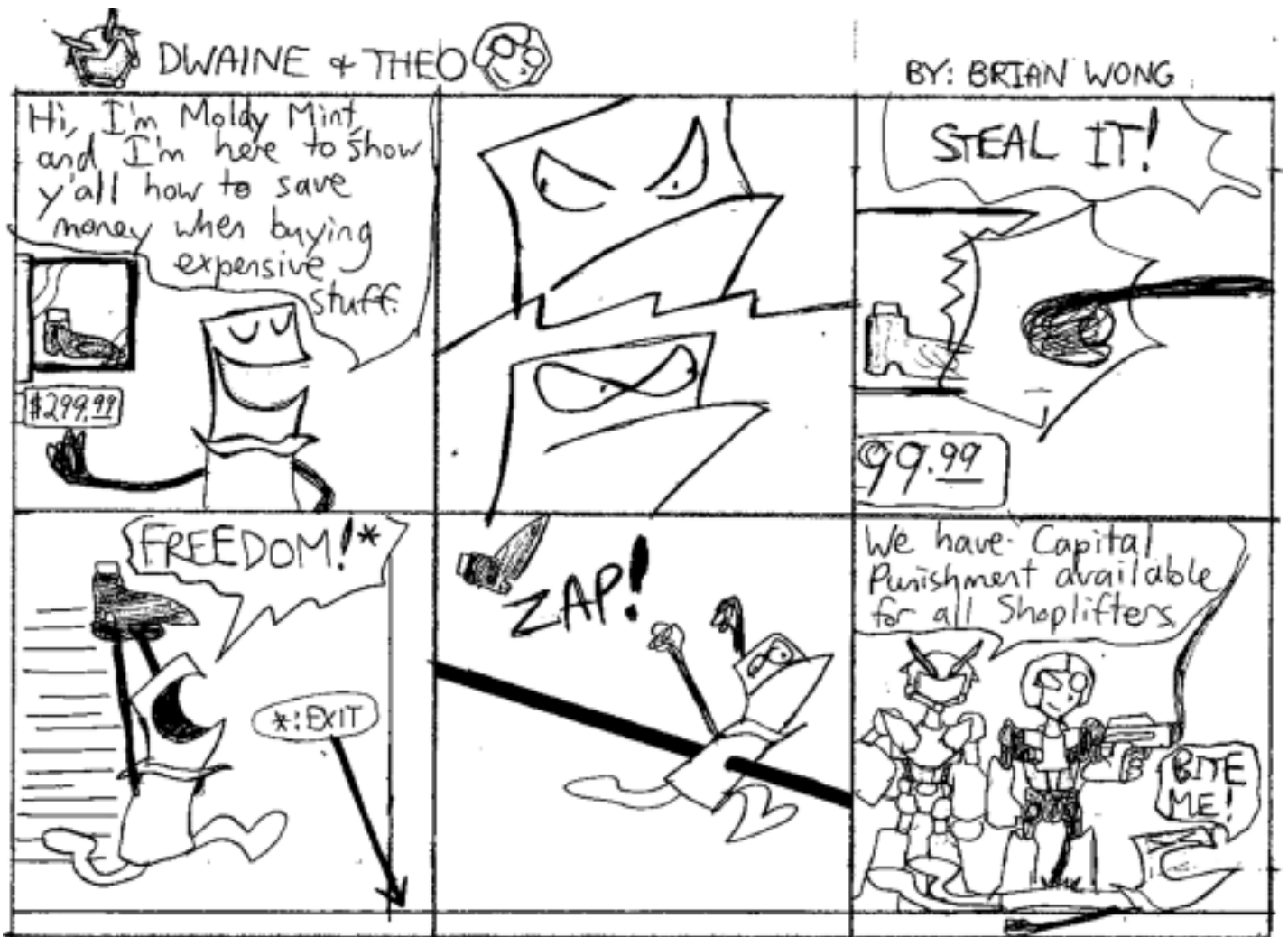
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Answers to all puzzles in next issue.

Answers to previous issue's puzzles: none.

Sports

Covering the Vikings of Mercer County Community College

Mercer Basketball Falls in Semifinals

By Esther Mills
Managing Editor

In a disappointing end to a terrific season, the Mercer men's basketball team was eliminated by Orange County Community College 84-79 in the March 11 semifinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association District 9 tournament.

"It was disappointing that we lost because we really didn't feel the team was much better than us and we could have won the game," said MCCC sophomore and point guard Mantas Armonas.

Although Mercer held its own throughout the game, Orange County pulled away in the last two minutes, executing plays and ending the game with a 7-0 run.

In addition, Orange County was nearly flawless at the free throw line, shooting 22-of-24.

"We did not bring our 'A' game," Armonas said. "Our defense and offense were not sharp at all. We missed too many lay-ups



The Mercer County Community College Men's basketball team.

and free throws."

"We are a young team and did not know what to expect," Head Coach Kelly Williams said of the tournament atmosphere. "We'll have seven players returning next year who

will know what to expect from the coach, as well as from themselves."

Mercer's season was a success on many fronts. The team finished its regular season ranked ninth in the nation, collecting 22

wins.

"Without question, our players are very proud and worked extremely hard this year both athletically and academically," Williams said.

Armonas and Jores

Dongo, the team's freshman center from Gabon, were also rewarded individually. Both were named to the first team of the All Region 19 squad as well as All Garden State Athletic Conference.

Lady Vikings Step Up to the Plate

By Esther Mills
Managing Editor

After a disappointing loss in the regional play-offs last year, the Lady Vikings softball team is eager for a stellar season in 2006 but has scuffled to a 7-10 start.

The team had strong

pitching and defense last season but the girls lacked offense, said team right fielder Danielle Zaletski.

This year the team offense has improved, with batters scoring almost 6 runs a game. But the team is giving up 6.3 runs a game, on average.

Head Coach Ryan Zegarski said, "The key to winning is hard-nose softball - fundamentals, pitching, defense and timely hitting."

Zegarski described his club as "good all around, defensively and offensively. We are communicating better as well as hitting better."

The team was in Myrtle Beach, S.C., over spring break and warmed

up for the regular season schedule by splitting eight games against teams from outside New Jersey.

After last weekend, Mercer was 2-5 in league play after splitting a doubleheader Saturday against Delaware Technical and Community College (losing 15-1 before taking the nightcap, 8-5) and dropping both ends of a doubleheader Sunday against

Gloucester Community College (5-4 and 5-1).

A game Wednesday against Stevens Technical College came too late for The College Voice deadline.

April will be a busy month for the Lady Vikings, as they kick off a span of 12 games in eight by playing doubleheaders on Saturday against Sussex and on Sunday against Lackawanna.

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