



by Atsushi Yabu

On November 14, Mercer Men's soccer team, the Region 19 champions, beat the region 20 champs Essex (Maryland) County Community College 3-0 in a game of the Mid-East district finals. The win, played in Maryland, clinched a ticket to Texas where NJCAA Division I Men's National Soccer Championship will be held November 21-24.

The game was played in muddy and slippery condition. Mercer head coach Charlie Inverso said, "The field definitely affected our play. We are a very quick attacking team and that (ground condition) was a neutralizing factor in the game."

In addition, a sudden injury to a Viking key player David Tuesta, who pulled a leg muscle and was sidelined just after the kick off, made the match more of a challenge. "He is an engine of our team. Without David, we were really struggling today," said Inverso.

However, with high spirits against Essex, the only team to beat the Vikings in this season, Mercer overcame the disadvantages. In 4-4-2 system, putting forceful pressure on Essex and using one-or-two-touch quick passes to create effective spaces for attacking, Mercer gained their own pace.

In the first four minutes, powerful player Ruben Mingo rushed the Essex defense line near the penalty area with sharp dribbling. When the ball came loose, Jorge Tuesta passed it to his

MENS SOCCER MOVES ON TO NATIONALS



photo by Atsushi Yabu

The Mercer College soccer team celebrates their victory

brother, Anthony Tuesta. "I saw the goal well," said Anthony Tuesta, 19 from Clifton, NJ, who got the first goal for the Vikings.

With aggressive checking and keeping the ball in the middle-zone of the field, Vikings continued to create goal opportunities. Skilled midfielders Oleksandr Stakhiv and Jorge Tuesta supplied effective passes for spearheads Leon Browne and Anthony Tuesta, the top two forwards, who inexhaustibly chased the ball and overwhelmed Essex defenders.

In the first 25 minutes, a sophisticated one-two pass broke through the Essex defense line. Jorge Tuesta, after receiving a fine pass from Richard Arenas, snatched the important second goal for Mercer. "I use one-two pass often.

Richie gave me a nice ball," said, Jorge Tuesta, 22, from Clifton, NJ.

Despite a two goal lead in the first half, Essex was never an easy team to beat. With speedy forward players, they attempted to penetrate both sides of the Mercer area. However, the Mercer defense was well organized, and with four defenders, C.D. Harris, Leon Malca, Kinson Jean and Walid Hassan, moving the flat defense line effectively, they trapped Essex players offside many times, which frustrated and confused Essex players. The Mercer goalkeeper, Brad Lowyns, 19, from Scotch Plains, NJ, said "The fly-back-forward worked very well for us. Essex were offside lots of times, which is what we worked on in practice, so things were just going

alright."

From the beginning of the second half, Essex charged a sequence of hard attacks and they threatened the Mercer goal. The first 15 minutes of the second half were the most strenuous time for Mercer in this game. Moving energetically and forcing dynamic pressure in all zones, the Vikings restrained Essex's fierce attacks, and then Mercer made a decisive goal opportunity.

Twenty-three minutes into the second half, Viking speedster, Anthony Tuesta pierced deeply into the right side of Essex area and delivered a centering pass to lefty Arenas. Free from Essex defenders, Arenas guided the ball into the left corner of the goal, which reinforced the Mercer victory. "It was a

nice play with Anthony. We practiced this play a lot," said Arenas, 21, from Guatemala.

The Vikings never lost their concentration and kept exerting pressure on Essex until the final whistle.

"They played really well and stepped up the pressure. They deserve a lot of credit," said Inverso, soaked with a victorious bucket of water showered by the delighted Viking boys.

Lowyns, who secured a shut-out game, said, "Essex was very strong, they were quick and fast. But I think we played much more deeply."

Mercer supporters definitely brought the team an inspiring mood and courage. Mercer players' families and women's soccer team-members cheered the whole game to encourage the Vikings, and despite Essex's home game advantage, Viking supporters dominated the cheering competition.

The Mercer Vikings now set their focus on winning their seventh National Championship title. Their first game is against Barton (Kansas) County Community College on Nov 21.

In the celebration of victory, Arenas said, "It was a nice match today. We are just glad that we came on the top of the district. Hopefully we can represent our district well."

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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE FLU

by Kristiana Vallejo

Achoo! Ahh, the sounds of the season, flu season that is. Influenza is in a class of it's own far beyond the common cold and infects many people each year. Although, in ones lifetime it might be inevitable to avoid the bite of this symptom-filled bug, there are many ways to avoid and treat it upon contraction.

First, you must become familiar with the Flu. There are three different strands that are accompanied by varying symptoms. Headache, inflammation of the nose or throat, and

muscle pain are all common, when suffering from the Influenza. All of these put together, can definitely make the Flu a debilitating sickness. Amanda Montefusco a 19-year-old South Brunswick resident told me, "I hate being sick in the winter, especially with the Flu. I get the muscle tension really bad, which keeps me in bed and out of work for a couple days."

However, don't fret there are many ways to get your immune system in shape to fight and prevent all the ailments. Peter Tuskey a R.N. at an Elizabeth hospital, and

resident of Mercer County says, "Many people think that you get a cold or the Flu from the cold weather. However, it's germs and the spread of them that infect people." So in order to shield yourself and others against Influenza it's very important to wash your hands thoroughly and throughout the day. Unfortunately, no matter how adequate your cleanliness this nasty bug can still bite. Tuskey advises, "To build a good defense, it's also important to have a large daily supply of Vitamin C. There are also readily avail-

able vaccines that may ward off the Flu all together."

If all else fails, you are still left with many options. Numerous antibiotics are available from your doctor with a prescription. If you're too weak to get to your doctor you can take things in your own hands.

Over the counter remedies can ease your pain and get you through the 7-14 days that lie ahead. Home remedies are also successful at soothing aching bodies and soar throats. Montefusco adds, "Still to this day, nothing is better than my mom's chicken noodle

soup, and the tea and honey she brings to my bedside. It always gets me to sleep. I have to admit though, nothing works faster than some Amoxicillin."

Despite your ailments and how you choose to treat them, it's all temporary. As long as you take the proper precautions and seek help when you feel ill, you will likely be able to have minimal ailments that will subside and possibly avoid any symptoms all together. So good luck and stay healthy!

TAKE DEPRESSION SERIOUSLY

by Lesley Wrona

Every four out of a hundred teens suffer from severe depression each year. Depression can happen upon a person who is really anxious or stressed out. Most people with depression can be helped with treatment. There are teen resource centers you can call the toll free number is 1-866-367-7461.

Some symptoms of depression are feeling sad or

crying alot and it does not go away, you feel guilty for no real reason, you have a negative attitude alot of the time, you have a change in eating habits you may eat more or less, you feel restless and tired most of the time.

Some reasons for depression to occur could be a loss of a loved one, breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend, a bad home life, or bad self esteem. Dani-

elle Dorsey 18 student a Mercer says, "When I feel down about something I go shopping or drive around to clear my head." When I asked Dorsey has she ever been really depressed she said "I don't let my self get in those situations". Sheri Dennis also a student at Mercer said "I talk to my brother if I have a problem so, that keeps me from letting it all build up". Dennis also uses music to clear her

head she said "I like JZ and R&B".

Mercer has trained counelors ready to talk to students needing someone to talk to. If necessary, these people can give refferals to outside agencies.

In addition, there are many different kinds of Antidepressants out on the market. There are to two kinds of antidepressants Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors and the older Tri-

cyclic Antidepressants.

Depression is a serious issue and many people believe all teenagers suffer from it while their growing up, it can be a very serious issue so if you know anyone with the symptoms above, or feel yourself maybe suffering talk to someone about help your not the only one out there.

CAUTION! SOME THOUGHTS ON STRESS

by Samantha Reichert

Imagine running late for work, still lugging the textbooks from your last two classes, your bank funds dipping into the red, and being heavy with the knowledge that your significant other wants to "talk." Such is the life of many college students who face the challenge of fitting too much to do into too little time. The result, however, can often be far worse than weariness and sore feet. Heavy doses of stress can be more detrimental to a person's health than most realize, especially in the way it's dealt with.

After questioning 30 Mercer College students, the highest causes of stress came out to be schoolwork, relationships, money, work,

and family. Each is quite understandable, and would be tough enough to deal with one at a time, but when burdens double, stress seems to grow exponentially. "I can get panicked," said Jen Ocicki, a 20-year-old Television major. "I'm going to be applying to five colleges to transfer to. I have all kinds of homework and work. I have to get another job. I'm moving out. I'm in a stressed kind of mode right now." While some students freely admit to being procrastinators, which only adds the problem of last-minute pressure, others swear that no matter how well organized they are, there simply isn't enough time in one day.

According to webmd.com, physical symptoms of se-

vere stress can include fatigue, restlessness, muscle aches, rapid heartbeat, and sleep disorders. Emotional symptoms involve excessive worrying, irritability, inability to concentrate, and even depression. Any of these can lead to feelings of hopelessness and the overwhelming desire to relinquish one or more pressing responsibilities.

Unfortunately, not only stress itself can be harmful, but the self-prescribed remedies. In the same poll as above, the most popular stress relievers were watching movies or television, spending time with friends, exercise, drinking, or drugs. "When I actually have time, I go out with my friends or my girlfriend," said Josh Rob-

inson, 20, from Hopewell. While most stress relief options are safe and healthy, some can only aggravate the symptoms of anxiety or stress. The issues with heavy drug or alcohol use are obvious, but even some of the less suspicious ones can worsen problems. Caffeine, for example, is often used to combat exhaustion or replace a full night's sleep. Once it wears off, however, fatigue can set in even stronger, and caffeine addiction can lead to sleep disorders and heart problems. While moderate exercise is a good way to burn off some of the day's irritations, overly strenuous workouts can worsen or disguise muscle aches caused by stress.

Though there are seldom

quick fixes with stress, long-term solutions can come from small changes in lifestyle. Ideas include proper time management, either with a journal or planner, avoiding procrastination, so things don't build up at the last minute, and if possible, trying to set aside a small chunk of free time each day to relax or do something enjoyable.

More information on stress disorders and management can be found at stresstips.com, webmd.com, or even the self help section of your local bookstore.

STUDENT JOBS

What Do you Do?

by Atsushi Yabu

Gas pumper, pizza deliverer, cashier, secretary or sandwich maker at deli, there are various kinds of jobs for students. But, what kind job is the most popular for them? Also, in their busy lives handling so much school work, how many hours do they put in at the job?

Working at a café or restaurant seems the most popular job for students. Out of 50 students surveyed at Mercer College, 10 students are working as waiters or waitresses. Also, the survey showed that the average student worked about 24 hours per week.

Sam Topolosky of Yardville, NJ, is one of them. Topolosky is working at Iccara, an Italian restaurant, a job he started three years ago, and he normally works for 15 to 20 hours a week. "I like this job and it's going well," said Topolosky. "I feel pleasant when I get everything done on time and service is good that make my tip better."

Working with children also seems to be one of the popular jobs for students. In the survey, six students are working in the field as after-school counselors or day-care providers.

Dashell Brown, a business administration major from



photo by Atsushi Yabu

"I like children," said Dashell Brown. "I'm a carpenter," said Jim Muller.

Trenton, NJ, is working at Greenwood Elementary School as a program assistant. "It's interesting because I like working with children," said Brown who works normally 10 and a half hours a week. "It's like being a teacher. I teach kids everyday, helping them do homework or going to

class. It's fun."

Some students have jobs related to their academic majors. Jim Muller, an architecture major from Hillsborough, NJ, is working as a carpenter. "It's what I like to do," said Muller, who normally works for 20 to 30 hours a week. "I work for a landscaper and do all his carpentry work.

I build his fences, display cases and stuff like that. I like this job."

If you are interested in changing jobs, try asking some students on campus, or going to the Career Center.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE TOY STORE:

by Jason Dowd

"Never a dull moment" is how Tommy Lee describes life; well in keeping with this mantra my two friends and I went to the toy store last Saturday. Personally I haven't been toy shopping since I was eleven years old and it was time for grandma's weekly spoiling of her baby. Now if you haven't been to Toys R Us recently, you would be in for a surprise; the place looks entirely different.

Now, eight years later I was floored walking into the second greatest place on earth and had to take a moment to adjust to my surroundings. The appearance of my old stomping ground was not the defining moment in my visit; it was the products which surprised me.

My conversation with Melissa Pavlov an Elementary Education Major and Toys R US section worker was very interesting because of her section. Melissa worked in the Imaginarium, the learning section of the store, and this new edition to the classic store chain has been well welcomed.

I asked Melissa is this the



photo by Atsushi Yabu

Toys "R" Us located on Route 1

most popular section of the store and she replied "Yes, were just as popular as R Zone." R Zone is the video game section of the store, and that means kids are into learning also. Pavlov said that the most popular toys out right now are "anything LeapFrog and Yu-Gi-Oh," which intrigued me. Children are willingly asking for games and toys that will develop their motor skills, I even stumbled upon a wall of toys from Home Depot, which made me feel good because things are changing for the better.

The classics were still available at the store also; everything from Matchbox, Barbie, Lego's and Cabbage Patch Kids still existed. The holidays are going to be an

educational event now, no more "Red Ryder Carbine Action, 200 Shot, Range Model Air Rifle for little Ralphie" he'll have to be content with a map of the world; good luck finding Qatar, Ralphie.

What happened to toys that were just for fun? I remember saying at least ten or twelve times - we didn't have any of this stuff when I was a kid, for a few minutes I was frenzied over how far the toy industry has come.

My friend Steve Flesh, a Humanities and Social Sciences Major from Hamilton was with me at the store and was surprised by how the toys are being made now and said "You can put a helmet on your head and play a video game acting

and feeling as if you were really there" and "I wish toys like that were made when I was younger so I could have had one," so I guess I'm not alone on this subject.

I did try to speak to a few other workers but I didn't receive the warmest welcome, the word solicitation was mentioned a few times and something about "being out to get them" and their social security numbers. I went to the manager, whose name I will deliberately exclude, and was given the District Managers' name, phone number, and was told he couldn't answer any questions. I didn't want the DM's number, not that that wouldn't work, I wanted a comment from the manager

who sees what parents and children are buying.

I wondered "Wow, I'm from the local community college, I guess what Eminem says is right- "damn, how much damage can you do with a pen?" My experience at the toy store was a strange one, I had been bumped into, pushed around, scared some employees and needed a break from "La-La Land."

After two hours in Toys R US I wanted to go home, so I dropped my friends off, went home and started to write. I did learn something from this experience: the novelty and fascination that children have with toys never dies, as the children get bigger and older so do the toys, trust me, my friend is 19 years old and has a 1970 Mustang Boss 302.

Hey, isn't working on a classic car a great way to get an education and develop new motor skills? You let me know if it works for you.

Career Center

by Tracey Consolo

At Mercer County Community College, the Career Center is offered as part of your education at MCCC to help students select a college major and develop a career plan. Through career counseling, students identify career-related interests, aptitudes, personality preferences, and values. Career counselors are available all day to help current and prospective students with career planning in the Career Services office in SC229.

If interested, a career counselor will help any student learn about themselves and what it will be like working in the "real world," and will then make a plan to reach his or her career goals. Many students are not aware of all the career center has to offer. One student, Tony Aprile, 19, of Hamilton Square said of the Career Center, "I haven't been there, but I've seen signs for it. I think they help people get jobs." Not

only do they help students get jobs, but they provide career guidance programs such as SIGI PLUS and DISCOVER as well. Both programs allow students to explore interests and values and obtain printouts of career information describing hundreds of popular careers. Professional career counselors are available to discuss career plans before and after these programs are used.

The effort you put into the process and your life situation (financial and personal responsibilities, for example) determines the time you may need to spend planning a career direction. Most people can set appropriate career goals after a few career counseling sessions and time spent exploring career resources and options.

Students are strongly encouraged to contact the Career Center by e-mailing (careers@mccc.edu), or by telephone from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (609) 586-4800 ext. 3397, or simply visiting the offices in SC 229.

Future Star on Campus

by Nicole Wagner

Next time you're walking to class, look around because there's a future star right here at Mercer!

Jerry Gilmore, an accounting major, from East Trenton is an up and coming rapper.

Gilmore (aka 360) has been rapping for 2 years now. He has his own record label called, Get Right Entertainment which has produced their first album, "Ra-Lee, The Album". They

have another album coming out soon called "Maddripp Entertainment".

Gilmore has performed in many different spots. He has performed at Club DECO and Evolutions in Philadelphia. He has also had guest appearances at Trenton's XL and done numerous amounts of freestyle rap on our radio station, 107.7FM.

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Mercer Quiz:

How well do you *really* know MCCC?

By Kristin Silkworth

Questions:

- 1) What year did Mercer first open?
- 2) How many degrees are offered as of Fall 2002?
- 3) How many performances are held in Kelsey Theatre during 2002-2003 Season?
- 4) How many Art Exhibitions are held at Mercer's Art Gallery?
- 5) What is the name of Mercer's worldwide radio station?
- 6) How many forms of equipment are located in Mercer's Fitness Center?
- 7) What are the total number of clubs and Organizations offered at Mercer?
- 8) How many sports teams are offered at Mercer?
- 9) How many ways of registration are available at Mercer?
- 10) How many days off is our winter break?

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Correction:

In the last issue, the stories on buying textbooks and the Learning Center were incorrectly credited. Samantha Reichert and Nicole Wagner wrote the respective stories. The *College Voice* sincerely regrets the error.

No Daycare At Mercer

by Nicole Urizzo

We are now living in a time when it is common to go back to school at an older age, an age when many people have children. If adults with children are going back to school, where are their children going? Many adults are forced to find daycare where they can drop their children off before class and pick them up after they have left school.

Mercer County Community College does not offer daycare to their students. It would be easier for a lot of adult students if they did. How much easier would it be for these students if they had a daycare for their kids on campus? That means the kids can be at daycare at the same time

for the past fifteen years let me in on how her program works. "Middlesex has offered daycare service to students for twenty-five years. They have a maximum of fifty children and we offer our service to the students, staff and community." Both Albert-Johnson and Smith also informed me that thirty years ago the state gave out contracts to certain community colleges in the state. Middlesex and Brookdale received these contracts, which included financial aid, while Mercer didn't.

The students at Brookdale Community College do have this convenience. Winifred Albert-Johnson, Director of daycare at Brookdale for the past thirty years told me, "Daycare has been offered at Brookdale for thirty years now. For a fee of \$4.75 an hour students can leave their children at Brookdale's daycare."

Adrienne Smith, Director of Middlesex County College's daycare program

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Although Mercer did not receive a contract there must be another way that they can offer daycare to there paying students.

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Dear Bozo:

(by Shirley De Silva)

The need to write this letter has become extremely pressing as things have become worse since my arrival at Mercer in Fall 2000. If you are wondering who Bozo is, continue reading and you will recognize him or her, discovering to your horror that it is you that I am writing about.

The King of Bozoland is the nincompoop who thinks that the trash can is the water fountain and leaves candy wrappers, chewing gum and empty soda bottles on the fountain. My sentence for these scumbags would be to force them to drink water from a filthy drain for a week and perhaps they might learn to appreciate the water fountains around the college.

Running not far behind the nincompoop are those who fail to flush the toilets. I would really like to dip their heads into one of those toilet bowls. The other toilet goons leave trails of toilet paper on the floor and in the sinks. The likes of Rapunzel feel the need to brush their hair over the sinks and leave their 'golden' strands lying around the sink. An appropriate sentence might be to hang Rapunzel and company by their ears using their golden strands!

The habitual latecomers to class who need to do the shuffle as they seek a seat in class, I am continuously hoping that the floor (just around that person) would cave in. ****head's (feel free to fill in the blank accordingly) mobile phone will ring in class. Nothing beats the woman whose phone kept ringing in class continuously but pretended that it wasn't her mobile phone despite the dirty looks that she got from many of the other students around. (I am appalled that the likes of her is getting a college degree!) Punishment for the likes of she - locked in a room for 48 hours with 100 phones and alarm clocks ringing continuously.

Chatterboxes on their mobile phones along the hallways! Please spare us the details of what you did or plan to do. As far as many of us are concerned, you could be on a one-way trip to Mars and we could not care. Better still are those who need to pepper their conversations continuously with the f-word. At this point, I certainly wish that mouthwash is made out of concentrated sulfuric acid. Perhaps, that may solve the problem.

The scribblers! They scribble on tables and on the walls in the washrooms. I can only think of a barbaric punishment. Chop of their dominant hand! I could go on and on but I think you get the picture. I am sure with the punishments that I would like to impose on these 'offenders', I have booked my place in hell. What the hell! By the way, I'm not suffering from a bad case of PMS (thought it would be good to set the record straight). As for my sanity, well, that could be cause for another letter in our next issue.

You should be worried. Somebody's watching you!

Sincerely,
The Bitch

STUDENTS vs TEACHERS

By Kristin Silkworth

Admit it! You know sometimes teachers just piss you off. They do the oddest things that make you want to just pick up your books and head out the door. But that would be too harsh so you just sit there as if you have ants in your pants. Sometimes you just start twiddling your thumbs or stare into space as if Mercer's ceilings are just so intriguing. Then would you believe that the teachers have the nerve to wonder why you're falling asleep in class! The one thing that really gets my blood pressure pumping is when the teachers have the nerve to come late to my class session and then expect me to stay later! Heck no! It's one

thing when I pay money for the class to start on time, but it's another when the teacher is going in on my free time!

Tell me why do teachers do some juggling act with this attendance policy? I mean you either have one or you don't; it's that simple. There's no skipping attendance 3 sessions and doing one the next time, and then skipping attendance 5 more sessions and fitting in one more again.

Tell me what is the point? I cannot forget to mention the handwriting. How do you expect students to understand the notes or assignment when it's chicken scratch? Not even 20/20 vision, glasses,

contacts or magnifying glasses can unravel what these teachers are trying to convey. Now I know that I'm not the only one with some pet peeves against teachers. John Lee, a Communication major from Hamilton, said "A pet peeve of mine is when teachers act professional at one point and unprofessional the next."

After surveying a total of 10 students, I got some crazy responses about teachers here at Mercer. Teachers go from talking about personal stuff over half of the class session to not being able to speak English clearly even when they are an English Professor. Carl Mottola, a

Criminal Justice major from Trenton, said, "I absolutely hate one of my classes because the teacher has no enthusiasm." But, if it's not the talking that annoys students'; it's the silent visible things that really pisses students off. Who likes to have spit flying at you when your teacher is lecturing to you? Not me!

To be fair, teachers also have pet peeves against us students as well. Just when you think nobody notices your car parked in the teacher's parking lot. Well wake up, because teachers are watching us. Ross Davies, a TV Production Professor here at Mercer, said, "A pet peeve of mine is students parking in my

spot, it pisses me off." After surveying a couple teachers here at Mercer, I heard of some pretty obvious pet peeves against us. From the annoying sound of a beat to a song from a cell phone ringing in class, to no sound from a student because he or she is trying to be sneaky by hiding the closed eyes inside his or her arms during class.

Just like teachers getting annoyed by the students asking the same questions over and over again; students get annoyed about teachers lecturing the same material over and over again. This is all in the life of learning here at Mercer County Community College.

WAR AGAINST IRAQ

by Frank D. Alvarez

Military action against Iraq is justified and inevitable. Bleeding heart liberals point to 'humanitarian' reasons to forestall an invasion. They point to regional instability as a consequence of any attack.

What they fail to mention is that Hussein has caused more damage to the region than so-called 'American invasion' he and his cronies repeatedly claim.

Regimes like Hussein's rule by fear and violence. People that voice unpopular ideas are rounded up and 'mysteriously disappear'.

Not only are dictators a threat to their own people but to their neighbors as well.

We saw this when Iraq invaded Kuwait and stood ready to invade Saudi Arabia. Let's look at some important facts:

First, Hussein used chemical weapons in the past. In 1985, Hussein's forces used nerve gas on a village in northern Iraq, killing hundreds of unarmed civilians.

Second, he allowed his forces to rape, pillage, torture and murder innocent Kuwaiti civilians. When his army retreated to Basra, they stole Kuwaiti vehicles.

During the Gulf War, the Iraqis launched Scuds into Israeli and Saudi Arabian cities in a wanton and desperate attempt to cause fear and chaos.

Fortunately, the missiles were armed with conventional warheads. Next time, the death toll from a nuclear, chemical or biological warhead could be catastrophic. By attacking now, the chance of a 'next time' will be significantly reduced if not eliminated.

Third, he ordered the murder of his relatives. Those that escaped promptly fled to Jordan and the United States. Once safe, they relayed stories of terror and persecution. They also clued Washington in on Iraqi intentions.

Fourth, over the past 10-15 years, the Iraqi government has attempted to purchase weapons of mass destruction. In 1981, the Israeli air force launched a surgical strike to destroy a suspected nuclear weapons development facility.

With the help of the late Gerrard Bull, the Iraqis modified their Scud-B missiles to carry larger warheads at the price

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KELSEY THEATRE REVIEW

by Shirley De Silva

Kelsey Theatre at Mercer is fast becoming a household name in Mercer and Middlesex counties. In 1972, only 4 productions were staged. This year, the theatre would have staged 29 different productions by the end of this year. Kitty Getlik, the theatre manager who has been with the theatre for the last 25 years said, "Our aim is to reach everyone. The Kelsey Theatre offers

something for everyone, be it the six-year-old or the senior citizen."

Getlik said that the theatre's popularity is growing and it served over 40,000 people last year. The theatre stages shows from professional companies, semi-professional companies and students' productions. The Kelsey theatre randomly distributes 50,000 brochures annually to homes in the Mercer and Middlesex counties

as part of its advertising campaign.

"Coming to the Kelsey theatre helps to clear the misconception that many people have about Mercer. There are still groups who see the college as a place for teenagers out of high school. I want everybody to see that Mercer, like any other college is a place of lifelong learning," said Getlik. The theatre always displays brochures on all the courses the college

offers.

In an era of cable television and computers, Getlik is determined to promote live theatre especially among the younger audience. She is extremely pleased when she sees members of the audience younger than 12. "We have a group of children who are seasoned theatre goers," she said.

Getlik said that anybody could audition for the shows. The theatre is always looking for volunteers to paint, sew, do lighting or distribute brochures.

The highlights for the coming holiday season include "'Twas The Night Before Christmas" and "The Nutcracker Ballet" for which tickets are sold out. "Annie" is another attraction and tickets are close to sell out. "This is not surprising. Our tickets are reasonably priced and we offer a discount to Mercer staff and students," said Getlik. Some of the earlier productions this year included 'The Rocky Horror Show' and 'The Cinderella Ballet'.

EXPLORATION OF LINE EXPRESSION

by Atsushi Yabu

In the various media of art, such as drawing, painting or sculpture, you can discover different aesthetic essences of lines. At the Mercer Gallery at Mercer College, an exhibition titled "Line of Inquiry" is open now, where five artists' works are displayed.

Tricia Fagan, Director of the Mercer Gallery, said she became interested in the unique sense of the way that the artists use line in their works. In most of the works, a line "creates major movement, visual interests, and major components."

"Drawing is very important to me because it helps me transcribe what I'm seeing," said Harry Naar, Professor of Fine Art of Rider University. In his artworks in the show, landscape drawings, one of the main points is the importance of marks. "The drawings are made up of lots of ink marks. When viewed close up, the ink marks look more like scribbles and abstract shapes and patterns. But when the viewer steps back, the marks begin to become more recognizable and more descriptive of a particular place, and the viewer begins to appreciate the reality of the place I am creating," Naar said.

Also viewers will find some distinct atmosphere from the drawings such as a sense of closeness and a feeling of distance. Naar mentioned the effects of contrast of color and traits



Photograph by Elizabeth McCue

Ball of Thorns No. 2 by artist Elizabeth McCue

of line he used. "The quality of black and white can become a very severe contrast, but with the various qualities of lines and marks I hope the viewer can begin to recognize the various intensities of color beyond just a darkness and lightness of line or thickness or thinness. Also I hope viewers to see these different qualities of line and 'mark making' help to reinforce the power and beauty of the creative illusion I am making."

"What I look for is a sense of atmosphere, a certain quality of silence," said Paul Mordetsky, an instructor of fine art at MCCC, of his art works in this show, paintings of landscape. "All my works look very quiet as there are no people. They are very contemplative, empty and have a sense of passage." Mordetsky said, "I'm a contemporary artist and I think I reflect a contemporary American, Western

20th/21st century point of view. What interests me is not the landscape itself but metaphor as expressed by the landscape." In *Tree in the Storm*, for example, Mordetsky said the tree might represent humans bearing against a storm. "I'm interested in the idea of a lone entity standing against vast emptiness."

Mordetsky discussed some qualities of line in his pictures. Viewers will find a concentration on tone, the effect of light and dark, and on the effect "a linear motion" made by strokes of layered lines. Mordetsky also said that lines act as connections from one object to another. This kind of line swings along edges with what the artist calls "snake-like quality," and implies the line "draws you through the picture, through the design and into the space."

Mordetsky said, "I hope viewers will look at the

paintings and see the image as a kind of metaphor. On the other hand, they can look at the surface and enjoy the movement of the design and the way they are painted."

"Sculpture is like poetry with inspiration, and drawing and painting are like a novel with a story," said Elizabeth McCue, an artist represented by the Kouros Gallery, New York. In this show, her art works are sculpture and oil stick drawings and paintings, and McCue said her work is "a synthesis of abstraction and realism, organic and nature-based."

One of her works, *Ball of Thorns*, can be a good illustration of her concept. McCue said this sculpture is a sphere in which pieces are "representing a negative view of the world—barren, caged." *Ball of Thorns* is one of the twin objects and if it was exhibited together with the other one, *Ball of Leaves*, "they would reveal

the duality of life such as life or death, good or evil, and positive or negative." However, *Ball of Leaves* was at 7 World Trade Center as a permanent collection of a company, and destroyed in the events of September 11 th.

McCue said her art works have both negative and positive spaces, and each piece composes a whole object which is juxtaposed with consideration of various aspects such as depth, height or movement.

In her sculpture, "a line would travel from point to point, line to line and volume to volume like calligraphy," McCue said. "It's hopefully dynamic and moving." Also in her landscape drawing, the element of line "play a role of making a two dimensional page convey a sense of space back and force."

In her artist's statement for the gallery, McCue said, "I love both sculpture and drawing and pursue both with equal intensity. Each enriches the other, resonating back and forth in a dialogue of shared imagery, structure and thought."

Also included in the exhibition are artworks by Joy Kreves, who works in drawing and ceramics, and Helen Mirkil, whose works include oil painting, mixed media and others. This exhibition is held until December 19, 2002.

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A COZY RESTAURANT IN EWING

by Atsushi Yabu

With pleasant greeting filling inside the restaurant, a lively morning starts at Palumbo's Food Express. Located on a busy street near Mercer Airport, the entrance is busy to open as new and old customers visit the restaurant for breakfast or lunch. Kate Schuster, an elementary special education major from Ewing, said, "This restaurant is very family-oriented, I love it. I go there every week."

The owner Jack Palumbo said the restaurant was opened in 1967 by his parents. After several transition periods, he took over the restaurant nine years ago. "Hopefully, the mood of the restaurant is

at home and comfortable," said Palumbo. Behind the counter hangs a black and white picture of his parents eating a meal, and on the bottom of it is written the motto of the restaurant: "Treat every customer as if they were sitting at our own kitchen table."

The restaurant seems like a community place as a lot of customers visit the restaurant as if to meet friends. Once inside, you as if you are a familiar customers as joyful waitresses greet you.

The main features of the menu are pancakes included in a breakfast set that costs from \$3 and hamburgers for lunch from \$5. "Our pancakes and hamburgers are the trademark of the

restaurant. Both meals are well known in customers," said Palumbo. Also, you should try various kinds of large omelet. Palumbo said that normally 3 to 5 eggs are used for one omelette dish.

Palumbo said, "My restaurant may not be a quiet place for sitting long to talk, as customers come and go rather quickly. But, some customers who like this pace come to the restaurant twice or even three times a day."

Palumbo's Food Express is at 72 W Upper Ferry Rd, Ewing; (609)-538-8314, opening 7 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday; 7 am to 11:30 am, Sat; 7 am to 12:30 pm, Sun.

SNICKET

by Samantha Reichert

If reverse psychology were not such a successful technique, Lemony Snicket (pen name of author Daniel Handler) would be doomed right from the start. As the author of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, Snicket constantly urges his readers to seek happier reading material, from chapter one of each book to the synopses on the back covers. In fact, the very first sentence of *Book the First: The Bad Beginning* reads, "If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book." No one can claim they weren't warned right from the start.

He is, however, telling a partial truth. Throughout the entire series, extremely few favorable events occur in the lives of the protagonists, the Baudelaire orphans. As the story begins, Violet (a 14-year-old inventor), Klaus (a 12-year-old bookworm), and Sunny (a sharp-toothed infant) discover that their parents have died in a fire that consumed their entire house. Throughout each book, the siblings are bounced from one home to the next, constantly dogged by an evil man named Count Olaf, who is after the Baudelaire fortune, which the children can obtain themselves once Violet turns 18.

The first four books in the series seem to follow the same basic cat and mouse outline, prompting the question: Is this all that's going to happen? Starting with *Book the Fifth: The Austere Academy*, the answer is an obvious, resounding

"NO." In it, a larger story begins to unfold concerning the real cause of the Baudelaire parents' deaths, a mysterious organization known only as V.F.D., and Lemony Snicket's true obligations and motives in writing down the events for the public eye. Though the chase continues in each subsequent book, the plot underneath thickens as well, compelling the reader to return to passages in prior books that were formerly regarded as trivial pieces of information.

Although the books are considered "intermediate fiction," they're hardly only for children's enjoyment in the same fashion as *Harry Potter*, though Snicket is far more ironic and sarcastic in his writing than anything by J.K. Rowling. Each one is beautifully bound to resemble a tome from an old, dusty library, the edges of its pages torn and uneven, but done in a charming way that gives even more character to each story. Even adults can fully enjoy the series' many vocabulary lessons, in the form of "a word which here means..." and its tongue-in-cheek wit and advice. Truly, anyone looking for a little fun, a little mystery and a whole load of misfortune will find pleasure in these zippy reads.

The *Carnivorous Carnival* will be released on October 29, the ninth book out of a planned 13, not including *Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Autobiography*, which came out in early 2002. *Book the Tenth: The Slippery Slope* is scheduled for mid-2003.

STOP SITTING AROUND!

by Nicole Wagner

Are you tired of being board, and unable to find anything to do? Well wait no longer, KatManDu in Trenton is right around the corner. KatManDu has something to do every night of the week. You have to be 21 or older to get in, though. If you like to go out and party, dance, see bands play, or just hang out with friends, this is the place.

Every Thursday night is college night at KatManDu.

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An exciting band plays outside for you to listen and rock with. Or you can go inside where the best DJ's spin the greatest music to dance all night to.

KatManDu is a restaurant during the day, with wonderful food and service. Their Happy Hours are Monday thru Friday from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. Then it changes at night to a club with many options.

The club closes every single night of the week at 2:00am. There are Banquet rooms available to rent out for Bat/Bar mitzvahs, weddings, reunions, proms, private parties, or whatever the special occasion is.

KatManDu is a fun way to get out with friends, or go out and meet new friends. So stop making excuses that there's nothing to do. KatManDu is the place!

AMERICAN IDOL'S GREATEST HITS

by Elizabeth Dintino

American Idol's Greatest Hits album was released on Tuesday October 1st. I asked one of my friends to get me the CD for my birthday, thinking I was only going to listen to it for Kelly's song. When I opened it and placed it in my CD player, I heard oldies songs in a more modern day fashion and I fell in love with it! Songs from Aretha Franklin's "Respect" to Stevie Wonder's "Lately", helped me to get through some tough times I was experiencing. All of the

songs on the album seemed to send out messages that I could relate too. Needless to say for the next two weeks, I continuously listened to it. This album was an immediate sellout leaving the shelves of three record stores empty. Solana Sorrento a communications major from Hamilton said, "I ran all over looking for this CD and couldn't find it anywhere. I went to stores in the area and finally when I went to New York City I found a copy. I never knew this show was such a hit!"

It is a popular album,

but not just among the young adults who watched the show but also among middle aged adults. My mother listens to the CD more than I do! Every time I am in the mood to hear one of the songs, I can't find it, so I burned her a copy. Why does she like the album so much? According to her, "It's a great updated version of the songs I listened to when I was young. It's like I am reliving my youth in the new millennium."

Answers to Mercer quiz on pg 4

Answers:

- 1) 1971
- 2) 63
- 3) 30
- 4) 6
- 5) WWFM-The Classical Network
- 6) 7
- 7) 39
- 8) 8
- 9) 6
- 10) 28 days

The Nutcracker Ballet will be performing on Dec. 21st & 22nd at Kelsey Theater.

Tickets are \$5 for MCCC students and faculty with ID.

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of range. Such weapons are a surefire way to hold the region hostage. Not only is he intent on developing these weapons, Hussein is improving his ability to deploy them as well. Most of his current missiles are derivatives of the Soviet SA-2 (the Scud) or the SS-N-1 Styx anti-ship missile.

Sites holding weapons of mass destruction are often hidden within buildings, civilian areas, and waterways. In addition to

shuffling his assets around like a deck of cards, his underlings forbid the UN inspectors from doing their job and investigating Hussein's many palaces.

Lastly, the Iraqi regime has repeatedly agreed to UN resolutions and then ignored them. Iraq agreed to the No-Fly Zones at the end of the Gulf War, but attempts to shoot down allied aircraft on a daily basis.

We should get Hussein now, before it's too late. Changing the Iraqi regime will cost more American lives and money in the long run.

**Festival of Lights
December 11th
Noon-1:15 p.m.
Faculty Dining Room**



Future Teachers Club will be meeting on December 12th in SC 108 from Noon-1:15 p.m.



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