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COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Photo classes given 360 degree cameras

New technology offers spherical videos with interactive panoramic views

BY KATIE COYNE

Copy Editor

The art and design department at County College of Morris introduced new 360 degree view cameras made by companies Vuze and Samsung for photography classes starting in the spring 2018 semester.

Vuze was the world's first virtual reality camera with high quality and resolution in 3D and 360 degree images.

"It has two fisheye lenses: one on the front, one on the back, so it's able to completely capture a 360 view," said Professor Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, the chairperson and associate professor of the art and design department at CCM.

The Samsung Gear 360 is one type of camera that the campus is using. The features on the camera make it possible to broadcast moments with family and friends, as well as livestream concerts. The camera can also be paired up with a phone or computer, so students can stream from many platforms.

"Anything from commercial applications to real estate and product photography where you can see the 360 view to even journalism to reportage. It's become very popular doing image capture in war zones or for interviews," Gruneiro-Roadcap said.

The New York Times has even joined in on this trend by adding 360 views to their online productions. "The Daily 360,"

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HOTO COURTESY SAMSUNG

Photograph featuring a 360 degree view of mountainous landscape.

Men's basketball begins back half of season



PHOTO BY CONNOR IAPOCE

Titans guard Lamont Williams goes up for a layup over Delaware Tech players in a 98-66 win.

Pair of losses punctuate start to new year

BY CONNOR IAPOCE

Sports Editor

County College of Morris' men's basketball team began 2018 on a two-game losing streak with a National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX home loss against Mercer County Community College Tuesday, Jan. 9 and an away loss against Harcum College Saturday, Jan. 13.

Assistant coach Anwar King said the team is facing one of the toughest schedules in the conference and is focusing on taking the season one game at a time.

"Conference games are always the toughest, especially against a team you have already played against," King said after said after the game against

MCCC. "Nobody comes back the same second semester as they did the first semester. Mercer is one of the toughest teams, and today, they overworked us."

The team went down in the first half 35-43, but outscored the opponent in the second half 46 to 38. Despite this, the Titans lost the game 81-86.

"We could have came out stronger," said freshman guard D'Ondre Dent. "We missed a lot of easy layups, couple second chance points, and they killed us on the backdoors. We just have to come back with harder defense. We also are missing a couple of guys, but that's not an excuse. We were still right there."

Despite the two most recent losses, the Titans' overall season

record is 8-7, with a 4-3 Region XIX record, and they held the fourth spot in the region's Division II at presstime.

"I mean we came out and we played," said freshman guard Anthony Lopez. "We could have played better though, it's just a tough loss. We just gotta work harder and work hard at what we've been doing."

King said his team consists of freshman who are still learning how to cope with the increasing responsibilities of leading the team.

"It's hard for freshman to come in and learn so much and have a lot of weight on their shoulders," King said. "Now their accountability is held against CONTINUED IN 'SEASON' ON PAGE 2



Assistant athletic director, veteran coach looks to increase transfer rates to NCAA

BY CONNOR IAPOCE

Sports Editor

County College of Morris women's soccer head coach Roger Stephens says he is not the cliched soccer coach screaming from the sidelines of a soccer pitch during a close match; if you watch him on the field, he is mostly taking notes to discuss key improvements with his team during halftime.

Stephens, who also works as the assistant athletic director, has his own room in the athletic department's main office the Health and Physical Education building, adorned with newspaper articles, pictures of past soccer teams, and plaques detailing athletic accomplishments. His name has been a staple of CCM athletics for three decades as he has been involved, on-and-off, within the Titans athletics department since 1985 having led both the men's and women's soccer programs at various points of his CCM career.

The players he has coached include 13 All-Americans and five regional players of the year. Stephens has also taken pride in academic success, with many of his players keeping above a 3.0 GPA. At the end of 2011, Coach Stephens left a 21-year career as the CCM men's soccer coach with a record of 244-102-17 or a .696 win percentage.

Soccer has not always been the main focal point of Stephens' life. During his childhood in New Jersey, the sport was not offered around his town. It was in high school that he subsequently decided to focus on soccer. Ultimately, it came down to his athletic future in college.

"Once I got to my senior year in high school, I made the deci-

sion that soccer was the sport I really wanted to play," Stephens said. "A buddy of mine and I went down to visit Duke University in North Carolina, but we both decided to commit to Trenton State, which is known as The College of New Jersey now. The coach from TCNJ went up to see us, and we had visited the school. They were just coming off a national championship. That's when I kind of made the decision. I actually went out for track that year just to increase my fitness before college, and that was a good move."

As a midfielder and outside back starter for the TCNJ Lions, Stephens won the New Jersey Athletic Conference and reaching the National Collegiate Athletic Association national quarterfinals. He decided to stay on the Lions team as a graduate assistant coach, working under his head coach who was one of the first in the state to receive a coaching certification.

This prompted Stephens to pursue a certification as well, which he relates as the moment he decided to become a coach, leading to him starting his CCM tenure as the head coach for the Titans men's soccer team.

"We actually lost my first two games as coach in 1985," Stephens said. "It was funny because I could see that we were going to have a decent team, and I had a little bit of an idea of what the level of competition was out there. We only lost, I think, one in overtime, and one was lost by a goal. We could see we were going to be decent that first year. They had only won two or three games the year before and we got it back to .500 after that following year. We went to like 13-4-1 at season's end."

Stephens coached the men's team for 21 seasons and led them to the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX finals six times with three titles. The Titans made it to the national tournament twice, including the national semifinal in 2008 where the team finished in third place. Stephens would receive four regional Coach of the Year awards.

Ivan Maldonado is a current player on the men's soccer team at CCM but got to know Stephens in middle school when he helped coach the team. He credits Stephens for much of his success as a soccer player.

"Coach Stephens made me more than just a better soccer player," Maldonado said. "He knows how to treat his athletes with respect and has a great understanding of the game. I believe that one thing I've learned from him is to always be humble. Even after all he's done, he has found a way to keep his feet grounded. If it wasn't for him at the right time and place, I don't think my game would have developed the way it did."

Stephens took the position as the head coach of the NCAA Division II Felician University men's soccer for two seasons in 2012 and 2013. He would later return to CCM under a different role, assistant athletic director.

Athletic Director Jack Sullivan was pleased with the hiring of Stephens.

"When we had an opportunity for him to come back as assistant athletic director, I knew his track record," Sullivan said. "His professionalism then always resonated with me. I knew how hard he worked, and I knew the benefit to the college to get him. When he applied, I was elated,

and when he got the position, I was extremely happy. We have a good working relationship, our camaraderie is outstanding in my opinion, and we rely on each other heavily."

The return of Stephens to CCM as the assistant athletic director occurred at a time when the men's soccer team already had a head coach, but there was an opening under the women's team.

"When I came back, Jack asked if I would be interested in coaching the women," Stephens said. "I had coached women at the club level, not at the college level, so that was how that all unfolded."

This past fall 2017 season found the Lady Titans under Coach Stephens finishing with a 6-5-1 record and a run in the NJ-CAA Region XIX playoffs when they lost in the Division I semifinal 3-1 to Essex County College.

"We're excited right now," Stephens said. "We've already had three girls sign which is the most we've ever had at this point in time. We had four players visit this past Friday, so we are really kind of excited about what the future holds right now. It is all about recruiting."

Stephens has taken specific pride in seeing his players succeed academically and move on to four-year universities to continue playing the sport.

"To me, the success of a program is reflected in how many student athletes you have moving on to four-year levels," Stephens said.

Male athletes that have played under the coach have moved on to NCAA schools ranging from Division I to Division III including Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Iona College,

and East Stroudsburg University. As the women's coach, it is just starting to take place.

"We had players going down to Tennessee and East Stroudsburg," Stephens said. "That is one key to success is just the fact you are putting players out there. It just started happening on the women's side so that is what we are pretty pleased with."

As the current women's coach, Stephens aims to get more women playing college soccer.

"We did so much on the guy's side and we are just starting to break the bubble, so to speak, on the women's side and getting more women playing college soccer," Stephens said. "That is going to be the key to be successful is having them move on and be successful and complete their four-year degrees while also being able to continue to move on and play at whatever division levels."

As his role of assistant athletic director brings him more responsibility, Stephens is aiming to change the view of CCM athletics and bring the support from administration back. He wants to work with the college so that athletics remain important, but the student athletes take priority, so the school is able to help foster success to move on to a four-year-university.

"His biggest strength is his love for this institution and soccer," Sullivan said. "When you put the two together combined with his work ethic, it is second to none. Top to bottom, Roger Stephens runs a first-class organization program, and I think he's going to get to nationals with this team very soon."

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is where media users on tablets, computers and Iphones can experience a new part of the world every day. The 360 view allows one to see various scenes in different perspectives by moving the scene left, right, up, down, and behind.

The college has obtained the cameras through a government program called Perkins Grant Funding which makes it possible for students who are getting an associate applied science degree to access these cameras.

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Education Act of 2006 was created for students who are obtaining postsecondary careers and technical education program degrees. The act dates back to the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 which was the first authorization of the federal funding of vocational education.

The concepts of 360 photography will be incorporated into the photography curriculum at CCM. As new technology such as this emerges, the job of a pho-

tographer becomes more varied and not so black and white, said Gruneiro-Roadcap.

"I don't even know if you can call somebody a photographer in the next couple of years," Gruneiro-Roadcap said. "What they're going to expected to do is going to be so vast that it's just more than taking a simple photo."

Gruneiro-Roadcap said wedding pictures and high school photos will still be a part of the photography world, along with fine art images for calendars. However, she said photography concepts are definitely growing more vivid and technical for branches such as retail and real estate.

"People are going to want to see motion," Gruneiro-Roadcap said. "They're going to want to see something that's extended, they're going to want something that's immersive."

The campus has acquired enough cameras that they can easily be shared between two students. The rest of the products will come during the spring semester for students to begin using them

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them. It's just a major adjustment all of them have made."

Despite this, the team has found success this season with four region conference wins.

"The key strengths for this season is just everybody coming to play," King said. "We've got loads of talent from start to finish, and it's just a matter of who comes to play which game. There's no high expectations, no nationals, nothing like that. Everything that we're doing is taking it one game at a time."

The loss against Del Tech Stanton marked the largest deficit of the season for the Titans with a 19 point loss. The team went down 42-58 in the first half and was unable to take the lead in the second half, losing the game 89-108.

"Since we lost five games in the first semester, we don't want to lose five games in the second semester," Dent said. "That's the goal. As a team, I think we can get to the national championship." The Titans men's basketball team competes in the Division II level in the Garden State Athletic Conference as well as in the NJ-CAA Region XIX.

Their next home game is at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 against Manor College in the Health and Physical Education building.

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EDITORIAL:

Start your semester right by getting involved

Headed into its 50th anniversary, County College of Morris still sets out to defy stereotypes of a community college by giving its students even more individual and communal opportunities outside of the classroom this semester. Now, it's our job to take advantage of them

While it's rather easy to get caught up in the frantic nature of a new semester, with a sea of syllabi filling up our free time and the weight of text-books dragging us down, it's important to let ourselves, as students, engage in the community around us on campus.

It's only January, and there are already plenty of activities you can take part in. The Student Activities Programming Board will host its semesterly Welcome Back Bash at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 in the Student Community Center where students can meet club leaders and get a feel for which clubs suit their interests. Some other upcoming events are SAPB's Valentine's Day Teddy Bear Factory at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the SCC, the New Social Engine's Wing Eating Contest at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the SCC, and the Black Student Union's Black History Month Art Show at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the

The school already planned out a Passport Day in April where the CCM community will get the chance to obtain passports through Morris County. In addition, students can take part in numerous social events like a Roller Skating Party from NSE a Comedy-Magic Show from the SAPB, and a performance of the musical Follies.

This is just a taste of how much is in store for us this semester, with various clubs, such as the recently reinstated Student Government Association, and committees constantly hosting events on and off campus.

These events exhibit the hard work and effort that goes into raising the standards of this college each and every semester. Preparation from both faculty and fellow students for the musical alone begins the very first day of the semester.

With that being said, none of these efforts mean anything without the participation and activism from the student body. Simply attending a show or even joining a club contributes to the great cause of continuing to make this college a better place.

This college doesn't have to just be a place where you rush through your two years and move on "to somewhere better." You're allowed and encouraged to reap the benefits in exploring the opportunity that this school has for students to grow, as individuals and a community.

Students show business, marketing skills

BY GINA N. FICO

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County College of Morris' business department held a marketing showcase Thursday, Dec. 7 to allow students to come up with new ideas to improve existing products at County College of Morris and use their marketing skills in real life situations.

In this event, five groups of principles of marketing I students competed to reach different goals for the CCM community.

Tyler Cobb, a business administration major, said working on this project helped him to work in a group and talking in front of people; his group's goal was to change the location of the tutoring center, currently downstairs in DeMare Hall.

"I think our biggest pitch is moving the tutoring center from where it's hidden now to the corner to the library," Cobb said.

Some of the other group's goals included improving enrollment, the planetarium, and CCM Direct, a program which allows adult students to earn a degree in two years taking three classes per

semester for less than \$1,500 a semester.

Students displayed a variety of technological ideas, came up with ways to work with the image to promote their projects, and used statistics to show how their goals can work.

Sarah Vojta, a business administration major and Cobb's team member, said she was both nervous and excited about presenting her group's idea at the marketing seminar. However, she said no matter the outcome of the results, she said her group's idea was going to work, and CCM will have a better Tutoring Center.

"I think our group did very well so we have a good chance today," Vojta said before presenting.

She said that another goal of her group was to make students feel less intimidated when needing to use the tutoring services and that her group wanted to lessen the stigma so more people ask for help. She said she wants to make the tutoring center more enjoyable.

Maureen Sutton, chairperson of the business department and associate professor of business said this was the first time that CCM held a marketing seminar.

Sutton added that it would be good for the business students to be taught marketing skills.

Sutton said the business students had a practical experience while working with an existing product and that they had to talk to CCM employees, see a show at the planetarium, and view a survey from the Tutoring Center.

The marketing showcase had judges that viewed all the presentations and added up scores at the end of the event. They judged the students on a variety of aspects of their presentations. The results for the best content was CCM Direct, and the Tutoring Center group who won first overall and organization delivery.

Sutton said she was proud of the students that presented their ideas

"I just think they did an outstanding job," Sutton said. "It wasn't just me who said that; it was the others who attended the session."

CCM will hold another marketing seminar in the fall 2018 semester, according to Sutton.



PHOTO BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHI

Searching CCM: Where on campus is this?

This building isn't one of the main three academic halls, but classes are taught here. Do you know where it is? Send your answer to youngtownedition@gmail.com by Monday, Jan. 29, and check for your name in the next issue. Last issue, Rita Ragany-Bayer got it right. Professor Wanda the fish lives in the communication department in upstairs DeMare Hall.

SATIRE: ADVISORS ADMIT SOME STUDENTS SHOULD JUST GIVE UP

BY JOHN DUMM

Satire Editor

Dean Patrick Starr, as part of a schedule of miscellaneous dogoodery, hosted a Spring Semester Advisory Event in the County College of Morris student lounge Wednesday, Jan. 10, looking to grant guidance and approval for the course selections of late registrants for the semester and ensure the smooth re-integration of the entire student body into academic life as per normal.

In a brutal, if not surprising, turn of events, the event failed miserably, opening with Starr attempting to demonstrate course-curation on a sample WebAdvisor account, leading to mass panic and depression within the conference room as he found that literally every course offered by CCM had already been filled

In the wake of this event, advisory staff were consulted to compile a more thorough and wellresearched plan for dodging the potential embarrassment and anomie associated with a skipped semester

Advisor Apera Osunniyi (Art Futurology) recommends students take advantage of this period of relatively light obligations and clear

scheduling by taking a step back, re-evaluating the stressors in their lives, and seeking more fulfilling ways to occupy themselves, such as auditing literally every class that sounds remotely interesting, usually by pretending to be the delinquent guy who never shows up and spends every class asleep. Advisor Eric Manny (Applied Eschatology) suggests an advanced technique, similar to the above; students unable to enroll in classes at CCM itself should take advantage of our generous degree transferability programs, usually intended to be enacted after you complete vour two-year CCM tenure, yes, but with sufficient abuse of either special pleading, nepotism, or the advanced (and recurring) CompSci technique of "Reverse Buellering" yourself into class registries, you can complete vour degree at Rutgers University and take it with you when you go to Rutgers earlier that year, shaving up to six months off your Ph. D run and breaking the event flag for graduation, letting you collect infinite associate's degrees in your starting field. Exploit only works for degrees that lead to doctorates in Theoretical Physics.

For freshmen and other young students who cannot speedrun their

degrees at Rutgers et al., Manny recommends attempting to reintegrate in your old high school, leveraging your Legitimate College Experience to get placements in AP classes and "educationally slingshot" into a scholarship qualification, or another college entirely, such as Rutgers, the only school that hasn't patched Sloppy Bureaucratic Time Travel.

Advisor Anderson Graham (Militarized Psychiatry) takes a more traditional approach to unofficial collegiate education: apprenticing yourself to a native denizen of the Game Room, learning their trade directly (Graham recommends a Guilty Gear player) and either offering to help them take notes and study in class, rummaging through their notebook when they're in the bathroom, or devoting your entire being to video games and winning their brain and/ or soul from them in a Shadow Duel. Graham recommends you not think too hard about the existential fate of the Gameroomer banished to a timeless umbral prison realm in this process. The Philosophy department has published reams of workable arguments that game room residents are not technically real people, and cannot feel pain.

Advisor Aidan Fitzgerald (High-Energy Industrial Sociology) has come forth as promoting perhaps the most practical and responsible response thus far, and has offered to elaborate personally.

"It is of course absolutely, literally vital to the CCM community that you stay enrolled in at least some classes so you at least have an illusion of ... productivity," said Fitzgerald, insisting to Youngtown reporters that they deliberately emphasize the pause with ellipses. "Just about everyone on campus is a valued member of the community who contributes to overall campus thrival both academically and socially, no matter how much they may believe otherwise about themselves. However, certain factions on campus: campus security, the theatre department, the LGBT Ministry, the shadow government supposedly run by the Student Government Association but in actuality engineered entirely by SEGO, have compiled criteria for named exceptions to the above statement. Absolute annoyances with no real academic future and a known track record of student and staff harassment et cetera, that nonetheless managed to clog up

the class system anyway!"

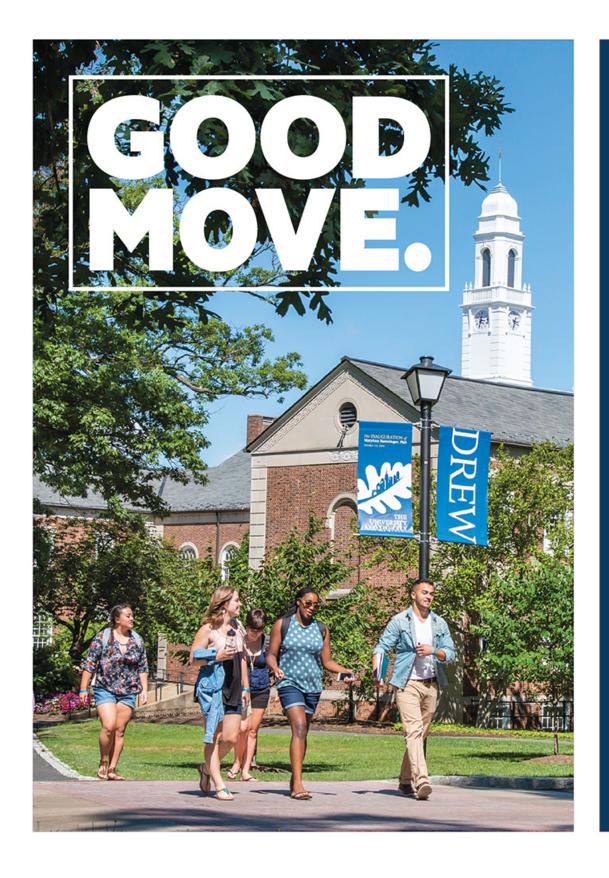
Fitzgerald proceeded to insist we make editorial note of his pushing his glasses up and steepling his fingers before he proceeded.

"If someone were to find a way to remove these elements, they could detoxify the school's social pool and bump the waitlists on mostly engineering courses in one fell swoop," Fitzgerald said. "And, of course, if you happen to be on the waitlists at the time."

At the Youngtown editing team's behest, he added a disclaimer against the reprehensible act of actually harming fellow students for personal gain.

"Now, of course, the consequences for actually committing murder are catastrophic, Fitzgerald said. "However, all is not lost. SEGO has connections to the Game Room, and the Game Room itself is inhabited by people more like the Predator than actual people, per se. They'll aid your righteous quest for character slots in exchange for literal sandwiches, and have dedicated so much of their memory to the muscular pretzelling required by old-school fighting games that they are mentally incapable of ratting you out!"

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