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COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER



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Dr. Anthony Iacono accepts his inauguration a year after he takes office.

CCM celebrates inauguration of its third president

Dr. Anthony Iacono sets vision for future

BY DAN BRODHEAD

Contributor

More than 400 people, including local and state officials, faculty, staff, students, and alumni, gathered at County College of Morris Friday, Oct. 6 to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Anthony J. Iacono as the college's third president.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the inauguration was Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of student development and enrollment management. Guest speakers included Board of Trustees Chair Paul Licitra, President

Emeritus Dr. Edward Yaw, and a slate of political leaders. The keynote speaker was Iacono's longtime friend and former colleague at Indian River State College (IRSC) in Fort Pierce, Florida Dr. Alan P. Roberts, president of State University of New York Ulster.

"The vision, support, and boldness of those who have led and shaped CCM for nearly 50 years has created an institution that consistently gains recognition for the success of its students and alumni," Iacono said. "My goal is to shepherd the college's ongoing development so CCM

can play an even larger role in assisting individuals and businesses to reach their highest potential."

Iacono has been president of CCM since Sept. 1, 2016. Since taking office, he has launched a number of initiatives to build upon the college's strengths. Included among them are plans for an honors program, an expansion of the virtual campus, and the goal of making CCM one of the county's economic engines to attract and retain new and existing businesses. In addition, he has begun working with the college's Board of Trustees, employees, and community on the college's

next strategic plan, which focuses on increased community partnerships, high-impact learning practices, and greater opportunities for student internships.

Iacono came to CCM from IRSC where he served as vice president of academic affairs. His accomplishments there included serving as a core team member that helped IRSC earn recognition by the Aspen Award Committee as one of the top three community colleges in the nation; leading a team of faculty, administrators, and staff in supporting IRSC for admission to the Achieving the Dream network; and supporting faculty in the creation of IRSC's Institute for Academic Excel-

lence, an innovative research and professional development center.

"Every person has the ability to make the world a little better by simply getting involved," Iacono said. "Find your purpose. Find your passion, and employ it to help others. You will be amazed at the difference you can make."

Iacono has served as an adviser to the United States Department of Education and various national think tanks and educational reform organizations. He is the recipient of numerous teaching and leadership awards and is a nationally recognized speaker on the topics of leadership, educational innovation, literacy, and career pathways.

New cabinet, constitution voted in for reforming SGA

Administrators used updated rules before election

BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN

Editor-in-Chief

Six months after County College of Morris shut down its Student Government Association because of dysfunction and infighting, the student body elected a new president, vice president, treasurer, and senators. Students cast their votes on Blackboard in the third week of October, and the Office of Campus Life announced the officers Friday, Oct. 20.

Uncontested, Karen Vasquez, Matthew J. Bristol, and Aliasgar Wahide won the positions of president, vice president, and treasurer respectively. Additionally, Ranell Bell, Henry Agyei,

Veronica Granata, Grace Fenners, Alexander Bergeron, David Huerta, and Milagros Quintana won senator positions. As there were not enough students running for senator to fill the 21 available seats, the senate candidates were also elected uncontested.

Also, the student body voted to ratify a new SGA constitution for the first time since 2009. Among the notable changes are that the student body will vote for the Inter-Club Council chair during elections, the number of senators was increased from five to 21, the SGA will hold its meetings bi-weekly instead of weekly, and all students must be approved by two-thirds of the nomination committee, which consists of a

council of faculty and staff appointed by the Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Management Dr. Bette Simmons, before being permitted on the ballot for holding a leadership position in the SGA or being appointed to a position afterwards.

Before the election, the nomination committee interviewed the candidates and used the approval process before the constitution was ratified. The committee rejected the nomination of at least one student hoping to run for president. The ballot allowed for the election of seven senators when the previous constitution only permitted five. Also, the ICC chair position was not on the ballot.

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Suicide survivor, awareness advocate shares his story

CAROLINE O'BRIEN

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"Kid, you're a miracle," the U.S. Coast Guard said to 19-year-old Kevin Hines after pulling him out of the freezing waters surrounding the Golden Gate Bridge.

On Sept. 25, 2000, Pat Hines dropped Kevin off at San Francisco City College with no anticipation of the overwhelming news he would later receive about his son.

Without telling his father, Kevin went directly to the college counseling office to drop his courses except English; he wanted to see the particular professor one last time. Kevin

recalls his counselor accommodating this request without questions or concerns.

Kevin proceeded to use what little money he had to take the subway, to a bus, to the Golden Gate Bridge. Sobbing in the center seat at the back of the bus, Kevin promised himself if one person offered to help him, he wouldn't have to submit to the voices in his head demanding him to die.

Kevin walked back and forth on the bridge for almost an hour, still crying, still waiting for a stranger to help; the chronic suicidal thoughts echoed unbearably through his mind.

Kevin, like many other suicide survivors, recalls the instant

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A brief history of how Halloween came to be what we know it as today

BY BRIAN SCHNELL
Features Editor

While many students at County College of Morris will spend this Halloween at house parties over the weekend or at the Student Activities Planning Board’s party during college hour on the holiday itself, the connotations that the modern world grants October’s last day derive from vastly different historical traditions.

The origins of Halloween date back almost 2,000 years to the ancient Celts and Romans. The day was initially created for the festival of Samhain (pronounced “sow-en”) which celebrated the end of summer and the beginning of winter. The belief of the Celts was that on this day the boundaries between the worlds of the living and the dead dissolved and blurred and the deceased could return to the earth. It was believed that these spirits would bring news of the future to the

Celtic priests, known as Druids.

To celebrate the holiday, the druids would construct massive sacred bonfires to sacrifice crops and animals to the deities while wearing animal skin costumes while going from home to home asking for small donations of food or money to offer to the spirits and deities for protection as, in those days, winter was believed to be spirits making life hard for the living by increasing sickness, ruining crops, and making life hard in general

In the 700’s, Pope Gregory III decided that it would be better to move the celebration of All Souls Day to Nov. 1 and eventually to Oct. 31. All Souls Day (also known as All Hallow’s Eve) was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with celebrants dressed as saints, angels, and demons, all of which who danced around bonfires while honoring the deceased saints in the catholic faith.

Over time, the celebration

simplified into the standard way of celebrating Halloween we know and love today.

JACK O’ LANTERNS

The Jack O’ Lantern carved from a pumpkin is based on both a myth and actual history.

In the ancient English isles people would carve turnips and place candles in the mouth in an attempt to scare off evil spirits as well as anyone with malicious intentions.

The myth says that a man, by the name of Jack, had deceived God and the Devil and as a result was not allowed to go to Heaven nor Hell. In response, he was cursed to walk the earth alone forever. In order to provide light for himself at night, he would carve all manner of vegetables into lanterns, hence the name Jack ‘O’Lanterns.

HALLOWEEN AROUND THE WORLD

Halloween is an almost global holiday in current times, but

many countries celebrate it differently

In the United States, children dress up and go door to door trick or treating for candy and other sweets, or attend small parties. Some people even go on “ghost tours” of historic haunted places in hopes of catching a glimpse of the ghost of some famous dead person.

In many hispanic cultures, the celebrate “Dia de los Muertos” or Day of the Dead. Less so about going around and gobbling up as many sweets as possible, it is a day to remember one’s deceased loved ones and welcome their spirits back home. Many families even set up small altars filled with the deceased one’s favourite foods, drinks, and treasured mementos in order to make sure the spirit feels welcome and at home.

In Germany, families will visit the deceased loved ones’ graves and spend the day there

honoring the deceased and the saints in the Catholic faith. Many traditional families will even put away the knives in the house so that the spirits are not harmed by an accidental knife movement.

In China, they set out water, food, and lit lanterns to aid the spirits as they traverse the land on Halloween’s Eve. In Buddhist temples, the monks make paper boats in memory of the deceased and to aid the spirits on their way to Heaven or reincarnation.

As one could see, there are many ways to celebrate the upcoming holiday. Whether by showing respect for the deceased and welcoming them back to the land of the living or going out sweet hunting with your friends. The whole concept of Halloween is to celebrate a change in seasons and remember the deceased. Go out and have fun this Halloween, but keep an eye out because you never know when a silly spook may be following you.

Thirteen ways to make the most of Halloween as a CCM student

BY MICHELLE MARDIS
Contributor

Halloween is a holiday full of spookiness and thrills and is the perfect opportunity to spend time with friends, but in case you’re having trouble on deciding what to do this Halloween, look no further because the below list is compiled of fun things for County College of Morris students to do this Halloween season. These thrills will make for a Halloween to remember.

1. Throw a party

Have everyone chip in to create the perfect Halloween party. Make spooky foods, enjoy a bonfire, and have a costume contest. You and your friends will have a thrill of a night.

2. Go pumpkin picking

This one is a given. You can’t have Halloween without a pumpkin patch. Bring a friend, family

member, and/or significant other and have a blast.

3. Go to a haunted house

If you dare, pick the scariest haunted house and face your fears. After all, that’s what Halloween is all about. It’s about leaving your comfort zone and trying something new and exciting.

4. Enjoy Six Flags Fright Fest

With its mix of horror and fun, Fright Fest is perfect for a college student. Bring someone along and enjoy the Halloween fun. This event is fun for all ages.

5. Get involved with CCM’s Halloween happenings

There will be a fun Halloween event for the community from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 in the Student Community Center. Candy and fun will be provided; stop by and have a good time.

6. Go to CCM’s Halloween Party

Halloween is on a Tuesday this year. Boo! But don’t fret because from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., the Student Activities Programming Board will be hosting a fun event with food, costumes, and more. Come by and enjoy the festivities.

7. Have a scary movie marathon

Who doesn’t love a good scary movie? I know that I love to grab a blanket and curl up on the couch during the Halloween season. It’s even more fun when friends are there with you. Try to not cover your eyes for the duration of the movie. I dare you.

8. Take a kid trick-or-treating

Do you babysit or have younger family members? If so, this is a really great chance to have some nostalgic fun on Halloween night. Going out trick-

or-treating is a wonderful way to give kids the experience as well as having fun yourself.

9. Dress in Halloween clothing

I’m not talking about costumes. I mean dress up in halloween leggings from Walmart and be festive. College is the time to get out of your comfort zone and have some fun. Be creative and put on a fun Halloween-themed outfit throughout the last week of October.

10. Tell a scary story

Once upon a time, there was a group of college kids looking for a way to celebrate Halloween. They gathered around a campfire and began to tell stories. This is a fun way to get into the mood of Halloween.

11. Decorate your room

My room looks like a bunch of witches, goblins, and vampires came in and threw up every-

where. It’s always fun to decorate, so why not do it for the best season of the year? Be creative and hang up some spooky lights; get a scary prop or two, and just have fun with it.

12. Carve those pumpkins you picked

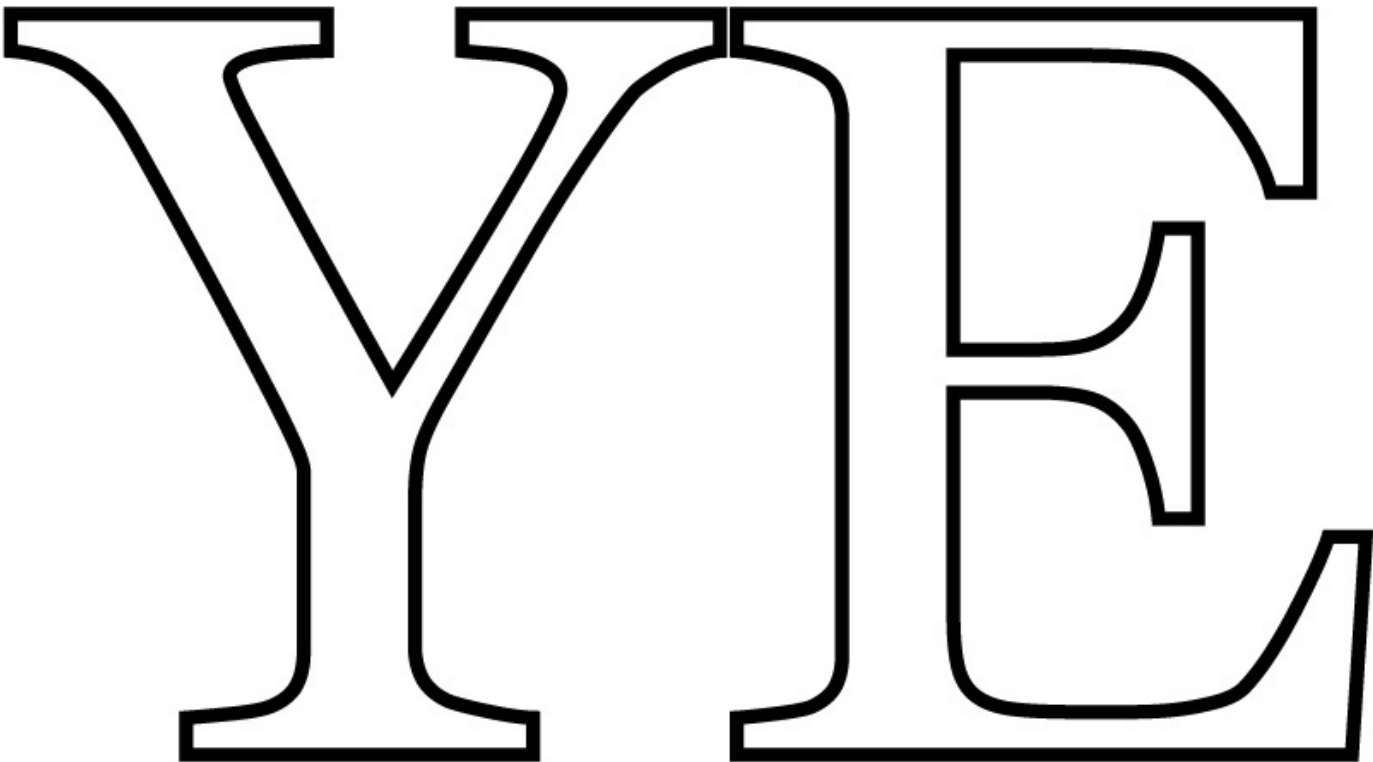
What’s better than baking and eating pumpkin seeds? Oh yeah, finding those seeds while you carve the pumpkin. You get to feel the gooey, orange slime inside of the pumpkin while you are fishing for seeds. Creating a fun and unique design at the end is also a cool way to decorate for Halloween.

13. Embrace the Spooky Season

“Halloween is cool,” said Marnie from Halloweentown. Embrace the spooky season and try at least three things on this list. Once again, I dare you.

Make a Youngtown Jack-o-Lantern

1. Cut out the Youngtown logo.
2. Use this logo as a template to place on a pumpkin and trace.
3. Carve the pumpkin.
4. Submit photos of you and your carved pumpkin to: youngtownedition@gmail.com



Keep the hallows in All Hallow’s Eve

Why Halloween should still matter in the age of reason

BY ELENA HOOPER
Opinion Editor

While the merry times of Pagan fire festivals have come and gone, remnants of their spirits remain in modern holidays and celebrations. Since it’s commonplace to celebrate Easter, Christmas, and Halloween, it’s not often that we stop to think about where these holidays have their origins. Some of us may not understand why we bother celebrating these holidays to begin with and would rather spend our time doing seemingly more important things. It’s true that the roots of these holidays have been washed out and largely forgotten, so it’s not that surprising that some people grumble when they are expected to shell out money for gifts for a holiday that seems completely arbitrary to them. But when you delve into the history, we can see that ancient people celebrated these days for very different reasons.

Since this isn’t a history textbook, I’ll spare you the dry and boring details of Pagan holidays and instead focus on what comprises my main point. I also want to focus on just one Pagan holiday for the sake of simplicity, and what better one to talk about than the one that’s in our midst? Many of us know Halloween as that special time of year to dress up in cheap, itchy costumes and guzzle copious amounts of candy and alcohol. While most people have a good time together despite the itchy costumes and drunken slobber, we don’t often think about why we’re doing any of this in the first place. This leads people to eventual disinterest in the holiday as the annual motions of the celebration can become repetitive and seem meaningless. But when you look back into this holiday’s misty past, a much richer story unfolds.

Samhain (pronounced “sow-en”) or better known today as Halloween, is an ancient celebration that predates the spread of Christianity in the Middle Ages, before anyone in these Celtic Pagan communities were literate. Since there are very few written documents about Paganism existing before Christian missionaries documented their observations of these communities, many of these Celtic Pagan communities’ organic history has been lost to due to the lack of documentation that comes with illiteracy. Learning the ways in which these societies conducted themselves was almost strictly through oral tradition.

Now, you may be wondering why I’m giving you this informa-

tion since I did say this wouldn’t be a history lesson. Well, I wanted to give some context to the life that these people were living. It was a life of mystery and magic; many things were unknown to them, and they lived in a world of superstition and mysticism. That’s what these festivals were born out of, the desire to celebrate and venerate the spirits that were believed to walk the earth again on Samhain night. Bonfires were burned, feasts were served, and communities made happy memories together. The harvest season was in full bloom and abundance was celebrated to the fullest extent. But that excited air of magic and wonder that these festivals carried has been largely diluted by the dawn of modern science. Since science has disproven or largely discredited these supernatural beliefs, it’s no wonder that people are becoming more and more disinterested in celebrating such a holiday.

We need these holidays in modern life, despite their magic being largely diminished. Even in the skeptical age, the superstition and mysticism of this holiday can still be experienced and the importance of experiencing these things is still relevant. Modern science has taken the fun out of a lot of things, even though we are much more knowledgeable about the world, which is also quite important, so we should strive to put the magic back in a holiday like Halloween. It was a time about celebrating life with family and friends, and the lives of those who have passed on. It was a time to feast and rejoice, to dance wildly around the fire and to make lasting memories with loved ones.

While we know now that there are no vampires prowling the woods or ghosts wandering the graveyard, it’s still fun to experience those fictitious spectres in a modern way, to understand what they mean, and celebrate them in our own way. I don’t think we should let the stark reveal of modern science stop us from reveling in the mystery of an ancient past. So instead of sitting on the couch on Halloween night and shoveling candy into your mouth, maybe make dinner for your family, go to a graveyard, light some candles, or maybe meditate on the idea that we might not know everything there is to know. Maybe looking to the past is just as important as looking to the future, that maybe it’s alright that you get a little spooked when you walk by that patch of dark woods on a moonlit night. You might actually enjoy it.

CCM’s revamped website brings mobility, easier navigation

BY TYLER BARTH
Contributor

A month has passed since County College of Morris’ website was revamped; replacing the previous site, which was launched in May 2009, the new site is, from the get-go, much easier to access on mobile.

The prior site was created during a time when mobile devices were generally unable or simply were not used to access major sites, and as such, did not resize properly. Additionally, the prior site was very slow on mobile devices, and it crashed frequently.

The revamped site fixes the load times and resizing issues on account of actually having a mobile version instead of simply being the browser version on a mobile device, and it sure shows. Colorful and bright, CCM’s revamped website is easy to navigate for all incoming freshmen or transfers with clear links and charts. The link for online application, for example, is now a large button instead of a standard hotlink.

Looking around the site a little further, the site has also been much more spread out. The

folded list containing the course catalog, disability services, the library, and such other subcategories has been removed and replaced with a sidebar that shows all of the available subcategories at once. Even the search bar is easier to find, being all across the top instead of just in a small corner.

While the revamped site seems to have definitely been built with mobile in mind, the site does function very well on desktop. The mobile site and the desktop site actually look identical, but according to computer science and game development major Jeremy McArthur, who helped work on the revamped site, they were both built separately.

“We used a lot of the same pages and information,” McArthur said. “But everything has to be transferred over and revised and recoded.”

As stated in the prior issue, work on the revamped website commenced in the summer of 2016 and took about a year, with the website being launched Monday, Sept. 25.

After a survey by Youngtown, it appears students agree to

an extent. 30 students in the student lounge, Cohen Cafe, study room at Sheffield Hall, and Student Community Center cafeteria were asked what they thought of the site; six said it was a “major improvement” over the old site; eight said it was an “improvement;” 14 said it was “about the same,” and two said it was “worse.” One common praise was the aesthetics, and one common criticism was that the site was “confusing.”

This all said, there are some possible alterations to be made. The icons for student email, Blackboard, and WebAdvisor, though they are now toward the middle of the page instead of the bottom, are still quite small, and location of the sidebar under which the subcategories are listed is not immediately obvious. Yet all in all, the revamped CCM website is an excellent modernization to what is slowly becoming a very modern college.

Again, anyone who is still confused about the revamped site and its features has been asked to contact the Technology Help Desk, which will send them a brief tutorial video on what the site has to offer.

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November 13 – November 17

Career Seminars

(Partial List – More to come!)

Business – Alumni Panel presenting “Transitions from College to Workplace”

Communication – Panel of Journalists from various facets of the field offering practical and applicable career advice.

Criminal Justice – Morris County Sheriff’s Department and K-9 Unit

Early Childhood Education – Presentation on Bright Horizons Family Solutions

Engineering – Rutgers Faculty presenting on Rutgers Packaging Degree and Career Opportunities

Public Health – Chair of William Paterson University to speak on careers in Public Health

Landscape & Horticultural Technology – “Women in Horticulture” Panel of professionals discussing various sectors of green industry with opportunity for networking.

Biology/Chemistry – Panel speaking to careers in Pharmaceuticals and Food Science



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Coordinated by the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education – Division of Student Development and Enrollment Management



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Don Phelps, SGA advisor and associate director of campus life, said that the ICC chair will be selected when the SGA president appoints a student whose inauguration is approved by two thirds of the nomination committee and the senate committee.

Demylee Pablos, a hospitality major, gave an interview to Youngtown for the Wednesday, Sept. 13 issue expressing intent to run for president. Simmons said that the reason for the committee’s rejection of her will not be shared outside the members of the committee.

Pablos said that she did not know why the committee rejected her appeal to run, but the committee told her that she may run for more minor positions such as senator or secretary.

Also, the new constitution explicitly grants the holder of the position of vice president of student development and enrollment management the powers and responsibilities of deriving the powers of the constitution and appointing the club’s advisor. The 2009 constitution granted these authorities to the dean of students, but this change was made to “accurately reflect current practice,” according to Simmons, who said that she has held them since her position was first created and before then, the dean of students was also chief student affairs administrator. How-



PHOTO BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN

Students introduce themselves at ICC meeting.

ever, Simmons has held her current title since 2005, according to Morris Township Patch.

The ICC gained active status earlier in the semester before its parent club and held its first meeting of the 2017-18 school year Tuesday, Oct. 10 when Bristol, Bell, and Agyei introduced themselves to student club leaders.

Phelps said that he wanted the club to focus on student issues rather than personal disagreements.

“Not so much not taking it seriously; [last year’s members] were just there for themselves as opposed to to help students,” Phelps said. “It became more about them than the student issues. Last year’s SGA didn’t deal with too many student issues. They dealt with a lot of internal

conflict, again about the people on the SGA, not about the students they’re supposed to be representing. I’m hoping that’ll change this year.”

From what he has seen so far, Phelps said that he has already noticed improvements from last year.

“I think the nomination committee has made people take the process a little more seriously than they have in the past,” Phelps said. “People are definitely seeing it like a job, which it needs to be. It’s not something where you just come in, leave, and go. If you’re going to commit to the student government, you need to be committed.”

Vasquez, a music recording major, said Monday, Oct. 16, a day before the three-day elec-

tion cycle began, that she did not know she was eligible to run until the weekend prior.

“There was this other kid that I thought was going to be running; now, I guess he’s not running, so now, I’m just here, kind of like you said, just having to get through the formalities,” Vasquez said. “And as far as getting more people involved, it’s really up to everyone else to find an interest, and obviously, I’ll do my best to

this big gap,” Vasquez said. “But however best I can find that and make it easier for everyone who’s coming here to actually buy more because it’s easier to buy more ... And I think more people would want to buy because there’s different brands, not just one.”

She also said that she wants to make parking easier, but does not know how she will go about it.

“Honestly, I don’t know much about the formalities of it, so I’d have to look into it to see what I could do, within my ability, to make it easier,” Vasquez said. “So I’ll get back to you when I know a bit more.”

Bristol said that he wants to make the SGA an active and productive club.

“In the short term, I really think the main point is just to get the SGA up and running again,” Bristol said. “I think being able to offer the resource to students and clubs and to people in general, having the SGA run things and not being on their own and kind of having to make sure everything works, and sometimes going through the slightly harder to contact [Student Activities Programming Board] and everything can be a little bit frustrating. I want to just help people out because that would probably be my first thing. I want to get this back up and running so that people can make sure things are going to run more smoothly.”

The first meeting of the reformed SGA is set to take place at 12:30 Tuesday, Oct. 31 in SCC 223.



PHOTO BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN

SGA advisor Don Phelps at an ICC meeting.

try to intrigue them.”

Vasquez said that she would like to reduce the pricing of items in CCM’s cafeterias and that limiting the current monopoly of Chartwells, CCM’s food service provider, will probably help that.

“First, I want to find something that fills the spot in for the revenue there, so it doesn’t create

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regret he felt as his hands slipped off the rail before he plunged 220 feet to the water’s surface. The impact reverberated through his legs, shattering multiple vertebrae, avoiding severing his spinal cord by only two millimeters. Kevin then sunk 70 feet below the water’s surface.

Temporarily unable to use his legs, Kevin struggled to the surface of the freezing waters. He recalls being kept afloat by a shark until he was quickly rescued by the Coast Guard, who were alerted by a concerned woman who saw Kevin jump off the edge of the bridge.

Kevin spent years recovering from this traumatic experience. Still plagued by chronic suicidal thoughts, Kevin finds solace by encouraging audience members that being open about mental illness helps to confront feelings of depression and suicide, enabling one to “grow stronger than depression.” He offered his experience in a public lecture hosted by the Legacy Project at County College of Morris on Tuesday, Sept. 19 with hopes that students will learn from his mistakes and not repeat them.

Ariella Panek, a counselor from the Office of Counseling and Student Success at CCM, thanked the Legacy Project for hosting Kevin.

“No matter who we are we have the ability to feel stressed, overwhelmed, and depressed at various time in our lives; as a col-



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Kevin Hines spoke about mental illness at CCM on Sept. 19.

lege student, responsibilities and the stresses are only increased,” Panek said. “Millennials are the most stressed population to date with highest levels of anxiety and depression when compared to previous generations.”

Kurt Schenck, who studies fire science technology at CCM, said he was inspired by his friends and girlfriend to attend the seminar for advice on how to help.

“I’m actually really into preventing suicide,” Schenck said. “I learned how to talk to them with an understanding approach.

In his lecture, Kevin said that he advised against silencing pain.

“The drive to attempt suicide can be irrational and is distorted from reality ... Because the pain is real, it is valid and it matters, because you matter,” Kevin said.

Kevin said that depression is a vicious, malicious liar that should be combatted with routine,

exercise, and a healthy diet. He urged his audience to ask for help if, and when it is needed “because your life matters to everyone you love.”

Kevin said he would like to see the community come together to make people feel valued and to use disarming language to sound free of judgement and voice personal concerns. Kevin said to support people suffering from depression by telling them, “You can get through this. I know you can.”

“If you ever doubted that your actions can change the world, don’t,” Kevin said, triggering hope after years of struggling with the Bridge Rail Foundation, to raise a net around the Golden Gate Bridge to prevent suicide. His struggle became a success, and the net will be put in place in January of 2021.



Are you taking MAT-006, MAT-007 or MAT-016?

The Math Center will begin offering walk-in tutoring/recitation sessions every **Tuesday this Fall 2017!**

Date:	Starting, October 24 th
Time:	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Location:	Tutoring Center (Math Center) DeMare Hall 156

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DATE:	Tuesday, October 31, 2017
LOCATION:	DeMare Hall - 167
TIME:	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Open to all students – No appointment needed!



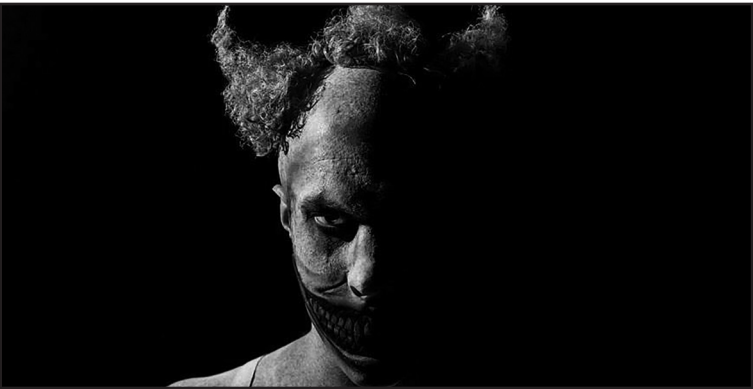
Refreshments will be served!

Best scary TV shows to watch on Netflix while the weather chills

BY JANNAT SHEIKH
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Some people enjoy the spooky season of Halloween by watching scary movies, so for those who love binge-watching

shows on the video streaming service Netflix, here are a few of the spine-chilling TV shows that can be checked out.



7. American Horror Story
This show was rated 77 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.2 out of 10 on IMDb. It came out in 2011 and has six seasons streaming on Netflix; however, the season seven premiere aired Tuesday, Sept. 5. Netflix rated it TV-MA. American Horror Story is a “twisted Emmy-winning drama” that plays on the power

of supernatural fears and everyday horrors while exploring the human capacity of evil, according to Netflix. This spooky show has two Golden Globe awards, according to IMDb. The creators of the show are Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk. A few of the cast members include Evan Peters, Sarah Paulson and Jessica Lange.



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3. Supernatural
This show was rated 92 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.6 out of 10 on IMDb. This show came out in 2005. There are 12 seasons on Netflix, but they are still rolling. CW aired the season 13 premiere Thursday, Oct. 12. This show is about two siblings going all around the country to investigate paranormal activities. As Netflix puts it, they are “picking fights with demons, ghosts and monsters.” Netflix rated it TV-14. It had been nominated for three primetime Emmy awards. The creator of the show is Eric Kripke. The main cast members are Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles.



2. Black Mirror
This show was rated 96 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.9 out of 10 on IMDb. Black Mirror is a Netflix original series that started streaming in 2011. There are three seasons on Netflix. The description on Netflix states that it is a “sci-fi anthology series”

that explores twisted, high-tech near-future events where humanity meets its darkest instincts. The show has won two primetime Emmy awards. Netflix rated it TV-MA. The creator of the show is Charlie Brooker. A few of the cast members are Bryce Dallas Howard, Alice Eve, and Michael Kelly.



6. The Walking Dead
This show was rated 86 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.5 out of 10 on IMDb. The series came out in 2010 and has seven seasons streaming on Netflix. The season eight premiere aired Sunday, Oct. 22 on AMC. The Walking Dead is based on a comic book. The plot revolves around a terrifying zombie apocalypse. Netflix rated it TV-MA. The show was nominated for a Golden Globe according to IMDb. The creators of the show are Frank Darabont and Robert Kirkman. A few of the cast members are Andrew Lincoln, Steven Yeun and Chandler Riggs.



5. Lost
This show was rated 88 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.4 out of 10 on IMDb. Lost came out in 2004; there are six seasons. The series concluded May 23, 2010. The show is about a diverse group of people stranded on a mysterious island that possesses enigmatic forces. Netflix rated the show TV-14. Lost won one Golden Globe award according to IMDb. The creators of the show are J. J. Abrams, Jeffrey Lieber and Damon Lindelof. A few cast members include Matthew Fox, Evangeline Lilly and Terry O’Quinn.



4. Bates Motel
This show was rated 91 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.2 out of 10 on IMDb. This horror show came out in 2013. There are four seasons on Netflix; however, the final episode aired Monday, April 24 on A&E. IMDb describes it as “a contemporary prequel to Psycho, a thriller that came out in 1960. Bates Motel focuses on the main character’s mental state that leads the show to a dark and violent path. The show was nominated for three primetime Emmy awards. IMDb rated it TV-MA. The creators of the show are Carlton Cuse, Anthony Cipriano and Kerry Ehrin. Some of the cast members are Vera Farmiga, Freddie Highmore and Max Thieriot.



1. Stranger Things
This show was rated 96 percent on Rotten Tomatoes and 8.9 out of 10 on IMDb. Like Black Mirror, Stranger Things is also an original Netflix series. It began streaming last year, 2016. Season two will premiere Friday, Oct. 27. You can find this show under the new “Halloween Picks” category on the Netflix app. This fantasy, horror show revolves around a

disappearance of a boy which leads to an uncovering of mysterious experimentation, spine-chilling supernatural forces and a strange girl. Stranger Things is nominated for two Golden Globes. Netflix rated this show TV-14. The creators of the show are The Duffer Brothers. A few of the cast members include Winona Ryder, David Harbour and Finn Wolfhard.



All of these shows are available on Netflix. There are three streaming plans that range from \$7.99 to \$13.99 per month. The basic plan (\$7.99) can only be streamed by one person while the standard plan

(\$10.99) can be streamed by two people. The premium plan (\$13.99) can be streamed by four people and includes Ultra HD resolution. Netflix also has a one month free trial option.



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DREW

CCM holds fair to help students earn employment

BY GINA N. FICO
Contributor

County College of Morris hosted a job fair Thursday, Oct. 12 to give students the chance to connect with potential employers on a more personal level.

Denise Schmidt, director of career services and cooperative education, said CCM has been holding job fairs for about 30 years and that they are held once in the fall semester and spring semesters . She said this event brings about 70 employers to help students get started on their career path that are related to their major.

“We really do try to spread it around so every major has something here of interest,” Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the job fair can also be used for students who are seeking a job that is more understanding and flexible with their school schedule or a student who needs a second job.

“Our students come to an event like this for a number of reasons,” Schmidt said. “Some already work and maybe their employers aren’t understanding about there being a student and needing to adjust schedules and test times and so on, so we encourage students to come here for

that reason.”

The job fair had a variety of establishments seeking to fulfill both full-time and part-time positions. Some of the establishments included clothing stores, grocery stores, restaurants, landscaping companies, health care services and facilities, police departments, and branches of the military. Among these establishments were Aflac, Forever 21, Hyatt Regency Morristown, Jersey Mike’s Subs, the New Jersey State Police, and Prudent Publishing.

Essence Johnson, a broadcasting major at CCM and one of the volunteers at the job fair said she was here to help out but was

seeking a job. Johnson did not have a particular position in mind but was going to look around and see what kind of jobs were available. She also said this event is a better way for students to find a job.

“They actually get to talk to the employers and see what the qualifications are,” said Johnson.

Ryan Harris, a landscape design major, said he was looking forward to being able to communicate with Jacobsen Landscape Design about a job related to his major. He said he was able to get a lot of useful information about the job from the representative and also ask personal questions.

Maria Blacio is currently at CCM in the English as a second language program but plans on majoring in marketing sales or international studies. However, she said she was at the job fair looking for administrative jobs or jobs that can help the elderly.

She said she is satisfied with what she is learning for ESL at CCM and is also looking forward to improving her English at a job and that it is important for her to know English for jobs and practicing everyday helps.

“The jobs help you improve your English; you learn every day more words and expressions here,” Blacio said.

Fenwick’s Puzzle: Taste the Rainbow

See if you can solve campus astronomer Chris Fenwick’s brain teasers.

Each of these clues shall lead you to a common phrase that includes a color.

- 1) Be adept at growing vegetables.
- 2) A particularly nasty wasp.
- 3) A very rare event, astronomically speaking.
- 4) The container in which you bring your own lunch.
- 5) The path into the Academy Awards.
- 6) An armed forces award for sustaining injury.
- 7) This is not true, but it shouldn’t be too damaging.
- 8) A high class of martial artist.
- 9) If you receive one of these, you don’t work here anymore.

Answers:
1) “(have a) Green thumb”
2) “Yellow Jacket”
3) “(once in a) Blue moon.”
4) “Brown bag.”
5) “Red carpet.”
6) “Purple heart”
7) “White lie”
8) “Black belt”
9) “Pink slip”

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Open mic day brings students together for bars, beats, banter

BY KATIE COYNE
Entertainment Editor

County College of Morris hosted an open mic day Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Student Community Center where students followed comedian Gibran Saleem's keynote act to demonstrate their talents in areas including stand-up comedy, poetry, rapping, singing, storytelling, and beatboxing.

Saleem's jokes have been selected for Stand-up NBC and NBC's Late Night Program. The Student Center was filled with smiling and laughter during his act.

Saleem is from North Carolina and graduated from New York University as a psychology major.

After Saleem's act, CCM students took the stage and performed.

"For the open mic we're just doing anything that students want to perform," said Angela Galvis, a CCM business administration major and treasurer of the Student Activities Programming Board.

The SAPB is in charge of all events at CCM, such as September's Welcome Back Bash and the upcoming Halloween Party Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center.



PHOTO BY KATIE COYNE

Comedian Gibran Saleem performed at the open mic day Thursday, Oct. 12.

All events hosted by the SAPB are free.

Students can sign up for events the day of, but they are also encouraged to sign up in advance.

"We do a table event," Galvis said. "A table event is what our club does to promote. We do one every Tuesday to promote the event."

Andreas Loizou, a digital

media major at CCM, performed a comedy act in a style made up of dry humor and self-deprecation. He said his inspirations include comedians such as the late Bill Hicks and Carl Briar.

"It was great; there were a variety of talents," Loizou said. "It was nice to see everyone come out."

Johan Ruiz, a CCM alumni who majored in liberal arts, performed a piece of slam poetry.

"After listening to so many artists, I realized that there are no rules when it comes to speaking your peace," Ruiz said. "Perhaps the only rule is to spread love."

Ruiz said he started writing verses in high school and is inspired by many different musical genres including jazz, hip-hop, soul, and salsa. His pieces that he performed were called "MC (Master of Ceremony) Teacher" and "Speak Your Peace."

"MC Teacher" was about what being an emcee means to him.

"You have to keep the people interested, so you have to be an intellect; you have to be centered; you have to be deeper than the surface," Ruiz said.

"Speak Your Peace" was inspired by an open mic series hosted by The Peace Poets, a group of five emcees out of Bronx, New York.

"The lyrics in the piece are just my eyes reflecting the world through my pen," Ruiz said.

CCM students follow musicians around state

BY MIRANDA MEADE
Contributor

Whether in North or South Jersey, a concert's distance is not enough to stop many students at County College of Morris to seeing the musicians they are most passionate about live.

Nicole Stroh, a psychology major at CCM, said that she has a deep relationship with Green Day, having listened to them since she was young and developing a strong personal connection with the music and the members. She said she dreamed of seeing them, thinking that she had missed her opportunity, but when they put out a new album and started to tour for the first time in years, she got her chance.

"I saw Green Day at the BB&T Pavilion in Camden," said Stroh. "We got tickets pretty cheap, because we bought them in February and the concert wasn't until Aug. 31. I've followed the band for years, but I didn't think I'd ever actually get to see them perform."

Stroh said that when Green Day came to Camden, New Jersey, she jumped at the opportunity to see them live.

"It was surreal," Stroh said. "There was a part of me I didn't realize before that really needed to see them. It was a relief. I felt healed from the experience in a

way. It was better than traveling, and I travel a lot."

Reflecting on her experience and personal connection to the band, Stroh said she would absolutely see them again if ever presented the chance.

Other students do not travel quite so far to see the bands they like. Daniel Brodhead, a journalism major at CCM, saw Killswitch Engage and Anthrax perform at the Wellmont Theater in Montclair, New Jersey.

"I heard about the concert on Facebook," Brodhead said. "It was awesome. I love that the members of Anthrax are all like 55 years old, and they still perform so well. I would absolutely see them again. They have a new album coming out soon, which means another tour—I'll be there."

Matthew Romano, a broadcasting major at CCM, went to see Drake Bell at the Stanhope House -- or at least tried to.

"His flight was canceled, and he never showed up," Romano said. "By like the fifth opening band, we realized he wasn't showing up, and they finally told us what happened. By that point, Drake was in like a Twitter war with Delta for canceling the flight."

Romano said he would hope to see the artist in the future as long as Bell shows up at the venue.

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Cyber Security club event educates students, staff about computer safety

BY ARIANNA PARKS
Acting Photo Editor

The County College of Morris' Cyber Security Club hosted the "How to be a 2017 Digital Citizen" event in the Student Community Center Tuesday, Oct. 10 to educate the campus community on computer safety during the school's Cyber Security Awareness Month.

Pew Research Center estimated in a January study called "Americans' experiences with data security" that 64 percent of Americans have online accounts involving health, financial, or other sensitive personal information and that 41 percent of Americans have experienced fraudulent charges on their credit cards.

Cyber Security Club president Brian Seligson spoke at the event about computer users' roles in protecting themselves.

"Anyone that uses the internet is a digital citizen," said Seligson, a 33-year-old telecommunications major. "You guys just sitting here and listening ... Has made you wiser to [hacker] tricks."

Patricia Tamburelli, Cyber Security Club advisor and information technologies professor at CCM, said that small things such as updating a device or using secure wifi networks is prudent in cyber-safety.

"Probably the biggest mistake people make is logging on to an open wifi network."

Tamburelli said. "Anything that I transmit from my device through open wifi can be picked out and read by somebody else."

The United States Department of Homeland Security's "Stop. Think. Connect." campaign encourages online safety and awareness for digital citizens nationally. Through promotions such as CSA Month, each week a different online safety theme is addressed on proper internet decorum. Cyber

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Cyber Security Club advisor

Security Club addressed in its presentation how to be a safe and courteous digital citizen.

Andrea Doucette, club member and assistant at CCM's Cyber Security Center, said

that students and staff attending the event should caution themselves of cyber safety pitfalls, and she provided a short anecdote about a friend who downloaded a virus through content via a hacker replicating Microsoft Corp.

"They had her download software on her computer, and it wasn't Microsoft," Doucette said. "She gave her credit card information ... Everything."

For more information on how to stay educated as a digital citizen, visit www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month/.

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EDITORIAL: Share your thoughts with Youngtown

Hello dear Youngtown readers. My name is Russ Crespolini, and I am the faculty advisor for The Youngtown Edition. I am writing to you today for the first time since my note last November encouraging you to vote to share with you some of the things we have been doing here and how you can help us in our quest to grow and evolve as a paper and media product.

As most of you are aware, The Youngtown Edition is a completely student run organization. These are students who give of their time and efforts strictly as volunteers. It functions with autonomy and the editorial staff makes the decision as to what content goes into each issue. In my role as advisor, I make suggestions, offer edits, and try to chart the course. However, it is up to the students to decide the destination and do the actual navigating.

Because of this, Youngtown changes semester to semester depending on who is



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involved in the paper.

You may have noticed some of the changes in our pages recently. Last year, we restarted The President's Corner column by Dr. Anthony Iacono who, besides being a big supporter of our product, has been really good at sharing his thoughts directly with you through us.

We also began running satirical pieces which are, along the lines of The Onion, targeted faux news stories meant to pull on common threads and provide humor through both exaggeration and critique.

You might also have noticed the BuzzFeed style "listicles" we've been producing as well. These generally image-heavy pieces are written as light-hearted and easily digestible. All of these new features

have sprung from the creativity of the Youngtown contributors and from suggestions given to us by our readers.

Indeed, so much of the news we cover comes from the feedback we receive from the students, staff, faculty, and administration, and while we are profoundly grateful for what you all have shared so far, we want more.

We would love to hear from you as to what sorts of things you think we are missing and would like to see represented. Should we have a Faculty Corner column? A Staff Corner? Maybe you would like to see a different member of the CCM community featured in each issue or something along those lines. Our primary goal is to serve as a reader service, and there is no better way to do that

then to have a dialogue with you, our reader.

So please, send your suggestions for coverage to youngtownedition@gmail.com or to me directly at rcrespolini@ccm.edu. I can't promise we will get the story done, but we certainly will review it.

There are a lot of exciting news stories to be found at CCM. In this issue, we have the inauguration of our third president as well as the reformation of our Student Government Association. But for every one of these stories that do make it in print, there are many that we miss. Sometimes, it is due to not having the bodies to cover the stories. So if any of you readers have an interest in getting involved, please reach out to us.

We have a lot of exciting things on the horizon for Youngtown as well. We are in the midst of a new website redesign that should give us a platform to go web first on content and allow enhanced interaction with our social media

outlets. We have a planned partnership with Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap's photography classes for the spring; this should integrate some new technology to enhance our ability to tell stories visually and across multiple mediums. It should also provide more opportunities for engagement with our campus community.

It is a great time to be at Youngtown and here at CCM. I hope you will continue to connect with us and help us improve. And that means sharing our mistakes so we can correct them as well. If you see something in Youngtown that is an error, please let us know. First and foremost, The Youngtown Edition is meant to be a hands-on experiential education experience. And we are relying on you, our readers, to help us be as strong a news product as we can be. We want you to feel ownership of this paper and want it to be the same source of pride for you as it is for us.

So drop us a line. We're always listening.

SATIRE

Creepy scandals brought to light at CCM

BY CAROLINE
O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

On Friday, Oct. 13, Saul Socco, the senior groundskeeper at County College of Morris, alerted his supervisor Jeff Patron that human remains had been uncovered during the ground-breaking project for the proposed Parking Lot 11. Wills was able to silence Bordonaro's claims with a bribe of two chocolate cupcakes; the kind filled with white fluffy cr me and the white squiggle on top.

"This is old news," Patron said, dismissing the press.

CCM has had permission to build on the previously preserved Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape burial ground since 1973, five years before the college opened. A bill was required to build upon the sacred Native American burial ground. The bill was open to public comment and required a referendum. Residents of Randolph were encouraged to vote "yes" to build CCM on the Center Grove Road site.

The native tribe was unable to speak against or vote in opposition of the bill due to their burial that took place over 400 years ago after a devastating massacre carried out by European invaders.

The Randolph referendum of 1973 passed with absolutely no

opposition.

"The college has been haunted since the day it opened," said Jennie Glade, a CCM custodian. "Maintenance and public safety work hard to make the spirits feel respected in order to maintain peace on campus."

Jace Tyrone, an electrical specialist on CCM's maintenance crew said the school is currently in a contract with alumni, Morty Sanchez and his alcoholic grandfather Rick Smith, to use patented dark matter as CCM's main energy source.

"Dark matter keeps Native American spirits from attempting to make campus lights flicker; they can't figure out how it works," Tyrone said.

Tyler Fandango, the maintenance crew's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning specialist says removal of students' bodies from air conditioning vents through-out campus is common. Burkart referred to the spirits practice of student sacrifice as "savagery."

"The spirits don't like being called ghosts; it's considered derogatory. They revert to extreme tactics to combat such oppression," Fandango said. "The college president instructed me to bring the bodies to the Cohen Hall Cafe, that's where they butcher the bodies. Salvageable organs

are donated and leftover meat is used to make sandwiches. Read the ingredients; human meat is right on the label."

The new college president, an extraterrestrial from Jupiter, admits his lack of experience in harvesting human organs, especially in situations of paranormal sacrifice.

"Extraterrestrials have never killed one another, but I am eager to learn about this sensational tradition earthlings have been practicing over the course of their existence," the president said.

A majority of the Board of Trustees admitted they voted for the president to "improve and promote interplanetary diversity on college staff," as quoted in the most recent Board of Trustees meeting minutes from Wednesday, Aug. 16. The Board agreed this "alien" is extremely obedient and should carry out most internal administrative operations at the board's request.

The chair of the board of trustees said, "The president literally has union, justice, and domestic tranquility ingrained in his

DNA. It's his natural instinct to provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty and posterity. That's why we have to lie to him."

Jane Almuerzo, an Alumni Trustee, admitted that the board has intentionally misinformed the president about most administrative operations.

"We could never tell him the truth. He wouldn't follow our directions if he understood the negative effects of his administration," Almuerzo said.

"Trustees won't be held responsible for any misconduct because everything is technically carried out by the president and the SGA," said Tommy Frog, the vice chair of the board of trustees.

Allegations against the Kremlin for stealing CCM student's personal information were proven false after the president admitted the info was sold to Russia by the Student Government Association. The current SGA is made up of seven androids programmed by the CCM Women in STEM club but indirectly con-

trolled by the Board of Trustees. The board no longer allows human students to hold executive positions after sexually inappropriate allegations against previous SGA leaders were proven to be true.

"The process was completely legal," said Mike Armstrong, the data systems coordinator for the admissions office. "Students and faculty received an email about the changes made to their personal information."

Edwin Dirnt, a media literacy professor at CCM was not at all surprised by the changes.

"I knew all along; it's important to stay informed. I wrote to every Trustee condemning the misconduct, but I never received a response," Dirndt said. "I can only assume the message was never received, it must have been intercepted by the Russians."

Dirnt recommends CCM students and faculty learn more about media literacy, including net neutrality, to prevent the loss of their personal information through media companies and common carriers.

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Agriculture department poised to summon satanic jack-o'-lantern by fertilizing students' blood

BY JOHN DUMM

Satire Editor

As the County College of Morris student body completes it's runup to Halloween and the start of the Christmas Season by slowly collapsing into nearly slapstick Hammer Horror grotesquerie, the CCM agricultural lab classes presumed to have been closed after the spring and summer semesters and alone in their excitement for the October midterms and have let slip their ancient conspiratorial scheme to ensure the maximal sincerity of their pumpkin patch to the point where one pumpkin can be possessed by satan when the patch is fertilized by the blood of students.

The department hopes this will be the Great Pumpkin of Peanuts lore, delivering presents to children around the world.

Our completely innocuous Youngtown staffers in no way connected to an underground network of fences; moles; or musclebound, psychotic 'Catholic priests,' but in some way, they have by some small miracle gotten their hands on the bloodstained documents detailing these rituals.

As a side note, the forensics department liaison informs us that only half the stains are fresh and only 95 percent of them are biochemically human.

According to the forensic cryptography chair Minerva Sawyer, the documents are almost fully translated and almost 90 percent of the way to prophetic fulfillment; she's offered to walk us through the Cliff Notes for those cultists who couldn't be bothered to read the mailing list.

"The bad news was that these papers seemed to be written in some lunar runic script," Sawyer said. "Eventually, we got to the good news. It's just a weird font for Japanese. Now the bad news is that we have to turn to the one demographic willing and able to run cryptanalytics on haunted Japanese blueprints: Game Room residents."

Lizzie McGillicuty, the chair of the agriculture department, said through Sawyer's translator that she has outsourced a professional on this matter.

"Our guy, who I'm just gonna be calling 'Bowler Hat Kid', I get the vague feeling you know him, was the first one here to figure out that most of what they were doing revolved around preexisting Halloween scenarios," McGillicuty said. "They're trying to build up enough, ah, 'sepulchritude.' General spookiness, if you will, to induce spontaneous mutation in the campus green-

house pumpkins. It took the rest of us poring over the plain English to figure out that most of it referred to events already happening on campus, related to the upcoming midterms."

The specific details mostly just describe the campus as an anxiety-fuelled misery engine with two major components starting with the apparent zombification of high-level students. Snaking chronologically from soft sciences, which actively suppress their adherents' desire to engage in thought with mass quantities of essays and quotas for cited sources higher than the number of actual papers written on the topics assigned, to more concrete mathematical courses which induce a sort of rote mechanical "pseudo-consciousness" devoted solely to predicting and serving the malicious caprices of the testing board, down a level of perceived difficulty and repeating until the entire student body has by some combination of means been pressed into a soulless husk.

This stage, predicted to be 80 percent complete by the ritual's "ignition" at midnight on Halloween, is primarily thought to set the stage for the lesser event leading up to the blood sacrifice intended to fertilize the pumpkin patch: a "congregation of the unclean" is to drive a "haberdashed pariah" towards the ritual site, in a "mangy, shrieking semi-sapient horde, howling chorales to chthonian gods about brutally unnatural movement and sacred refuse."

Our translator has taken no interest in this passage, and the school officials have per our recommendations cleared out and occupied the game room for undescribed 'events', completely scuppering the plans of the unclean to congregate.

As of now, the agriculture department's horrific plot to summon pagan deities through the blood of our student body seems thoroughly foiled, and anyone hoping to witness the Great Pumpkin rising from the most sincere patch to deliver toys to all the good children of the world are advised to direct their attentions to Sun High Orchards. However, we would like to enlist the help of our readership in deciphering an as-yet-undeciphered phrase in the documents, presumably referring to the provocation of the Game Room, that yielded no comprehensible result when translated into English:

"Homestuck shall infest the Youngtown, and drive the beasts in their glass chambers to their dread stampede, filled with hatred of ages past."

For more details on the passage, please inquire with Youngtown staff.



PHOTO BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN

CCM students gather to play video games in the TV Lounge.

CCM makes home for video game players

BY KIRK CORONACION

Contributor

In a scene typical on campus, a congregation of students gathered in the TV Lounge in County College of Morris' Student Community Center on a Wednesday afternoon to play video games and relax while off class; some of them chose to sit down and talk to their friends, and others were confined in corners playing, laughing, and enjoying their favorite video games.

"I feel comfortable because there's just always something to do over here," said Jason Caraig, an avid Nintendo fan. "I enjoy playing Smash Bros. the most ... There's a lot of diversity among who I play and you get to meet people."

Caraig was one of many gamers who play "Super Smash Bros." competitively. Other students like him brought their CRT TV that day so everyone could experience retro games the right way.

Students who don't even play the game were still enthralled by players who knew it inside and out. They seemed to enjoy the clicks, button mashes, and thumps that the players were making during a match.

Some students compare the game room to a real-life tournament area because there's always

an abundance of students crowding the players like it's a fight-to-the-death type of match.

Three TVs were used at the same time and housed different consoles such as the GameCube, Wii U, and the new Super Nintendo Entertainment System: Classic Edition. These TVs weren't used for anything else but hook up home consoles.

One student was spectating a "Super Smash Brothers Melee" match on the GameCube, and he described the fun as unexplainable.

"There's always something to learn," said Manny Hernandez, a proud owner of a GameCube and Wii. "It just never gets boring ... It's super fun, and you meet new friends because we all have something in common."

Video games are important to many people, so much so that the college opened a club called the Student Electronic Gaming Organization, where students could meet and share their favorite games with other passionate gamers.

"Super Smash Bros." is currently one of the most popular game franchises at the school, so it wasn't a shocker that the game room had become a place for people like Hernandez.

"The game is unique because you can learn new moves from other skilled players and you can just play it however you want," Hernandez said.

He said that having a community like this at school had only deepened his love for videogames including the "Smash Bros." series.

However, it wasn't the only the franchise students were into. Some students were playing games like "Street Fighter" and "Star Fox 2."

In the topic of "Street Fighter", another student was seen spectating an exhibition match.

"I don't mind the community even when I'm busy," said Jack Jacobus, a PC gamer at heart. "I like the crowd here, and I just feel comfortable talking what I like. It just feels great to be around people that like games."

Jacobus said he loves playing games on his laptop but that he also appreciates every console. This was one reason he loved being surrounded by anything gaming related. He could relax playing his own games on a couch without being bothered.

With that, it's safe to say that gamers can successfully make friends and share their similar interests with others at CCM.

Age and background doesn't matter to these types of students. If they enjoy video games, they'll feel right at home.

"Because it's not about the games that make it fun," Caraig said. "It's about the community we have that brings people together. That's what makes gaming really enjoyable."

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Ultimate frisbee club focuses on growing sport

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As ultimate frisbee has increased in popularity on college campuses across the nation, including on the campus of County College of Morris, the USA Ultimate organization has prided itself on the fact that nearly anyone can pick up the sport and have fun competing in games; the Ultimate Frisbee Club at the County College of Morris has adopted the sport with similar principles.

The CCM website states, "the purpose of the CCM Ultimate club is to provide the opportunity to learn Frisbee disc skills and to provide its members opportunities for participation in free play and Ultimate tournaments."

"I'm very impressed with the club this semester," said Michael Breda, business major and frisbee club leader. "This past club fair, we gained a lot more people and a lot of people who actually came to us knowing what the sport was. We've actually had a lot more

people who know how to throw and people just randomly start teaching others how to throw. It's not just me or a couple other people who have been here longer teaching everybody how to throw. Honestly, I just make sure everyone is safe and make sure everyone is having a good time."

The club has focused its main efforts on the education of the techniques, such as learning how to throw and catch a frisbee as well as the importance of having fun.

"I never really did sports before ultimate," said Marisa Rodriguez, a graphic design major and veteran ultimate club member. "It's kind of an easy sport to pick up on, whereas things like soccer, you have to train for for years, but ultimate is just something that is fun to do. It's definitely good for my health. It wasn't too intense because it's not like a school sport. We're technically a club, so I can come when I want, and we all just have fun with each other."

The game of ultimate is a culmination of different sports; play-

ers can embrace both the physical aspects of a midfielder in soccer running down the field, as well as the skillful touch and foresight of quarterbacks in football throwing the disc down to their teammates.

Ultimate is a quick transition game played with two teams who throw a disc down the field to reach the opponent's end zone. Players may not run when in possession of the frisbee, but are able to pass to other players on the fields. Teams score points when catching the frisbee in the end zone.

"Honestly, it's a mix of a ton of sports," Breda said. "In a way, it puts itself further away from all the sports but it includes almost all sports. You can say basketball, baseball, football, all these other sports. With all the running you could even say soccer or track. There is just so much into this one sport that it sets itself in almost a different category."

CCM's ultimate club has competed in ultimate tournaments such as the Wildwood Beach Ultimate Frisbee Tourna-



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The ultimate frisbee club holds practice on CCM's soccer field.

ment in Wildwood, New Jersey. The competition is the largest beach ultimate frisbee tournament in the world with more than 450 teams competing.

"This past summer, we actually went to Wildwood which is one of the biggest beach competitions," Rodriguez said. "We brought like 10 kids and we played in the two day competition and there were over 500 teams this year. They had 134 plots with two teams play on each plot, and then they have A-teams and B-teams, so you're on and off. There were a ton of people, but it was a lot of fun."

The club has encouraged new members to join and will welcome newcomers every week.

"Always," Breda said. "We are always accepting new members. We play almost throughout the year, so we usually always just try playing. So we're always like, 'Hey, come on out.' We don't care if you come in only one day of the week, so just come on in and enjoy the game."

The development of the game of Ultimate took place in

1968 by a group of high school students in Maplewood, New Jersey. It is now played by an estimated 7 million athletes in more than 80 countries, according to USA Ultimate.

"I was happy they had an ultimate frisbee club here," said Laura Fleming-Larse, a pre-professional nursing major and newcomer to the club. "So far my favorite part is the amount of friends I've made because they're all pretty friendly."

Ultimate is a sport that embraces facets of all sports, but prides itself on being unlike many other sports, as defined by USA Ultimate through "The Spirit of the Game". The key definition of ultimate is that players are the ones in control, with the responsibility for fair play on them, through self-officiating rather than referees.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club meets during college hour, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters at the lower soccer field next to Parking Lot 1.



CCM volleyball headed to playoffs

BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN
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The volleyball team at County College of Morris has advanced to a four-team tournament to determine the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX Division II champions.

The Titans' lost their last regular season game in a three set shutout to Lackawanna College Saturday, Oct. 14, setting their record at 1-5 in the region and 3-11 overall.

Despite the losing record, CCM advanced because their division only has four teams.

Athletic Director Jack Sullivan said that the team may pose a threat to others come the post-season.

"I think anything can happen," Sullivan said. "I really do. I think these girls are starting to gel. I wouldn't be surprised if

they did knock somebody off in the playoffs as well. I think they may underestimate our ladies a little bit, so I wouldn't go to sleep on CCM."

After her team dropped to 3-7 with a loss to Ocean County College Wednesday, Sept. 27, Head Coach Amy Berry said that the Titans had improved on communication, which she said they needed to work on after losing their first two games this season.

"I think that's definitely improved a lot. As a result of that, the wins have come, but I think that now, we have to tweak a little bit some more specific volleyball specific kinds of things. But they're picking it up."

Freshman middle blocker Makeena Boutmy said that one of the reasons this did not work at first was because of the large turnover in players. The team only has three returning players on their roster of 11.

"Every year, there's new

players, so it's hard for chemistry," said Boutmy, a criminal justice major. "But either way, we're doing our best."

Sophomore front row hitter Sophia Meola said after the loss to OCC that she liked her team's odds at making the playoffs.

"I think we have a chance," said Meola, an exercise science major. "We're using this as a chance to get all our kinks out and be able to play in the playoffs."

Berry said that one area in which the team can improve is placement.

"I think that's definitely improved a lot," As a result of that, the wins have come, but I think that now, we have to tweak a little bit some more specific volleyball specific kinds of things. But they're picking it up."

The semifinals are set for Saturday, Oct. 28 at Lackawanna College in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



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Middle hitter Makenna Boutmy serves against Bergen Community College Thursday, Sept. 21.