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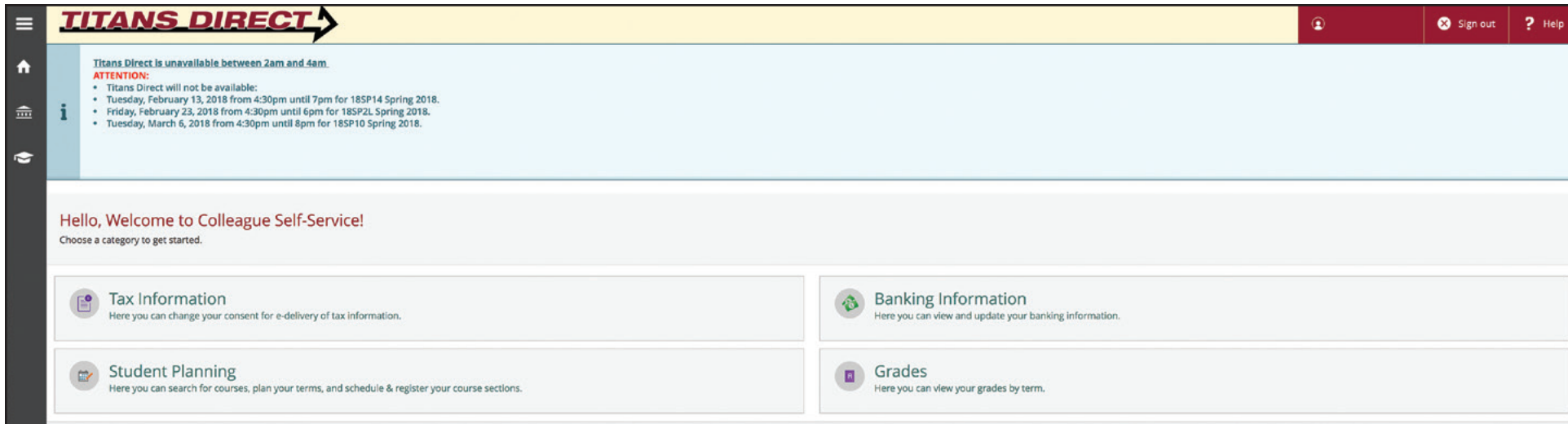


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The homepage of Titans Direct, CCM's new online registration network.

WebAdvisor phasing out, Titans Direct phasing in CCM to change online registration, academic planning system

BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN
Editor-in-Chief

A pilot network initially only opened to returning County College of Morris students from four majors has gone live to the public and will allow all of the college's student body to enroll with it

when class sign-ups for fall 2018 open Monday, April 2, according to Dean of Students Jan Caffie.

The college aims to phase out its current WebAdvisor system to shut it down by spring 2019 registration in exchange for Titans Direct, the new system whose purpose is to centralize academic planning and online

enrollment. With it, students can view a list of all classes they need to take for their decided major, map out which classes they will take in which semesters and register directly with it. Also, college administrators will be able to use the academic planning feature to help determine which classes have more of a need based on

how many students plan to take them.

Titans Direct was first introduced to criminal justice, public health, respiratory therapy, and dance majors for fall 2017 enrollment because of the small size of those programs.

WebAdvisor introduced for spring 2018 registration a wait-

list policy, a Titans Direct feature released early to the old system. If a spot opens for a full class, the student first on the list receives an email notification and holds the right to register for that class for about 24 hours, according to Caffie. After that time, the

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‘Spotlight: Morris County’ to feature campus community

BY TED ORBACH
Contributor

County College of Morris employees and students working in the DeCrocce Media Center have started producing a 30 minute talk show titled Spotlight: Morris County every Tuesday afternoon in the spring semester to feature guests from CCM and the local community.

Julian Costa, a CCM professor who teaches in both the business and communication departments, is at the helm of this production and said he hopes to release the show in mid-February. The pilot episode, recorded in January, host Ethan Walsh featured CCM student Al Turrissi.

The show will air on the college's YouTube channel as well as on Morris Educational Television (METV) which can be found on Cablevision channel 77 and FiOS channel 40.

“My bachelor's degree was in television production, and I've done this as an undergrad,” Costa said. “I did a lot of work in live television and community television, so I'm decided to put something together.”

Some guests include Peter Maguire of the English department, business department chairperson Maureen Sutton, former Randolph mayor Christine Carey,



PHOTO BY TED ORBACH

Brenda Todd and Peter Maguire on set of ‘Spotlight: Morris County.’

and languages and ESL department chairperson James Hart.

“The first [goal] is to give the students a real production experience,” Costa said. “Writing your own stuff and creating your own stuff is certainly wonderful and exciting, but it's not really preparing you for a real career in TV.”

The show was developed not only as a way for the CCM broadcasting facilities to be put to more use, but to also help CCM students gain real world experience in television, according to Costa.

“We have a lot of people here that are very interested in that career path,” Costa said. “And I'd like to give them something realistic that they can put on their resumes.”

Daniel Cleary, a media engi-

neer at CCM, said that students working on this project gain a different experience than they would in a television production class.

“It takes them out of the classroom setting because this isn't a class,” Cleary said. “They're not getting graded for it. This is something they're volunteering to do, so it has a different feel for them.”

Cleary, who has worked previously with William Paterson University and Verizon, is tasked with keeping the TV studios running, and works with Costa on the set of ‘Spotlight: Morris County.’

“I handle the technical aspects, which are: making sure the studio is up and running, lighting

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SGA ponders push for meditation room Muslim Student Association sponsoring request

BY GINA N. FICO
Features Editor

Members of County College of Morris' Muslim Student Association have continued to campaign for the establishment of an interfaith meditation room, a proposal first presented from the club to the Student Government Association in the fall 2017 semester.

MSA members have been talking with Don Phelps, associate director of campus life and Student Government Association adviser, according to MSA faculty adviser and mathematics professor Gitanjali Rizk, who said having the Student Associations on board with the idea has been a challenge.

Matthew J. Bristol, former SGA vice president who served in fall 2017, said that some MSA members had initially suggested a “prayer room,” but SGA members had proposed that the campaign be changed to a meditation room. Phelps said the campaign is currently listed under both names and a final name is yet to be determined.

“I think that a prayer room

so long as it is for everyone is perfectly fine,” Bristol said. “I want a prayer room that is also a meditation room, some place for people to go that is for everyone. They do not have the right to disrupt others' prayer or meditation, and they should not be in that room because that is to be a place for peace, quiet, and for people to relax, pray, or meditate.”

However, Rizk said that while talks for a “prayer room” began last semester, the room will be a “meditation room” that will be open to all faiths and help with students' stress.

“I think a room like this will provide students a place where they can go and pray, meditate, reflect on things around them, and as such, provide an avenue to relieve stress,” Rizk said. “This should further help them concentrate more on their education.”

The president of MSA, Yassar Kahn said the opportunity for people to meditate is not just limited to students.

“It's a really good addition to the campus for not only

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Students concerned about how gender, racial pay gaps may impact their futures

BY CAROLINE O'BRIEN
Contributor

While recent research showing lower earned wages, on average, for minority groups, some County College of Morris students feeling concerned about their careers after graduation.

A 2013 Pew Research Center survey found that about 18 percent of women say they have faced gender discrimination at work, including 12 percent who say they have earned less than a man performing the same job because of their gender. In comparison, only one in 10 men say they have faced gender-based workplace discrimination, with three percent saying their gender has been a factor in earning lower wages.

Pew research also explains that a majority of these gaps can be credited to differences in education, labor force experience, occupation or industry, and other measurable factors. This differ-

ence may also be due to differences in behavior among genders, such as risk aversion or negotiation. The remaining gaps are often attributed to discrimination.

According to a 2016 Pew Research Center article, "Racial, gender wage gaps persist in U.S. despite some progress," between full-time and part-time workers, black Americans in 2015 earned 75 percent as much as whites in median hourly earnings, and women earned 83 percent as much as men.

Pew research shows that Black and Hispanic men have made no progress in narrowing this wage gap since 1980 earning the same 73 percent share of white men's hourly earnings as they did in 2015. Hispanic men alone earned 69 percent of white men's earnings in 2015 compared with 71 percent in 1980.

Among women across all races and ethnicities, progress has been made in narrowing wage gaps since 1980, but hourly earnings are still less than those of white men and men in their own

racial or ethnic group. The hourly earnings of Asian and white women, on average, are higher than those of black and Hispanic women and men.

White and Asian college-educated women earn roughly 80 percent the hourly wages of white college-educated men while black and Hispanic women with a college degree earn only about 70 percent of the hourly wages of similarly educated white men.

Approximately 27 percent of women say their gender has made it harder for them to succeed in life, compared with 7 percent of men. Men are also more likely than women to say their gender has made it easier to succeed.

"I imagine my pay will be impacted by my gender," said Elly Stitt, a nursing major and president of the Gender Club. "Emergency medicine doesn't have the best reputation when it comes to trans women. That being said, I would extend my expectation that my pay will be impacted by my gender into the future."

Alexa Holman, an early

childhood education major at CCM, said she is concerned gender may impact her future income.

"I don't feel like it's a race problem as much as much as gender inequality; women get paid less," Holman said. "I can't do anything about that."

O'Donovan Coke, a business administration major, expressed concern about racial wage gaps.

"There are wage gaps between colors and between sexes," Coke said. "White males are proven to make more money than black males; black women are proven to make the least amount of money when compared to others. It sucks, we sit there and try to say we'll make it better. It's 2018, and things are starting to change. We just have to keep trying to work and see what we can do to fix it. It starts locally; it's politics."

Some students at CCM plan to utilize entities on campus to respond to this issue. Stitt said the Gender Club may organize a panel within the club to address

the issue of gender pay gaps.

Dr. Karen Danna, a sociology professor at CCM, suggested holding companies publicly accountable to publish wages and justify variations in pay may also help to close these gaps.

"If in fact, a company has to publish the wages that they pay, for example, their male or female or employees of different colors with similar educational background, are they going to look the same, or are they going to look widely different?" Danna said. "Then, they have to justify those different variations. Why did, in fact, you offer this woman with this amount of education and this amount of experience X amount of dollars and then this person with a different social identity and the same amount of experience and similar education was offered Y dollars, and they would have to justify that. So making something publicly accountable probably is going to shift the practice."

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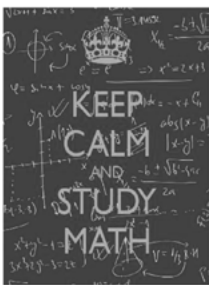
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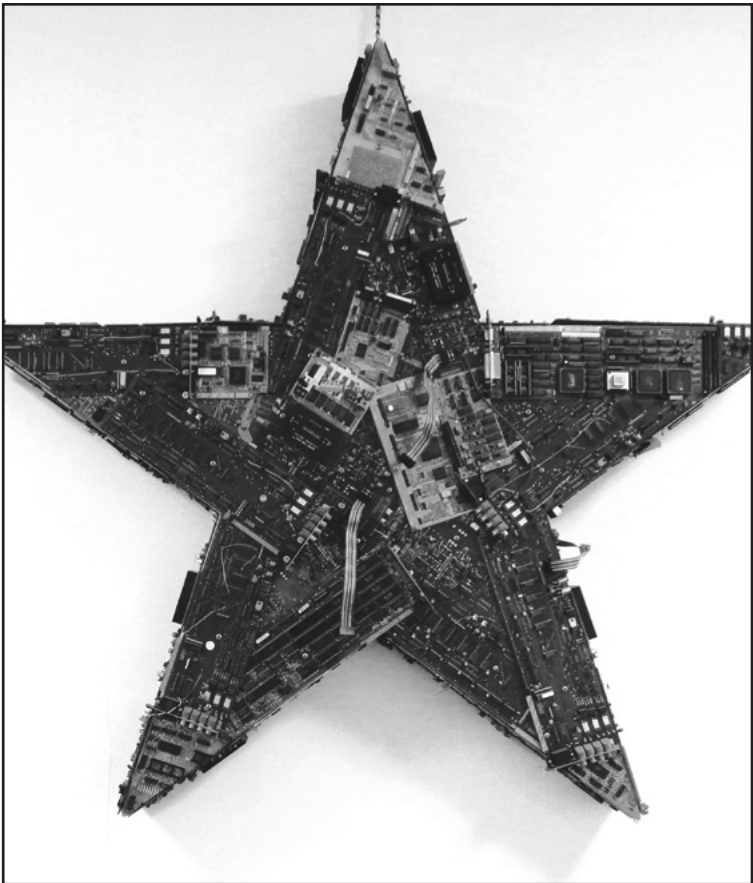


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Someone thought of a creative way to recycle old computer scraps. Do you know where at CCM this piece of art is? Send the answer to youngtownedition@gmail.com by Monday, Feb. 12, and look in our next issue to see if you got it right. Last issue, Richard Watt and Elizabeth Potenza got it right. The Landscaping and Hordicultural Technology Building is between Parking Lot 1 and the soccer fields.

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Seven fun, creative ways to spend Valentine's Day

BY MICHELLE MARDIS
Contributor

Valentine's Day is about celebrating your loved ones. Contrary to popular belief, you do not need a significant other on Valentine's Day to have fun. Here are some ways that you can have fun while single or in a relationship on Valentine's Day.



The Five Dollar Date

Take your friends to the dollar store. Everyone gets to pick out five things, and when you're done, you make a date out of it! This can be a fun time to create memories with your friends without having to overthink about impressing someone. A piece of your personality will show with this fun idea for you and your friends.

If you are in a relationship, take this time to get to know the other person. Trust me, you can learn a lot of things about a person based on what they choose. It may seem surprising, but it's a fun and quirky way to get to know a person.



The Build-A-Bear Date

Make a bear with your friends! You can even personalize it by adding a voice, heart-beat and/or a scent. You and your friends will feel like you are re-living childhood with your new furry friend! There are so many

options to choose from, and this will make lasting memories.

In a relationship and want a personalized date? Look no further; this date idea will allow you to get to know how well your personalities match. Are you looking for someone who wants to do quirky dates with you or someone more serious? This date will show what side your significant other is on.



The Dinner and a Movie Date

Have you and your friends been dying to see that new movie that just came out? Make it a group outing with a nice dinner on the side. There is no harm in going to dinner and a movie with some good friends.

In a relationship? I highly recommend avoiding this date as a first one. Half of the date will lack getting to know one another since you will be sitting in a quiet theater. Maybe use this as a second or third date if things went well on the first.



The Roller Skating Date

You and your friends will laugh together when one of you falls (which is bound to happen). This is a fun way to create memories with your friends that will last a lifetime. It's not only inexpensive but fun as well. Most places give you two hours of open skate per session.

Get to know your significant other by watching each other fail to skate or skate to impress. You will be able to really get to know each other through skating. This is a chance to be vulnerable around your significant other. By trying something new, you are showing an adventurous side.



The Bowling Date

Are you the competitive type? If so, this is the time for you to shine. Having your friends join you for some competitive fun can be both exhausting and a great time. Create funny names on the computer that will show your score and just lay back and have fun.

In a relationship and looking for something both active and fun to do? Bowling is one of the best dates for those active couples. It's a nice time to talk and spend time together without many distractions. Many bowling places also have laser tag so you would be getting a two in one date.



The Disney/Brand Themed Date

You can replace Disney with anything you'd like. This is kind of like the dollar store date except you will have a specific theme to it. Go to Party City and have all of your friends pitch in for a few things related to your theme and throw a party. Have each person in your friend group invite one to

two people and enjoy Valentine's Day with friends.

As for a date, find something that you are both passionate about and create a night out of it. Head over to party city and pick out some themed items, such as a disney tablecloth, and make a sweet date out of it. For example, you could use the Disney tablecloth to set up a romantic dinner or decorate your room. There are so many possibilities for this date.



The Stay-at-Home Date

Invite your friends over and enjoy a night of movies, popcorn, and fun. You can play games just like you did when you were younger. It is a great way to reconnect with old friends.

Do you not have a lot of money to go out? If this is the case, stay in and cuddle up with your loved one. You can enjoy a candle-lit dinner or even watch a movie together.

Valentine's Day is about appreciating the loved ones in your life. We can turn Valentine's Day into a day to remember by picking the right people to spend it with. That right person does not have to be a significant other. I hope everyone has a happy and fun Valentine's Day!

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Left: Youngtown Edition Editor-in-Chief Brett Friedenson, as the News Knight, poses with the CCM Titan at the Welcome Back Bash Jan. 30. **Above:** LGBT club member Matthew J. Bristol recruits students at the club's table draped with a pride flag.

Clubs collect, connect with recruits at Welcome Back Bash

BY GINA N. FICO
Features Editor

At the Student Activities Programming Board's semiannual Welcome Back Bash Tuesday, Jan. 30, members of the campus community gathered at County College of Morris to browse clubs' recruitment stations.

A cartoonist drew students' caricatures, and the SAPB provided free pizza and played music throughout the event.

Don Phelps, associate director of campus life said that CCM has been doing something like this since the college started.

Phelps said there are 56 active CCM clubs and that 35 or 40 represented themselves at the Welcome Back Bash.

"It's one of the main recruitment events for a lot of clubs," Phelps said. "It gives a change for everyone to come together and be together for the afternoon and take a little break from studying ... And most importantly, it gives students who aren't engaged with the college engaged."

Women in STEM's main goal was to get more women involved with science, technology, engineering, and math.

Kat David, a mechanical engineering and technology major said breaking the stigma is what motivates her.

"It was mainly because I was born in the Philippines, and we come from a very conservative environment where women should be in more caring positions and men should be in more technical fields," David said.

Desiree Ramos, an architecture major, said she has had an interest in computer since an early age and wants to get more women involved in STEM.

"I just feel more women should be in STEM, and you think guys should be in it, but there's a lot more women that are into it that are afraid to open up to



PHOTO BY ALEXA WYSZKOWSKI

Respiratory therapy majors don scrubs as they welcome students to their table at the Welcome Back Bash Jan. 30.



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Gourmet club president Ted Sharretts, right, gives out hot chocolate with public relations officer Kamil Grochowski at the Welcome Back Bash Jan. 30.

it," Ramos said.

Stephanie Hrinko, a liberal arts major and secretary of Active Minds, said she wants to bring awareness to suicide and eating disorders.

"We talk about things that people do not like to talk about," said Hrinko. She said her hope for the Welcome Back Bash is to give hope to someone else and it benefit someone else, even if they do

not sign up for the club.

The Student Nurses Association, whose mission is to give insight to the CCM community that nursing goes above and beyond a nursing major, has upcoming

events such as the Valentine's Day blood drive and bake sale that is coming up Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Saskia Salas, a nursing major and vice president of the club, said there usually is a shortage of blood nationally, so this event is important because of how many lives a donation can save.

"I want more people to be aware of this club; this club is not out there like other clubs," Salas said.

The president of the club, Jacquelyn Gagne, said she gains from the club experiences such as the trip during the spring 2017 semester to an economically disadvantaged area of West Virginia.

"We are grateful for everyone who is helping building this club, and we hope to get more people involved," Gagne said.

Melissa Hamfeldt, a radiography major, said she is happy CCM has Welcome Back Bashes and it is a nice way to meet people and make new friends.

"Everybody has been very friendly and telling you everything you need to know about the clubs," Hamfeldt said.

Roving Reporter:

What do you love about CCM?

BY ALEXA
WYSZKOWSKI
Layout Editor

To celebrate Valentine’s Day, the Youngtown asked County College of Morris students and staff what they love about the college. Here are their answers.

Photos by Alexa Wyszowski



Sthejani Cauada
Business Major
“All the opportunities inside the college including classes, campus life and help for preparations for the real world.”



Jacquelyn Gagne
Nursing Major
“I love the friendly and diverse population and our beautiful campus!”



Dylan Vetter
Library Services Assistant
“I love the campus grounds, the community, and the variety of events available to both students and staff.”



Ted Sharretts
Culinary Arts and Science Major
“I love the location and feel of the campus. The classes are fun and interesting.”



Matthew Nider
Hospitality Management Major
“The people and all the activities and different clubs offered.”



Grace Fenners
Biology and Psychology Major
“Great community of like-minded individuals!”



Matt Pham
Graphic Design Major
“I love the friendly vibe from the students and how caring the CCM staff is.”



Adrian Ordonez
Information Technology Major
“I love the environment of the campus and the flexibility in my schedule!”



Demylee Pablos
Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts and Science Major
“I love the community and how we help each other every day.”



Melissa Hamfeldt
Radiography Major
“I love the performing arts department.”



Keuit Grandhi
Information Technology Major
“I love the gaming center.”



Stephanie Bepck
Broadcasting Major
“The friendly people and staff.”



Emely Herrera
Biology Major
“I love all the resources CCM provides!”



Skylar Lewis
Biology Major
“How caring the CCM professors are.”



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reservation is given to the second name on the list and continues to go down the list until the spot is filled.

Caffie said that the waitlist policy has worked better than expected.

“It happens seamlessly without us having to intervene, us being the registrar’s office, to intervene at all, and so it worked great,” Caffie said. “We had very few students going to the academic departments requesting overrides for classes, things that were closed.”

The waitlist feature has also been used to refill seats of students who did not pay their tuition and fees on time.

“Students who did not pay their bills, they were notified in time so that they could fix it,” Caffie said. “Students who still failed to pay got taken out of their classes, and the waitlist worked beautifully.”

She also said that this feature makes the jobs of academic deans easier.

“It definitely cut down on the academic deans having to make decisions as to who should get an override to get into classes and who shouldn’t,” Caffie said. “We didn’t have any of that at all, and from a management perspective, it is very easy to manage. It manages itself, so the college is very happy.”

She said that one bug that the college will need to address

is in the way challenger students, those taking CCM classes while still in high school, enroll. As they do not have full access to WebAdvisor, they can only register on campus at the office of Records and Registration.

“That was the little hiccup we didn’t account for,” Caffie said. “We weren’t aware that there would be that limitation and that even when they got the message, that they wouldn’t be able to go in and access it.”

Christian Gonzales, an exercise science major, said that he used the waitlist policy to register for a class.

“It said I got in, but I guess it didn’t register or something,” Gonzales said. “And then, a couple days later, I received the email that I had been waitlisted, and then, I was in, and then, out of like 25 people, I was in at No. 19.”

Gonzales said that in general, he prefers online registration because of long lines at the Records and Registration office.

“I’d rather be at home chilling registering for classes,” Gonzales said.

Liberal arts major Griffin Burbridge said that he did not know about the waitlist feature but will try Titans Direct out. Overall, he said he has not had issues with WebAdvisor.

“I haven’t had any difficulties,” Burbridge said. “It’s okay.”



PHOTO COURTESY JULIAN COSTA

Host Ethan Walsh, left, on set with CCM student with Al Turrisi.

SPOTLIGHT

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is good, audio is good, and video is good,” Cleary said.

One student, Matthew Romano, a broadcasting major at CCM, has performed many on-set duties including camera work, directing, and editing.

“I love working on Spotlight: Morris County,” Romano said. “I have learned so many new things already, and there is a ton still ahead of me ... Spotlight: Morris County provides me with real

world learning experiences of live studio production.”

Other goals of the production are to help promote CCM and strengthen community relations.

Costa said he hopes to “[spread] the word of what students are doing and the different programs and curricula that we have here.”

Costa said that anyone from CCM can help out with the production of the show.

“We can always use hosts; we can always use people to run

camera,” Costa said. “If anybody’s considering taking a course in TV production, or considering majoring in this, we can always use that.”

He said he is hoping to showcase performing arts and fine arts from CCM, as well as interviews with students.

“Everybody comes to us from a different walk of life, and I like that,” Costa said.

Those interested in taking part in Spotlight: Morris County either as crew or as guests, may send Costa an email at jcosta@ccm.edu.

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students but non-students,” Kahn said.

Vice president Fatema Ahmadi said the meditation room will help eliminate confusion. She said they pray in in the club rooms, but

some people feel confused when they see others praying and she wants everyone to feel included.

“I want everyone to be united and come together as one,” Ahmadi said.

Rizk said they hope to have something decided about the mediation room this semester.

The idea of a meditation room is favorable to Beth Ochs, a liberal arts major at CCM, who meditates on a weekly basis. Ochs said that a mediation room will also help students succeed academically.

“I actually meditate about 20 minutes a day myself, so if I had a place to do here would be more than happy,” Ochs said.

She said the mediation keeps her more focused on what is important and helps her mind not race

over unnecessary thoughts.

Phelps said a mediation room will also have similar benefits.

“I think it will give a great space for students to go to and reflect and recharge either mentally or spiritually,” Phelps said.

Phelps said a challenge is how often CCM is under construction, and a mediation room in Demare Hall has been suggested, but the plan hasn’t gone any further.

Shane Spritzer, a criminal justice major said a mediation room would benefit the CCM community because it’s a unique idea for people to try something new while also being something for students who already meditate.

“It’s a good opportunity for students to try something they haven’t tried before,” Spritzer said.



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MAT123 – Pre-Calculus	Professor Thurman	Tuesdays	11-12 pm	DH253
MAT131 - Calculus I	Professor Wolfgang	Mondays	11-12 pm	HH204
MAT132 - Calculus II	Professor Wong	Tuesdays	2-3 pm	DH159

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GAME ROOM AGGRESSIVELY DENIES EXISTENCE OF VALENTINE’S DAY

BY JOHN DUMM
Satire Editor

As has become apparent by the feeling of romance in the air, and the sudden upswell of vintage patriotism courtesy of meisters Washington and Lincoln, February is kicking into gear, and with it, the men of the County College are joining hands in fits of existential despair.

“Valentine’s Day is one week from now. My summer body, among others, isn’t slated to be ready until March ... 2019,” said Game Room inhabitant Seth Almuerso. “You can see the problem.”

Esteemed mad psychologist Nathan Almas (co-author of acclaimed ominous manuscript ‘The Brain Defaults to Actively Suicidal unless Tempted With Candy’) has been studying the core causes of St. Valentine’s Seasonal Depressive Disorder since embarrassing himself with a chalkboard marriage proposal in the fifth grade and sums up the issue with a dire diagnosis of the mental health of CCM as a whole:

“Valentine’s Day, aside from it’s enduring legacy as a celebration of chocolatey over-indulgence and Imperial Roman optometry, has been promoted in recent times as a time for the recollection and affirmation of deep, mutual affection, romantic and platonic alike,” Almas said. “This manifests in the modern college student as a crawling realization that they have no functional relationships of any kind, and a mounting, resigned anxiety that they must find the relief they need in solitary, inexorable death.”

Almas, who somberly notes that he has in fact managed to drive away the last coworker willing to be seen in public with him with “predictive artificial libel” about the Russian antioxidant trade, has requested that the Youngtown make no note of his obvious, tear-laden emotional distress before continuing.

“Human notions of emotional closeness are really only known in this community through popular fanfiction and lengthy psych articles about the horrific mental toll of having no non-

Naruto related sympathetic social connections,” Almas said. “Now, I can only reliably speak for the Game Room which has been noted in censuses to serve as a home base to five women, and approximately half of all men on campus, but the compound effects of societally enforced self-repression and the, uh, understandable unwillingness of the seven individuals who can claim both a healthy mental state and regular contact with Game Room regulars to play Pro Bono Industrial Mass Therapist has recently been pinpointed as a source of ridiculous, soul-cracking stress in everyone involved. In multiple cases, we’ve seen individuals so thoroughly burdened by their own intrusive self-deprecation loops that they start conforming to the stereotypes of Game Room regulars, ceasing to regularly shower and actively promoting media proven by public opinion to calcify testosteroneergic endocrinal systems such as anime without buff men beating the daylights out of each other.”

All hope is not lost, how-

ever, as concerned Game Room citizens have begun to look out for their own, and use their hard-won, intimate knowledge of the socially injured to repair the damage in their ecosystem.

Nick Wossname, Mental Coliseum of the CCM CCTV Seven Sages, has been approached to elaborate upon and promote his methods.

“Fundamentally, really, it’s about giving these dudes something to do,” Wossname said. “Valentine’s Day is making everybody desperate; desperate kids end up looking predatory, starts making people around them desperate to get away. What we need right now, and what I have been working with the Student Electronic Gaming Organization Deep Council to provide, is a big, public, completely unrelated social gathering! Something to help people shrug off the immense psychic weight of outdated social demands, exacerbated and locked in by the unique challenges of our era and, frankly, sheer random chance. So we set up a fighting game tournament, where you can

walk in, shovel down a metric load of chocolate and pizza, and take full faith that the only thing against you here is like 50 of your closest friends, all of whom are standing alongside you to cleanse themselves of spiritual evils by beating the daylights out of buff-anime-man proxies of the fighting will of their peers.”

While the precise details haven’t been hammered out, the game room seems to be in unanimous agreement as to the quality and wholesomeness of the project, with the only complaints (four men, two women) being that the tournament should be showcasing Guilty Gear or Street Fighter instead of Super Smash Brothers.

Look for new developments regarding the tournament, tentatively titled “Lemme SMASH ‘18,” in and around the Game Room as Valentine’s Day approaches, and look into joining the tournament or even just enjoying the games as a spectator with the help of your friendly Game Room denizens.

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- Coach Alexandra Katz

Women’s basketball winds down rebuilding season on losing streak

BY CONNOR IAPOCE
Sports Editor

The women’s basketball team at County College of Morris are nearing the end of their 2017-2018 season on a three-game losing streak.

At presstime, the Titans were 3-14 in overall overall National Junior College Athletic Association play and 3-11 in Region XIX play. They returned to division play this season after finishing the 2016-2017 season 0-12 and facing a demotion to club status.

First-year head coach Alexandra Katz said she has refocused her efforts on rebuilding the team up after last season’s demotion.

“This is a rebuilding year for us, so there’s a lot of things that we can improve on,” Katz said. “Every game, we find new things that we can get better at, so that’s definitely something that we can pull from here.”

The Titans’ 14th loss came

from a home game against Manor College Saturday, Jan. 27. They entered halftime tied at 31 but would fail to overcome a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter and lose the game 49-63.

Freshman guard Christi-

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Women’s Basketball
Coach*

anna Miltiadous said she was disappointed with the home loss against Manor, citing mistakes on the court costing her team the game rather than being outplayed by the opposing team.

“We obviously could have won,” Miltiadous said. “We lost because of our mistakes. I can’t really describe it. We should have

won. I think we were in our own heads. I think if we really put our minds into it, we could have won, but we did it to our ourselves.”

Freshman guard Kayla Beal is tied with forward Marianne Enriquez for second highest shooting percentage on her team at 50. Forward Sophia Menola boats a shooting percentage of 62.5.

“I feel as though we should have played a lot better today,” Beal said. “We gave them the game at the end of the game. That’s pretty much all I have to say.”

Katz said she is looking forward to improving the team

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*Kayla Beal
Titans guard*

before next season and wants to concentrate on building ground-work for the seasons to come.

“I want them to just get better individually and us as a team and build for next year,” Katz said. “Laying the foundation of what we want and what’s important to us and then building off of that as we go forward. This year, it’s learning a lot, and next year, it will be a lot more advanced.”

As a former Titan, Katz said she aims to use her position as women’s basketball head coach to give back to CCM’s athletic programs. She played basketball and soccer during her time at CCM and continued her athletic



PHOTO BY CONNOR IAPOCE

Titans guard Kyara Ramirez looks to pass ball off to Titans teammate Sophie Fisher after facing pressure from Manor College defender on Jan. 27.

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*Christianna Miltiadous
Titans guard*

career at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

“They’re really great kids,” Katz said. “I’ve really enjoyed every second of coaching them. I’m really happy to be here because I’m a CCM alumna, and this place helped me move on. So I’m happy to give back to them, and they’re just really good people.”

Some of the Titans players

are focusing on mental improvements to their game and continuing to work hard to make smarter plays on the court.

“We should get out of our own heads,” Miltiadous said. “We practice really hard, and we give it our all. It’s just sometimes, we don’t get out of our heads.”

Others are focused on strategies to improve the technical details of their game to find more success during each quarter.

“Passing the ball more,” Beal said on finding success in games. “Talking on defense, running our plays right, running our offense, using the clock, getting back on D.”

The Titans are set to finish the 2017-2018 season away against Lackawanna College at 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.



PHOTO BY CONNOR IAPOCE

Giovanna Harrigan jumps over a defender in game against Manor College on Jan. 27.

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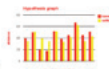
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