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COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER

CCM gamers help sick and injured kids Students raise money in 24-hour video game fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network

BY MATTHEW BRISTOL
Distribution Manager

County College of Morris video game enthusiasts turned their love of video games into a real world lifeline as part of the Extra Life charity event last November.

24-hour charity stream, is an event that many organizations and individuals participate in, based around hosting a continuous live stream of video games, and having viewers tune in, or even come out to where the event is hosted. The event is designed to raise money for Children's Miracle Network which helps sick and injured kids. CCM hosted one of these events through the Student Electronic Gaming Organization (SEGO).

The stream went on for all 24 hours, though many who were attending had finally embraced the sleep they had been avoiding for almost 24 hours. At the end of the event, 24 hours since the start, many students and the profes-

sor advising the event had made it through the full course, and in that time, had helped raise an incredibly impressive \$832.76. Though it may not seem that energy intensive, competing between fellow students, and commenting throughout the event certainly was taxing upon the participants.

After hours of preparation, the students and faculty headed home for the night, only to get there early the next day to start setting up for the event. Those that arrived the earliest, at around nine in the morning, would have quite the daunting task before them. From noon to noon the next day, there would be a continuous live stream and rally to generate donations for Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Andreas Mathikolonis, SEGO's President, has been running SEGO for three semesters attended the event and was still up at the end.

"[I] always would watch these sorts of events and streams

on Twitch and when Guadara came to me with the idea, I knew people would be excited, myself included, and said 'Heck yeah, let's do it,'" Mathikolonis said.

Mathikolonis mentioned that the event was much grander in size than he originally thought it would.

"I was expecting this to be a smaller event, with only a few consoles and T.V.s," Mathikolonis said. "But when we got it all together, we had almost fifteen TVs and consoles, with two separate projectors. By the end of the night, I was feeling so good, since something we had all wanted to do went over so perfectly, and it was great to see the fruits of everyone's labor."

SEGO has already scheduled their next 24-hour charity stream event for Nov. 3 to Nov.4 of this year. Interested students can contact the SEGO advisor, Professor Eric Guadara by emailing him at eguadara@ccm.edu. For more information about Extra Life visit <https://www.extra-life.org/>.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BRISTOL

Professor Eric Guadara with his poster and medal from the Extra Life, 24-hour charity stream.

Titans experience success not seen in a decade

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
News Editor

After a particularly dense schedule, with games often taking place two days apart from one another, the men's basketball team recently ended an incredible regular season with a 21-4 record and 13-1 Region XIX record, putting them at first place in the Division II group.

They are also tied with Mercer Community College for 1st place in the Golden State Athletic Conference games at 5-1, leaving them at a .833 win rate. This is the best any CCM basketball team has done in nearly the last decade, since at least 2010-2011 according to the Region XIX website, in the regular season.

Anthony Obery, head coach of the team for five seasons, says this is because the team was incredibly motivated to get back to where they were last year.

"It hurt them knowing they were that close to victory, to where they wanted to be and to lose it all right there at the finish line," he said. "Having that taste so close really pushed the team to their limit this year."

The 2017-2018 lineup, com-



PHOTO BY ANTHONY INGHAM

Titans get ready to face off in their most dominant game of the season against RCBC.

posed of many of the sophomores currently on this year's team, went all the way to the Region XIX Championship finals with a 21-8 record, only to lose to Ulster County Community College at an incredibly close 74-76.

The team's last Region XIX game on Feb. 16 against Delaware Technical Community College's Stanton team was just another brutal victory for the team, ending 82-59. This is actually the

9th highest score differential the team has had in all their games, with the highest being a crushing 107-62 in the December 11 home game vs. Rowan College at Burlington Community College.

"Our team this year is more talented than they've ever been, but sometimes they do struggle with overconfidence," Obery said.

Every member of the team is well aware of the fact they

are currently going to go to this year's Region XIX Championship, and as stated in November's article on the team, but it Jack Sullivan, Athletics Director, believes in the team just as much as they believe in themselves.

"There is an outstanding core of returning players that will help guide the team through the Region and hopefully beyond," Sullivan said via email. There is a wonderful mix of returners and

incoming first-year players that are talent that makes this team a favorite in Region XIX."

The first round of the Region XIX Tournament's time is to be announced but as of presstime, is taking place at Rowan College at Gloucester County, on Saturday, Feb. 23.

"We're just trying to make CCM a better place for student-athletes, and I hope we succeed," Obery said.

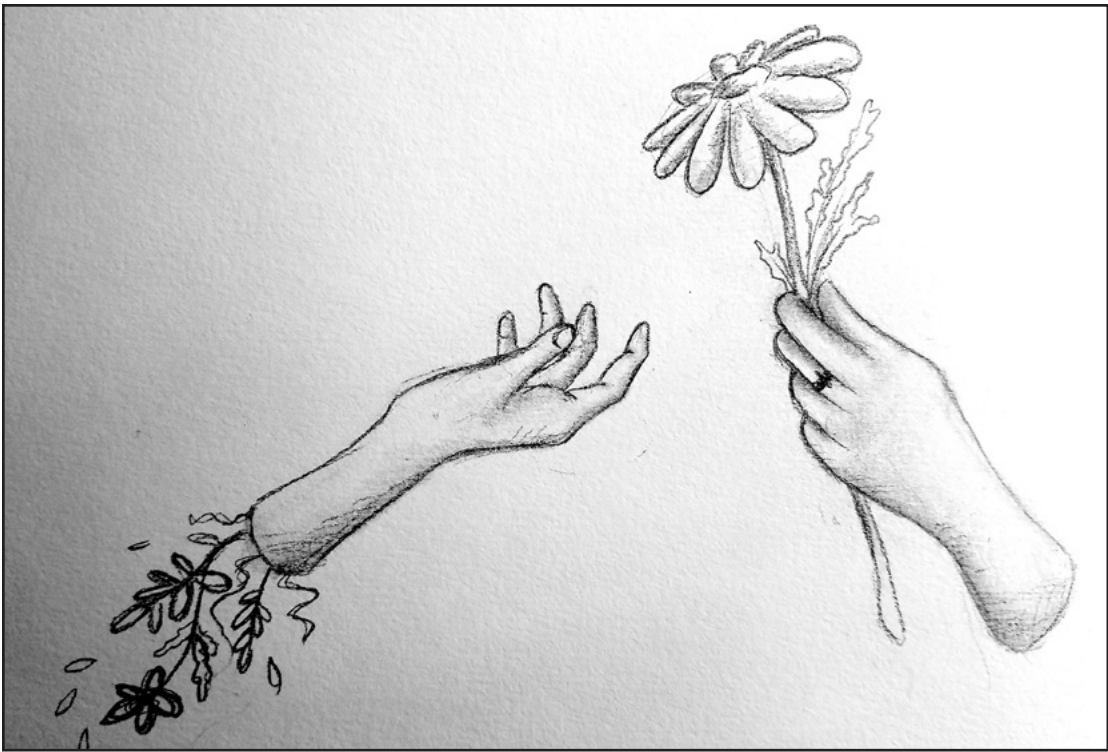


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So Sophie...

Celebrating and sharing kindness

BY SOPHIE CONNELL
Advice Columnist

*So Sophie...
What do you think is the easiest way to be kind to friends and family?
Thanks for the advice,
Kind and Caring*

Dear Kind and Caring,
I think the easiest way to be kind to friends and family is to just pass on the kindness. Think of the things they do to make your day brighter and then work to do the same things for them. It can be as simple as making your families favorite dinner or suggesting watching their favorite movie. You would be surprised how far little acts of kindness can go!
Enjoy spreading kindness,
Sophie

*So Sophie...
I want to let my advisor know how much I appreciate her. What is a kind thing I could do?
Please help,
Need advising in kindness*

Dear need advising in kindness,
In the wise words of my mom, a handwritten note goes a long way! If you wrote out a card thanking her and hand-delivered to her I'm sure it would make her day. Another way to show your appreciation is to go by office hours and let her know in person how much you appreciate her help. If you can't find your advisor you can leave them a note or a gift in their office or mailbox.

Good luck,
Sophie

*So Sophie...
Are there any clubs I can join that help others?
Thanks,
Involved in kindness*

Dear Involved in Kindness,
There are so many great clubs you can join on campus to get involved in. There are over 50 clubs on campus. There are many school honor societies that offer service opportunities and activities to help others. Joining the

Volunteer Club also is a great way to get involved in community service. If these clubs don't interest you, you have the option to create your own club. You can head over to the school's website for a complete list of clubs.

Enjoy getting involved,
Sophie

*So Sophie...
What is the best way to spread kindness on campus?
Looking to be kind*

Dear Looking to be kind,
I think the easiest possible way to be kind to those around you is by thanking and appreciating them every day. Even something as simple as holding the door in the hallway for the person behind you is an act of kindness that may be passed on. In the library, you could leave some extra change in the printers for the next person to use. There are so many different ways to be kind to others within the CCM community, be creative!
Have fun,
Sophie

The Democratic primary should be more democratic

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Warren, Booker, Harris, Sanders, and Yang these are just a few of the ever-expanding list of candidates seeking to be on the 2020 Democratic party nominee for president. While the N.J. primary is still a year away now is the perfect time to push N.J. Democratic State Committee to implement Ranked Choice Voting (RCV).

RCV is an alternative method of voting as opposed to the plurality voting system that we currently use. Whereas right now one person votes for one candidate, RCV has the voter assign preferences to the different candidates running for office. Eventually, the winner will be decided with the majority of the votes

A common complaint that I've heard during this primary is "I don't want this person to run because they will just split the ticket", the term splitting the ticket applies to candidates with like ideologies and policies that could lead to the majority of voters choosing between the similar candidates causing a less popular candidate to win because they received the most votes.

RCV is a system of voting that fixes the problem of splitting the ticket entirely because candidates are being assigned preferences and it should be assumed that voters will assign similar ranks to candidates with similar ideologies and platforms.

Another benefit of RCV is that it decreases negativity among candidates in elections. A 2014 poll on the Nov. 2014 elections by Rutgers-Eagleton Poll found that cities which enacted RCV for local elections perceived a little or a lot less negativity as compared to previous campaigns, and cities

that have not enacted RCV are more likely to remember candidates criticizing other candidates.

Under our current plurality system, candidates have no incentive to treat their opponent with respect since a voter either votes for them or they don't. However, candidates in an RCV system have more incentive to not launch character attacks or to be dismissive of other candidates because of the fact that it is in the candidates best interest to rank as high as possible with all of their constituents.

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Supporters of RCV include former President Barack Obama, Sen. Bernie Sanders, the late Sen. John McCain, and former Governor Howard Dean.

To make an example of how the RCV system I will use the candidates of Warren, Booker, Harris, Sanders, and Yang, I will assign a preference to each candidate, so I'll assign a one to Yang, a two to Sanders, a three to Warren, a four to Booker, and a five to Harris.

After the first round of voting if none of the candidates win with a majority of the vote the person with the lowest amount of first preferences is out and those voters will have their second choice elevated to their first.

Continuing the example, after the first round of voting Yang received the least amount of first preference votes then my vote will then be moved to my second preference which would be a vote for Bernie Sanders. This cycle will continue until eventually one of the candidates wins with over 50% of the vote.

At the moment the Democratic primary consists of over 14 candidates and although the majority of these candidates will drop out by the time of the N.J. primary in 2020 there is a real possibility that there will be at least three candidates left by the time of the N.J. primary and in my opinion in order to elect the most representative candidate an RCV system is paramount.

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Despite My Diagnosis... I have the will to focus

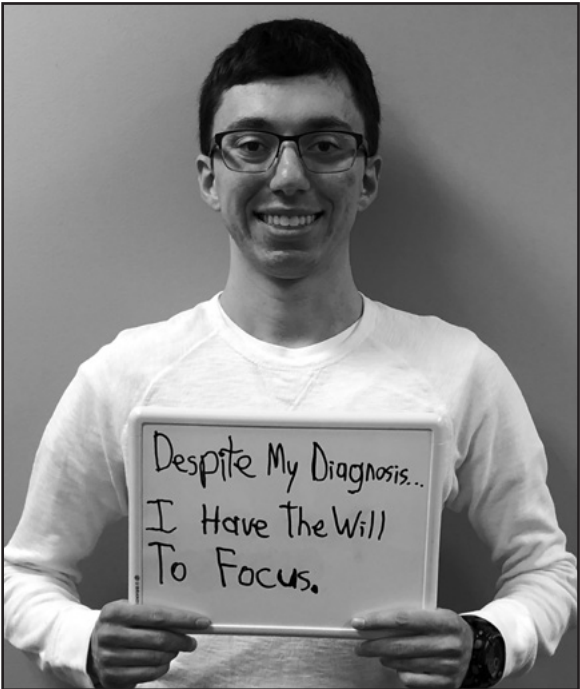
ACTIVE MINDS

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My diagnosis of ADD, which... which president over-saw the end of the Korean War? Sorry, back on topic. If you couldn't guess, ADD stands for Attention Deficit Disorder, a fairly common disorder that can be well summarized like this: all of those studies about the shrinking attention span of the modern man don't come close to what it can be like for us. Sometimes. In fact, as demonstrated in the opening, I am constantly feeling the effects of the disorder, so I can hardly help but let my mind wander. To be clear to anyone who doesn't recognize the term, it's actually somewhat dated, at least to the 2000s, and has since been replaced by an equivalent classification of ADHD Inattentive Type.



Marco Mirlas is more than his diagnosis.

It can be quite remarkable when I can handle it. If you're afflicted by it, you may know what I'll say next. You can be thinking effectively on several things at

once, without compromising the task at hand, on a good day. Play a song in your head, think on your agenda for the day, and continue in a conversation without breaking a

sweat. On the contrary, during a bad day, it can be difficult to accomplish much of value.

To further elaborate, for the longest time, it was difficult for me to concentrate well enough to do well in classes. But with age comes maturity (sometimes) and more importantly: willpower. It is true that it is difficult to defy one's nature, but in this instance, it is necessary to try, if you'd rather not resort to medication. You should not see yourself as an irredeemable failure if you miss the mark sometimes, but instead, harden your resolve and learn from your mistakes. To that end, I'm leaving a shout out to the Learning Resource Center, and to the Tutoring Cen-

ter in Demare Hall. Remember to focus, and above all, to not give up. The CCM counseling center is located in the downstairs of

the student community center in SCC 118 and is available to you as a student. The National Suicide Prevention Line can be reached at 1-800-273-8255.

Editor's Note: If you are in the process of recovery we en-

courage you to join the members of Active Minds, Writers Club and the Youngtown Edition to become more than your diagnosis and to share your story, contact youngtownedition@gmail.com to find out how.

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