



Legacy Project speaker gives his outline to a justified war

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The Second World War, as well as many other famous conflicts, may not have been justified according to Dr. Douglas P. Lackey of Baruch College at a Legacy Project event in mid-September.

The Legacy Project at County College of Morris (CCM) commenced its yearlong theme of “War, Peace, and Healing” on September 19 in Sheffield Hall. The event featured Lackey in a talk entitled, “Is There a Just War?”

Lackey is a professor at the Weissman School of Arts & Sciences at Baruch College. Since 1973, he has spent his career focusing on war ethics. Among his works are Ethics and Nuclear Deterrence, Missiles and Morals and The Ethics of War and Peace.

Students filed into the lecture hall until every seat was filled.



Students gather for “Is There a Just War?” Legacy Project event.

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Lackey spoke to the full crowd for about 45 minutes, leaving time for discussion between Dr. Kenneth Shouler and Dr. Mark Uffelman of CCM’s English & Philosophy Department. A time for questions from students was

also opened at the end.

Lackey’s lecture challenged students to consider how the United States has engaged with Chapter VII of the United Nations’ Charter regarding responses to military threats. Dr. Lackey

argued that there is no justified war that the United States has taken part in and that even wars that began as justifiable become unjustifiable.

Dr. Lackey opened his lecture with the 6 rules of self-

defense. He paired them with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations which reads, “Nothing in the present Charter shall impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a member of the United Nations, until the Security Council has taken measures necessary to maintain international peace and security.”

“You’re not allowed to legitimately go to war and use military force just because you go out there and you find people whom you consider to be very bad, it’s not a good mental process to think of using force against people whom you consider to be bad. Do you have any idea how many people in the world consider Americans to be bad?” Dr. Lackey said scanning the crowd while pausing for dramatic effect,

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Presenting professors from CCM: Robb Lauzon

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
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Robb Lauzon is a CCM assistant professor in the communication department within the school of liberal arts. However, he also is a motivational speaker, music artist, and cook on his own free time.

Lauzon received his bachelor’s degree from Oakland University, his master’s degree from Wayne State University, and his Ph.D. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. All of these were under Communication and Rhetoric.

He teaches Business Communication at the University of Cincinnati as an adjunct, which he likened to Pallant’s own Intro to Mass Media. He also teaches Public Speaking at the Sisters of Assumption every Friday, which he’s done since this summer. He also teaches Public Speaking, Public Speaking (Honors) and Intro to Communication, which he has done at CCM since 2018.

“I like teaching,” said Lauzon. “I know that might sound like a garbage answer, but I do. I love teaching.”

Lauzon admits that his classes are heavily inspired by Mar-

shall McLuhan’s “The Medium is the Message: An Inventory of Effects”, and another one of his works, “The Gutenberg Galaxy”.

Lauzon said that last year, he was given two offers for work: one as a teacher and researcher at Penn State, or one as a professor at CCM. He has been quoted as saying that his wife didn’t want to move into the middle of Pennsylvania, so he took the job at CCM.

“I really do enjoy being here,” he said. “I was born in North Jersey, so it’s nice to come back.”

On top of his duties as a professor, Lauzon takes time out of his day to help students with “communication apprehension”, or what he calls anxiety, by performing exercises and meditating with them.

“Communication apprehension has existed since the birth of mankind,” he said. “If I can help make students’ lives a little bit easier by anxiety management, that’s what I’ll do.”

Lauzon said his experience with public speaking has come from his background as a motivational speaker, which he became when he graduated from college, and he continues to do so up to

today.

“I consider myself [to be] carrying on a long tradition of rhetoricians,” he said.

Lauzon said that his history that led to him being a teacher is filled with different experiences. During his time at Oakland University, he was an artist. More specifically, an underground beat battle host in Detroit and rap artist. He performed in concerts twice a month to financially support himself and was a radio host on the side, and he said teaching could not be farther out of his mind.

One of Lauzon’s professors said he was very good at writing, and he had a very analytical mind, so he should consider graduate school, which he did not like the idea of. He drifted around in the workforce after getting his bachelor’s degree, being anything from a pizza maker to an interviewer to keep himself afloat. Until his girlfriend of the time goaded him into getting a master’s degree, which he got in communication due to interests in public speaking. From there, he discovered rhetoric and began reading works by many rhetoricians such as Aristotle.

Lauzon said that this year,



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Communications Professor Robb Lauzon.

he has an album that will be produced exclusively on vinyl. He has not yet come up with a title for it, but reassured that it will be coming out by the end of this year.

Lauzon said that his “dharma”, or spiritual purpose in life, is helping people, primarily his

students.

“The most artistic thing I do in my life is help students find what they want to do,” he said. “My class is a stepping stone for all of my students. I hope my class geared them for some of the challenges they’re going to face.”

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Engineering Coordinator Eric Pedersen.

Despite My Diagnosis... I'm working to make a positive difference

BY ERIC PEDERSEN
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My name is Eric Pedersen. I am a CCM graduate and have worked in CCM's Engineering Department since 2012. I am the Lab Coordinator for Mechanical Engineering Technology and Physics, and I teach a couple of sections of our Manufacturing Process course.

My official diagnoses are Major Depressive Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, and Attention Deficit Disorder.

Personally, anyone with ADD can attest, it makes life interesting and often impulsive. ADD is blessing in disguise, and with it usually comes a fountain of creativity and unlimited drive when it is channeled in the right way.

Major Depressive Disorder and OCD have been incredibly difficult for me literally, as long as I can remember. Until seeking more help for those in 2013, I had really hit rock bottom emotionally. Months of insomnia, crippling depression, and social anxiety, that made work and life in general, difficult to navigate.

However, looking back, that low point was the best thing

that ever happened to me. I met amazing counselors and doctors, and opened up in ways I never thought I would. My wife has somehow always seen the best in me and has supported me since the day we met, through those breakdowns.... I would not be where I am in life without her. We now have two beautiful children and I am blessed to have learned the lessons, patience, and trust of others during those tough times.

Anyone who knows me knows that what drives me is helping others. I always try to do that at CCM and at the end of the day, helping others through their struggles is all that actually matters in life. Our life's purpose is to help others. I won't say Despite My Diagnosis, but thanks to my diagnosis and the supportive people I have met along the way, I am hopefully able to be a positive presence in others' lives every day.

We meet many people in life who espouse negativity, but there are many more positive souls than we realize. They don't seek attention or accolades and tend to blend in. But when others need help, there are so many willing to help.

Despite My Diagnosis... I Keep Living

BY TATIANA BONNER
Contributor

I was only 16 when I was diagnosed with Bipolar I. Something my mother's family never saw coming, something I feared would shame them for the rest of eternity. I come from a long line of Italians. People who were taught to suck it up after World War II had ended. People who pushed their problems to the side, and acted as if nothing was wrong.

I never once thought that I should seek help for my prolonged sadness. For the longest time, I thought it was normal to feel that way. I'd let the little demons in my mind toy with my head. I'd let them get the best of me each and every time. I pushed my friends out, and built my walls up. I didn't want anyone to know just how vulnerable I was. I wanted to suffer alone. My mother never saw the signs, as she didn't even know what to look for. She never worried because I'd act like the world's happiest person around her. I didn't need her to worry. I also certainly didn't want anyone's pity. I'd felt that enough after the death of my brother, and pity was one thing that bothered me. It was one thing that I could not stand. Some days, getting out of bed was a process. I'd have to drag myself to the bathroom to brush my teeth. Every word spoken to me was like a poison to my ears, in the aspect of the fact that I did not want to hear it. It was a miserable existence.

My sadness would turn into Mania, into happiness, into irritability, and actions I could not control. The even sadder bit, was that I often would not remember the days I spent Manic. I would lose time from the story of my life. People would ask what I did yesterday, and I could not answer them. I knew I wasn't myself anymore when I went home and asked to be signed up for a gym membership, when my depression was dragging me down into my sorrows, and I had absolutely no energy to even think about going to the gym. I knew something was wrong when my mother would be angered at me for having a fit that I could not even remember. I knew something was wrong when I went to the doctor, and they handed me a depression screening, and every single blurb on the little white paper made me feel as if someone from the office had been monitoring me. I grew paranoid. My mind played even worse tricks with me. I knew the government was watching me. I knew all about their plan to harvest my organs, and sell them on the black market. My mania went as far as me spending nearly three hundred dollars alone at Hot-Topic, just because I was convinced that the world was ending, and that I wouldn't get the chance to spend that money tomorrow.

My mother thought nothing of it. She was never taught anything about mental illness. She didn't think anything was wrong with me until I woke up at three o'clock in the morning, and ran into my grandmother's room, screaming and crying about the man in my closet, who ate my dog- who was clearly okay and sleeping in his



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Despite her Diagnosis, student Tatiana Bonner continues to love her life.

bed in the next room over. I didn't remember this at all the next day. That's when my mother and grandmother had decided that I needed to seek help, and took me to the doctor, who agreed that something was wrong.

They made me pour my thoughts out on the table. They made me expose each and every one of my problems and fears. I was given medication, and the number to a therapist. My first few therapists told me I was exaggerating, and always put down my problems. I'd get to the second or third therapy session, and never go back. That was until I met my current therapist, who sat with me, and listened to me, and understood me when I spoke to her. She told me and my family that I had Bipolar I and Anxiety, and that I needed to see a psychiatrist, for my medications to be managed. My first psychiatrist was a complete idiot. She continuously put me on SSRIs, medications that I would learn are not always helpful to someone with Bipolar, as they basically make you more upbeat, often activating mania. Each time I went back to her with a new complaint, she'd threaten me with inpatient, something I certainly didn't want to go into. My family saw that I was miserable, and decided to pull me from her care. We spent a long while looking for a decent doctor, until I met my current one, who listens to me,

and actually does something when I say that my medication doesn't make me feel too good.

It was 2 years prior to my diagnosis that I spent suffering in silence. Then, it took me two whole years after my diagnosis to get settled into it all. At first I was ashamed to say that I have Bipolar Disorder. I feared what people would think of me. I worried that they would think I was crazy or disturbed. I would scribble the words "Manic Depression" across forms at doctor's offices, out of shame to say the word "Bipolar". Even to this day, I still feel my heart racing in my chest every time someone asks me, "So, you have Bipolar?".

Three years after my diagnosis, and I am doing wonderful. I've come to terms with my mental illness. My medications are managed well, and I'm seeing an awesome therapist. I still have my dog, my fish, and my plant collection, which all keeps me going. Keeping things alive helps me to feel alive. I am so, so happy that someone finally saw that something was wrong, and helped me to seek help. I don't know that I ever would have on my own.

Despite my diagnosis, I wake up in the morning. Despite my diagnosis, I get out of bed. I brush my teeth. I care for my body. I push myself to succeed. I keep feeling, I keep dreaming. Despite my diagnosis, I keep living.

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SGA searches for change and new members

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New listening sessions for students to voice their concerns in is just one of the ideas the County College of Morris Student Government Association is working on. During the beginning of the fall 2019 semester SGA leaders have been researching, communicating and speaking with many of the campus clubs, organizations, departments, faculty and students to decide what the CCM community needs the most. SGA leaders found a need for students to be heard and are working to provide better opportunities for students to voice their opinions and concerns and also realize that what they have to say matters. The creation of upcoming listening sessions will give all students the ability to speak and listen to one another about anything they believe is important and would help improve the campus community.

"Your voice creates chaos, your chaos creates change," said senator for Student Affairs, Corey Anding.

The SGA is also working on promoting more student involvement around campus, not just within the SGA itself, but within all the clubs and organizations. They hope to help students find clubs that interest them and encourage students to work towards having leadership positions within those organizations. As all CCM students are considered members of the SGA, the SGA executive board is looking for students ready for a position either on the board or as a senator on a committee. The executive board involves six students and the senate can include up to twenty one additional students. If the SGA is

unable to fill all the available senator positions, the committees may decide to search themselves for students to serve on their boards.

There are six committees students can serve on. To become a committee representative, a student should apply as an SGA senator and select which committee interests them. The six committees include Academic Standards Committee, Accessibility Awareness Committee, Curriculum Committee, Diversity Committee, Safety Committee and Student Affairs Committee. All of the committees allow for two students to become representatives, except for the Student Affairs Committee which allows up to 11 students to be representatives.

Currently the student representatives of committees and SGA senators include Corey Anding, Meaghan Scotland and Victoria Cwalinska for the Student Affairs Committee, Caleb Doherty for the Safety Committee and Katherine Rawlinson for the Academic Standards Committee.

The executive board currently includes Emma Mendoza as the president, Bobby Yazdi as the vice president and Jonathan Granda as the treasurer. The executive positions of secretary, inter-club council and pro-tem-pore are open.

"We have a lot of exciting projects we want to kickstart, but an idea is just an idea unless we engage and mobilize talented people around CCM to jump on-board and bring their ideas," said Bobby Yazdi.

Upcoming SGA meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm in LRC 106 on October 15, October 29, November 12, November 26 and December 10. Students can check their Blackboard accounts for the

Student Association class that includes announcements and more meeting information.

"We want the students to have an amazing experience at CCM while learning life and leadership skills that will help them in their future endeavors," said Emma Mendoza.

Students interested in joining the SGA as a part of the executive board or as a senator and committee representative can visit the Office of Campus Life in the Student Community Center or find the Campus Life section of the CCM website to get an application. Students can also email sga@student.ccm.edu with additional questions.



SGA Senator Corey Anding and President Emma Mendoza. PHOTO COURTESY OF EMMA MENDOZA

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CCM Clubs Greet Students In Welcome Back Bash

BY MICHELLE WALSH
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County College of Morris held its fall welcome back bash. Clubs set up tables, displayed signs and gave out favors related to their respective organizations. Hundreds of incoming and returning titans gathered to learn about the activities and opportunities CCM offers. The bash was held outside the Student Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24.

A multitude of clubs focused

on maintaining a welcoming and diverse campus were seen. The Muslim Student Association strives to give awareness of Islam by volunteering in the community. Recently, students went to a nursing home, and will soon be sponsoring an event they name, “Feeding the homeless.” Similarly, Kameron Brown, leader of the Black Students Union states, “Everyone is welcome to help spread the love and history of black culture.” He continues, “We offer a chance to get to know new people.”

Several clubs are focused on

maintaining the CCM environment. The environmental club is a perfect example of this philosophy in action, as well as supports the students within it. In the spring, they will be hosting a river clean-up in Rockaway. Along with this, they are aiming to create bird and bat boxes to increase biodiversity. Active Minds’ objective is to educate the campus community on mental health and offer resources to those looking for support. The club president, Catrina Bennett said, “Active Minds is a Mental Health Advocacy Club dedicated

to raising mental health awareness and breaking the stigma.” Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is an honor society that focuses on giving back to CCM. Samantha Shimabukuro, the vice president of PTK said, “What I like about PTK is that it’s a community of students dedicated to both academics and service.” However, some students mentioned that their commitment to school work interferes with their ability to join a club. Student Aaron Martin, a communications major, said, “I have often thought

about joining a club but I’m way too occupied with school work to do so.” Fortunately for Martin and other students who face time constraints, many clubs don’t require students to gather at every meeting and are flexible within those meetings. Among the dozens of clubs CCM offers, new clubs emerge every semester. Any student that wishes to create a club can contact Don Phelps, director of Campus Life, via email at dphelps@ccm.edu.



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Opinion: How Fashion Week Influences Students at CCM

BY JORDAN TAYLOR
Contributor

Fashion Week is all about haute couture and covetable designs, in which different designers and brands display their newest collections of couture for the upcoming season. New York Fashion Week (NYFW) has just ended and now we are in the midst of London Fashion Week, and the shows put on during this time typically predict the upcoming trends for the following seasons.



English Professor, Debra DeMattio.

Although high fashion is not particularly accessible to the masses, and certainly not to the average college student, we see the trends trickle down into everyday wear, in everyday clothing stores. Refinery 29, a global media company states that the six biggest runway trends from this year's New York Fashion Week "weren't aspirational, they were attainable."

Blazers, color blocking, and pattern mixing, monochrome attire, corset tops, platform shoes, relaxed and flowing designs, as

well as large tote bags were some of 2019's NYFW staples, according to Teen Vogue. Many of these trends can be seen right here on our campus, within the student and professor population alike.

When asked what trends she liked and what she could see herself wearing from New York's latest shows, Bella Cannarozzi, an Art and Design major who recently transferred to the County College of Morris, laughs and says that "corset tops and pattern mixing have always been essential to my style, and I'd love a few more pairs of platform shoes."

Just from walking around the campus, it can be easily observed that these high fashion trends are, in fact, attainable and applicable to everyday wear. Pattern mixing is common, cropped tops and baggy pants run rampant, and big tote bags are almost essential for carrying textbooks and laptops.

These trends might be more applicable outside of the campus atmosphere, when students go out and hang out in their free time, however it is still evident throughout the County College of Morris. Even many professors subscribe to trends such as flowing designs, large totes, and blazers.

Fashion shows are also laced through with political statements, and whether they are subtle or in-your-face they are often thought-provoking points of conversation. Pyer Moss sent one model down the runway wearing a t-shirt made in collaboration with the Sean John label, which stated "Vote or Die! For Real This Time", while Prabal Gurung had models



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in gowns and sashes, the Miss America-Esque sashes donning the question "Who Gets to be American?" Statements such as these from top designers are bold and buzzed about, and made for good reason.

Fashion itself is not basally political, however, fashion and politics have often influenced each other. Mikayla Gall, a Liberal Arts major with an interest in political science, says she "loves to see political statements featured in Fashion Week because it shows how truly multifaceted the

fashion world can be."

It is definitely true that fashion is all-encompassing, and in today's political climate, it is unsurprising that we see political traces on a platform as public as New York Fashion Week.

In general, whether a college student, professor, or essentially any other demographic, the clothes bought following Fashion Weeks are generally influenced by those designs, and trends are set both in high fashion and everyday wear for at least the next six months.



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Climate Change Chronicles: The Woven Web

BY ADAM GENTILE
Managing editor

The disinformation campaign against climate change is woven like that of a web. Several interconnected threads are woven together in a complex array of contradictions, conglomerations, and connections. Once anyone follows one thread they will soon find themselves stuck in a world of deceit and will either struggle to break free or be forever at the mercy of the spider.

ExxonMobil has funneled millions into funding climate denial institutions since the early 1990s, however, the company has also spent millions on climate change research and was being warned by their scientists about the issue since the late 1970s.

According to an interview that he gave to InsideClimate News James Black, a former head scientist for Exxon, told the company back in 1977 that there were effects of human CO2 emissions on the planet.

“In the first place, there is general scientific agreement that the most likely manner in which mankind is influencing the global climate is through carbon dioxide release from the burning of fossil fuels,” Black said. “Present thinking holds that man has a time window of

A study done by researchers at Harvard found that roughly 80 percent of Exxon’s internal studies from 1972 to 2001 found a connection between fossil fuel emissions and change in the climate.

five to 10 years before the need for hard decisions regarding changes in energy strategies might become critical.”

According to reporting done by the LA times during the 1980s, Exxon began to spend millions of dollars on internal and university research into the effects of CO2 including topics like rising temperatures on arctic ice, sea-level changes, and the scientists even used climate models developed by NASA and the Canadian Climate Centre two models that Exxon’s executives dismissed as “unreliable and based on uncertain science” to the public.

A study done by researchers at Harvard found that roughly 80 percent of Exxon’s internal studies from 1972 to 2001 found a connection between fossil fuel emissions and change in the climate. Additionally, they found that during the time of 1989 to 2010 the company would publish

climate change-related advertorials into the Washington Post and the New York Times every week, of those advertorials around 12 percent of them mentioned a positive link between fossil fuel emissions and climate change.

Recently Exxonmobil has been under investigation by several state Attorney generals for their role in covering up climate change information. The Attorney-general of California for knowingly misleading the public by using data from internal studies on climate change to make business decisions while publicly rebuking for decades the idea that climate change can be impacted by fossil fuels. On Oct. 23, 2019, the state of New York has a court date with ExxonMobil for misleading the company’s shareholders about risks made by climate change.

ExxonMobil is not alone in the overall scheme of climate

denial, a group that has been attributed to have donated the most to the funding and infrastructure of climate change is known as Koch Foundation.

Koch Industries is an oil and the second-largest private corporation in America and was headed by the billionaire brothers Charles, and the late David Koch. According to SourceWatch Based on the 990 forms of Koch affiliated group, between the years of 1987-2017, the network has donated nearly 150 million dollars to pushing anti-climate change policy 50 million of which has been donated within the last five years.

One group backed by Koch industries is the Cato Institute has been known to post ads and publish articles that downplay the severity and urgency for global warming. For example in 2015 a paper published by Cato was called “Climate Models and Climate Reality: A

Closer Look at a Lukewarming World” the study’s main thesis is that climate change is happening just not as fast as our models say it is. This study’s thesis is in line with the Cato Institutes plan of action on climate change

“Fortunately, and contrary to much of the rhetoric surrounding climate change, there is ample time to develop such technologies, which will require substantial capital investment by individuals.”

Another group funded by the Kochs is the State Policy Network (SPN) which is an organization that works with state and local governments on crafting policy and serves as a research tool for how to implement policy.

The SPN has helped promote and circulate content from denier organizations like the Heartland Institute an organization that previously worked with the tobacco companies to underplay and lie about the health risks of secondhand smoke.

SPN also has been known to work with the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) a group whose mission statement is “Advance limited government, free markets, and federalism at the state level through a nonpartisan public-private partnership of America’s state legislators, members of the private sector and the general public.” It is also a group whose advisers include members of Peabody Energy, Koch Industries, and ExxonMobil.

ALEC proposes repealing Renewable Portfolio Standard laws that concentrate and incentivizes states to transition to renewable energy. ALEC has also pushed for the Environmental Literacy Improvement Act, which wants to ensure schools use sound science and provide for balanced discussion on issues pertaining to the environment and climate change.

With enough money, anything can be possible. When it comes to climate change money can be used to be able to orchestrate a decades-long cover-up to the general population and be used to create an entire network of deceitful propagandists, and heavily influence policy proposals.



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Opinion: Football, an American Sunday tradition

BY JAGGER MONTANO
Contributor

NFL Sunday night football has become a tradition in the United States. According to “ESPN.com” in 2018 it rose up 5% in popularity, and for football fans hopes are that 2019 continues this upward trend.

Over the past few years the NFL has been through a lot of controversies. There was a deflate gate, which was the accusation

of Tom Brady and his constituents deflating the ball to use to their advantage. There was Colin Kapernick of the San Francisco 49ers, on Sept. 1, 2016, he took a knee during the national anthem to protest police brutality, and a lot of people took it to heart. A lot of people saw it as disrespectful to the fallen heroes in America and all those who have served, and a bunch of other people admired his choice to kneel before the national anthem. It caused a

chain reaction of other players in the league kneeling as well. All of these things put a bad taste in people’s viewing experience. The question should be asked. If people aren’t watching the NFL on NFL Sunday, then what are they doing now?

As for Connor Macdonald, a Business Administration major at CCM. “I like to watch football on Sundays espically during this time of year. I probably spend the whole day watching the 1 o’clock

game, the 4:25 game, and the late night football which starts about around 8 o’clock. My team is the Dallas Cowboys.”

Some people do different things with their Sundays besides watching Football. Carmine Galdieri, Business major does things a little differently with his Sunday otherwise. “I like to take my dog Sadie on hikes with my friends, I watch football sometimes but not often. If I had to choose a team I watch it would be

the New York Giants.”

Other fans don’t like the new rules and others don’t agree with the NFL’s stance on on-going concussions. But whatever the reason maybe American Football will still be around for awhile. According to Sport.one a Sports statistics website “The annual Super Bowl is the most anticipated game in America. Heck even the Super Bowl’s halftime performance is more anticipated than the NBA Finals.”

Opinion: Greta Thunberg delivers impassioned U.N. address

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Contributor

Climate change activist Greta Thunberg’s passionate address at the United Nations Climate Action Summit sent shockwaves around the world.

The 16-year-old climate change activist denounced world leaders who say they’ll do something on climate change ends up as an empty promise. Also, Thunberg condemned leaders who ignore the scientific evidence that climate change is factual and caring more about making money. Instead, leaders have turned to the younger generation to find a solution to the already growing problem.

According to the USA today’s transcript of the speech, Thunberg began with the most poignant moment with, “This is all wrong. I shouldn’t be up here. I should be back in school, on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you! You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I’m one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money, and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!”

“I agree with her,” said Dean-na Tedesco, a business administration major at County College of

Morris. “There’s so many things that we can be doing.”

“I agree,” sais Kayla January, a CCM liberal arts major. “Yeah because they say they’re for the people and they’re ignoring the issues.”

I think it’s good,” said Ashley Norman, a business administration major at CCM. “She stood up for youth and I think she represents youth on important issues that matter.”

People first took notice of Greta Thunberg, who’s a native of Sweden, organized her first climate strike last August. According to a Fortune magazine article, a photograph, that went viral depicted the teen sat outside the Swedish parliament building

in Stockholm to send a message to politicians that climate change is real.

In the same USA Today article with the transcript, Thunberg concluded her speech stating, “The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not.”

For example, President Donald Trump took to Twitter Monday evening expressing his reaction to the teenager’s rhetoric at the summit. According to NBC, Trump tweeted, “She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!”

Thunberg has also won the support of some of Hollywood’s biggest stars. According to Bill-

board, recording artists and actors such as Chris Hemsworth, Joe Jonas, Leonardo DiCaprio, Camila Cabello, and many others took to social media to spread Thunberg’s message.

From the same Billboard article, singer Billie Eilish took to Twitter to share Thunberg’s speech in which Eilish tweeted, “A note from Billie: “TICK TOCK! our time is running out. the climate crisis is very real. we need to speak up and demand that our leaders take action.”

Greta Thunberg has left a profound impact on many people around the world who believe global warming is real. Thunberg has encouraged many, no matter what age to fight for what’s right.

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“If you say it’s okay to use force against bad people, there’s going to be a lot of force thrown in our direction.”

He applied this logic to the United States’ involvement in Afghanistan. Arguing that the U.S. went to war with Afghanistan to combat Al-Qaeda after 911 but once Al-Qaeda moved to Pakistan and the Taliban became our enemy we became the attacking force and were no longer acting in self-defense. This gave the Taliban a

legitimate right to use force in defense against the United States.

Lackey also argued that although the United States may have been justified in entering World War II, it was unjustified by the time the war ended. Events leading up to the end of the war, including the dropping of hydrogen bombs in Japan, did not fall within the realm of the UN Charter, according to Lackey.

“The reason for dropping the hydrogen bombs in Japan was so they would realize the damage they could do,” Lackey argues. “Had the United States dropped the bombs in an uninhabited area off the coast of Japan, they would

have gotten the idea. They didn’t need to drop them in populated cities.”

Lackey actively rebuked United States involvement in several wars, including the Civil War, the Revolutionary War, World War II, and the Iraqi conflict.

“The way he was denouncing all of the wars we had been in made me pretty uncomfortable,” said Sarah Bellow, a student who attended the event in September. “I really didn’t agree with his take on our part in World War II.”

After giving reasons that these wars were also unjust Dr. Lackey took aim at wars viewed in a more positive light. “I would

like to argue that it’s possible to be involved in a just war that turns into an unjust war because of things that happen in the course of the war, to fight a just war you have to have a just objective, but you also have to fight the war in a just way,” Lackey said.

The claims of the Burach professor were met with criticism from both CCM students and philosophy professors. Kenneth Shouler of the CCM philosophy department pushed back against Lackey in a discussion about preemptive strikes, specifically regarding the attack on Pearl Harbour in 1941. “To allow preemptive strikes for these circum-

stances would inevitably make them permissible in every other incident,” Lackey said.

“I see where Lackey was coming from in a lot of the lecture,” said student Josh Hold. “They are all great in theory, but I just can’t see it being practical.”

The Legacy Project has planned various events for the remainder of the fall semester, including a trip to the 9/11 museum on Friday, Oct. 18. The next two events on campus are “Altruism in Motion” on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and “Playing for Change: Peace Through Music” on Tuesday, Oct. 15, both will be held at 12:30 to 1:45 in Sheffield Hall 100.

TASC Workshop Schedule Fall 2019				
Workshop	Description	Date	Time	Location
How to Use Blackboard	Learn how to navigate our learning management system that can be used for all courses.	Tuesday 9/17/19	9:30 am, 12:30 pm, & 5:00 pm	SH 120
		Wednesday 10/30/19	11:00 am & 5:00 pm	SH 120
Faculty Expectations and Recourses	Learn what professors expect from you in a college course. Resources on campus will also be discussed.	Monday 9/23/19	11:00 am, 2:00 pm, & 5:00 pm	CH 203
		Thursday 10/3/19	12:30 pm	CH 203
Study Skills	This workshop will offer strategies on ways to study and stay current in courses.	Wednesday 10/2/19	12:30 pm	CH 203
		Thursday 11/7/19	12:30 PM	CH 203
Smart Goals	This presentation will offer tips and strategies to help you create and implement educational goals.	Thursday 10/10/19	12:30 pm	CH 203
Test Taking Strategies	This workshop will offer suggestions and strategies on the best ways to prepare for exams.	Monday 10/14/19	12:30 pm	CH 203
		Wednesday 12/4/19	2:00 pm	CH 203
Time Management	This workshop will assist in gaining a realistic view on managing and prioritizing commitments and time.	Tuesday 10/22/19	2:00 pm	CH 203
		Tuesday 11/19/19	12:30 pm	CH 203
How to Use Titan's Direct	Learn how to navigate the self-service portal for all needs including courses, finances, and grades.	Monday 11/11/19	2:00 pm	CH 203
Wrapping Up the Semester	End of the semester questions? Make sure you are prepared to finish the semester and are planned for the spring semester.	Tuesday 12/10/19	12:30 pm	CH 203

Signs are stellar for astrology at CCM

BY NICOLE PEREIRA
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Astrology has been a dominating cultural topic in which its ubiquity is only rising - especially with college-aged students.

“Astrology” is considered to be “the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world.” as found in the Oxford Dictionary. The term whether or not astrology is considered to be a science or pseudoscience is still being heavily discussed among professional astrologers and researchers.

Regardless of complex questionings, astrology has been a belief system for thousands of years created by the Babylonians. In recent years, many young people have been fascinated by mysticism, spirituality, and the occult.

Lucia Markham, a visual arts major from Chester attending the County College of Morris, expressed her stance on astrology.

“I love astrology! I feel like people our age are getting more into spirituality and astrology, it’s interesting,” Markham said.

“I heard even President Reagan’s wife had an astrologer to help make some of his decisions in the White House,” Markham said.

Astrology has been noted amongst political figures. After an assassination attempt on President Reagan in the 1980s, Nancy Rea-

gan hired astrologer Joan Ceciel Quigley to provide guidance and predict future events. Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt also used astrology and quoted horoscopes.

“I totally resonate with my sign, I’m 100% a Scorpio,” Markham said.

In astrology, with each move into a new astrological sign is a different set of general personality traits that is believed to share commonality with people born among the same time frame. Some individuals may or may not resonate with their sign.

Mark Horner, a music major from Denville attending CCM shares his experience with astrology surrounding him.

“Honestly, I used to feel like it was a girl thing to lean on the stars but now even my boys read their horoscopes,” Horner said with a chuckle.

Astrological apps such as “Co-Star” have heavily risen up in popularity among the app store, making it easy to receive one’s horoscope within a few taps of their phone screen.

“I’m a Virgo and I felt like I wasn’t really a Virgo cause they all shy and reserved. I’m really outgoing actually. Until I discovered that I got more than one sign. Then I looked at my Sagittarius moon and I was like ‘oh that’s why I’m loud’. I got traits from both.” Horner said.

In astrology, a “natal birth chart” is an astrological composition of what psychologically



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makes up a person, with each planet symbolizing a different part of life. For example, a “sun sign” is a representation of one’s outer lifestyle while as a “moon sign” (as Horner mentioned) may represent one’s emotional self.

“I want to learn more about it. It’s interesting how there’s more than one part to you.” Horner said.

There are typically 10 planets in natal birth charts recognized by astrologers.

Mila Odom, a hospitality management major from Morristown attending CCM, eagerly shares the role of astrology in her

life.

“It’s a divine science, even though it’s rejected by science,” Odom said.

With the use of planets, heavenly bodies, and star charts astrology may appear to be scientific.

“All humans have a small percent of stardust, we’re all so connected to the universe, we’re literally, physically made up from the stars!” Odom said.

According to physicscentral.com, “The amount of stardust atoms in our body is 40%.” Science suggests that human bodies have been brought among the explo-

sion of supernova stars, creating the core elements of humans.

“I found an astrology community online on Twitter and I love it. It’s a passion of mine, something I keep on learning new things about every day.” Odom said.

Many astrological online communities are being created on social media sites.

It is evident that college students are flocking to astrology. Whether scientific validity is debatingly present, astrology nevertheless serves as a passion for many open-minded young people.

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