The fall of 2019 saw the Youngtown Edition operating without the support of a faculty advisor, while facing increasing challenges by an administration determined to interfere with the newspaper, according to the Youngtown staff. The fall semester was the culmination of two-and-a-half years of tension between the newspaper and CCM administration.

"In the fall of 2019, the situation escalated as the administration took away our faculty advisor, at first expected to us to train and write the job description of the new unqualified faculty advisor, cut the number of papers being printed in half, threatened to cut more of the printing budget, and continued to try to get the Youngtown to write stories that would show the administration's work in a positive light," Alexa Wyszowski, Editor-in-Chief, said.

The situation brought the Youngtown staff to the Board of Trustees for help.

"We explained what happened, and what the administration has been doing violates students' rights and even the First Amendment," Adam Gentile, Managing Editor, said. "Since then, the Youngtown staff has not heard from any members of the board or the administration on how this will be fixed and ensured to never happen again to any future Youngtown students."

IT STARTED WITH FIRE CERTIFICATES

In the fall of 2017, the Youngtown Edition published a few accurate and award-winning follow-up articles to the November 2016 news story about the outdated fire certificates posted around campus. The Editor-in-Chief at the time, Brett Friedensohn, and Managing Editor at the time, Janaim Shekhi, found that campus officials had provided incorrect information, and that the college was not following the proper procedures to posting the updated fire certificates.

The first follow-up article published on Oct. 11, 2017, noted that certificates were issued under the New Jersey State Uniform Fire Safety Act of 1983, which requires many areas of public service to be inspected by the municipal fire official, who needs to certify that the area is up to code. However, certificates posted in eight areas on campus were expired; the oldest certificate expired in 2008.

In that article, CCM Compliance Officer Dawn Latinsicis said that updated certificates had been issued, but not displayed; she also said, erroneously, that they didn't need to be displayed. The article noted that the Uniform Fire Safety Act, as well as the certificates themselves, explicitly said otherwise. Randolph Fire Official Richard Brunet also confirmed with the Youngtown staff that the certificates needed to be displayed in a prominent location.

The Youngtown advisor at the time, Russ Crespolini, said after this story was published that the certificates posted in eight areas on campus were expired; the oldest certificate expired in 2008. Official Richard Briant also confirmed with the municipal fire official that certificates were issued under the New Jersey State Uniform Fire Safety Act of 1983, which requires many areas of public service to be inspected by the municipal fire official, who needs to certify that the area is up to code. However, certificates posted in eight areas on campus were expired; the oldest certificate expired in 2008.

Dr. Bette Simmons, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Management, had a meeting with him about her concerns related to the fire safety certificates story.

"That was a head-scratcher for me. Rather than getting a thank you for solid journalism that pointed out something that needed to be corrected, I was called into a meeting with Dr. Simmons and told she was tasked with 'getting the Youngtown under control,'" Crespolini said.

Crespolini said the meeting was not a pleasant one, and Simmons, at one point, discussed removing funding from the paper, and requested reading all stories before publication.

"I just politely, but firmly explained that isn't something she should do. It would open up the school to action by the Student Press Law Center as it violates the rights of the student journalists," Crespolini said.

Simmons also shared her concerns with the Youngtown advisor at the time, Russ Crespolini, said after this story was published that the certificates posted in eight areas on campus were expired; the oldest certificate expired in 2008. Official Richard Briant also confirmed with the municipal fire official that certificates were issued under the New Jersey State Uniform Fire Safety Act of 1983, which requires many areas of public service to be inspected by the municipal fire official, who needs to certify that the area is up to code. However, certificates posted in eight areas on campus were expired; the oldest certificate expired in 2008.

The president of CCM at the time was Edward Yaw. According to Crespolini, Yaw was respectful to student journalists, made time to answer questions for stories, and when the newspaper wrote critical stories, Yaw never took any action against them. Then, in the fall of 2016, Anthony Iacono became the new president of CCM.

"Dr. Iacono was great when he arrived here. He was very nice to me, giving me his cell phone number, asking us to participate in a CCM television show, but more importantly he was very good to the students," Crespolini said. "He responded well when they asked him to submit a column for publication, and it was a nice continuation of what had historically been a strong relationship between the administration and the student journalists."

In the 2017 fall semester, the Youngtown ran a story that criticized the college for not having updated fire safety certificates, and also caught members of the administration providing incorrect information. When the story was published, Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, contacted Crespolini with concerns.

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Turmoil

When Brett asked me to look into the outdated fire safety certificates, I assumed that there might be one or two that were outdated, but it turned out that there was a whole lot more," said Sheikh. "I figured that the administration was being attacked by the administration.

I thought it was important to let people know what was going on, but I didn’t expect it to be received with so much controversy," Friedensohn said. "The common sense thing to do, from a public relations perspective, would’ve been to have Latinics or VanDerhoof or whoever say from the beginning, ‘We’re working on it, and we’ll keep you updated.’ Instead, the administration pointed the blame at Jannat and me for it. And unfortunately, our advisor had to fight our battles for us.

MEETINGS THAT NEVER SEEMED TO END

Throughout the next year, Simmons would continue to call the Youngtown staff into meetings and at some of these meetings, even the President of CCM, Dr. Anthony Iacono, would be present. Simmons and Iacono would question the Youngtown staff on where they got their ideas for stories, as well as their sense of integrity and judgment of what was important news for the college. Simmons and Iacono would also recommend story ideas for the Youngtown to cover, which all were stories that would put the college and its administrative work in a positive light.

Crespolini said he was also called into other meetings by the administration where the “direction and tone” of the paper were discussed, as well as “restoring confidence in the newspaper” and “correcting numerous errors.” Other complaints from the administration that were specifically related to the stories included an editorial about the cafeteria food and the satire series.

“I remember that I met with the administration one time just on my own. It was awkward. I felt as if I was in the wrong to ask questions,” Sheikh said.

“It was awkward for me because the administration always came at me trying to appear helpful, but would sprinkle a little passive-aggression on it,” Friedensohn said. “Sure, it was intimidating, but Russ [Crespolini] was there to take the worst of it for us. With that being said though, as an administrator, you don’t sit down with a bunch of student journalists down multiple times to express ‘concerns’ about investigative pieces without trying to push them into self-censorship.”

COLLEGE VICE PRESIDENT ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the summer of 2018, Friedensohn received an email from Simmons the day after he interviewed Thomas Burk, former vice president of Human Resources and Labor Relations, about the faculty union and college being unable to negotiate a new contract. Simmons wanted to meet with Friedensohn as she was “surprised” that he would be returning in fall 2018 for a third semester as the editor-in-chief. Friedensohn had previously informed Simmons verbally at the spring Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) induction that he would be returning, but Russ [Crespolini] was “surprised” that he would be returning in fall 2018.

A few days before the end of the fall semester, Friedensohn received an email from Simmons that he didn’t expect it to be received with so much controversy.

“I think it’s pretty obvious that she was trying to intimidate me. She didn’t quite say, ‘You have to leave,’ but there was certainly an imbalance of power between me, a student, and her, a high-ranking vice president.”

Crespolini said that during the summer of 2018 he was also called into another meeting, where Simmons tried to convince Crespolini to remove Friedensohn as the editor-in-chief.

According to Friedensohn, Simmons thought that he had told her that he was stepping back from his position completely, and that someone else would take it for the fall 2018 semester. Friedensohn told Simmons that he wasn’t sure what he would have said to make her believe that he was stepping down, and that the plan had been, since February, that he would return as editor-in-chief in fall, and that someone else would take over in spring.

“Certainly felt like she was trying to remove me without really saying that I had to go,” Friedensohn said. “I think it’s pretty obvious that she was trying to intimidate me. She didn’t quite say, ‘You have to leave,’ but there was certainly an imbalance of power between me, a student, and her, a high-ranking vice president.”

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From left to right: Alexa Wyszkowski, editor-in-chief; Marco Mirfas, former contributor; Adam Gen tile, managing editor; Anthony Ingham, news editor; Russ Crespolini, former faculty advisor at the May 2019 Campus Life Appreciation Dinner Dance.

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as the editor-in-chief. Crespolini informed Simmons that he would not participate in removing a student from a leadership position, and that if she chose to do so, she would do it without his support.

**COLLEGE PRESIDENT WAS “PERSONALLY OFFENDED” BY CLUB ROOM STORY**

In the fall of 2018, Wyszkowski and Gentile were called into an urgent meeting by Simmons and Iacono. This meeting was about the Nov. 21, 2018 news article, which was about students getting evicted from the club room with little warning in order for renovations to be made for the Student Success Center. The editor-in-chief at the time, Friedensohn, was not invited to or included in this meeting. The meeting was recorded following the NJ one-party consent law, in which a person has the right to record as long as they are a participant in the conversation.

Iacono began the meeting by asking Wyszkowski and Gentile how the club room situation was explained to them because he felt like “something was missing,” and that when he read it, the story came off as “us [the college] doing bad things to students, but they were doing it in order to expand student support.” After a 20-minute conversation in which both Simmons and Iacono expressed how they felt about the story and how incomplete it was, along with suggesting how improvements could be made Iacono asked the question of how “can we get the message out there.”

“When I read it I was like, oh my god, these students feel like they were evicted, they had to store stuff in their cars, and we spent a year in conversation, writing grants, and restructuring to bring more support to the college,” said Iacono. “How can we get that message out that, that [the Student Success Center] is why we had to do that.”

Gentile then offered the suggestion that he and Wyszkowski could write a follow-up story based around the Student Success Center. Gentile mentioned that although he was not forced to offer that suggestion he felt as though he was led to offer it.

“When you close a conversation based around incomplete information and how everyone could do better and how can we get the message out there, it seems pretty obvious that you want a follow-up story to be done,” Gentile said. “Looking back, I hate that I suggested it, because unless the cause for haphazardly moving students out of the club room was because of asbestos or something physically harmful, the reason as to why does not matter. At the end of the day, students were only given a warning in September of that semester. The fact that there was no follow-up message from the school was absolutely shameful, the consequence of that action was shock, uncertainty, and discontent from a lot of the students that were involved.”

**CALM BEFORE THE STORM**

In the first year and a half, the news cycle consisted of a lot of hard news, stories which were critical of the college. In the spring of 2019 the cycle changed, as there wasn’t much news to write about on campus. The Youngtown staff also had a new leadership editorial team for the first time in three semesters. In the spring of 2019, the student staff members, who had been there during the previous semesters, said that the tension between the administration and the Youngtown seemed to have calmed down and, perhaps, even dissolved.

The administration seemed to be supportive of the Youngtown, and Simmons and Iacono even latched onto the award the Youngtown received from the Morris County Freeholders by attending the event and posing in photos. However, neither Iacono or Simmons informed or even invited Crespolini to the Freeholders event, as the members of the Youngtown had told and invited him. Crespolini attended the event but was not included in the photos. The Morris County Freeholders control a portion of CCM’s budget. The Youngtown staff also won multiple awards through the NJ Press Foundation College Newspaper Contest, but the administration ignored these.

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**SOME MONEY**

In the summer of 2019, both Wyszkowski and Gentile worked at the New Student Orientations at school. During this time, Wyszkowski got called into the office of Don Phelps, Director of Campus Life, for multiple meetings about the Youngtown printing budget. Gentile said he was never included in any of these meetings. Wyszkowski said that Phelps wanted to help “save the college some money,” and to do so he wanted to change the printing method of the Youngtown by cutting the costs down to what Phelps claimed in an email was “50% savings.”

“I told him [Phelps] that I was open to helping the school out, but once I saw the proofs of how he wanted to print it, I knew there was no way I would be able to sacrifice the quality of the paper,” said Wyszkowski.

The Youngtown faculty advisor gave her, which she rejected, included the newspaper printed on copy paper stapled together and slightly larger paper that fell apart when it was picked up. Wyszkowski said Phelps had her strike an “under the table” deal with him to raise $1,900 in ad revenue instead of $6,000 in ad revenue instead of $6,000 in ad revenue because of asbestos or something physically harmful, the reason as to why does not matter. At the end of the day, students were only given a warning in September of that semester. The fact that there was no follow-up message from the school was absolutely shameful, the consequence of that action was shock, uncertainty, and discontent from a lot of the students that were involved.”

**BY THE WAY, THE FACULTY ADVISOR IS GONE**

The day after the Youngtown staff put together their first newspaper of the fall 2019 semester was when Phelps told Wyszkowski that Crespolini was no longer the Youngtown faculty advisor or an adjunct professor at the college.

“I happened to be working a table for PTK, when he [Phelps] came up to me and asked me to meet with him in office, and then told me that Russ [Crespolini] was gone, and I couldn’t stop cry-
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ing,” said Wyszkowski. “But I now wonder if I wasn’t working the PTK table at that time, if and when we would ever been told that we didn’t have an advisor.”

Simmons came into Phelps’ office later, as Wyszkowski had a lot of questions that Phelps wasn’t able to answer, but that Simmons would be able to provide more information. Simmons claimed that Crespolini was gone because of a personnel issue and was let go at the end of July, and that the Youngtown staff would only be without an advisor for a “short amount of time.” Simmons said there was a new advisor in mind that would be a full-time faculty member with more experience and time. Wyszkowski said this meeting was an hour and 45 minutes long, and that Simmons, when referring to Crespolini, said that “we got rid of him” and then after said “forget I said that.”

The Youngtown staff expressed that the shock of losing their advisor was not only upsetting, but also devastating as well. For more about Russ Crepolini and his removal, see the sidebar: “Youngtown advisor removed by CCM administration.”

STUDENTS TOLD TO TRAIN FACULTY ADVISOR

A week after the Youngtown staff found out that Crespolini was gone, Phelps called Wyszkowski to say that a new advisor was found, but that they would have to wait to meet him until Phelps and Simmons introduced him. Wyszkowski said she had sent a few emails to this advisor before the initial in-person meeting, and that he seemed to know nothing about the Youngtown.

Before meeting this new advisor, Wyszkowski explained that she was sitting in the hallway when Simmons found her and said that the new advisor would work out well, and that Wyszkowski and the Youngtown staff would be helping train the new advisor.

When the Youngtown staff finally met their new advisor, they said it was surprising to learn what Simmons had told them about this person wasn’t accurate at all.

“We were given a professor who told us he had no journalistic experience and was set to teach seven classes that semester,” said Anthony Ingham, News Editor. “Of course we were confused.”

Wyszkowski said that the entire Youngtown staff had concerns about the new faculty advisor, and that she went to Simmons a few days later to ask for help.

“When we were told we were expected to teach our brand new advisor how to run a newspaper and how being an advisor works, to us fledgling journalists, who were there to learn how to put together a newspaper, I don’t think any of us knew what to say,” said Ingham.

In this meeting, Simmons stated that Wyszkowski was the only person on campus that knew what the responsibilities of the editor-in-chief and faculty advisor were. Simmons also said that the Youngtown staff would have to be patient and wait for the new advisor to “learn journalism.” After this meeting concluded, Simmons sent an email clarifying that Wyszkowski and the Youngtown staff would not have to train the new advisor, and that Simmons would be willing to read and review stories to “help out.”

But before this meeting could finish, Kathleen Brunet interrupted explaining that she was sent down from Iacono to inform Wyszkowski about the work/students protesting. Simmons and Brunet also asked if Wyszkowski knew of any students that were interested, and if any were, that they should contact Simmons and Brunet immediately. A few days later, Wyszkowski would receive an email from Simmons asking for a confirmation if it was true that the Youngtown was going to cover the student’s protest story.

The next day, Wyszkowski spoke with the new advisor and learned that the administration had never even provided him with a job description, and that he thought that he would just be checking for spelling and grammar. The new advisor also expressed concerns about the time commitment. In response to this information, Wyszkowski went to the chair of the English department, Dr. Janet Eber, and told her what was going on. With this, Eber scheduled a meeting for the Youngtown staff to meet with James Hart, the dean of liberal arts and fine arts, we had even done some twelve-page editions, and the number of pages never seemed to be a problem. It felt like the Youngtown was expected to fail,” said Wyszkowski.

A few days after this meeting, Phelps sent the job description from over ten years ago and asked for recommendations and suggestions to update it, in which none of the students from the Youngtown staff did.

ONE LAST EMAIL, THEN NONE; COMMUNICATION STOPPED FOR WEEKS

In the middle of October 2019, Wyszkowski received an email from Simmons asking her to meet with Simmons and Iacono. Wyszkowski said that the email was so vague that she had to ask for clarification, and that once she realized that the meeting would be about a story idea that Simmons and Iacono wanted to suggest, she turned down the meeting. The email Wyszkowski got in response from Simmons would be one that Wyszkowski would never reply to. The email from Simmons was also sent to Janet Akeson, executive administrative assistant; Denise Bell, executive administrative assistant to the president and recording secretary to the BOT; and Joanne Hugues, executive administrative assistant to the president, and stated the following: “Alexa, I will let Dr. Iacono know that you are ‘too busy’ to meet with him. Additionally, for the remainder of the semester I will not rely on the Youngtown Edition to serve as an information resource for the student body. We will use another medium to share critical information to students. Bette M. Simmons, Ed. D.”

“When I got that email from her [Simmons] I was shocked. I couldn’t believe that an administrator would send something like that to a student,” said Wyszkowski.

The Youngtown staff didn’t hear from Simmons or Phelps for over two weeks after the email Simmons sent to Wyszkowski. When Wyszkowski finally got another email from Simmons, it was about a new potential advisor, and that week Simmons unexpectedly showed up at the Youngtown production meeting.

“Out of the blue, Simmons came into production and just stood there watching,” Gentile said. “While she was there, the
A coffee event ended. Wyszkowski pulled out the hallway away from the Youngtown staff for a private conversation.

“All I wanted was her [Simmons] to apologize for her email. I was willing to let it go. I had said it, and I never got an apology,” said Wyszkowski.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT KNEW NOTHING

Many members of the Youngtown staff were shocked Monday in November that they got a very long email from the Youngtown Gmail account early in October, which stated that they were going through a short-term layoff. Wyszkowski said that sending this email was essential to obtaining enough content for the sixth edition.

It was in an email to the staff that it was a risk in order to get enough content, and that involved sending a super long email to the students. The morning, which was the first written thing that detailed what the Youngtown and I were going through, was written.

This email went out to three faculty members and about 60 students. The email encouraged the students to send their stories and help contribute to the edition. Coincidentally, later that very same day, Wyszkowski got a phone call from Denise Bell, where she was asked to either talk to Iacono over the phone or get in his office as soon as possible. Wyszkowski took a friend with her so she wouldn’t be alone, and they quickly learned that, apparently, there was a new change to the Youngtown situation and what his administrative team was doing. Iacono wanted to cut from the Youngtown.

Vanderhoof waited outside the meeting, as well as the complete Youngtown staff. This included the complete Youngtown at these meetings, as well as multiple members also recorded these meetings, as usual, NJ is a one-party consent state. The first meeting was about 40 minutes long and was the Youngtown staff with Iacono and Bell, while Simmons and Phelps Vanderhoof waited outside the door. The meeting with Iacono from college was planning to address the concerns the Youngtown had about administrative interference, the printing budget, the work environment, and anything else the Youngtown might need. In this meeting, the Youngtown staff asked Iacono any questions, and the questions he wasn’t able to answer he said Simmons and Iacono should be able to answer Iacono clarified that the newspaper would continue to be printed on newsprint, the amount of pages would be up to the students on staff to decide and that the Youngtown staff wouldn’t have to sell $6,000 of ads.

The second meeting started when Iaco was at the door of the other administrative department, and it lasted for about an hour. Vanderhoof first explained that the budgets are built in a year in advance, and that the Office of Campus Life budget is made from college, and the Youngtown is a part of that. “These allocations are based upon how many newspapers we’re going to print, that’s the number of pages you’re going to print for each edition, and then we can determine what it means to add pages, take away pages,” said Vanderhoof.

“I feel like if I didn’t agree to that we wouldn’t have had the newspaper,” said Wyszkowski.

“Well, that was an agreement between you and I, and I said that’s just between you and I,” said Phelps.

After Phelps made that statement, the administration then determined that this “under the table deal” was just a “miscommunication.”

The meeting concluded with the following statements from Simmons.

“If you are all struggling, I’m concerned if there are any other clubs and organizations out there whose leadership feels they can’t talk to the Office of Campus Life,” said Simmons. “Our job is to advocate for you, [and] if you don’t trust your advisors, I’m very concerned as well. Let us know if we are missing the mark somewhere, please.”

Many members of the Youngtown staff who attended these meetings said they were long, overwhelming, mostly unproductive and emotionally draining.

One of the only things that these two meetings accomplished was that the Office of Campus Life would write a key to the Youngtown production room, so that the staff wouldn’t have to wait and then wait for Public Safety to arrive to unlock the door each time. The other thing these meetings accomplished was that the number of printed newspapers would change from 600 to 900, but this change would not be officially confirmed until Jan. 17.

The Youngtown would like to apologize to all those who purchased ads in the fall 2019 semester, as the rate card stated that the print run was 1,500, and in fall 2019, it was only 600. The Youngtown rate card will be updated to reflect 900, now that this new number has been told to the Youngtown staff and confirmed as the new print run. The Youngtown staff would like to give each of the four advertising companies who purchased ads during the fall 2019 semester a free ad during the spring 2020 semester.

YOUNGTOWN CONTACTED STUDENT PRESS LAW CENTER

When the Youngtown staff went to the Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 19, 2019, as Wyszkowski, Gentile, and Iacono informed the board about the recent acts by CCM officials that they described as extremely distressing and raising serious legal concerns.

“We structured our speeches into three parts,” Gentile said. “Alexa’s part was a narrative since, unfortunately, the administration seemed to focus exclusively on her. My part took a closer look at actions taken against Alexa and, by extension, the Youngtown. This included the secret deal between Alexa and Phelps, and us being blamed for our unrealistic expectations.”

Finally, Anthony closed our speech by reading a letter from the SPLC that talked about how the administration’s actions raised “serious concerns” in regard to press freedom.

About a month after the board meeting, the SPLC published a story about the Youngtown, including a full version of the speeches Wyszkowski, Gentile, and Ingham read at the board meeting, as well as the complete letter that Hiestand wrote to the staff.

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STUDENT PUBLISHING LAW CENTER

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the night after the Youngtown staff spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting, 350 newspapers were stolen from campus, only hours after the sixth edition had been distributed. In response to this theft, the Youngtown staff, on Thursday, Nov. 21 filed a report about the stolen newspapers with John Fichter, the Assistant Director of Public Safety. They also filed a report with the Randolph Police on Monday, Nov. 25.

The Youngtown staff emailed Fichter on Monday, Dec. 2 asking if Public Safety had any updates. The next day, instead of receiving an email back from him, John Caffee, Dean of Student Development and Enrollment Management, responded. Her email had Simmons, Fichter, VanDerohe

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From left to right: Christian Ingham, contributor; Anthony Ingham, news editor; Alexa Wyszkowski, editor-in-chief; Adam Gentile, managing editor at the Nov. 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.
One of the letters of appeal explained that the specific section of OPRA refers to student records, whereas FERPA and OPRA are not included in that category. The records, created by the Department of Public Safety, were not for disciplinary action or proceeding, as the Office of Student Development and Enrollment Management would create records for disciplinary action or proceeding. Under the Office of Student Development and Enrollment section of the CCM website, students are informed of misconduct based on the Student Code of Conduct, which will be brought to the attention of the office, and in conjunction with the Student Judicial Board, disciplinary actions are decided. Students involved in disciplinary proceedings would go through the Office of Student Development and Enrollment Management, not the Department of Public Safety.

The letter of appeal also explained that the specific section of FERPA does not apply to this situation, and FERPA does not say that disclosure of law enforcement unit records is required or prohibited. Law enforcement records are not education records protected under FERPA. The records that the Department of Public Safety has are not education records nor are disciplinary records or proceeding against a student. The Youngtown requested, according to CCM, “relates to information records nor are disciplinary records or proceeding against a student.” The only new information the Youngtown got from these redacted documents was confirmation that the newspapers were being taken and thrown out. The Youngtown still does not know who stole the newspapers.

LET’S NOT REPEAT HISTORY

All that the Youngtown Edition has been through is some thing that no student newspaper or publication at a public college should ever have to go through. Unfortunately, based on previous editions of the Youngtown Edition throughout the history of the college, the Youngtown and administration have had problems before. When the administration was in the wrong, instead of taking responsibility, they have blamed the Youngtown and even used them as the “scapegoat.” See the image from CCM archives from Nov. 1981, titled “Youngtown used as scapegoat.”

Problems between the Youngtown and administration even go back as far as 1970, where the Youngtown was suspended by the administration, as various circumstances such as misunderstandings, lack of communication, and petty power struggles exist in CCM as they do in most institutions. Unfortunately, we [the Youngtown Edition] have been caught in the midst of such a dilemma.” See the image from CCM archives from Mar. 1970, titled “Dear Readers.”

Since the November 2019 Board of Trustees meeting, the only administrator who has reached out to the Youngtown staff was Phelps, who emailed the Youngtown confirming the new number of newspapers to be printed. The rest of the administration and Board of Trustees have been silent.

Until Monday, Jan. 20, two days before the start of the semester, and the day of the first Youngtown weekend deadline of the semester, the Youngtown received an email from Simmons explaining that the new potential advisor has been “appointed,” and that the Youngtown staff should plan to meet with him within the first few weeks of the semester. The email did not include anything else related to the Youngtown.

Crespolini said he hopes that the Youngtown students sharing what happened to them will have two effects. The first would be getting them a faculty advisor, administrative support and the autonomy they deserve to pursue good journalism. The second, is to galvanize a move in Trenton. “There is a bill that made it out of committee and stalled in the State House, which would have two effects. The first would be getting them a faculty advisor, administrative support and the autonomy they deserve to pursue good journalism. The second, is to galvanize a move in Trenton.”

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people down there, so I am hopeful we can use this to get this done."

The Youngtown staff said their first edition of spring was the best time to share in the newspaper what had happened to them, as Jan. 29 happens to be Student Press Freedom Day across the country. In this edition, they hope will be the one that helps change history at CCM for good.

According to the U.S. Supreme Court, public college student newspapers and media are protected by the First Amendment.

"The law is clear: at a public college or university, the student editor is responsible for making all decisions regarding the editorial content in his or her student publication. School officials, while they may act in an advisory role, are required to exercise a strictly "hands-off" approach. For example, those acting on the school's behalf, may not withdraw, withhold or limit funding, fire editors, fire student media advisers, censor articles or issues, "stack" a publications board, limit access to facilities or equipment or take any other action whose effect or intent is to mold, manipulate, punish or otherwise inhibit constitutionally protected expression," said Hiestand from SPLC. "Moreover, courts have been steadfast in holding that administrators cannot censor or otherwise take action against a student publication merely because they are unhappy with its content, be it for reasons of political views, physical appearance, or a fear of "inferior quality."

Hiestand also gave an opinion about the suggestion from Phelps for the newspaper to be printed on different materials other than newsprint.

"I have worked with the Student Press Law Center for about 30 years," said Hiestand. "Were the Youngtown Edition to follow Mr. Phelps directive to print on copy paper stapled together it would, as far as I know, have the inglorious distinction of being the only college student newspaper in the country to do so."

The 2020 theme for Student Press Freedom Day is "this is what student press freedom looks like," and even though the Youngtown staff recently has not been able to fully know what that would look like, they said they have hopes that the college officials will take the time to learn about student press freedom rights.

"I urge you to share this information with CCM officials and ask that they reconsider their actions and work with you to amicably resolve your concerns. I cannot imagine that they want to find themselves the defendants in a First Amendment legal battle."

As of press time, the Youngtown staff said they are still waiting for the administration and board of trustees to contact them in hopes that this can all be resolved. The Youngtown staff said they are still operating without a faculty advisor, and are still afraid that the administration may try to do something similar to this again in the future, as history at CCM seems only to continue to repeat itself. However, according to the Youngtown staff, there is still hope that this can change, and that the Youngtown Edition will become free of administrative inference.

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ly explained that isn't something she should do," Crespolini said. "It opened up the situation to action by the Student Press Law Center as it violates the rights of the student journalists."

The relationship between the Youngtown and the administration would change from this point forward. Simmons and Iacono had been dealing with things with the Youngtown staff regularly to question the staff on their choices and actions related to stories. During those meetings, Simmons and Iacono would also suggest positive public relations stories to be written about the college. Then, Iacono stopped sending in his column to the newspaper. The NJ Press Foundation College Newspaper Contest awards earned by the newspaper staff that were used to celebrate were changed to recognize completely by the administration.

Crespolini said there were further problems that had come into the administration by the "direction and tone" of the paper were discussed, as well as "restoring confidence" and "correcting numerous errors."

"This was all very odd because during this time, the professor was winning awards for its work and being praised by outside agencies for the quality and professionalism of the staff," Crespolini said.

During the same time, Crespolini applied to become a full-time professor, but his application, as he told it, was stopped by Simmons. He was also told his application was the unanimous choice of the steering committee, department chair and dean.

"You had to only say what I was told. And the person who told me had no reason to lie and is now at this very school," Crespolini said. "Ultimately, considering what the full-time faculty have gone through in terms of dealing with Simmons and the toxic culture on campus, it most likely was a blessing."

In January 2018, Crespolini spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting to share his experience with the application process, and also to ask that they make sure that retaliatory behavior does not happen to anyone else.

"They looked into it and things were changed procedurally. Both the vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of Liberal Arts were gone shortly thereafter and the situation settled. A few moments here and there when Dr. Simmons tried to get me to remove an editor or two was the issue with a story," Crespolini said. "But having been a journalist for a couple decades, this is sort of what happens with entrenched authority. You never take it personally. My focus was always on the student experience."

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Advice before starting college

BY RAVEN O’HERN
Contributor

In high school, teachers say college professors will not be lenient and will not tolerate “this or that.” Students approach college with fear and excitement, not knowing what to expect from college overall. Some County College of Morris students have input on advice that would have helped them if it were told to them a few years ago.

If only students were given the opportunity to hear advice that actually helps them survive or cope better with college as a whole. High school teachers like to approach the idea of students going to college with strictness and make it appear to be tougher than it is in an attempt to make students shape up.

Dillon Imes, a CCM design major, opens up on advice he wishes he had received in previous years.

“Make money and be smart on how you spend it,” Imes said. “Save as much as you can while you’re young. You will think back to that money when you truly need it.”

Money plays a factor in almost every college student’s life. Sometimes it is the decision between buying a meal, buying a textbook, or access code for a class. Being money-conscious at any age is important, but seems to be more important at an age where it can be turned around if something unfortunate happens.

Allyssa Griceo, a CCM nursing major, also would have liked to receive advice of this sort in her past.

“You don’t have to buy books on campus,” Griceo said. “You can rent books or buy them cheaper online.”

Nothing about college is cheap, as students actively enrolled in classes already know. From the books to the gas we spend in order to travel to our classes, college is a hefty feat that many people can accomplish or balance along with their work and social lives. There is a lot to balance as a college student, including work, classes, homework, and having a social life.

Along with being smart with money and being able to cut corners with textbooks and class supplies, time management is also crucial for college students. Kyra Mann, a CCM psychology major, utilizes time management in order to get by.

“Time management is key,” Mann said. “Don’t put too much on your plate.”

Time management is a skill that is easily acquired by some, but for others, it can be difficult to attain. If a student is finding it difficult to practice time management, the student can find a free app to help them stay organized and even purchase a paper planner on top of their schedule.

A thing to think about as a college student is that if there was any piece of advice that you wish you could receive as a student about to enter college, what would it be?

Tips for getting back into a new semester at college

BY KATRINA IRHIN
Acting Copy Editor

Whether you are going into your first semester at college or your eighth one at the same institute you have been going to for years, trying to adjust to a new college semester can be a challenge. However, by devoting some time and energy to different techniques that are designed to make college easier to handle, the workload and stresses that come with it can become easier to deal with. Here are several tips on how to make not only this semester easier for you, but also every future one you are going to have.

To begin, the first tip is to wake up at the same time every day. This rule applies to everyone, whether you have to get up at 9:00 in the morning every single day of the week, or if you have to get up early some days while other days you can sleep in as late as you wish. Some of the benefits of waking up at the same time every day, according to verywellhealth.com, are that it is easier to wake up, sleep deprivation is decreased, immune system function is improved, and the ability to drive more safely and attentively is increased -- all of which are vital to making (commuting to) college easier to handle. It does not matter what time you choose to wake up or what time you go to sleep the night before, just as long as you wake up at the same time everyday.

The second tip is to get started with studying in the semester as soon as possible. Though holding off on school work for a few days does not seem like a big deal, nor does it assume an automatic failure for the course, considering all of the reading and work that classes demand, it is very easy to get left behind and not be able to complete all of the work and reading needed to be prepared as can be. For classes where readings are assigned on a weekly basis, chances are, at least one chapter is expected to be read within the first week of school. Getting started with textbook reading (as well as other assignments) as soon as possible can help you be able to study throughout the semester at a comfortable pace and reduce the chances of getting left behind.

A third tip is to take advantage of extra credit opportunities whenever possible. Some professors offer extra credit to add points to tests and quizzes, your final grade, and so on. Taking advantage of different extra credit opportunities throughout the semester will make the extra credit accumulate, and therefore can have a larger impact on your final grade than you might have thought. Though it might be difficult to see so far away, taking advantage of as many extra credit opportunities as possible can mean the difference between a B+ and an A-, or even a failing grade versus a passing one. Taking some time out of your night to go to that one extra credit lecture or travelling out of town can mean a sizeable difference to your grades.

The final piece of advice is to seek help if you are dealing with stress from college, any sort of problem in life, or are struggling with issues with mental health. There is no shame in seeking help; however, if you still feel reluctant about reaching out for help, you can talk to someone at the Office of Counseling Services & Student Success, located in the Student Community Center, Room 118. Visiting the office is a largely anonymous process, as you can do it in private without telling anyone. In addition, seeking out a therapist is confidential (with very few exceptions). Seeking professional help can assist in not only managing issues with mental health and the stresses that college brings, but also helps in managing work-related stress, relationship-related stress, or any stress that life might throw at you. Some additional information about the Office of Counseling Services & Student Success:

Phone: (973) 328-5140
Fax: (973) 328-5141
Email: counseling@ccm.edu

Roving Reporter: What are your plans for a successful semester?

Jesse Cole, Mechanical Engineering Technology major

“To focus on my work and do the best I can.”

Matthew Becker, Liberal Arts major

“Make sure to balance homework and a healthy sleep schedule.”

Ananya Mahalingak, no major

“Better time management.”

Evan Szkatliuk, Business Management major

“Make time to do all school work.”
Opinion: Public Transit and CCM

By Luna Wroblewski

Photo Editor / Photographer

How do you get to campus everyday? I’m sure you have a driver's license and a vehicle that you use.

But, what if you’re like me? I have an incredibly huge fear of driving a car; and long for the day I can live in the city and pay $2.75 (NYC) or $2.00 (Philadelphia) for a ride across town. For the time being, however, I’m stuck with asking friends and family for 45 minute rides everywhere. There has to be a better way, right?

Well, if you live in Morris-town, Morris Plains, Parsippany-Troy Hills, Dover, or Roxbury, you’re in luck. The NJ Transit 875 Bus will drop you right outside of the Student Center. If you don’t live near the before-mentioned towns, it’s a bit more complicated than that.

I live in Kinnelon, which is a part of Morris County; however, I feel like this place, along with much more of the county, is forgotten about when we talk about commuting to the county’s school.

I called NJ Transit and spoke with a customer service representative who works specifically in the Schedule and Route Department. I told her where I live, and the location of the bus stop closest to me, as well as the fact that my earliest classes begin at 9:30 a.m. three days a week this upcoming semester. I was told that if I wanted to be on time to class, I would need to take a bus to Port Authority, walk to Penn Station, take a train to Morristown, and take the 875 bus to CCM.

She didn’t mention what time I had to catch all these rides, just that it would cost me $27.90 for a one-way trip to school. If I took later classes, I would be lucky enough to take the bus to Wil-morado, transfer to Morristown, and take 875 to CCM. That would cost me $9.25, which isn’t terrible and I would probably be willing to spend it — if it didn’t take 3 hours to get to school in the same coun-

try that I live in.

Now I get it. I’m the minority here. I don’t drive. Why should the school, or NJ Transit, care about making sure I can get to school? Because CCM is a community college. It should be accessible to the community. Everyone in the community should have access to this school, whether they drive to it or not. Having one bus route to the school is unacceptable and we, the students, deserve better than that.

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Opinion: Why You Should Study Philosophy at CCM

By Jared Brodsky

Contributor

With the multitude of distractions attached to our fast-paced modern lifestyle, it is becoming increasingly difficult to take a step back and contemplate the basic principles upon which all of our more complex ideas rely. Philosophy, from the Greek phil-
osophia, meaning “love of wisdom,” has been defined in many ways, but I have always thought of it simply as an inquiry into the most fundamen-
tal nature of the universe and its constituents, the study of these basic principles.

“But why is it important to study philosophy?” you may ask. My answer is as follows: Whether or not the presence of philosophical thought is something of which we are always cognizant, we are indeed always thinking, declaring academic bankruptcy for all courses taken during their ini-
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I could get with my less-than-desirable GPA. My options were limited only to community col-

lege, and I didn’t want to attend Sussex County Community Col-

lege. CCM offered me a chance to leave my county and to obtain the quality education I craved.

A rough semester, extenuat-

ing circumstances or laziness are all reasons your GPA may sink below a 3.0. Though a GPA be-

low 3.0 isn’t irretrievable, it does attest to your commitment to your degree.

College isn’t for everybody, and not every college class is for everybody. There is no shame in withdrawing from classes to re-

discover why you’re here in the first place: your passion.

For students who are seeking a second chance, CCM offers it through an exception called aca-
demic bankruptcy.

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California law takes a shot at NCAA

BY MICHAEL ROVETTO
Contributor

Some student-athletes at County College of Morris support the idea of college athletes getting paid because they understand the hard work that goes into playing a college sport. They believe it is foolish to allow the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to profit off their own athletes without them earning a single penny in return.

California Gov. Gavin Newsome has already signed a bill to allow college athletes to hire their own agents and make money off endorsements. The bill is set to take effect in 2023, and the reality is that college athletes throughout the nation could be paid in the future. Others believe this bill threatens the business model of college sports. The NCAA has had a notion that athletes should earn a degree, not money, for their own athletes without them making money off their popularity. This bill contradicts everything the NCAA believes in.

CCM athletic director Jack Sullivan has first-hand experience when it comes to managing an athletic program. He provided an expert opinion on the California bill that will be put into place. “I commend California for being proactive and starting the ball rolling while the rest of the country continues to just talk about making changes,” Sullivan said. “While I commend California for taking action, I am not sure what the impact will be.

The competitive balance is now clearly leaning towards the West Coast. I’m not sure how it is to fair for the rest of the country. This, coupled with the BCS [Bowl Championship Series], has in my opinion severely diminished the power of the NCAA. We will not know the total impact of this new opportunity for DI [Division I] student-athletes for some time, but it will surely be interesting as it unfolds.”

CCM student Nolan Leger, a communication major, knows what it is like to be a student-athlete as he plays baseball for the community college. Leger, who is from Bridgewater, New Jersey, is a left-handed pitcher and occasionally plays in the outfield. He shared what a typical day is during the baseball season.

“Next semester I have an 8 a.m. class and then an 11 a.m. class,” Leger said. “School is all ways first. School comes before baseball, so if I have to take a test on game day, I’m going to take the test. I can’t go to the game. I also have to let the coach know. Baseball’s practices usually start around 2 [p.m.], and we go until 5 [p.m.], maybe 6 [p.m.]. We go over plays for defense and stuff like that. The pitchers have a lot of signs we have to go through, bunt plays, etc., so it’s a very long day. Every day is a long day, and I live 45 minutes away. So I get to school for sports, students attending still understand what student-athletes experience at major Division I programs. They believe there is a problem with athletes being mistreated, and that they should be able to make money off their popularity.

A student-athlete has little time to do anything, let alone homework. This is not to mention what playing a sport is like at a powerhouse four-year university. One could only imagine how much time and hard work goes into the preparation and practice on a daily basis.

“I do support student-athletes getting paid, as a lot of us don’t have time for a job,” said Gabriella Maffei, a member of the CCM volleyball team and human services major. “I think it’s wrong how the NCAA is able to make money off their own players’ names at big division one schools, but the athletes themselves can’t.”

Student-athletes are not permitted to make money off their own name, according to the NCAA rules and regulations. There have been numerous instances in which college athletes have been suspended and, in some cases, kicked out of college for receiving money from friends, family members, and coaches.

The most recent case involves Ohio State star defensive lineman Chase Young, who has been suspended two games for accepting a loan last year from a family friend, which he fully repaid. Although CCM is a small school for sports, students attending still understand what student-athletes experience at major Division I programs. They believe there is a problem with athletes being mistreated, and that they should be able to make money off their popularity.

Money piles up as the NCAA could be paying their athletes in the future.

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CCM professor attempting second candidacy for Congress

BY NICK DUVA
Staff Writer

County College of Morris history professor Mark Washburne announced his candidacy as a Democrat for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2020 for New Jersey’s 11th Congressional District on Sept. 17, 2019. The district covers parts of Essex, Sussex, Passaic, and Morris counties. The district also encompasses CCM.

The seat is currently held by Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (Dem.-Montclair), who swung the district from red to blue in the 2018 midterm election in a district that has been long-held by Republicans for over 30 years.

He formally announced his candidacy Sept. 17. The significance of his announcement is that Sept. 17 is Constitution Day, which is the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution in 1787.

Washburne said that he was sick and tired of watching President Donald Trump’s administration breaking the law continuously and violating the oath of office. According to Washburne’s campaign website, he is dismayed by Trump’s actions and supports the impeachment inquiry stating: “We are now faced with a new challenge, however, on whether we can ‘keep it’ – this Republic – due to the unethical and illegal actions our president takes. I am sick and tired of watching President Trump’s administration break the law continuously and violate the oath of office. Accordingly, I am officially announcing my candidacy for the 11th District of New Jersey to run for the 2020 election because he’s already read it, and he’s informed me about the current events.”

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