Fractured Negotiations

Labor negotiations started in late March 2013; men and women sat around a table and began talking about numbers, contracts, and injustices. The Administration, Support, Professional, Faculty, and Adjunct Associations are the five unions present on campus, all representing different groups of BCC employees. From secretaries to teachers all the way to administration, these are the unions that defend and negotiate the best terms for their respective members, all with very qualified professionals.

Every time that there is an issue regarding any of their members, negotiations between unions and administration commence until a compromise is reached and everybody is satisfied, but sometimes compromises are difficult to come to. Just look at the Treaty of Versailles.

Our very own Faculty Association has been working without a contract since June 30 when it expired, leaving staff members feeling adrift and frustrated. Much of this frustration is due to the fact that two years ago, the FA gave up a portion twice in favor of keeping the student tuition from rising and some staff members from losing their jobs, which in turn helped the students as well as the administration. That sacrifice was only supposed to last one year, but it is now two years and counting, and nothing has been done to reach an agreement about the faculty’s wages.

BCC Aids in Successful Transfers

Bergen is a great school, but everyone here yearns to advance academically. For those looking to transfer to a 4-year school, luck is on your side! BCC has many connections to some of the best colleges and universities in the area, with our college fairs regularly attended by representatives from Columbia, NYU, Rutgers, and many more. However, the transfer process is no walk in the park, and many students frequently get confused as to what should be done, resulting often in failed attempts at transferring.

The first thing to do is to walk into the Center of Student Success (Room A-218 of Parkin Building) and meet with a transfer counselor.

Getting a counselor’s help is crucial. Not only will it make the process much easier, but it’ll greatly raise chances to get accepted into your desired school. Together you will sit and choose the best school for you, based on your academic progress and major. They will then assist you with your paperwork and applications, all the while contacting the schools that you are applying for and beginning the transfer request.

On the other hand, it is not wise to contact schools on your own. Counselors will be able to reach other colleges and universities more quickly, and will be met with professional courtesy, especially when reaching out to schools that they are connected with. While they work their magic in the office, students should be preparing as much as possible for the transfer.

The obvious thing is to reach the required amount of credits. The smartest chance is to finish Bergen’s program and get an Associates Degree, rather than attempting an early transfer. Many who transfer out without a degree often find a large portion of their credits not accepted by 4-year schools, and end up having to (continued on page 2)
Is The Path to The Hall of Honors Dangerous to Disabled Students?

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around the boundary of Orchard Hills Golf Course. This causes a student to cross a length of grass that any disabled student would be hard pressed to traverse. An alternative route a disabled student can take is by following the sidewalk that follows the A Lot. There are no less than three crosswalks, one of which leads to the path mentioned before, but the only way down to the path is by a set of four steps. Therefore, this route is inaccessible to students in a wheelchair.

There are several routes an able-bodied student can take to get to the Hall, but what about a student in a wheelchair or other type of locomotive assistance device?

If the student does continue the path that goes straight through the traffic circle that leads to the bus stop they must go out of their way to get to the Hall of Honors parking lot.

The path of least resistance in a disabled student’s case would be to take the path that follows along on the West Hall side, instead of having to cross dangerous traffic areas. The current ADA compliant path is one that follows Parking Lot A and continues along the islands that separate the traffic circles. When a disabled student finally reaches the closest bus stop on BCC’s side of Paramus Rd. they must then cross yet another intersection that is just as dangerous if not more than the others: the exit loop for Paramus Road.

From this point they must then go around to the walkway and then turn left into the Hall of Honors parking lot. If the steps on the pathway ‘A’ that follows along the side of the West Hall were to include a ramp of some type it would alleviate the problems of having to cross busy and dangerous intersections, thus creating a much more safe pathway. Every member of the Honors Program and PTK should have the same routes to take to the Honors Hall to use the facilities that they have so rightfully earned.

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retrace those courses. Finishing up with BCC ensures that most (if not all) of your credits will be accepted, especially if applying to a school in New Jersey, where this is legally required.

When taking summer courses, go for as many General Education classes as possible, and leave the specialization courses for later. It is best to get the hard stuff done now and have an easier time later on. Also, many schools will require you retake specialization courses whether you’ve taken them or not.

When taking summer or winter classes, remember that these courses are particularly intense, meeting everyday and covering large amounts of material in very little time. Do not use these sessions to get rid of a class you don’t like quickly, but rather speed up graduation by taking classes that you are familiar with or have to retake. When getting a letter of recommendation, ask a few months in advance to a professor in your major who knows you well, explaining what you need in the letter so as to let them know what to write about you. Along with earning credits and getting a recommendation, it’s important to enrich your transcript with extracurricular activities and programs. There are tons of activities taking place on campus and outside in the form of internships and community service, that offer the chance to get first hand experience in the field that you are pursuing, often earning you college credits on the side. When looking at your transcript, schools will be looking for involvement in these programs, many even requiring them. For more information on which programs best suit your major and the schools that you’re looking at, visit the Dept. of Service Learning (also located in Room A-118).

Lastly, remember to get things started ASAP. The transfer process should begin at the start of the semester preceding graduation, meaning that if you get out in December, you should start right away! Good luck to everyone and don’t forget about the people who helped you along the way once you are successful.

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have been very unsuccessful in the negotiations.”

Naturally, money has had to be spent on these negotiation sessions. A grand total of $36,603.61 has been granted to Goldstein by the college for the months of March to May 2013 for the discussions held. The Faculty Association does not have an attorney at their disposal, which is being provided by the NJEA for no cost, according to a member of the negotiating team.

In an interview with Goldstein, he commented “Negotiations are still ongoing... there are five separate negotiations going on right now.” To date, all of them remain unresolved.

After attempting to get a comment about the current situation from BCC’s President, Dr. B. Kaye Walter, who was named the college’s president during the August 2012’s Board of Trustees meeting, representatives of The Torch were immediately referred to Mr. Goldstein for any questions or concerns.

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Corrections to stories that appeared in the September 2013 edition:

Pg. 1 From the Heart: Latino Heritage at BCC - Dr. Naydeen Gonzales-de Jesus proper title is BCC’s Vice President of Student Affairs.

PG. 6-7 The September edition’s centerfold story, “Sandy: Artists Respond to a Once and Future Superstorm,” misstated the roles of co-curators Professors Suzan Boettger and Marriot Sheldon, who jointly selected the works in the show and shared responsibilities for its presentation. The story also misstated the name of Dr. Boettger’s first book, “Earthworks: Art and the Landscape of the Sixties.”

Pg. 11 “BCC Tutors: Explaining the Most Important Service at BCC” Contained several factual errors and will be rewritten and published in a future edition.
The Syrian Civil War: The Facts

JEFF CARBONE
COPY EDITOR

Over the past couple of months, if you have kept up on current events apart from the more recent government shutdown, or the Breaking Bad series finale, you will know the biggest story has been the Syrian Civil War and chemical weapons crisis. For those who are not aware, Syria has been embattled in a vicious civil war since the ‘Arab Spring’ in 2011 and in late August, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad allegedly attacked his enemy with Sarin Gas.

Various reports from different news sources on the internet and especially on television have seemingly lost objectivity around this story. This tactic seen on shows like “The O’Reilly Factor”, “The Rachel Maddow Show”, and even to a lesser extent, “Anderson Cooper 360,” is damaging to the news itself. Instead of presenting the viewer or reader with the facts, they seem to give you “facts” wrapped in opinion and spiced with subtext. However, these events are far too important to be subjected to that.

As stated, the Syrian Civil War has been raging since what has come to be known as the Arab Spring in 2011. According to the Human Rights Watch (hrw.org), the strife officially began in April 2011, when in an attempt to stop protests against President al-Assad, government forces ordered soldiers to open fire on protesters. In those two years, according to Time and The Syrian Observatory For Human Rights, more than 115,000 people have died as a result of the war. The numbers break down to 41,000 loyalists and 23,000 rebel fighters. The remaining 41,000 deaths have been civilians with 6,000 of that number being children.

The Civil War, however, reached a breaking point on the international stage in late August of this year, when potential evidence suggested that President al-Assad used Sarin Gas in an attack on the rebel-held Damascus suburbs. Sarin, a potent nerve agent, was deemed a Weapon of Mass Destruction in April 1991 as part of United Nations Security Council Resolution 687. From the Center for Disease Control (CDC), “[Sarin] is generally odorless and tasteless. Exposure to Sarin can cause death in minutes. A fraction of an ounce (1 to 10 mL) of Sarin on the skin can be fatal.” Symptoms for severe exposure by inhalation, also from the CDC include: “loss of consciousness; seizures; muscular twitching (fasciculations); floppy (flaccid) paralysis; increased fluid accumulation within the airways and within the digestive tract, resulting in secretions from the nose and mouth; cessation of breathing (apnea); and death.” Thinkquest.org states “Sarin is 26 times more deadly than cyanide.”

According to Reuters, up to 1,300 people were killed in the attack and an estimated 1,000 were injured. In those two events, according to Reuters, up to 1,300 people were killed in the attack and an estimated 1,000 were injured. This attack, however, has sparked new issues for the war and has renewed the argument over chemical weapons. It is still to be determined whether this will be the turning point in the war or if this is just another event in the war.

The Gubernatorial Race: Know Your Candidates

JEFF CARBONE
COPY EDITOR

On November 5th, 2013, New Jerseyans, i.e. students of Bergen Community College, our parents, and our neighbors, will be asked to vote for who will be the next governor of New Jersey. The two primary choices are incumbent Republican Governor Chris Christie and his Democratic challenger, State Senator Barbara Buono.

Governor Christie has served as New Jersey’s governor since his defeat over Jon Corzine in 2009. Since then, the Republican official has made many decisions that have affected millions. According to the Star-Ledger, he’s reduced tax credits, and he has not raised rates on the state’s largest income sources: income tax, sales tax, and corporate business tax. Important fiscal actions taken by Christie in his first term as governor include Executive Order 14, which declared that a state of fiscal emergency exists in New Jersey. In 2012, he signed a bill that would cut funding for the state’s Temporary Disability Insurance Fund by $190 million per year and, according to Tom Hester of New Jersey News Room, saved families $87 that year.

According to the Associated Press in 2011, Christie approved the opening of 23 new charter schools. Other educational standouts from Christie’s first term include extending teacher tenure to 4 years, and adding a measure that tenured teachers with consecutive years of poor ratings eligibility to be let go (Rachel Monihan, Daily News). On key social issues, such as gay rights and women’s rights, Christie has acted conservatively. According to the AP and according to James P. Walsh, Jr. and Heather J. Baker Monahan, Daily News). On key social issues, such as gay rights and women’s rights, Christie has acted conservatively. According to the AP and according to James P. Walsh, Jr. and Heather J. Baker Monahan, Daily News). On key social issues, such as gay rights and women’s rights, Christie has acted conservatively. According to the AP and according to James P. Walsh, Jr. and Heather J. Baker
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people were killed in the August attack on the Damascus suburbs, making it the most lethal chemical weapons attack since Saddam Hussein used ‘Mustard Gas’ on the Kurds during the Kurdish Genocide in the 1980s. The substance was released by missiles flying over the suburbs in the early morning hours, killing men, women, and children while they slept.

Though the war rages on (over 5000 deaths in September alone, according to the United States, which has had a policy of chemical weapons. For weeks, any UN intervention was held up by Russia and China, both allies of Syria. Finally, when it looked like US military intervention was all but a certainty, the American, Iranian, and Syrian governments agreed upon a plan. Inspectors from the U.S. and Russia have been granted access to Syria’s chemical weapon stock-hold where they will take inventory. Then, says BBC, in accordance to the agreement that was sanctioned by the UNSC, Syria will hand over all its chemical weapons to Russia to be destroyed.

The deal prevents the US and NATO from having to take a military stance either for or against the Syrian rebels, while giving the UNSC credibility, and allowing Russia to continue to support al-Assad’s government. Whether you agree with Russia’s continued support or the deal itself, Syria and its allies will have to find a way to resolve this national affairs to themselves but may prevent another drastic human rights violation in their civil war.

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C4 Week

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Bergen Community College’s Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society chapter, Alpha Epsilon Phi, in cooperation with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, is participating in the first-ever statewide Community College Completion Challenge, or C4. The Council of County Colleges is seeking to increase student involvement and students’ commitment to graduation. BCC, along with Phi Theta Kappa, will be hosting a series of events, beginning October 14, aimed at achieving these goals.

The week began with the Phi Theta Kappa Fall induction ceremony, held at 6:30 p.m. in the Technology Education Building. Students, who have achieved eligibility and accepted the invitation to join the BCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, were officially inducted into the society. At the ceremony, there was a “completion banner” for new inductees to sign, signifying their commitment to completing their education.

A Community College Completion Challenge took place on Tuesday, October 15, in the BCC Student Center. Students are invited to sign a pledge to continue their education and graduate. The event is open to all students and C4 wristbands will be distributed to those in attendance. A signature banner will also be on display in the student center.

Students from The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Club (STEM), will be displayed their creativity and ingenuity on Wednesday, October 16, during a science fair being held in the BCC Student Center. It was an opportunity for students to glimpse some of the interesting activities, which take place outside of the classroom.

A Global Issue Awareness Day is being held on Thursday, October 17, in room A-104. The event is designed to involve and educate students regarding the global water issue. Global issues cannot be solved without greater involvement, and so attendance is encouraged.

The week’s activities conclude on Friday, October 18, with a special transfer fair to be held in room C-314 and C-316. The workshop will focus on preparing for a transfer interview, as well as practical and technical information regarding your personal statement.

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Senator Buono has been a public servant on the New Jersey stage since being sworn in December 1994. According to the New Jersey Legislature website, since she has been sworn in, Senator Buono has been a public servant on the New Jersey stage since 1994. According to the New Jersey Legislature website, since she has been sworn in, Senator Buono has been a public servant on the New Jersey stage since 1994.

While on the Senate, Buono has a very liberal voting and sponsoring record. According to the NJ Legislature website, she has sponsored bills such as the Fifth Quarter Pilot Program in New Brunswick, which provides a summer enrichment program for the New Brunswick school district. Other bills sponsored include banning weapons above .50 caliber, prohibiting public institutes of higher education from raising tuition more than four percent a year, and requiring those same institutes to display all cost, loan, and debt information on financial aid sheets for prospective students. Since Governor Christie was elected Senator Buono has voted for the legalization of marijuana, the legalization of gay marriage, and the two gender purity bills the Governor vetoed.

September polls run by Monmouth University, Quinnipiac University, Kean University, Richard Stockton College, Rasmussen Reports, and The Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics Governor Christie having a 24-point lead on Senator Buono (realclearpolitics.com). However, if our younger demographics, especially younger voters, seem to not take an interest in politics. According to a Gallup poll run in 2011, only 14% of people 18-29 were following national politics closely, and that number was even lower for local politics.

The problem lies in that politics shape policy-making, which in turn dictates everyone’s daily lives, regardless of your level of interest. Everyone must take a stance on taxes, education, the quality of food in our supermarkets, and even the roads we drive on and water we drink are controlled by politics.

State and local governments control most of the essentials mentioned, so a governor’s decision is just as likely to have a direct impact on an individual as a presidential decision. This makes a gubernatorial race just as important to the average person as a presidential race is to a nation, and why it’s more important than ever to get informed and contribute your vote on November 5th!
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Bad Luck on Sundays: Library Closing

Ron Milon, attended the inauguration of President of Administrative Services Dr. Joan Cohen, a reference librarian, argued that the library always has been an important resource for all students, especially those who could not attend classes during normal times; and for the public, access to an academic environment at a convenient location. Cohen contends that the library always placed the library as a 'sacred sanctuary' for operational hours on Sundays.

The long awaited and eagerly anticipated shuttle service between Bergen Community College’s Paramus and Lyndhurst campuses was officially launched on October 2nd, 2013. Bergen County Executive Dan Donahue and Bergen Community College’s Vice President of Administrative Services Dr. Ron Milon attended the inauguration of the shuttle service.

The free shuttle services begins at 7:00 a.m. and leaves each location every half hour, with the last shuttle departing at 8:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The drivers work according to the Bergen County holiday calendar, which at times does not work according to the Bergen County College, so bear that in mind. Efforts are being made to work out those disparities, according to Dr. Milon. The new shuttle is a major step in the right direction for us, for a long time there is no shuttle service linking Paramus and Lyndhurst campuses. His passion behind them, and inform of its immediate and future impact students and faculty.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of Bergen Community College on June 4th, “Framework for the Future,” according to a letter by Bergen Community College President Dr. B Kaye Walter published in an April 2013 issue of The Torch: is a “five-year Strategic Plan” that aims to “maximize the College’s full potential.” The framework outlines the following goals, which are to: achieve the highest levels of quality, affordability, accessibility, and excellence; expand opportunities that BCC has to offer; and maintain its office space and fight for its ‘model programs and initiatives in student success.’ Naturally, here at BCC, the first order of business was to discuss ways to make travel easier for students, allowing students to take advantage of more opportunities that BCC has to offer.

According to Interim Dean of Enrollment Management, Mrs. Priscilla Klymenko, the ‘One-Stop-Shop’ is a place where a student can receive multiple services in ‘seamless’ fashion, and would cut down on wait times. Personnel would be ‘cross-trained’ in many areas, ‘physical & theory,’ and would be able to expedite the student’s request in the way it has before. Mrs. Klymenko pointed out that such a system is already in place in Hudson County Community College but she is particularly fond of the model found at Montgomery Community College, in Blue Bell, PA. MCC is an award winning school, which according to it website continues to gain national recognition for its ‘model programs and initiatives in student success.’ Naturally, here at BCC, the first order of business was to find a home for the ‘one-stop-shop.’ That’s when BCC’s administration encountered swift and determined opposition: SGA’s executive board.

Welcome to Your Office

Back in May, about a week after being sworn in, newly elected SGA executive board was told that the SGA office, along with all student club space, and student lounge area was to be remodeled to give way to the ‘One-Stop-Shop.’ In exchange, the SGA office and all other club space would be relocated to an isolated area of the main building, in the C-wing, and would have the true motives behind the removal of the Judith K. Winn School of Honors office from the Main building to give way to an Alumni Office. Also, the growing talks of the hostile working environment and educational matters, both students and non-students need Sunday for any library, if some students claim that the Sidney Silverman Library close by, then it is a great alternative than having to go a greater distance.

The Student Government Association is strategizing an effort to make library on Sundays. The Association received long formal letters, as well as e-mails that the libraries closing on Sundays. The SGA decided that they wanted a petition and a proposal to be shown for the November Board of Trustees meeting. SGA President Alexis Bravo said, “In our proposal, we should to entice a petition that we are creating, our goal is to obtain 5,000 signatures of students demanding that they want the library reopened.”

The proposal will include statistics on how much it would be to remodel the SGA office, along with the true motives behind the removal of the Judith K. Winn School of Honors office from the Main building to give way to the Alumni Office. Also, the growing talks of the hostile working environment and educational matters, both students and non-students need Sunday for any library, if some students claim that the Sidney Silverman Library close by, then it is a great alternative than having to go a greater distance.

In a three part series The Torch looks to identify these changes that are taking place and would all have the true motives behind them, and inform of its immediate and future impact students and faculty.

In the first theme, Student Success and Excellence, has three main goals. The first theme and Excellence, has three main goals. One of them calls for the planning and launching of a ‘one-stop-shop’ for admission, registration and financial aid. The implementation of such, however, required some initial resistance that would meet some instant resistance.
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With the almost constant strife throughout the world, many college age people and younger are asked to perform the unspeakable for their country. This leads to the question: “Is it moral to kill for your country?”

**Is it Moral to Kill for Your Country?**

**Bayan Hamza**
**Major: Science and Math**

No. I mean how can you kill someone? There are children and boys and people out there. I’m very against killing of any kind and for any reason.

**Vanessa Otto**
**Major: Biology**

I don’t think it’s moral, but there may be scenarios and situations when as a last resort; it may be okay. If you are defending yourself, yes.

**Jorge Vanegas**
**Major: Criminal Justice**

It depends if it’s for the right reasons. If the US is going to be attacked; I’m in the military. I wouldn’t be just protecting the country, I would be protecting my family and the people I love too. That’s morally correct.

**Michael Nehring**
**Major: International Business**

I personally don’t believe it’s moral. There are very few times when any single person deserves death. I don’t believe anyone should inflict such a thing on someone. It should not be an individual’s decision whether someone dies or lives regardless of the justification. Why are they better equipped to kill someone than any other person?

**Amanda Giordano**
**Major: Health Science**

Yes, because I want to keep the people I love safe. You have to do what you have to do in this world; it’s about survival. It’s America that needs to mind its business in certain situations.

**Joshua Bett**
**Major: Political Science**

I do, but under certain circumstances to defend American freedom. I certainly don’t agree in going into other countries to attack, like Iraq. There has to be conclusive evidence as to why you might have to protect those freedoms.

**Roxy Reyes**
**Major: Nursing**

It depends on what you’re fighting for. What may be right for one may be wrong for another. It’s not ethical.

**Shamir Sherman**
**Major: Science and Math**

Honestly, I think in today’s world it’s not okay. There are many men fighting an old man’s war. Maybe back in the day it would’ve been fine, but there’s too much corruption now.

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**Heroin Addiction in the Suburbs**

**CHASE MORGAN**
**Staff Writer**

“Diesel! Diesel!” Drive through certain areas of Paterson and these are the words that you will hear shouted at you. Diesel, a street name for heroin, is sold everyday that you will hear shouted at you. Diesel, areas of Paterson and these are the words “Diesel! Diesel!” Drive through certain areas of Paterson and these are the words “Diesel! Diesel!”

While this image can be valid, the in a big city, with a needle stuck in his arm. The person sitting next to you in class with clean clothes and neat hair may be hiding a drug problem. Virtually anyone can become addicted.

Increasing numbers of young people from middle-class and affluent backgrounds are finding the drug. According to the Star-Ledger, “the number of New Yorkers between the ages of 18 and 25 admitted to addiction treatment centers for heroin rose by more than 12 percent between 2010 and 2011.” “Sniffing diesel” is losing some of its allure. In recent years, the once-popular drug heroin is turning into a party drug with dire consequences.

What can we do about this problem though? There are many different perspectives, but one thing is clear. To make any changes, we must realize that our lives become affected by drug-related crime, bloodborne pathogens spread through IV use, or many of the other consequences of drug use.

The Just Say No campaigns of the past have not worked. Heroin use is a growing problem that needs to be addressed. According to the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, heroin users are up 66% from 2007 to 2011 (373,000 users to 620,000). Heroin addiction is real, it is right here in our communities, and it must be acknowledged so that we can find a solution.

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How much longer should we wait?

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Students have not taken it upon themselves to express their opinions about decisions being made for them; it has been up to club leaders to speak for the students in the past.

Technology Helps Smoking Become Less Deadly

MATT DERENZO

The right to smoke in public has always been a complex debate. Smokers have argued that it is their personal choice and right as free Americans to be able to smoke wherever they want. However, cigarettes prove to be harmful to its users, and through second hand smoke, to the people around them. This discussion has moved to Bergen Community College. Ever since the smoking ban went into effect on January 1, 2008, smoking cigarettes has been completely prohibited on school property. Although, people who do choose to smoke have found places to smoke on school grounds (such as the Memorial Garden and the Gazebos by the field) where they usually have not been penalized by campus security.

Math Professor Walter Rothaug spoke about the decision during the September Board of Trustees meeting. His position is that if smoking is prohibited on school grounds, especially in the student section, students should make sure to enforce the current policy and to not treat smokers who are actively against this rule with a lack of standards of indifference. Mr. Rothaug pointed out there are banners around the school claiming Bergen Community College to be a "smoke free campus" when most people know that is far from the truth.

There was widespread support for the current policy when it was first enacted in 2008 from faculty members, SGA and the administration. Before the college went completely "smoke-free" there was a policy that didn’t allow smoking within 50 or more feet near academic and administrative buildings. Bergen Community College became one of the 100 colleges in the nation to ban smoking completely from campus grounds.

Professor Rothaug is worried about how the lax attitudes on smoking will have an effect on people’s overall perception on the dangers of smoking. He explained, “I hate to see what we made in the last 40 or 50 years in public health regarding smoking go to waste.” Professor Rothaug recounted how when he was younger cigarettes were marketed positively toward teenagers and young adults. He even had two friends who were heavy smokers that died from lung cancer. He stated how there has been a decline in people choosing to smoke, as well as increasing life expectancy in the past 40 years, he attributes this to recent restrictive smoking laws.

A new form of cigarettes that have been around since 2007 are called E-cigarettes, that are electronically built to include nicotine, instead of including tobacco they heat up liquid nicotine which turns into a smoke less vapor. Although there is not enough substantial evidence about the effects of E-cigarettes, according to an article on the website Fit & Health Discovery, researchers are most positive secondhand smoke is not emitted from E-cigarettes. Students on campus regularly smoke E-cigarettes, sometimes even in class, because there isn’t a rule strictly against them. Professor Rothaug is wondering where E-cigarettes would
Twelve years to the day of the September 11th terrorist attacks which killed nearly 3,000 Americans and spawned two wars, Russian President Vladimir Putin penned an op-ed in the New York Times addressing the crisis in Syria.

Like all actions of heads of state, the timing and wording of this piece was deliberate. In an attempt to tighten the leash on the dogs of war, Putin made his case, at times forceful, at times pleading, on the day when millions of Americans are reminded of the horrors of war, one of which is ongoing. Though the events of 9/11 are never explicitly mentioned, Putin's heavy-handed reminders of the trouble already boiled over in the Middle East are a not-so-subtle nod to the parallels between that time and now.

Reeling from a horrendous tragedy, action is demanded. Putin quickly reminds us that our actions were misguided due to our impulsiveness, presenting the response to the chemical weapons attack as an opportunity to exercise reason and restraint.

Viewed as a whole, Putin's piece is a messy, at times confusing soft-sell of his plans for Syria. He begins by addressing the "people and their political leaders." (President Obama is not mentioned until the end of the piece.) After recapping the tumultuous relationship between the U.S. and Russia since World War II, Putin talks about the need to preserve the authority of the U.N.

The theme of power, who has it and how much, is at the heart of the international interest in Syria. Both the U.S. and Russia have fought their way inside the conflict, and neither wants to be seen backing down from the other. Both nations have ignored the U.N. in the recent past; America in Libya, Russia in Kosovo; reducing the coalition to a convenient way to save face. By hiding behind the need to uphold the sanctity of international law through the U.N.

The Fourth Amendment protects us from unreasonable searches and seizures. The definition of a search or a seizure was simple and straightforward; you or your property could not be searched through or taken away without due process of law. Once we move into the digital age, privacy is becoming increasingly harder to come by. Every time you walk into a store, drive through a major intersection, or take money out of an ATM, your image is being recorded. Our emails and texts that we use to communicate are being sent through servers where they can be stored indefinitely. JPEG files uploaded onto social media sites may be searchable for years after they are deleted. You can plug virtually any name into a search engine and find some information about the person. Today’s generation and future generations may never experience the privacy our ancestors had.

The Bill of Rights suggests that human beings, particularly American citizens, have a right to a certain level of privacy. As long as you are not engaging in criminal activity, the government is supposed to stay out of your business. However,
America Bids Farewell to Her Oldest Medal of Honor Recipient, Master Sgt. Nicholas Oresko

January 18, 1917 - October 4, 2013

starting above continuing clockwise:
Colonel (Ret.) Jack Jacobs, United States Army
Colonel (Ret.) Harbey “Barney” Barnum, United States Marine Corps
Lieutenant Commander (Ret.) Thomas Kelley, United States Navy
First Lieutenant (Ret.) James Flemin, United States Air Force

Field Memorial, symbolizing a fallen soldier.
Casket brought in by deuce and a half
Sgt Oresko laid out next to his medal of honor.
Bergen county pipes and drums.
Master of ceremonies, John Carbone Esq.
Bergen County pipes and drums entering Anna Ciccone Theatre

Photo courtesy of flickr.com
morning, then-Sergeant Oresko, Platoon in the previous two days but the hill His platoon had assaulted the hill twice outside of the German town of Tettingen. down by German machine gun fire of the Bulge, Oresko's platoon was pinned under fire in two one-man assaults on German machine gun nests in the early morning of January 23, 1945. 

Oresko was presented the Medal of Honor on October 12, 1945 by President Harry S. Truman for Oresko's courage under fire in two one-man assaults on German machine gun nests in the early morning of January 23, 1945.

“...The Bulge. Hillel, the Jewish philosopher once said, “If not me, who? If not now, when?” Master Sgt. Oresko answered this question. He knew the meaning of sacrifice and duty. Safe home Master Sergeant Nicholas Oresko, May St. Peter welcome you with open arms and await you in Heaven’s streets with the honored dead. You have earned it.
Electronic Surveillance vs. Human Rights

Putin’s Thoughts on Syria

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power, which Obama and Putin both know is non-existent, both sides can draw back towards inaction without appearing weak.

Putin briefly delves into the arguments already being used by American opponents of Syrian intervention. Both the threat of killing civilians and the possible ignition of the Iran - Israel conflict have been more effectively presented in stateside debate. Putin moves quickly to his most effective point: “Syria is not witnessing a battle for democracy, but an armed conflict between government and opposition in a multi-religious country.” America’s justification for all of its military interventions, from Korea and Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan, has been the need to defend democracy. Here, says Putin, there is nothing to defend.

Russian intervention, however, was never debated. Putin has been selling Assad weapons for use against the rebels since the beginning of the conflict, and would like to continue doing so. By declaring the chemical attack to be the work of the rebels and not Assad, Putin puts himself at odds with not only all other intelligence, but his own solution.

He advocates the surrender of chemical weapons by Assad to the U.N. for destruction. How there is something to surrender if Assad did not use chemical weapons is not addressed. Putin wants the chemical weapons out of Syria because it will neutralize U.S. involvement and continue the war, freeing Russia to continue selling weapons to Assad.

The op-ed is accompanied by a sketch of an open palm holding a missile. Whether that missile is being fired or sold is key to understanding just whose palm it is, and whether or not it intends to close.

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the digital world though, things become much murkier. People are now usernames and data is property. Ownership is not as clear as it once was. Does the social networking site you are using own what you post? Are they free to distribute it as they please? Are emails the same as letters and verbal communication? As more and more reports surface about government spying and electronic surveillance, this is what we need to be asking ourselves. Every time we make a post, send an email, or even walk into a store, what we do is being recorded. Is this right, fair, or even important? The only thing that is clear is that our world is changing and we must change with it.

The Bill of Rights was developed to protect the American people from being unjustly governed. While many times in American history it has not been followed, it has served as a point we return to time and time again. It is the backbone of what we mean when we describe America as a free country. While we move into new and uncharted digital territory, we cannot allow the innate human rights outlined in it to fall by the wayside. The hardest part about living in a free society is that we have to answer the questions outlined above. We cannot rely on government, or advisors, or political committees to define our rights. We need to define our rights. However you view the situation, America and the world are changing. We must use our political voices to shape our country into one we can be proud to live in. Technological advancement has defined our generation and we must continue to work towards freedom and justice with it.

Writing Contest

The Scribe’s 24 hour Scramble is a creative writing contest sponsored by the Bards and Scribes creative writing club. The contest will be held on a monthly basis.

The first contest will begin on Saturday, October 27th at noon and submissions need to be in by Sunday, October 28th at noon. Anyone interested in participating has to register for each contest separately by emailing the club at: bardsandscribes@bergen.edu

The writing prompts, word count, and submission guidelines will be sent to all participants via blast email at noon on the contest start day and all entries must be returned via the bards and scribes email address by noon the next day. All late entries will be disqualified.

There will be a prize awarded for the winning entry each month. The prizes vary month to month. The submission will be judged by the club’s e-board, with the final decision being made by the club’s faculty advisors.

The contest is open to any current BCC student. If anyone would like additional information they can always stop by the bards and scribes club hours, Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:30 in room L-141.
1Q84, Time to Take a Trip Down the Asian Rabbit Hole

BLAIR DELONG  STAFF WRITER

1Q84, by Hakuri Murakami, was first published in 2009; by normal standards this is an older book, but it warrants a look. Murakami offers an incredibly cerebral look into the lives of two polar opposite individuals living in a dual dimension of sorts.

The story is set in Japan in 1984, and centers around two seemingly different types of people, Aomame and Tengo. Aomame is an assassin working for a woman who takes in battered women, and Tengo is a tutor at a prep school. Their stories start to become inter-connected because of a young woman who is referred to as a prodigy by Tengo’s publisher, but has some issues.

In one world Aomame starts to see inconsistencies with the environment around her. There are now two moons in the night sky and technology has also seemed to change. After completing a job for her employer, the Dowager, she notices the police force now carries semi-automatic pistols instead of revolvers as they did just hours before she completed her contract.

In Tengo’s world, he works with a young woman named Fuka-Eri on her manuscript. A manuscript which is surrounded by mystery as Tengo soon finds out that she is dyslexic and couldn’t have possibly written the piece. As Tengo delves deeper into the background of how this manuscript came to be his world starts colliding with Aomame’s. Their shared connection with a group that Fuka-Eri was once a part of, brings the two closer together, and to the answers they are both looking for.

Murakami’s prose is second to none in this work. The pacing is fluid at many points but suffers a bit due to over-explanations of environments and red herrings. While being a science fiction novel it brings philosophy into the picture as well. This book will have you questioning, as everything in my life happened the way I thought it did? And if so, will people see it differently.

Invisible, is that just me?

NOMI EIJKENAAR  STAFF WRITER

You know that feeling when you walk into school with 15 minutes until class, but have absolutely no one to talk to? When you notice people looking at you; when you can tell they see that you are walking alone but still, nothing? You watch those smiling faces and hear giggling around you, but all you feel is invisible.

People are out there fighting against bullying, having full discussions and assemblies teaching young ones to never bully. People sometimes forget, however, about another little part: those who are not bullied, but who walk around feeling like no one even knows they exist. To these invisible individuals, at least when you are bullied, you know people think about you or interact with you, even though it’s negative; you still get some sort of attention.

Those who feel invisible suffer just as much, if not more in some cases. The ones who walk around feeling like no one knows they are there and no one cares enough to bother them; that horrible feeling of sitting in the Student Center, listening to music and looking at everyone around you, and sensing none of them would like you to sit by them and try to talk. Feeling like no matter what continued on pg. 18

RUNWAY TO REALITY

When it comes to fashion, the lines between stylish and foolish can be easily blurred. There’s always some trend from the runway that does not always carry over into our wardrobe so seamlessly. Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week may have been a month ago, but to keep in line with the trendsetters, we have to incorporate these looks into our daily drab. Key looks seen throughout all the designers from Anna Sui to Calvin Klein included statement outerwear, classic prints, androgynous pieces, and bold colors like shades of green, grey and orange.

A part of your look is always the hair. Sometimes the first thing you think of when it comes to a student, it is easy to roll out of bed and choose a basic tee, leggings and some Converse. Instead of a fitted V-neck, go for an oversized long sleeve with a printed blazer and some black ankle boots. Glamour magazine says, “Ankle boots are that perfect shoe that will take you from the classroom to the weekend, without breaking your back or the bank.” Accessorize simply with a leather banded boyfriend watch and small studs.

A part of your look is always the hair and makeup, and this winter you don’t have to slap on tons of it to hide your faded tan. Keep it subtle with orange shadows, cat eyes, or wine bared lips. When it comes to beauty, your favorite word is “natural.” As for the guys, it does not hurt to keep up with the trends either. According to Melodie Jeng’s “thenycstreets” photo blog, men’s wear should include statement scarves, prints like canno and plaid, cuffed pants, black leather and burgundy everything!

Sometimes the first thing you think of in the morning is the paper due at noon or the exam you have in an hour, but don’t forget you can translate any exuberant runway look into your day to day outfit with just one piece of fabric.
Kinky Health: Mental Benefits of BDSM

EMANUELE CALIANNO
STAFF WRITER

For all those keeping quiet about their sexual preferences in fear of being judged as a disturbed deviant, the time has come to let your freak-flag fly! In fact, you may even want consider giving your flag to someone who actually needs it. According to a study in May’s Journal of Sexual Medicine, individuals who engage in Bondage, Discipline, Sadism & Masochism (BDSM), tend to score higher on many indicators of mental health than their non-kinky counterparts. The Nyenrode Business University in the Netherlands conducted the study which included 902 practitioners of BDSM and 434 who prefer “vanilla sex,” or conventional intercourse.

Participants were asked to fill out a questionnaire describing their personalities, overall well-being, style of attachment in relationships, and sensitivity to rejection. Unaware of the study’s purpose, the participants gave shocking results. BDSM oriented participants turned out to be less neurotic, more secure in their relationships, and more sensitive to rejection. Both socially and sexually, subjects were found to be more open to new experiences, extroverted, and conscientious decision makers.

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More so, the study shows that there is no evidence suggesting direct connections between sex, BDSM and mental disorders or victims of sexual abuse. Researchers are yet to determine whether these results are due to “kinky” individuals’ tendency to be more aware of their sexual desires, or because they have had to adjust to living in a society that views their lifestyle as taboo.

Still, the study (though not a large sample) has written incredible new pages towards the research of sexual behavior, and more importantly, added a strong supporting point in the argument for the removal of BDSM from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, in which it is currently viewed as “potentially dangerous.” While the study further develops, dominates and submissives everywhere can get their whips cracking jubilantly in the air, enjoy a safe and consensual “bonding time” with their partner, and tease their squeaky clean friends for being square.
ALL THE WEIRDNESS INCLUDED

JOSEPH CIRILO
STAFF WRITER

While there are many musicians attending classes here at Bergen Community College, few have the same fervor, creativity or innovation that student collaboration Weirdface brings to the table. The group is composed of music major Joey Rosenberg and former Torch writer, Amy Ebeling. This is a group that brings to the table dark, electro-pop/rock tunes in a fresh way.

The group is aptly named for having some of the strangest experimental sounds of any unsigned band and it fits them so well that it’s easy to get addicted. While electroica is not everyone’s bag, the band does well to appeal to a wide audience with ambient sounds, laying the foreground for the tracks; while their Rock n’ Roll influence bring the tracks to life.

Their latest pre-release song “I’m Not Sorry,” sounds like Alternative rock legends The Smashing Pumpkins with a new wave/pop feel: danceable, different, and fun.

Weirdface gets an incredible crowd response when it comes to live performances, and their stage presence is a quality that can not be understated. Their shows are elaborate and entertaining; without singles readily available to their online audience, however, the band can only reach so far outside of their immediate area.

News about any releases is scarce at the moment, as Rosenberg was quoted saying: “We’ve got a lot of stuff in the works right now, some of it is in post-production, others need to be reworked and re-recorded, but it’s coming.”

Even so, the band has made a lot of progress in their first year, even with the summer closing of local venues such as Maxwell’s and The Canvas Clash. The group will be handing out free, 1-2 track demo CD’s at their performance at The Blue Room in Secaucus on Oct. 20, where they will be performing with local legends Rachel Miller and Venus The Ocean.

SEEKING SOMETHING HIGHER THAN LOVE

ROGER S. ECHEGOYEN
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“To The Wonder” is the latest film to emerge from the enigmatic, reclusive director, Terrence Malick. Malick is known for directing films that deal with subjects as spirituality, man v. himself, transcendentalism, and naturalism. With “To The Wonder,” Malick tackles with the subject of love and faith.

The film is also Malick’s first contemporary film. His previous films were set in different time periods such as 50’s America (“Badlands” and “The Tree of Life”); The Great Depression (“Days of Heaven”); World War II (“The Thin Red Line”); and the life of Pocahontas, and the establishment of Jamestown (“The New World”).

Terrence Malick shows us that “True” love is when an individual thoroughly looks into themselves, discovers who they are, and forgives the people in their life of any transgressions committed.

The film starts with Neil (Ben Affleck), and Marina (Olga Kurylenko), who fall in love in France. Marina is a single mother living in Paris, and Neil is an American visiting Europe. They decide to drive Mont St. Michel, which is a popular tourist site located on an island off the coast of Normandy, here is when the two lovers discover happiness in their newfound love.

Neil decides to ask Marina and her daughter to live with him in Oklahoma, where he works as an environmental inspector.

Within time, the relationship starts to dissolve. Arguments start with no motives. Marina’s daughter starts to have doubts about her relationship with Neil as a potential stepfather, and Marina’s visa expires, these events cause Marina to leave America and return to Paris.

Neil is unsure of his relationship with Marina; he starts to have a fling with his childhood sweetheart Jane (Rachel McAdams). Marina, back in Paris, feels isolated. She feels that her relationship with Neil has damaged her psyche; and she wishes to love him again. Neil and Marina relationship starts anew. They soon commit into matrimony, and within time, the same old wounds arise to the surface again.

A second story is told about Father Quintana (Javier Bardem), the local clergyman that resides in the same town as Neil; he starts to question his faith. He feels disconnected with God, due in part to the poverty within the town, disenchanting lovers asking him for advice, and his own loneliness afflicting his life. It is through Father Quintana that Neil finds the true meaning of love.

Malick’s use of soft-spoken narration, use of hand-held camera work, orchestral music, and gorgeous cinematography done by Emmanuel Lubezki, makes “To The Wonder” a film that transcends into a higher plane. The film’s use of operatic acting also aids the viewer due to the minimal use of dialogue.

It could be said that “To The Wonder” is a silent film.

Terrence Malick shows us that “True” love is when an individual thoroughly looks into themselves, discovers who they are, and forgives the people in their life of any transgressions committed. To The Wonder deserves a B.
The Misadventures of Uncle Blair

Features

BLAIR DELONG
STAFF WRITER

Disclaimer: Names and locations have been changed to protect the innocent, as well as the horribly ignorant.

I found myself in the school’s unofficial smoking area when I was approached by a young disheveled student. As “John” mopped his way to me he said, “Bloodshot eyes instantly gave him away.

Invisible, is that just me?

you do, no one will notice.

That abysmal feeling when you walk in the hallway and someone you sit next to in one of your classes notices it’s you but doesn’t even look up to say hello. The sensation that swallows you up and makes you scared to speak up or be heard. I walk around our campus every day and notice at least two or three people walking around with that look on their face; that looks of complete disappointment and hate towards being there. All we need to do is walk around campus and look at people who walk past us, just smile and make them feel welcome.

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Balancing College, Work and Sanity

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STAFF WRITER

With financial stability in mind and tuition looming ahead, finding a job has become essentially a requirement. This presents itself as a serious challenge with potential to hinder academic progress. Still, balancing college and your job(s) is possible with the right determination and a minimum of life-jostling.

1.) Map it out: Take time to figure out your academic and financial needs. In short, begin your semester in full knowledge of how much time you will need to dedicate to school and work, the distance between these places and your home; and how much time you’ll have to study and take care of everything else in your life.

2.) Plan ahead: If you wait until the last minute, you’ll find yourself unable to do anything. Go on a job hunt well before the semester begins, and find a job with a fixed schedule. It’s always better to find work before registering for classes. Many employers will reject you based on availability, but BCC offers courses at any time of day, preferably before work. Use free time at school to recharge and complete your assignments.

3.) Avoid the bus: Unfortunately, NJ Transit is not a reliable way of transportation. Unless you have a lot of time to get to school, you cannot afford a car, or, like being 20 minutes late to everything, avoid it at all costs.

4.) Consider a campus job or become a tutor. Wages for jobs on campus start around $8.00/hour; and NJ Transit is not a reliable way of transportation. Unless you have a lot of time to get to school, you cannot afford a car, or, like being 20 minutes late to everything, avoid it at all costs.

5.) Get creative: If you cannot find a job or if one is not enough, but you don’t have time for a second one, look for ways to make extra cash. We’re all a little too old to sell lemonade, but there are still lots you can do: babysitting, tutoring, music lessons, freelance writing, etc.

Is a U.S. born Miss America not good enough?

EMANUELE CALLANNO
STAFF WRITER

Last month, the Miss America pageant made history by naming 24-year-old Nina Davuluri winner, making her the first Hindu-American to take the crown. A native of upstate New York, Davuluri comes from a long line of doctors, and being a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, dreams of becoming a physician herself. As part of the talent contest, she performed a Bollywood fusion dance. However, Miss Davuluri’s night did not go without raising controversy, to say the least. Following her victory, she was not “American enough” to represent such a title.

Several people expressed disappointment at the missed opportunity for the American Dream really not up to our standards? It is likely that Ms Vail’s hypothetical victory would have caused similar insults, Her coronation received heavy criticism, many feeling that Ms Vail’s hypothetical victory would have caused similar insults. Her coronation received heavy criticism.

Vail herself has stated to CNN that she intended to compete to break old stereotypes surrounding the contest. Davuluri, on the other hand, represents a much larger part of this country that is even more synonymous with its creed of equality and diversity.

This leaves one wondering what the requirements for being adequately American are. Several people expressed disappointment at the missed opportunity for the American Dream really not up to our standards? It is likely that Ms Vail’s hypothetical victory would have caused similar insults. Her coronation received heavy criticism.

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It has been almost a year since Superstorm Sandy ripped through the New York and the New Jersey areas, leaving families displaced, homes and memories destroyed, and the great question lingering: What comes next?

Photographs and news spots can only do so much to paint the picture of real tragedy, but they cannot convey the substantial emotional toll events like these take on the immediate populace.

Bergen Community College students were amongst the first to answer the call when it came to helping rebuild the shore, and restore the strength that resides deep seated into our values, but as time passes, people who are not directly affected by the incidents, and do not feel the dragging weight of the aftermath of tragedy may begin to forget they even happened. One anonymous student was quoted saying: “I don’t really care about what’s happening anywhere else right now. This is my time to focus on me, and if it’s not my house or my family, why should I care?”

Many students even questioned the validity of the information about other national tragedies such as in Colorado, and Oklahoma, and the bombing in Boston that took place just six months ago taking the lives of 3 people plus 2 police officers in pursuit of the suspects, and injuring an estimated 264 others according to the Boston Globe, seems like ancient history.

Shari Fridman, a film major here at BCC, conceded, perhaps justifiably, that her thoughts and prayers were with her family in Israel right now. With all that is going on in Syria and the Middle East, it would not be unheard of to feel that way towards these kinds of disasters, but that is not the case for the majority of students questioned. “It’s sad but I don’t live there and I don’t have friends or family who live there,” Fridman said.

“What concerns me: are my friends and family...I can’t worry about every disaster all over the world in every country and every state. I wish I could. I am not heartless, but I only concern myself where it matters most.”

Though many students had given their time to volunteer to help out in the aftermath of the hurricane, right here in Northern NJ, and donated to help out the cause, it seems that now that some time has passed, and these tragedies become more frequent, people are beginning to become desensitized, or at least, unsympathetic.

When asked about how students felt about Sandy’s aftermath, most said that it was a disaster that we came back from, and beliefs largely held that the damage was mostly to Seaside. One even went so far as to quote Governor Christie’s slogan: “We’re Stronger than the Storm.” When you would not hear is how many families are still held up in hotel rooms awaiting the funds to rebuild their old houses, which according to NPR, “are not especially hopeful that help will come any time soon.”

For them, the aftermath is much more real than newspaper photographs, and TV spots. For these many still suffering, when the cameras stop broadcasting, and reporters stop talking, their plight still continues every day. Theirs is a loss not just of material and personal property, but of a sense of security, intangibles, and faith in getting back to the way things used to be.

In the past, students of BCC have only given their best efforts to stopping injustice, and helping their fellow man in every way that they can afford. It seems that with time, however, the impact that these kinds of tragedies have on us has deteriorated, and the emotional toll that disasters take on individuals has become limited to only their immediate area of effect.

When Jessica Scaparro first met students from Iona, she was impressed with their enthusiasm about their experiences. “I wanted so badly to have that same excitement!” As a transfer student, Jessica obtained a rewarding internship at March of Dimes, completed a service trip to Zambia, and served as a student campus minister.

She is now staying at Iona to complete her master’s degree in industrial organizational psychology. With over 45 undergraduate majors and 35 minors in leading areas of study, led by working professionals and leaders in academics, we are confident that transferring to Iona will be one of the best decisions you’ve ever made.

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YAIDELISSE "JJ" ROMAN
STAFF WRITER

In early August, the NFL announced some new rule changes to the games. There are some that football fans were already aware of, however, the new rules have sprouted a bit of controversy.

Some say football is getting too over-protective even though football is a violent sport. Many feel that the new rules did only start and there are more than 180 injuries and suspensions. Not any suspensions are some broken ankles and dislocated shoulders, and a couple of suspensions. The fans are not happy with the new penalty rules either, like the rule regarding failure to pause one second after shift or hurdle. Is that one second really necessary? Even a bit of taunting and trash talking is shunned upon, considered a foul and another 15-yard penalty.

The NFL’s new rules consist of a movement to the tackle rule. If a player loses control after they tack the ball, it will be considered a fumble. Knee and thigh pads are mandatory on the field. No more peel blocks; peel blocks are basically offensive players blocking defensive players from the side or from behind. This rule makes a bit more sense because offensive players cannot exactly see the block coming from that angle, making it almost impossible to defend. If any player on the field makes a peel block, it will be a 15-yard penalty.

Every year, the rules change to combat long-term issues. There have been severe injuries in the past like Kevin Everett, number 85 of the Buffalo Bills. In week one of the 2007 season, Kevin Everett, the Buffalo Bills and the Denver Broncos, Everett sustained a fracture in his cervical while attempting to do a non-illegal helmet-to-helmet tackle. The doctor assumed it life threatening, but just 15 weeks later he was walking again, which was a miracle. The NFL does not want to repeat that kind of mishap.

Every player on the field has a fair advantage in protecting themselves. One new rule that was brought to the attention of the vice presidents was a move in which has brought an opponent’s face mask and attempt to control their movement, which is extremely dangerous and will result in another 15-yard penalty, with potential disciplinary action. They also added a new rule that players cannot tackle the other player until the rule called time. If the player is still in the ball and becomes an active player. Even the kicking plays have been modified; defense cannot have more than six players on either side of the kicking line on the line of scrimmage. This would be a 5-yard penalty for illegal formation.

Football itself is a very exciting sport and needs a special set of rules to keep each player safe. A 15-yard penalty for illegal formation. If a player on the field is designated as a special team player, running a kick return, and is not a receiver, the penalty will be enforced. A 15-yard penalty will be enforced if a player on the field is designated as a special team player, running a kick return, and is not a receiver.

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Saul has fought in many marquee matches, one of the most notable was his win over Floyd Mayweather, Jr. Floyd Mayweather, Jr. was considered one of the most well-known athletes, once accounted that Saul Alvarez had a better and stronger punch than Mayweather did. Had Alvarez continued his own training to perpetuate his knockout ability and more, he could make great advancements forward. During his match with Floyd Mayweather, Saul couldn’t land one punch on Mayweather, however, Saul kept using a shoulder roll to defend himself against any punch “Canelo” would throw. Saul needs to work on his perception and timing to penetrate against guards that seem simply impenetrable.

Saul Alvarez is still at the young age of 23 and so he still has a lot of time to develop the skills to become one of the best boxers in the world. If he has the determination, “El Canelo” will further his career, making his success even more satisfying.

2013-2014 NFL Season Preview

Rejoice, hockey fans! The NHL season is dawning upon us once again. Along with the excitement of the upcoming hockey season, the birth of many new hockey stars is upon us. Many of these players are being scouted by hockey scouts and fans alike. Many of these young stars are being watched closely by the NHL’s general managers.

The New York Rangers still have a strong roster with one of the two punch of Rick Nash and Brad Richards. Their line most remains the same, being one of their strongest points. The team is lead by Michael del Zotto, Dan Girardi and Ryan McDonagh.

A young team, the Buffalo Sabres, is still in rebuilding stage after trying away many of their veteran core throughout the past calendar year. Elite goalie Ryan Miller dislocated his hand in the 2013 NHL Entry Draft, as both are in rebuilding mode.

Many story lines are developing and will start to bloom as the puck drops on the 2013 season NHL season and the 2014 Winter Olympics.
The NFL's new rules consist of a modification to the tuck rule. pg. 23

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