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Bergen Jobs Are Skating on Thin Ice

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Bergen Community College won't be hiring any new employees anytime soon. A significant decline in enrollment rates has put Bergen at a great risk of losing both professors and lecturers due to the hiring freeze which was just implemented a few weeks ago, according to Dr. William Mullaney.

Right now our enrollment for this semester is down 4.5 percent from last year, which has also affected our College's budget. Mullaney, VP of Academic Affairs explains why there has been a decrease in the budget.

"Because of the enrollment decline which also affected a significant decrease in our budget, so therefore in order to make sure that we have enough funds to keep our current employees here [at Bergen], we are not hiring any new employees," Mullaney said.

80 percent of the Bergen's budget is tied up in personnel. That means, according to Mullaney, Bergen has 275 full-time faculty members and 750 adjunct professors. Our College wants to make sure that we have enough faculty to teach classes, whether it's full-time or adjunct. If we don't have enough full-time faculty members, Bergen will hire adjuncts to teach those classes.

However, a majority of vacancies are due to retirements of full-time faculty members. There are many positions that had been affected by the freeze and that are available. One of the openings was the position of the Honors Coordinator, which happens to be in the Office of Academic Affairs, which was recently frozen.

There are a few faculty job offerings that Mullaney would like to fill in at some point, including the recent opening



Next semester's enrollment rate will determine the status of new hires // Iness Rabah

in his department which Mullaney stated, however, the College would like to have a better sense of enrollment when the spring semester starts.

When Bergen received their latest numbers for the fall enrollment and when they found out that we were 4.5 percent down, at that point the College decided to hold any new hires until our College made sure that we had a better sense of the budget for the coming year.

"A large part of our budget comes through student tuition, so if we have fewer students paying tuition, our budget shrinks. We wouldn't want to ever hire somebody, and then a couple months later and have to let them go because we don't have enough money," Mullaney explained.

Knowing that student tuition takes partial responsibility for the lack of Bergen Community College's budget,

students' may want to pay tuition, so they can receive the education that they can benefit from and to not let this freeze harm their ability to learn. The State and County also contributed.

As of now, this hiring freeze is still in effect and it will be determined by the College if this freeze would be lifted, only if there is strong enrollment rate by the spring semester.

Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence



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When we enter a serious relationship with someone, we tend to overlook the flaws. We don't expect them to treat us badly because all we see are their positive qualities. We were conditioned to believe that these passionate feelings of attachment will create a safe, supportive, and trustworthy relationship. We all long for that intimate connection with someone who will understand us, treat us with kindness and share our future. But what happens when your partner abuses you, physically, verbally and emotionally? For victims and survivors of domestic violence, being in an abusive relationship runs deeper than physical scars.

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Violence



Students paying homage to the resistance of survivors. //Stephanie Cruz

Intervention Prevention Center (VIP) in collaboration with healingSPACE hosted The Clothesline Project at the Student Center last October 17, 2016. Paying homage to the resilience of the victims and survivors, shirts with moving messages and powerful stories of strength were suspended on clotheslines. Faculty and students were able stop by at any time to create a T-Shirt and view stories written by survivors and messages of

strength left for survivors. Eric Cabrera, the Case Manager for YWCA Bergen County healingSPACE said, "We have survivors from our counselling groups, support groups, from colleges and high school that make the shirts. We keep them and we display them."

YWCA Bergen County's healingSPACE spearheaded the exhibit on campus in the effort to shine a light of empowerment to the victims and



survivors of abuse. healingSPACE is the sole Sexual Violence Resource Center in Bergen County that provides a safe and welcoming place for healing and recovery to anyone who has been a victim of assault and abuse.

"Our counselling services are free of charge to anybody over the age of 13," Cabrera said. "They have to be a survivor of sexual violence or let's say your mom is a survivor and that affected you as well, so you can go for counselling, free of charge." Aside from medical and legal support, they have trained advocates who handle their 24/7 crisis intervention hotline, offering free and confidential assistance. "Our line is

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Bergen Stages Kicks Off
With "What I Did Last
Summer"
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BCC Three-Peats for No. 1 in NJ for Associate Degree Graduates

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For the third year in a row, Bergen Community College, has been ranked No. 1 in New Jersey for number of associate degree graduates, beating out Brookdale Community College by nearly 400 students. As for their ranking nationwide, BCC is ranked at No. 32. Our college also has the highest ranking tutoring center in the nation, along with a No. 9 ranking for degrees in liberal arts and humanities out of all two-year colleges in the nation. Dr. Kaye Walter, president of Bergen Community College, is incredibly proud of the staff, faculty, and student body of the college.

"It's all about the students," Dr. Walter said. "There is a huge difference in the financial health of students who finish their college degrees as opposed to those who don't." When asked what caused the start of BCC's success in the rankings, Dr. Walters said "We realized we weren't



Bergen leads the state in associate's degree graduates //Facebook

doing enough for the students. Certain services weren't as readily available as they could have been."

She explained how the administration decided to start making changes for the better: they relocated certain offices, added additional support services for the students, and created more opportunities for students.

"Growing like that as an institution and shifting your focus to where it is on helping students succeed is really hard," Dr. Walter said. "Higher education in the past wasn't as focused on students succeeding, so we decided to change that."

With these changes in the past few years, improvement is evident, as easily seen in BCC's state and national ranking. Dr. Walter expresses her drive to continue on the path of increasing success for the college. "We've become number one because we're focusing on students."

Technology Break-Through with LPR's

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License plate recognition is a new technology that federal government is encouraging local law enforcements to be mounting on their car and public property. License plate recognition, or LPR, are little boxes that have the ability to identify your license plate which in effect also recognizes you. These LPRs can capture 1,800 license plates per minute, at speeds going up to 150 mph up to 4 lanes at once, alerting officers immediately of a suspect plate. Consequently, this information is stored in a huge database and can be searched by a license plate number. It also provides a photo of your vehicle, as well as the time and location. The pictures are very good quality, which can also make it easier for law enforcement to identify the driver. In theory, LPRs are designed to help catch criminals with outstanding warrants or to help in the search for missing and stolen vehicles.

Bergen and Passaic county have received roughly \$700,000 in federal aid to purchase these \$20-30,000 cameras. Although the genesis of this technology was intended to further public safety; the ACLU argues it is an invasion of our privacy. The accumulated information from LPR is put into a database and according to the ACLU, is then used to configure patterns. In other words, our daily routines. So if you happen to find yourself in some legal trouble, when you are brought in for an interview, you don't tell them where you were because they can tell you. LPRs aren't always in plain sight and in most cases are strategically placed. College campuses have also been known to have LPR on campuses. So I did some further investigating. I paid Public Safety on Bergen County Community College campus a visit and asked about LPR. The woman working the front desk stated that there is an LPR camera mounted high up by the parking garage when you first roll into campus. Along with all the Sheriffs cars in the county.



Portable traffic enforcement system used by the Hungarian police. The rows of infrared LEDs are visible on the right. //Wikipedia

Colombian Peace Treaty



Shot Down

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Both sides agree that there needs to be renegotiation //Wikimedia

Sunday, October 2nd a peace treaty was shot down by the people of Colombia by the smallest of margins. The peace treaty that was voted on that day is regarding the Colombian civil war.

The nays had the referendum by 0.5 percent of the total votes, which is 50,000 votes. The war is 52 years old starting in 1964 during the Cold War. The two sides were in negotiations for four years and some of that time was in secret in Havana, Cuba.

The debate between yes and no on the vote is, in a way, about a policy of the treaty and the very cost of peace

for Colombia as a whole. The war that has lasted a little over half a century it has claimed 220,000 lives and caused 6 million to flee their homes due to the fighting in the countryside.

It should be no surprise to see that the rural areas of Colombia voted in overwhelming margins for the peace treaty while the urban areas voted against the treaty. Those who have voted no have their own reasons such as

“They should have to earn those spots (in congress) with votes, just like the rest of Colombians,” Perez told me; this coming from a recent fusion article

soon after the voting on that Sunday.

The reason for this is that FARC would get 10 congressional seats, along with 10% of governmental funds for their new party.

As of recently, there has been a protest and a sit-in taking place in the capital of Colombia, Bogota. There have been comparisons made to the Occupy Wallstreet movement with regards to the campsite on the city’s main square where there are little tent towns for the Occupy movement.

As of right now, the occupation doesn’t have a name according to another fusion article on the subject.

It will probably receive one soon since they are practicing street mobilizations and it’s the largest demonstration of democracy at work in Colombia in over 20 years since the 1990s.

In their most recent demonstration, they have placed white sheets over the square and that bear the names of war crime victims. Both the yes and no camps are doing this, and both agree that there needs to be a renegotiation of the peace treaty; However, the long question was remain in the minds of Colombians and those who pay attention to this “what would the price be for Colombia to finally achieve peace with FARC?”

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Hurricane Matthew “Complete Destruction”



Les Cayes, Haiti, one of the towns hit hardest by the hurricane. // Flickr

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On Tuesday, October 4th, Hurricane Matthew, a category 4 hurricane that brought in 145 mph winds, torrential rainfall and floods to the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere (according to Global Finance Magazine), made landfall in Haiti. According to satellite imagery shared by Gizmodo, a science and technology online news source, Hurricane Matthew not only was the direct cause of the aforementioned catastrophes, it was also responsible

for the almost complete destruction of vegetation growth in cities such as Les Cayes and Nan Fort.

According to ReliefWeb, Haiti politician François Anick Joseph described the storm effects in the southern portion of the country as “complete destruction”. Nationwide, the hurricane severely damaged about 200,000 homes, with 90 percent of the houses along the southern coast destroyed. Matthew’s damage in the impoverished nation was most significant in Grand’Anse Department, where 86,223 houses were destroyed

or severely damaged, displacing about 99,400 families. The department was isolated after communication networks were cut. Almost every tree in Grand’Anse was knocked down, while nearly all rivers were flooded. In Jérémie, capital of the department, the strong winds destroyed the roofs of nearly every building, including every building not made of concrete. An estimated 80% of the structures were destroyed, totaling 13,753 buildings damaged. The storm also damaged 141 roads in the city.

According to the New York

Times, Hurricane Matthew was also the cause of at least 1,000 deaths and has halted everything from elections to infrastructure improvements, completely disheveling an already unstable country and as BBC News reports, “Tens of thousands of homes have been destroyed and some 350,000 people need aid...”. Almost a month after this catastrophic event and the ramifications of this storm can still be seen as a monumental feat to be overcome, and for the Haitian people, it may take years before any real changes and improvements can be truly noticed.

CLOWNING AROUND, JOKES GONE TOO FAR?



Target was one of the stores to take away clown masks before Halloween. // Vimeo

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2016 has been a hectic year considering presidential election but that isn’t the only thing causing a stir in the media. Several areas in the United States have reported Clown Sightings, first seemingly harmless but undoubtedly creepy.

As more people are joining in on the “fun” by dressing as clowns, or at least masking their face, and appear or so much as to approach people. America is not humored by this joke.

Appearance dates go as far back as June. But one of the first sightings reported was 2 am. on August 1st by a clown called Gags – the Green Bay Clown, Green Bay, WI. He has his own page on Facebook and only seven pictures of him were posted from night.

He was holding four black balloons wearing what seems to be a worn out costume roaming the streets of Green Bay. Speculators elaborated that it was simply staged.

September has been a very busy period for these clowns as sightings have been reported at an additive rate.

Some reports include a 12-year-old in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, being followed by a clown through a park on Sept 12, a child being chased by three people who came from the woods dressed as clowns in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, Sept 25. No one has been hurt in the town but it is the fourth relative incident reported in the area. Sep. 30, The New York Times reports that false reports or threats in connection to sightings of “creepy clowns” have led to the arrest of 12 people in over 10 states. (Creepy Clown Sightings Map

2016, International Business Times)

According to Heavy News, “at least 40 states have had strange clown sightings so far, and the number keeps on growing.”

Here in New Jersey, there were four reports of these creepy clowns within two days. The first took place in Walters Park, where three clowns allegedly came out of the woods and chased a child, three reports followed where someone was sighted dressed as a clown on Hudson Street. Another of a jester holding a sword was reported running after a child on Shafer Avenue, and a dark suspicious truck drove down Mercer Street with multiple clowns hanging out the window.

According to Phillipsburg police Capt. Robert Stettner, “we don’t need a society living in fear,” after the four reported sightings over those past

two days. Police checked and found nothing. Stettner also discouraged the idea of “hunting” clowns, saying that the suspicious person may be a juvenile prankster and that violence will lead to more trouble (NJ.com).

Target has even taken upon themselves refusing to sell clown masks because of numerous cases of these clown appearances. Target (TGT) spokesman Joshua Thomas shares “Given the current environment, we have made the decision to remove a variety of clown masks from our assortment, both in stores and online” (CNN Money).

Whether the clowns are creating a movement and copycats are following some sort of hoax, it still remains unclear what motives are attempted to be accomplished.

Widespread Panic with North Korean Missiles



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According to the latest AP news, Defense Secretary Ash Carter warned that any attack on American allies or use of nuclear weapons by North Korea would be met with an “overwhelming” U.S. response. North Korea has conducted two nuclear tests and 23 missile tests this year. Secretary of the State Kerry will deploy as soon as possible a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, a missile defense system intended to protect South Korea and the nearly 30,000 U.S. forces

based there. The plans for THAAD have angered China and Russia, which see it as a threat to their own defense. Nearby nations and even China which is the traditional ally expressed serious and deep concerns about the present Korean Peninsular issue.

Russia was the biggest contributor of aid to North Korea before the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. South Korea was one of the aids and main trading countries until the 2000s, but all exchanges and financial aids have been stopped due to a ceaseless development of nuclear weapons and threats of military force. The further aids and

trades of China did not work because North Korea refused the Chinese open market policy and purged a main pro-Chinese politician. The normalization of the diplomatic relationship between Japan and North Korea occurred in the 2000s. In the long run, the United States was regarded as the optimal substitute of the Soviet Union. Furthermore, in the negotiation of the light water nuclear reactor, North Korea obtained considerable profits from the contract with the U.S. in 1994. At present, the U.S. policy of strategic patience and financial sanctions on North Korea need to be revisited and reviewed because North Korea was already so isolated economically and nearly all of the North Korea's imports come from China.

On the whole, all students are not interested in such issues because so many military provocations have been used for several decades as the sign of financial aid requests or the method of only North Korean domestic politics. Most of the students expressed adverse opinions about the exchanges and even the humanitarian aid because North Korea has developed the nuclear program irrespective of the financial aids and the trades. Finally, South Koreans feel strong feelings betrayal from the nuclear weapon tests. A student expressed that the Korean peninsula is a major regional contingency of the world powers and the nuclear program of North Korea also depends on the intention of the US and China.

Basically, North Korea continues to claim that its nuclear program is strictly for self-defense purpose only. In fact, the main reason for clinging to its nuclear capability is Libya's case. American behavior toward Libya may have convinced North Korea's ruling

elite never to give up its nukes. Firstly, it is the strategic arms. It started with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the loss of the competition for military power with South Korea. In fact, the development cost of the nuclear weapons was much less than the cost of conventional weapons. Secondly, the nuclear armament is used as a powerful bargaining chip. Through the negotiation of the nuclear suspension or the nuclear abandonment, North Korea tried to take the leadership in diplomatic negotiations and obtained considerable rewards. Thirdly, the nuclear weapons have been used as one of the main product exchanges. North Korea could export short or medium range missiles to the Third World countries for a lower price. Finally, If North Korea acquires the status of nuclear powers, they think that it is possible to defend itself from external threats and ultimately to remove economic sanctions. The United States absolutely cannot accept such North Korean proposal because the U.S. does not want to give North Korea the same status as the United Kingdom, France, Russia, and China.

At present, South Korea and The United States need to reestablish the exact goal and the long-term roadmap for North Korea nuclear weapons. Firstly, closed-door talks will be held between the U.S. and North Korea as a proactive attitude. Secondly, the nuclear freeze must be made a contract. As compensation for this agreement, the dramatic event, for example, U.S.-North Korea Summit, will be held in the near future. Thirdly, the confidential relationship between the two countries will be built for a long time. Lastly, the U.S. will conclude a peace treaty including Nuclear Disarmament with North Korea.

Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence

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open for anybody to call, talk about their experience, talk about what they want to do next. We work with them on what they want to do and help facilitate that process,” Cabrera said.

HealingSPACE also offers volunteer training, and educational programs for schools and businesses, as well as sponsors activities to raise community awareness about sexual violence. “We also partner up with other agencies that work closely with us. Center for Hope and Safety just did a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk last Saturday,” added Anthony, The Clothesline Project Manager for YWCA Bergen County.

Also imparting support to survivors and victims of abuse is BCC's VIP. They offer free services for anyone who has experienced sexual assault, sexual harassment, abuse by a partner, or stalking. “We are here to help and can also offer educational presentations to classes or groups on campus. We work collaboratively with other departments to bring more information and resources on healthy relationships,” said Sonia Wadhvani, Coordinator of VIP.

VIP offers the Green Dot Bystander Intervention training for all member of Bergen Community College. The program seeks to empower each individual to stand up and speak out to prevent instances of personal violence from occurring. Green Dot Ambassadors spread awareness of the Green Dot strategy and violence prevention at BCC and serve as allies to our campus community.

“The Green Dot is part of the awareness programs we have on campus,” Wadhvani said. “Students who want to volunteer, develop their leadership skills, all of them are trained so they learn about interpersonal violence. Green Dot can be used not only in violence prevention on campus but in the community and their personal lives. It's a way of empowering people to take action so when they see something that concerns them, they don't have to be powerless. They can do something.”

The Clothesline Project started in Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1990. What used to be just a way for women affected by violence to express their emotions through decorating a shirt, has turned into a nationwide public awareness campaign towards addressing the issues that these women face.

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Parking at BCC Sucks!



FOREVER HOLMES
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Bergen's packed parking lot //Brendan Daly

The parking at BCC's Paramus campus is a debacle! There isn't enough parking for students at the Pitkin Education Center which leads to constant tardiness along with a line of accidents and wrecked vehicle.

Why are we paying tuition, in which parking is included but can't ever find a parking space close to the building that our classes are in? Why are students being given tickets or their cars are being towed because they parked in a professor's space? It is unfair that students have to share parking with staff. Also, if you're parked in an unassigned spot you can be fined or even worse, your car can be towed.

The parking lots at Ender Hall are twice the size of the parking garage at the Pitkin Center. The ratio of students attending classes at the Pitkin Education center is larger than students attending classes at Ender Hall. It sometimes takes students 10-20 minutes to find a decent place to park, just to show up tardy which

over time accumulates to absences. One too many absences can result in a lower grade or even worse, failing the class. It is unfair to students that we aren't allotted enough parking spaces on the main campus but are expected to show up to class on time.

What makes it worse is when the campus has events and they block off parking in the Pitkin Center for guests which makes even less parking for students who are then forced to park by the Technology center or even Ender Hall. The walk from Ender Hall to the Pitkin Center is about twenty minutes which results to students being late. Just the other day the top deck of the parking garage at the Pitkin Center was blocked off and I had to park in Lot C, then walked to class and ended up being 25 minutes late on exam day.

This parking debacle is serious and the campus needs to provide more spaces closer to the Pitkin Center for students.

Why Black Friday Takes The Spirit Out of Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving means many different things to different people. For some, it's an excuse to sit around and eat monstrous amounts of food and not feel guilty about it. To others, it's about beer and the intense Thanksgiving football games. But the overall theme of Thanksgiving is being with friends and family and being thankful for everything that one has in their life. Showing how grateful you are for the people in your life and just being thankful for everything. And then turning into a hunter who is on a survival quest in a few hours after the beloved holiday. I personally feel like Thanksgiving is the holiday that everyone just rushes through. I know I'm guilty of it on occasion; but it shouldn't be that way. Thanksgiving is such an important holiday. Many people in life sometimes forget to sit down and just realize what they're thankful for. They just take things for granted and then just move on to see what they can get next. And Black Friday completely illustrates that. We spend a small amount of time bonding with our loved ones and then we race out the door when the clock strikes midnight to go and try to catch a good deal on shoes. Granted, it could be argued that people are only doing that so they can go out and get gifts



Shopping centers get packed with people willing to trample each other for deals //Flickr

for Christmas, but why do we do that? That's how you want to show someone you're thankful for them? "Hi, I went out and beat an old lady with her purse in order to buy you this blender for half-off." All joking aside, Black Friday gets violent. In 2013 a teenager fell asleep at the wheel returning home from Black Friday shopping and died. There are endless numbers of assaults that go on that night. It's just tragic. Not only is Black Friday dangerous, it can be very heart breaking. Parents have to leave their children because they have

to go into work at their retail job. Some families probably wrap up dinner early just so they can get some sleep so they can be ready for the hunt at midnight. It's crazy and pointless. This year, I am personally going out on Black Friday, Not to shop or get into a brawl, but just to see how hectic it can be first hand. I need to see what is so compelling about this day that causes people to turn into these savages. Maybe it's the heat of the moment? Will I'll get wrapped up in it too? We'll see. Now, if you want to go out on Black Friday and shop, I

don't have you; I have nothing against you. That is one hundred percent your choice. All I do ask is for you to take some time and remember that family needs to come first in life. Make sure you stop and just thank the world for everything you have in life. It doesn't have to be just on Thanksgiving. One should always give thanks for what they have. If we all just stopped being grateful for what we have in our lives, what will we become?

LA ESQUINA LATINA: Siendo Latino Durante La Presidencia de Donald Trump

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Muchos vieron con incredulidad que el nominado republicano Donald Trump allá ganado el colegio electoral y allá ganado la presidencia. Fue abrumador para los muchos hispanos que se han aventurado a los Estados Unidos en la persistencia de tener una vida mejor. A menudo han oído hablar de todas las oportunidades que Estados Unidos tiene para ofrecer, no sólo para ellos sino también para sus hijos. En los dos últimos años, una ola de delitos y una pobreza duradera han afectado a muchos de los países de América Central y América Latina, causando uno de los éxodos más grandes vistos en la historia de la región un notable de más de 10 millones.

Algunas de esas personas intentaron tomar este viaje legalmente, mientras que otras tomaron el viaje más peligroso a través de un tren llamado "la bestia" y vagaron en los desiertos oscuros con "Coyotajes," gente pagada para ayudarles a cruzar la frontera. Una vez cruzados, creen que serán capaces de proveer para sus familias, dar a sus hijos una educación decente y encontrar vivienda y ayuda.

Para muchos su sueño de América es destrozado, ya que son detenidos y encarcelados en las cárceles de lucro conocidas como "Centros Recreativos." Los sueños de ellos terminan allí. Otros logran cruzar la frontera y esconderse entre la población siempre temiendo ser deportados. Muchos están tratando de escapar de las tragedias que enfrentan en América Latina. Muchos son plagados por gobiernos

lo suficientemente corruptos como para volcar a su propio pueblo o son víctimas del derramamiento de sangre de la guerra de pandillas y el tráfico de drogas.

A pesar de todos estos factores recurrentes en América Latina, ¿por qué el treinta por ciento de la población hispana votó por Donald Trump? Los medios de comunicación y muchos latinos sentían que Trump representaba el odio hacia la gente que viven en el país sin documentación. Pero en realidad, muchos hispanos no se ven a sí mismos como un sistema unido. América Latina es una región dividida y existe un sentimiento de superioridad entre los diferentes países y también

dentro de las poblaciones de cada país. Añadido a esto es la realidad que durante la presidencia del presidente Obama, 2,4 millones de personas fueron deportadas, una suma sin precedentes. Eso es más deportaciones que cualquiera de los presidentes republicanos preexistentes. Esta es la realidad que muchos analistas no han podido ver, una realidad en la que la candidata demócrata Hillary Clinton participó y aprobó.

Ahora con la elección de Donald Trump muchos creen que las cosas van a ser mucho más difíciles para los latinos. Va a ser mucho más difícil para los hispanos venir a los Estados Unidos ya que él va a controlar las visas de varios

países. De esos países muchos van a ser países latinoamericanos que sufren los estragos de las drogas, el terrorismo y la guerra. Duele porque muchas familias no podrán venir. Muchos no podrán escapar de la pobreza, del crimen y de la pobre economía que reside en su países. Todavía no se sabe con certeza qué ocurrirá durante la presidencia de Donald Trump. Su ligero cambio para deportar a menos personas parece ser más optimista, pero una gran parte de los inmigrantes todavía se enfrentan a la deportación y todavía hay conversaciones sobre una pared que quiere construir.



Un signo que representa la inmigración. //Wikimedia

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Corrections from October 2016

On page 2, in the E-Grade story it was stated that an E-grade went into a student's GPA as a zero and could not be changed even if the student retook the class. Retaking the class does, in fact, replace the grade.

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BCC: A Love Story

GEORGE R. GUERRA
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When I first arrived at Bergen, I didn't have high hopes for myself. Despite great test scores, I was a mediocre high school student that felt (to paraphrase Twain) as if all the schooling was getting in the way of my education. Throughout high school there was an overwhelming sensation of dread; as if my time was being wasted. That's not meant to be a knock on high school in any way, but it's how I felt because I was failing to affect any real change in the world. It's why at 17 years old I attempted to enlist in the United States Navy. I scored highly on my ASVAB, much to my recruiter's enthusiasm, which meant that there were a multitude of naval career tracks open to me. I wanted to earn my place in something bigger than myself, and when I was disqualified for enlistment due to my nut allergy (yes, really), it hit me harder than I would let on to my friends and family.

My initial feelings towards Bergen were ones of trepidation. I didn't know many people, and for the most part was convinced that there was no place for me here. I thought it would be another stepping stone on my way to the rest of my life; whatever that meant. I couldn't have been more wrong. I went from the F-Word to the BCC NAACP before finally making my way to the Torch. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made. The Torch has allowed

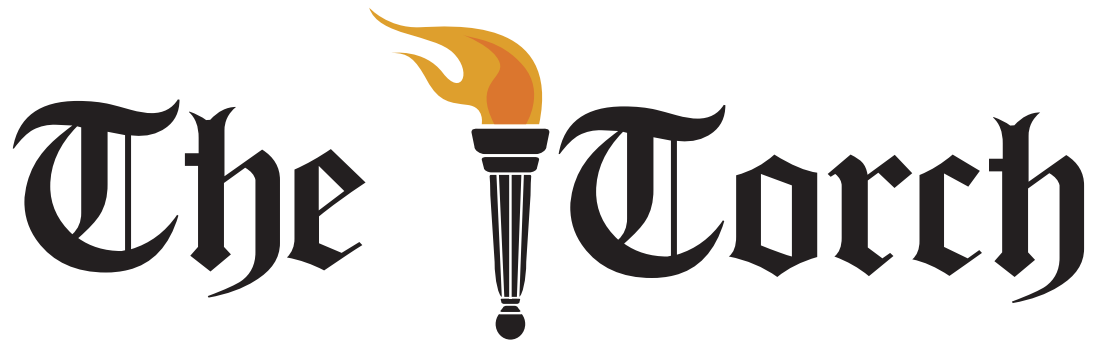
me to assist in the reporting of news on campus, in the Bergen area, and items of interest to college students. In doing so I've met some of the most driven individuals I could ever hope to meet, and have taken part in activities that improved people's lives in real tangible ways. I started stepping up, and taking a more active role in things, and eventually it led to my pursuit of a leadership position here. I met my best friends. I learned what it means to work with people towards the accomplishment of constructive and meaningful goals. Goals that matter to me.

The Torch has exposed me to a massive variety of clubs and initiatives on campus. I'm a part of something bigger than myself and Bergen has allowed me to be more present and

appreciative of the fact that this moment is worth something, and not an arbitrary step towards the next one. I love Bergen Community College. I honestly do. It doesn't matter who you are; there's a place for you here. If there isn't, just swing by Student Life, (Room SC-110), and they'll give you all the tools you need to make that place for yourself. Talk to Joli. She's the sweetest human being on the God damned planet.

Bergen is celebrating its third year leading the state in associate's degree graduates, and is consistently ranked as one of the best community colleges for academics. Academics is only one part of the Bergen experience however. The richness of Bergen is in its diverse student body and

in the wealth of student-run programs. With the resignation of Naydeen Gonzalez-DeJesus, former Vice President of Student Affairs, it is uncertain what direction her replacement will wish to take, and what that means for the future of student-run programs at here. I urge Bergen to understand that my experience is not unique, and that the commitment that gets students to stay at Bergen long enough to give it their all and graduate comes not only from stellar academic programs, but also their connectedness to their peers, and their understanding that this moment is worth something in and of itself. Bergen means something to everyone. Let them continue to decide for themselves what that is, and to love Bergen because of it.



SGA President's letter to the Student Body

Dear Student Body,

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting colder, and finals are fast approaching. For those of you who have made it this far into the semester without a scratch, I commend you. For those of you who have struggled and are questioning your commitment to completing college, I have a few words of advice.

I ask that you think of your educational journey at Bergen like going through a tunnel. The further into the tunnel you go, the darker it gets. It will continue to get darker and darker until it is completely pitch black. This is the feeling that college students get as they are halfway through their semester. Things are tough, struggles have been had, and tears have been shed. I promise you that many students just like yourself have felt the same way in the past, and they have made it through.

Think about the tunnel again. You're at the darkest point right in the middle of it. What happens as you advance further and further? A light starts to appear, and an end to the journey comes within sight.

At the end of this tunnel lies success and happiness. Whether it's a high paying job, making your family proud, or simply proving to yourself that you can do it, you must reach the end of this journey to achieve your goals.

I leave you with one word that I ask you to memorize. Perseverance. Perseverance is defined as "the steady persistence in a course of action or a purpose, especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement." There is no better word in the English dictionary to describe the solution to any of the problems you might be facing. There is nothing in the world that cannot be overcome if you set your mind to it and keep pushing forward.

I ask that whenever you are feeling down, whenever you are feeling defeated, or whenever you might be questioning your college journey, remember the word, Perseverance.

Sincerely,
President David DeLizio



SGA President David DeLizio// Jonathan Orozco

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A Friday Afternoon with Flaco Navaja!

FERNANDO VAZQUEZ
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For the grand finale of Bergen Community College's 2016 Latino Heritage Month, the college's own Ciccone theater held a closing ceremony event; hosted by the LASA members president Nicolle Marie and LASA advisor Gloria Cevallos.

The ceremony began with a karaoke style performance of one of the greatest Puerto Rican singers and songwriter Rafael Hernandez's classic song "Preciosa" performed by Marc Anthony. After the wonderful performers finished the Karaoke, they invited Flaco Jimenez onto the stage to perform a song and some of his poetry. While he finished his first piece, Flaco begins to reminisce his childhood memories of the streets of South Bronx and from the streets of San Juan. Sharing his memories at the Twin Parks West Housing Projects, located blocks away from Tremont Ave and the famous Grand Concourse, a boulevard located at East 138 street all the way through Mosholu Parkway. His friend's father coined him the nickname, Flaco Navaja, which means Skinny Blade, while he was singing a song from the Panamanian Salsa singer-songwriter Ruben Blades Salsa song "Pedro Navaja." Flaco explains his wonderful memories and performances at the Down Under (Australia and New Zealand), Europe and the smallest towns in the USA, Des Moines, Iowa and Huntington, West Virginia.

While Flaco Navaja, sings and performs his slam poetry, which consists of his childhood, the Bronx, Puerto Rico "Boricuas" (A Bronx Life), Even, Flaco performed wonderful songs from the Salsa Legend Hector Lavoe, and began to sing a wonderful acapella from Ruben Blades "Patria" ("Homeland"). Little by



Flaco Navaja draws a crowd // Flickr

little however, Flaco forgets the lyrics, takes a glimpse at his phone and finishes the song, as if it was part of a sketch. His beautiful poems covered such topics as a father's concern and jealousy of his adolescent daughter, growing up, being a woman, little by little.

Much better, according to his Instagram account, Flaco Navaja spent "in his office" at Ciccone Theater with the wonderful clientele, giving out his medical

receipt, his poetry and singing, making the audience laugh. To understand his poetry, it didn't matter if you were Puerto Rican, Mexican, or Latino or growing up in the Bronx. It was universal. The audience was enjoying the show and forgetting their problems and stresses on that Friday afternoon with Flaco Navaja.

CINE Y CAFE PRESENTS CESAR CHAVEZ

ADAM GRASSANI
FEATURES EDITOR

Latino Heritage Month is always the time of year that Bergen Community College has a strong focus in terms of on campus events; this year was no exception. Cine Y Cafe, the annual movie screening of Latino Heritage Month, presented a screening of the biopic film, Cesar Chavez.

"We have been doing this for about five or six years now," said Amparo Codding, an international student counselor and host of the screening. "What we try to do is we work in collaboration with a faculty member to piggyback a film as part of our theme or celebration of Latino Heritage Month."

Before the movie even began, professors Sarah Markgraf and Stacey Balkan both did a pre-screening presentation. The presentation gave students some questions to keep in mind while watching the movie. Could the events in the movie happen again? Have things improved for farm workers? And can movies help or hurt social change?

The plot of the movie itself is about the life of labor activist Cesar Chavez. As a fieldworker, Chavez and his fellow workers were faced with long hours and abysmal pay. Therefore, Chavez led a movement against businesses to earn a livable wage. Throughout the movie, he

is faced with multiple obstacles including the businesses and police, keeping his union together, and his family.

Throughout the movie, one theme that is constantly shown is how to launch a successful movement, which is non-violent and by example. Throughout the movie, Chavez always preached to his followers to protest non-violently, and was not afraid to kick members out should they disobey this. Instead, they made their voice heard by businesses.

Speaking of which, the movie shows the evil actions of business and police. While Chavez and his supporters resorted to non-violence, law looked to shut down Chavez by force and violence. The actions of some police officers in the movie are nothing short of appalling. Police have often been shown to be on the people's side, and rightfully so. It's quite the opposite in the film. However, this ended up making a huge difference in the events of the movie, as the public began to side with Chavez knowing his non-violent ways. The film reminds the world that no matter how frustrated and angry you get, violence is not the answer.

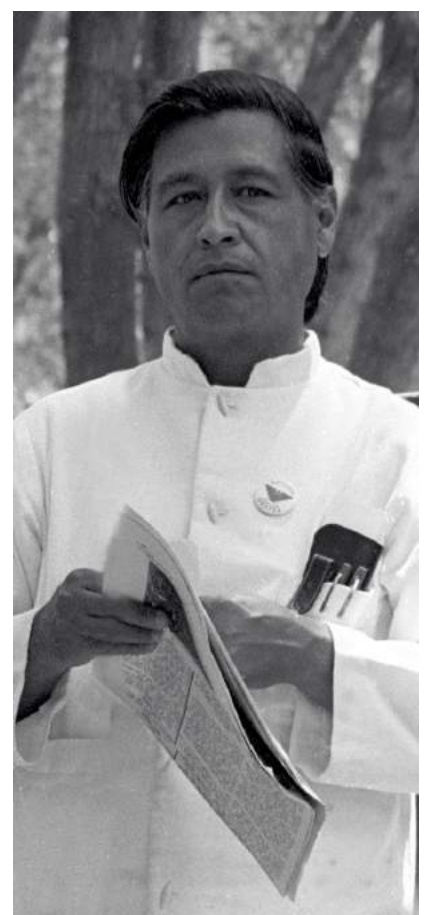
Cesar Chavez's character and personality are explored in depth throughout the movie, as he grew into a perfect example of how to be a leader. When he began to lose control of his movement and members began resorting to violence, he took the blame for their

actions and began a 25 day fast to regain control of them. He also addressed the media often, making his voice heard the most. Chavez sends the message of the power of leading by example. If there is disfunction in your union and people aren't following what you say, you've failed.

After the film ended, the event ended with the reading of poetry. The group read "Vivas to those who have failed" by Walt Whitman and "The Red Flag" by James Connell. The former showed that those who have failed to help shape the future and to honor them rather than have them forgotten. "The Red Flag" showed that in protest you must have a symbol of what you are fighting for and only your fellow protesters can be considered supporters.

"In both cases, in both the poetry and the film, we learn about aspects of American history from the viewpoint of the exploited. The exploited people, exploited workers," said cinema professor Sarah Markgraf. "One thing to think about is the difference in encountering history through film vs. poetry."

With a fine insight into what made Cesar Chavez such a great activist, and great presentation and discussion from the professors, this ended up being a fine edition of Cine Y Cafe.



Cesar Chavez // Wikimedia

Bergen Stages Kicks Off With “What I Did Last Summer”



ADAM GRASSANI
FEATURES EDITOR

The 2016-2017 year of academics at Bergen Community College has taken flight and as it does every year, with that comes another kickoff to another season of our college's own Bergen Stages. The college's own annual play showing opened up with a performance of “What I Did Last Summer” written by A.R. Gurney and directed by Thomas O' Neill. This play was more important than others though. Not just because it was the opening play of the season but because it was actor Ashley Driscoll's last play at Bergen.

“It kinda hasn't hit me yet,” Ashley said after her last play concluded. “But it's definitely a good experience to know that I've worked here and that I can now use what I've worked here to go into what I want to do essentially.”

Speaking of the actors, one of the play's strongest aspects was the acting. All the actors did an excellent job, both individually and together as a cast. Individually, each performed their character's role in the story accurately and with passion. Each bring their character to life. As a cast, they all told

the story of the play as clear as possible; chances are, you won't find yourself getting confused about what's going on in the play.

This leads into the next great aspect of the play and that is the writing and directing. The comedy was not only classic, but also downright hilarious. It is guaranteed that you'll get at least one good laugh out of the play. The execution of the more serious scenes were impressive as well. One thing that makes the play unique compared to others is the use of breaking the fourth wall. In between some scenes, a character will go one on one with the audience, describing how the play is about them. A large part of this can be thanked to the Ender Hall Lab Theater, as it is a smaller theater where actors can interact with the audience more rather than Ciccone.

“The play in Ender Hall is definitely more of a personal experience,” said Ashley. “It's kind of like, in Ciccone you still have that barrier between the audience and you. But with this, it's really raw and everyone can see everything that you're doing and it's definitely more of a personal experience than Ciccone.”



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-Ashley Driscoll



This leads into the plays only weak point. The stage used in the play was a patio in the center with a garden into the left. The scenery itself looked very nice; that's not the problem. The problem is that same scenery is used throughout the entirety of the play. Even if the setting of the play is different, the stage undergoes little to no changes. Furthermore, there were little to no props used, forcing actors to resort to imaginary props when necessary. However, both these issues are minor and forgivable.

Time to delve into the play's most important aspect, it's plot. The play takes place in the summer of 1945, the final months of World War II, at a summer colony on the shore of Lake Erie. A 14 year old boy named Charlie, played by Dylan Zafran, stars as the protagonist. He initially plans to spend his summer lying around with his friends, most notably Ted, played by Logan LaMorte. However, he is struggling with Latin, so he's forced to study Latin over the summer.

Adding insult to injury, he also desires a job, and hears that someone known in town as the Pig Woman is offering work. This sparks conflict between him and his mother, Grace, played by Kristine Gaal, and his sister Elsie, played by Ashley Driscoll, gets thrown in the middle. Eventually, Charlie meets up with the pig woman herself, Anna Trumbull, played by Jessie Jones, who after a long scuffle, agrees to have Charlie work for her.

As the play continues, we learn more about the characters themselves, most specifically Charlie. In the beginning, Charlie is depicted as a typical immature boy, which is often mocked by his friend Ted, who while also is in the process of growing up, is further along than Charlie in the process as he can drive and go on roller coasters and rides that Charlie can't. This causes Charlie's next door neighbor, Bonny, played by Angelina Aragona, to take a liking to Ted over Charlie early on in the play. After the death of her father,



Bonny's been searching for a male figure in her life. This gives Charlie all the motivation he needs to grow up, and thus a major factor into why Charlie wants work so bad.

As Charlie continues to work for Anna, his connection to his family grows weaker and weaker. Enough to the point where Charlie begins skipping Latin and his home responsibilities to go work for Anna, who is trying to get Charlie to forget his duty to society so he can unlock his potential go. This gets Charlie into deep trouble with his family, as his father, who is currently serving in World War II, tells Grace to send Charlie to boarding school. This is still not enough, as Charlie has grown too close to Anna to just leave.

It is then revealed that Grace and Anna knew each other in the past. However, they lost contact when both of them chose very different paths in life. Grace chose the proper path to society, as she was a very good student and believed it was

the right thing to do. Anna on the other hand, isolated herself from society and became an outcast, as she doesn't believe in the strings tied to a person's life by society's laws and rules. After Grace confronts Anna about Charlie and both of their ways of life, they eventually agree that Charlie should have the final decision on what path he should take.

Eventually, Charlie gets into an accident driving Bonny in Anna's car, who Anna let Charlie repair for her, which he had wanted to do all play. Luckily, no one is hurt and the news breaks that World War II has finally concluded! The play concludes with Charlie finally deciding to quit Anna's job and return to Grace and his family, but not before he gives one final goodbye to Anna.

With such an amazing plot, fantastic acting, and great writing and directing, you couldn't ask for a better opening performance of Bergen Stages that what “What I Did Last Summer” provided.



“All the actors putting on a show at the Ender Hall Lab Theater.” // Bergen Stages

Students Shine in Latino Heritage Month Talent Show

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As part of Latino Heritage Month, Bergen Community College celebrated by holding a talent show for both students and faculty on Thursday, October 13. Faculty, which helped prepare this event introduced themselves and the talent that shall be as presenting. A few chosen students were sitting on the sideline ready to judge the upcoming talent.

The first act was a woman named Karina Polo, who shared a dance inspired by her Latin Heritage. The crowd gave her very positive feedback and her confidence was gleaming. The next two upcoming acts were both poets, Fungai Muneka and Alex Centeno. Muneka read an original poem he had written named "Conflicts of a Black Soul." It was a very inspirational poem and he had the crowd clapping and cheering. Alex Centeno read an already published poem which dealt with politics and this year's presidential debate.

Next up was an extraordinary student named Chris Carlos, who performed two of his original songs for the audience. He sang and played his acoustic guitar, and the harmonica, which really showcased his talent. Another singing act followed: a faculty member named Kenny Easton, who sang an iconic song called "One in a Million" originally by Larry Graham. He kindly dedicated the song to his fellow faculty member Gloria.

Karina, a Latin dancer, came out to



Karina Polo showing off her traditional Colombian dance dress//Facebook

perform another dance wearing a traditional skirt from the Colombian heritage. Although And this was not her last performance of the day, she performed one more dance after a young student named Keri Heuckeroth performed. She is a hula hoop performer and does different tricks using one or even multiple hula hoops. The way she operated the hula hoops was very smooth and seemed natural to her. The three winners of the talent show were Karina Polo, Chris Carlos, and Hula hooper Keri Heuckeroth.

The audience sat engaged, interested to see some of the hidden talents we have roaming through the Bergen Community College halls. Although the setting and preparation of the event was somewhat sloppy. There were many disruptions going on throughout the area, students being disruptive and walking by, rude commentary, a limited amount of seats in the audience, and issues with the microphone and speakers. If the talent show was to be held in the theatre or any area with a stage, there likely would have been more students which would sit down and actually enjoy the show.

Although, disregarding the technical issues, the students and faculty of Bergen Community College did an amazing job showcasing their talents and taking part in Latin Heritage Month.

Holocaust Survivor, Eric Mayer visits Lyndhurst

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On October 20th, Bergen Community College's very own Lyndhurst Campus was pleased to welcome Holocaust Survivor Eric Mayer, who at 88 years old continues to tell his story to the public in hopes that they have much to gain from it. Mr. Mayer had come to share a heart wrenching story about his family ended up taking refuge in France, after the events in Germany had forced him into hiding during the Cold War. The countless help he had received and given in such a tragic, historical event has inspired him to pass along such a knowledge, as Mr. Mayer had stated, "If it weren't for total strangers, I would not have been possible for me to be here today."

Eric Mayer, who was one of three siblings, speaks heavily of his father, who had owned a winery and how his mother was both a skilled pianist and artist. He describes his father as a German patriot in the best sense of the word, as he had fought for Germany in World War I, was the highest decorated officer in his field on the German Army, and that the Kaiser had awarded him the four highest medals to be awarded in the army. Mr. Mayer goes on to state, "In 1928 you could not have envisioned what had happened in the most educated country in Europe," where literacy as 98% in the country. He states that he often gets asked by students, "How could this have happened in such an intelligent country?" He then follow suit with a recall of the events before the occupation of Nazi Germany.

Mr. Mayer had attended public school where no one had been distinguished on anybody by race or religion, but in 1936 Jewish children were expelled from schools and had waited three months before the opening of Jewish schools in the towns. "Life was abnormal and normal at the same time," as he described it, when the Olympics had commenced in Germany in 1936, where he expresses that the world had closed their eyes and

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Eric Mayer stands in the Jewish cemetery in Worms in 1988 as he talks to a reporter from a French newspaper.

Eric Mayer and his brother lived through the Nazi terror of Kristallnacht in Worms, Germany as children. Afterward, they were sent to France where they were hidden from the German occupying forces for the remainder of the war. However, far from hiding, Eric joined the French Resistance as a courier and continued to fight Nazi oppression from afar.

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collaborated with Adolf Hitler in the event. Things were lax towards the Jews to demonstrate to the foreign visitors that things were not that bad in Germany, but as soon as the Olympics were over, anti-semitism had been unleashed seriously upon the Jewish community. His father was arrested several times, the first time was only a month after Hitler had rose to power in 1933, and was let go after a month for being a highly decorated officer. Not so long after however, he was arrested again by German troops for blackmail towards his uncle to surrender shares in his paper company. His father and grandfather were taken in concentration camp soon after the events on November 9th, 1948, where German troops had destroyed their home. The police chief had decided that the Jews of War were in endanger and best safe in city jail so no German officer can harm them, to which at the time no one had knew and grew to resent the chief due to misunderstanding of the situation.

On December 23rd, 1938, his father returned from the Concentration Camp and had immediately arranged with Eric's French cousins for the children to leave Germany. It was with the help of Eric's French cousins mistress, who helped them through the German Frontier town across Strasbourg, France with fake passports. They went onto live in Eastern France near Strasbourg with their cousin until August 1939, when France had mobilized for war after Hitler had started war with Poland and were evacuated to Paris and after Paris was threatened to be bomb, and the mayor of Paris had warned its

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Hit Men: Oh! What a night!



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“Oh! What a night...” as the chorus goes from the song “December 1963 (Oh! What a Night!) by Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons on the encore from The Hit Men performance at the Ciccone Theater. The Hit Men consists of Lee Shapiro (Keyboardist and the founder of the group), Larry Gates (Lead Guitarist & Vocalist), Russ Velazquez (Keyboardist, Percussion & Vocalist), Steve Murphy (Vocalist & Drummer), and Jim Ryan (Saxophonist) performed the wonderful tunes from Jim Croce (Bad Bad Leroy Brown), The Rascals (Good Lovin’), Carly Simon (“You’re So Vain!”), Cat Stevens (“Peace Train”), Three Dog Night (“Joy To The World”), and the wonderful songs and a potpourri of the classics from Frankie Valli & The Four Tops (“Burning Love” “Rag Doll” Can’t take my eyes out of you!” and much more.)

The introduction began with the drummer of the group, Steve Murphy, singing Journey’s ‘Don’t Stop Belivin’ with a wonderful interpretation and singing and



Brilliant musicians Lee Shapiro, Jimmy Ryan, Larry Gates, Russ Velasquez and Steve Murphy. //Thea Oh

playing with the drums. Listening and seeing this wonderful performance live; it felt that the songs that The Hit Men were performing on stage were the original songs. The performance from that Friday night wasn’t a show. “It was a performance!” In the show, the musicians were reminiscing about their days or where they were when the song was recorded. The band even reminisced their beloved friend, Don Ciccone; songwriter and lead singer of a rock band call The Critter, who passed away on October 21 of this year.

Finally, the encore of the show consisted in the wonderful classics of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons (“Grease” & “December, 1963 (Oh! What A Night!) and a potpourri of The Four Seasons classic songs. Which made the audience, stand up and move their bodies! The performance that was seen from The Hit Men was not a “cover band” or a “broadway performance” but professional musicians that played with its actual artists who helped rocket the billboard charts, and worked with those popular musicians.

Classic Rock Revolution Rocks Up BCC

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The Classic Rock Revolution concert was held on the evening of Thursday, October 13 in the Ciccone Theatre at the Paramus campus. The concert was held to honor and raise money for the Edward “Doc” P Wonsicki Memorial Scholarship. The honorable man was known for being a world class technician, earning an Emmy for the Live Mixing. He participated in the Nagano Olympics, winning three Global Media Awards. This scholarship and concert was dedicated to respect and honor him and his work.

There was a pretty good amount of audience members who attended the event, about 100 to be exact. The concert was divided into multiple different themes and acts with different performers and musicians. Musicians from Bergen Community College, as well as bands from New Jersey took part in the event, including The Wall and Shaman. The concert consisted of many classical rock covers of some of the most popular songs in rock history. Songs by legends like Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, and Carlos Santana were all incredibly covered by the bands. The six parts of the concert consisted of: Classical Rock, Folk Gets a Beat, Southern Roots, Latin Infusion, Psychedelic Blues, and

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lastly, The Grand Finale.

The concert started off by introducing three speakers, Dr. Victor Brown, Patrice DeVincentis and Pat Wonsicki. They spoke about the importance and the event and how the audience can greatly help the cause of the scholarship. Before each musical act, the performer informed the audience about the history of the song and where the music originated from. This really gave an understanding of what the music meant to them and the effect it has on today’s music.

Although the best part of the night must have been the Grand Finale where all of the night’s performers gathered on stage to take part in singing the last song of the evening, “Go Your Own Way.” They encouraged the audience to sing along, therefore most of the room was singing the lyrics to the famous Fleetwood Mac song. The event was ended by a round of applause, the performers showing great thanks, and telling the audience they can now go their own way.

Stress for Success



LESHAY JONES
STAFF WRITER

Success. It's on the minds of thousands of college students. It's one of the many reasons why they bury their noses in textbooks and notes 24/7.

On October 18, LASA held a Q&A for Success. The panel consisted of eight alumni and current students who are well on their way on the road to success, along with the BCC athletic director, Jorge Hernandez.

The panelists described the rocky road that got them to where they are now and how Bergen Community College helped them along the way.

Q: What challenges did you experience when transitioning from high school to a two year college, and/or from Bergen to a four year institution?

Natasha Piñeiros, BCC Alumna and Former SGA Vice President

A: I graduated 15 out of 444 in my senior class and no one in the top 20 ever talked about community college. It was frowned upon. I was going to go to Montclair State until I had the financial talk with my dad and we decided that I would do the NJ Stars program here at Bergen. As soon as I knew that I was coming to Bergen, I started with the first year of the Summer Intensive Program and it was a wonderful two years. My transition from Bergen to The College of New Jersey was not the easiest either. I was used to having meeting after meeting at Bergen, but when I transferred I only had the four classes that I was registered for. So, it was tough for me.

Q: Was there a person who guided, encouraged, and/or mentored you?

Diego Campana, Tutor

A: I just came to this country two and a half years ago and it was extremely hard for me in the beginning. I remember when I first came to America, I was at the airport and the woman was trying to tell me something and I just could not understand what she was trying to say to me. Throughout my time at Bergen my mom was the only one who stuck by me and supported me through everything.

Q: What might have been your biggest academic obstacle and how were you able to address it?

Macarena Silvestri, PTK

A: Along with a lot of people, for me it was balancing a job, full-time classes, my social life and love life. At the end of the day, academics was always on my mind. I had to reconsider everything so that it worked out. I had to sit down and ask myself what my priorities were and what can I have less of and what can I have more of. I had to sacrifice a huge chunk of my social life to get where I wanted to be in the long run.

Q: At what point in your development as a student did you realize that you had what it took to be successful?

Robert Gómez, Stem Student

A: If I have a big challenge in front of me and I get frustrated I talk a step back and take a calm approach to the problem after I rant at home. So much of my time goes into wanting to do this and that but it is important to take twenty minutes to just sit and calm down and think of all the things you want out of life. I

know that when I look back, I will be able to say that I became successful because I was patient.

Q: What was the "ah ha" moment in your career as a student that helped to shape you into the person you are today?

Jorge Hernandez, Athletic Director

A: When I moved to the country, I was the only Latino in my class and that was very difficult. The teachers would talk to my mother and say that I could not speak Spanish at home but she thankfully did not listen. When I went to college, I was also the only Latino but I also got a lot of attention. I am also the only Latino Athletic Director in the 32 schools in our region. I did coaching for ten years and didn't get paid for more than half of them. My biggest "wow" moment has to be getting my degree. All the hard work that I put into it really put me where I am now.

Q: What do you want to achieve?

Isaac Reyes, PTK and Pride Vice President

A: My goal through my journey is to come out a different person. I want let myself grow and that involves connecting with people who believe in me and are willing to challenge me. Before this I would be afraid of public speaking but the people who cared about me pushed me. You should never be afraid to push and challenge yourself.

Q: How are you working towards your goals and what are you willing to sacrifice?

Wilfredo Betance, BCC Alumnus

A: When I was in high school I was involve with a lot of negativity. I want to be around people who are positive and willing to work hard to get where they want. I had to let go of a lot of people to move forward and get where I am today. I had to come to the realization that I don't want to be wearing a mask for the rest of my life and to move forward, I will have to constantly let go no matter how much I may not want to.

Q: From a student's perspective, what suggestions do you have that may inspire and/or motivate students?

Angélica Flores, SGA Vice President

A: Don't be too hard on yourself because life is hard. Yes, networking, public speaking and all of that is important but don't expect to be a master at it overnight. You must be patient because it's not easy, not even for me. It's okay to have difficulty in certain things; it happens to the best of us. You should be comfortable in your own skin before you do anything else.

Evelyn Navarro S., Tutor

A: Please don't give up and network as much as you can. Practice makes perfect after all. Like many people, I struggled a lot with math, but I was constantly practicing and studying. In the end, I got all A's because I did not give up and I persisted. I was not planning on being a tutor but because of my hard work, my professor suggested it to me.

Bergen Salutes America's Veterans

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Bergen Community College and the Veterans Center hosted their annual Veterans Day of Service. This organization allows those who have served for our country to continue their education at Bergen. This took place on November 10th 2016 at 11:00 AM which was located in the Student Center. Prof. Mike Echols welcomed all students and staff with his opening remarks.

As the program progressed Prof. John Giamio reflected on his military experiences and also recited Crossing the Border by Ogden Nash. A former Bergen student and Veteran Nick Barons recalled his memories of his time serving our Country. Ron Beattie was the Keynote Speaker at this event. He did very well explaining how he was a retired police officer and his time in the military as well.

remembering the Fallen as well as those who are still living; Beattie marred his presentation by answering a call, which was not just disrupting, but it was also disrespectful. Soon after Beattie finished his speech, all students and staff made their way to the flag poles by the entrance of the Campus. The procession was accompanied by a bagpiper. When everyone approached; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, which was then followed by a moment of silence and taps. After returning to the Pitkin Building, Veterans were invited to stay for a luncheon, which was served by members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The Veterans Day of Service was a day of remembrance and it was an event in which Bergen has hosted for many years. They'll continue to honor those are serving our Great Nation in many more years to come.

However, Veterans Day of Service was a day of



Several veterans made powerful remarks// Torch class

Diwali Mela 2016: Good Will Always Defeat Evil

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Every year in October and November, many Hindus celebrate the festival Diwali or Deepavali in which lights are celebrated. Diwali could be celebrated in different parts of India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, and Sri Lanka. The purpose of celebrating Diwali is to signify the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, hope over despair.

During this festival there are various types of lights that glimmer on top of houses, outside of doors, windows around many temples and in other parts of the community. It is important to keep your house clean, decorated, and renovated before the night of Diwali. When it's the night of Diwali, people dress up in new and fancy clothing. They then light up candles and lamps inside or outside their homes, as well as get together with their family to celebrate a puja.

There are also various events that are performed during Diwali, such as the Mela and Garba/Dandiya Dance. On October 23rd, the Hindu Samaj Temple came up with the idea of celebrating the Indian Cultural festival called Diwali Mela at New Overpeck County Park, which is located in Leonia, NJ. The priests at the Hindu Samaj Temple encouraged people to attend Diwali Mela by putting up posters around the temple and giving them to people. The admission was free.

On the day of Diwali Mela,



Diwali is the celebration of lights // India Heritage center

there were various booths and performances. The booths included food stalls, vendors, and entertainment for children. All the food stalls served North and South Indian vegetarian food and sweets. The people who were working at the vendors were trying to sell a variety of jewelry, clothing and handicrafts. Children were entertained by the train rides, carnival games, comedians, inflatables, and henna/glitter tattoos.

On stage the Arya Dance Academy, Rutgers Raga Dance, Live Dhol and DJ, The Hindu Samaj Dance Performers, and the Trital Dance Academy of the Hindu Samaj Temple danced to Hip-Hop, Classical, and Bollywood music. In the middle of the Mela, people were giving support by singing the Star Spangled Banner. There was also a glamorous Hollywood star named Nargis Fakhri who attended Diwali Mela in the evening. Fakhri gave a speech and then sang a Bollywood song on stage. If anybody at the mela wanted to meet Nargis Fakhri by person or wanted to shake hands with her, they had to buy tickets for \$25.00. When the festival came to an end, there were fireworks that were displayed.

Conclusively, considering the fact that the festival was free, many people from different cultures should consider attending it in the upcoming years. It is an experience that everybody should be a part of at least once in their life.

Phi Theta Kappa's Big Reward

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Phi Theta Kappa, known for its academic achievements, and opportunities in learning about individual growth, and leadership and for providing members with resources and opportunities during their transition to four-year institutions. And gaining access to numerous academic scholarships had received the attention of The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program, which provides Phi Theta Kappa members with financial resources to help provide educational expenses while enrolled in their associate degree programs.

The chosen scholars were Alan Chapman, Maycie Schmidt, Joe Mattie. Chosen from more than 1,100 applications worldwide, three students from Bergen Community College were able to receive the scholarships of \$1,000 in order to further their associate degree studies.

"I was very pleased about it. I was grateful," said Scholarship recipient Alan Chapman. "Many of the recipients sees this as an opportunity to help them in paying for their studies. Anything to offset the cost of the education, is always helpful. With price of textbooks and other materials going up, receiving scholarship can be a tremendous help."

"It's really helping in fees and textbooks, so it's really means a lot," says scholar recipient Maycie Schmidt.

The scholarship requires Phi Theta Kappa members, part-time

and full-time, to be currently enrolled in a community college, with the required of six semester credits hours or more. Applicants must also have a cumulative GPA of 3.5. As the The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship program is well known throughout PTK. However, this is the first time for the chapter to have as many as three of their members to be given this

scholarship.

"Having one recipient would have been amazing, but three people to receive this scholarship is incredible," said Phi Theta Kappa President Amanda Karpinski. "It's just great to have these students that work so hard and they do so well in their academics studies."

With a honor society ranging up in there thousands in membership, PTK is

rated top 5 percent of all the students at Bergen community college, and members known in excelling in their own fields

"When they are rewarded in such a great honor such as being receiving a scholarship, it's just great," says Karpinski. "I hope it certainly inspire students, that their effort don't go unrewarded, whether it's the way of the scholarship or just personally for themselves

growing academically. Just to remind student that we are working for as purpose those extra scholarship are a bonus to what we are doing."

With new members in their hundreds being added every semester, the chapter will continue in their progress in acquiring numerous academic scholarships.



Phi Theta Kappa had three scholarship recipients // scholarship-positions.com

Sociology Professor Gives Back



Professor Benjamin in his office //Thea Oh

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As the holidays draw near so do the festive activities, gift shopping, dinner preparation, and the inviting of family members and friends to a holiday gathering. Plenty of families spend a decent portion of time doing all these activities, taking the time to indulge in the joyous occasion, but what of the less fortunate? Forget the presents and the holiday cheer. As the abundance of families of this country celebrate, there are families who are more concerned with what food they could get on the dinner table everyday rather than the arrangement of the chairs on Thanksgiving or Christmas. Still those who struggle are

not without help. In the Social Science Department of Bergen Community College there is a professor who uses his time and effort to help these families in need. The name of the professor is Alejandro Benjamin, a sociology professor, who when not working in the school is a bishop at the Congregation of Rock of Salvation, a church located at 50 22nd Ave Paterson, New Jersey. Aside from teaching social sciences, Professor Benjamin teaches Theology at his church, gives sermons, and runs a food pantry in the South Bronx. In conjunction with another church in the Bronx, Bethel, Both Professor Alejandro and his fellow church members, along

with volunteers, help run the food pantry bringing about two thousand pounds of food that is bought from the New York City Food Bank with donation money and given to the hungry families that start forming a line to said pantry starting at 4 a.m. which does not open until 7 a.m. and are not given food until 9 a.m. due to the law restrictions of New York City.

Professor Benjamin started his pantry in the 1990s, since then the amount of families that come for the food services has increased to 160. An impressive number, yet providing food is not enough for those who struggle in the South Bronx. Along with food, Alejandro and his church also provide counseling and spiritual guidance. During an

interview, Alejandro spoke of how important it is to not only help with the physical but to the spiritual state of the families, because food does not solve the root issue of the families in the Bronx. Counseling also gives those in need a way to vent and talk about their issues, giving clarity and empowering themselves to not rely on the church all the time for food and to encourage them to better the situation not just spiritually but in a practical, and financial sense as well. Alejandro's support helps give inspiration to the families to gain a drive to get out of the struggle by seeking a job that could help with their financial state. On YouTube people can view what Professor Benjamin

does every Saturday by looking up the video titled "Hunger in the Bronx." The video displays what Professor Benjamin and volunteers do at the food pantry, the church members that provide service and the amount of people that come to the pantry, it gives perspective. So during the holidays if you feel bad for those who are in need, remember it is not just during the holiday season they need help but everyday, and if students have a passion to help and make an impact you can find Professor Benjamin at his office in room A234A or by emailing him at abenjamin@bergen.edu.

Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Phones Spontaneously Combust

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The Japanese Juggernaut Samsung has released the Galaxy Note 7 to compete with their rival, the American Juggernaut Apple. However, Samsung has hit a small little snag, the phone battery for the Galaxy Note 7 blows up when a chip doesn't stop the charging of the battery.

"The battery can continue to charge and become even more unstable and eventually just burst into flames itself, without any kind of external heating," says Donal Finegan, a chemical engineer at University College London. This heat isn't fanned out since no modern phone has a fan like a Xbox One, PS4, or Gaming Personal Computer. The phones also don't have liquid based cooling that cars have.

Eventually the heating of the battery causes thermal runaway and causes the phone to blow up. In the most recent updates one can find in a

simple Google search other than more stories of Galaxy Note 7s blowing up is the news of Samsung stopping production of the phone entirely until further notice. In a interview from the Wall Street Journal Samsung's Lee Jae-young stated that the Galaxy S8 will have a better design overall and improved camera to go along with it.

The situation was so dire that Samsung had to send fireproof return boxes to send the Galaxy S7 due to the new flames as previously explained. The company is estimated to lose at least \$5 billion in profits due to the S7 conundrum. To further add insult to injury, the FAA has banned the S7 from flights, and is now a federal crime to carry one on board due to the batteries.



If you're an owner of a Galaxy Note 7, beware. //Gizmodo

Holocaust Survivor, Eric Mayer visits Lyndhurst (Continued from page 12)

citizens to evacuate. They settled in Burgundy, France until December 7th, 1939, where they went to suffer in again with his cousin's Catholic wife. As Eric was settling into this new environment, he had went on to work as a clothing store as a clothing cutter, where he had learned that his boss was a French Resistance Army fighter on the french side of the armistice. At the age of 14, Mr. Mayer was brought into the office of his boss and asked to be apart of the Resistance as a courier, for his hatred of Nazis, being of short stature and best but not least, the knowledge of the German language. On August 1944, immediately after the liberation of Paris, after the French Resistance was incorporated into the regular French Army who were apart of the Allies, Mr. Mayer had become an interpreter for 21 German prisoner of War located somewhere in France. Mr. Mayer speaks about how he had dispelled his hatred toward the German people in order do his job, he had to look at pictures and see people, not Nazis and or enemies and with that he ends his story but before that, he delivers a very impactful lesson taught to him by a dear friend. In 2003, he had lunch with President Gorbachev in New York, Gorbachev then proclaims "Eric, if you let what happened to you in your past embitter you, you will not be able to prevent those events from happening again."

Has Battlefield Finally “One” ?

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The latest addition to the Battlefield franchise is Battlefield 1 and it has surpassed sales of its predecessors Battlefield 4 and Battlefield: Hardline. The game itself has received 8-9 out of 10 in reviews.

The campaign itself has six missions all over the European and Middle East fronts during the war. There are six “war stories” in all and one covers the brutal Gallipoli Campaign in 1915. Another covers a British Mark V tank driver in 1918 in the last 100 days of the war during the Battle of Cambrai. There is even a moment in the campaign where you are in the German side of the trenches trying to get to your side the British side because you were shot down escorting bombers to their target. There are moments in the “War stories” where it hits you, “This is what people by the hundred of thousands had to go through on a day to day basis” as you carry your back seat gunner for your two seater fighter plane avoiding the British searchlights as they look for German Stormtroopers who do night raids and then shoot to kill.

The game comes with the standard large conquest mode and rush, by this point these two are staple in the franchise. Now, there are two new modes in Battlefield’s multiplayer, one of them is the main show so to speak allowing the chaos of 32 vs 32 games. This game mode called “Operations” which involves multiple maps that are connected to each other. The largest is the one that takes place in the middle east between the Ottoman Empire and the British Empire.



Battlefield 1 is receiving widespread critical acclaim //Flickr

This single Operation covers three maps in all in the early days of the war in 1914 as the two sides fight it out for oil and the control of the Sinai itself to see if the British can still be able to sue the oil for fuel for their fleets or be shut down by the Ottoman Empire. Another battle features a group many who read this may never have heard of and that is the “Harlem Hellfighters”. A all black infantry regiment who went over to Europe to fight the Germans in the trenches. They have their own Operation dubbed “Conquering Hell”, in fact the term “Hellfighter” came from the Germans describing their toughness in battle.

It's mostly the campaign that the improvements should be made. The first World War claimed the lives of 15 million and the conditions of the trenches is only shown twice in the campaign from my recollection. Prior to the full release of the game I was hoping for a truly depressing game showing me the absolute horrors of the first World War. The campaign for Battlefield 1 does “The War to End All Wars” some justice but not the level it truly needs. If you are looking for the closest thing to seeing the first World War other than playing the game itself would be The Great War Channel on youtube where they publish a weekly episode on what happened in the first World War 100 years ago.

I would say yes, there are flaws and its mostly with the campaign and how its was written, however Battlefield isn't really known for its campaign. It is known for its amazing multiplayer.

Nintendo Switch Unveiled

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After a year and seven months of speculation and anticipation, Nintendo finally unveiled their next-gen home console, the Nintendo Switch. The iconic video game company announced the system back in March 2015, when it was codenamed “NX.” Finally, Nintendo revealed the system under its official name in a three minute trailer on October 20th, 2016. The console is to release in March 2017.

Nintendo has recently been a company to innovate with each of their recent console releases. The Switch is no exception as it is a hybrid between a home console and a portable. Similar to Nintendo’s previous system, the Wii U, the Switch is mainly controlled by a gamepad. The big catch however, is that this time the gamepad is actually part of the console itself. When you place the gamepad back into its standing dock, which is connected to your TV, you can play your games on the big screen. When not in its dock, you can still play your games on the go with the gamepad. It also has a headphone jack so you can game without disturbing others.

Another aspect worth noticing is the number of controller options the Switch offers to the player. While the gamepad is being used on the television, its two sides are able to slide off the gamepad and onto another part to create the home controller for the Switch. When used as a portable, the two slides can slide off and act as controllers themselves, similar to the Wii Remote and Nunchuk for the Wii. The gamepad has a pull out stand for this playstyle. Luckily, if you're the type who can't stand anything other than the original thing, the Switch does offer a standard controller for the home console.

Above all, Nintendo knocked it

out of the park with the trailer. All the features described above of the Switch were not only presented clearly, but also provided a few twists. It's no secret that Nintendo is recognized by modern society as a company catering to children. After watching this trailer, you'd never imagine that. Immediately

Switch. Along with this, there are many social groups presented in the trailer, including a basketball team, a hangout, and an esports team showing off the console. Nintendo is clearly marketing the Switch towards young adults, which can only help the company in today's

scheduled to release for both the Wii U and Switch in 2017. They've also shown off possible new instalments for the Super Mario and Splatoon series. Along with this, Nintendo has gotten many third party developers on board with the Switch, including Square Enix, Ubisoft, Sega, Capcom, 2K, EA, and Bethesda.

However, this is where one big flaw in the trailer comes in. During the trailer, both NBA 2K17 and The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim Special Edition were shown. However, according to 2K and Bethesda, neither game is confirmed to release on the console. Why would you show off two games that have not been confirmed for your console, especially crucial third party system sellers? Third party support is crucial for a gaming company to succeed, as the lack of third party support on the Wii U was one of, if not the biggest reason why Nintendo's previous system is the company's biggest home console failure, selling only 13.3 million in its almost four year lifespan. If third parties jump off the ship like they did last time, don't expect the Switch to sell much better than the Wii U did.

Luckily, a spokesperson from Nintendo told Wall Street Journal “We haven't shown everything yet,” so we can expect much more information regarding the console in the future. This was confirmed when company president Tatsumi Kimishima announced the Nintendo Switch Presentation 2017, which will be held on January 12, 2017. The presentation will reveal the release date, price, and upcoming games for the Switch.

Nevertheless, excluding third party games shown despite not being confirmed, the unveiling of the Nintendo Switch was pretty impressive. It definitely has the potential to be the company's greatest success.



The logo for the Nintendo Switch, Nintendo's next-gen video game system. //Wikimedia

in the trailer, we see a young adult with multiple responsibilities, including walking his dog and going on what appears to be a business trip, showing off all the portable features of the

society.

Multiple games were seen being played in the trailer, including the upcoming The Legend of Zelda Breath of the Wild, which is

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Blood Clots Putting Bosh's Career in Jeopardy

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It is not common to hear of a star athlete having to retire early due to health complications. Sadly, it is possible that Chris Bosh's career may come to an end at the young age of 32. Bosh, power forward for the Miami Heat, has a career filled with great accomplishments and accolades, but due to his health, continuing his career looks bleak.

Bosh has been a star in the NBA since he was drafted fourth overall out of Georgia Tech in the 2003 NBA Draft. Since being drafted Bosh has been an 11 time All-Star (2006-2016), All-NBA Second Team, and a two time NBA Champion (both with the Heat). To add on to his accomplishments in just seven years with the Toronto Raptors, Bosh managed to be their all-time leading scorer with 10,275 points.

Since the 2010-11 season, Bosh has been with the Miami Heat where he teamed up with NBA stars Dwyane Wade and LeBron James. He helped them win back-to-back championships in 2013-14 and 2014-15. The 2015 championship would not have been possible if Bosh did not get an offensive rebound after a James miss, that then led to a Ray Allen three pointer that would force overtime in game six and then eventually a win. The Heat went on to beat the San Antonio Spurs in seven games after being down 3-2.

Now trying to comeback from a second blood clot incident is looking very slim and very difficult. The first one occurred following the All-Star break during the 2015 season where Bosh had developed a blood clot in his lung. He was forced to miss the rest of the season.

The second one then occurred following the 2016 All-Star break, where



Bosh remains optimistic //Wikimedia

Bosh was voted for the three-point contest and the All-Star game. Bosh had to miss the rest of season again after he was diagnosed with a blood clot in his left leg, he did not want to sit out, but was forced to by medical staff.

After being hopeful to return for the 2016-17 season that was quickly shut down when Heat released a statement that he failed his physical.

Riley commented his career with the Heat was over and they were moving on. In a statement he came out and said, "We are not. I think Chris is still open-minded. But we are not working toward his return. We feel that, based on the last exam, that his Heat career is probably over. ... It's pretty definitive from us, in our standpoint, that this is probably going to be a time where we really have to step back. His health, playing and economics -- it's been health, health, health. Whatever the cap ramifications are, they are there, but we never ever thought about that."

Although his career with the Heat may be over, Bosh is still optimistic he'll play basketball in the NBA again, "If a doctor tells me, 'Hey, that's it, and this is how it is,' and I don't buy that, I think that I have the right to disagree with you. I know inside me I have a lot of talent and a lot of ability. And I have it. I know I have it. It wasn't a matter of if I'm going to play again; it's when. So, we took the bull by the horns."

Bosh plans to play again, his love for the game won't let this health situation cut his career short. According to Zach Lowe, the Heat plan on waiving Bosh after March 1st because players waived after March 1st are not eligible to appear in the playoffs.

NHL Offseason Recap and Season Preview

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The National Hockey League season may have come to an end on June 12 when the Pittsburgh Penguins won their fourth Stanley Cup, but fans didn't have to wait too long before hearing their favorite teams and players were making headlines again.

After the Stanley Cup ended, teams were allowed to re-sign players who were on their team the previous year and make trades with other teams. The Tampa Bay Lightning re-signed their star center, Steven Stamkos, to an eight-year, \$68 million dollar deal, taking him out of the free agency sweepstakes where he was going to be one of the most targeted players. The Edmonton Oilers traded their rising star left winger Taylor Hall to the New Jersey Devils for defensemen Adam Larsson, a move that caught many hockey fans off guard. In order to create more salary cap space, The New York Rangers traded All-Star defensemen, Keith Yandle, to the Florida Panthers for a sixth round draft pick.

On June 24, the NHL draft took place in Buffalo, New York, where all 30 NHL teams took turns selecting amateur players from junior, collegiate or European leagues. The Toronto Maple Leafs, the team who selected first in the draft, drafted United States born center

Auston Matthews, who played in a European league the year before and was considered by many the most pro ready player in the draft. The Winnipeg Jets picked next, selecting right winger, Patrik Laine. The draft continued for 7 more rounds at 30 picks each, finishing with 210 total players being selected to an NHL team.

On July 1st, a week after the NHL draft, the NHL's free agency period began, where teams looked to add players to their roster by signing players who are not with a club to a contract. Players who had finished their contract with one team and wanted to explore other options or players who were not drafted were eligible to be in this free agent pool.

The first day of free agency was filled with signings as \$330 million dollars was spent in the first hour alone on 32 different players.

Highly desired free agent right winger, Kyle Okposo, cut ties with his former team, the New York Islanders, and signed a seven year, \$42 million dollar contract with the Buffalo Sabres. The Edmonton Oilers made a big splash by signing left winger,

Milan Lucic, to a seven year, \$42 million dollar deal. With the money saved due to the Keith Yandle trade, the New York Rangers were able to sign forwards, Jimmy Vesey and Nathan Gerbe along with

defensemen Michael Grabner and Adam Clendening. With all of these signings and trades finalized and the season approaching fast, various sports networks and websites are putting out their season previews for all 30 NHL teams.

Las Vegas has released the odds for every team to win the Stanley Cup, as well as their respective conferences. Las Vegas has the Chicago Blackhawks at 6-1 odds to win the Stanley Cup, with the Tampa Bay Lightning at 7-2 odds to win the Eastern Conference and the Blackhawks at 5-2 odds to win the Western Conference.

The beginning of the 2016-17 NHL season leaves fans wondering, can The Washington Capitals who have one of the best offenses in the NHL, finally move past their recent playoff failures and finally win the cup? The Dallas Stars made a great run last year in the playoffs, will they follow that up with an even better run or are they just a fluke?

Can the Calgary Flames, Vancouver Canucks and Winnipeg Jets return to the playoffs after a one year absence?

These are just some of the questions that will be answered as the season goes on, but one thing is for certain, when the puck drops on October 13th, every team will have an equal chance of winning the Stanley Cup.



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Lady Bulldogs Volleyball Season Review

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The Lady Bulldogs volleyball team has had a very successful regular season, as they currently (10/18/16) sit at a record of 16-5. They have been so successful that within the last two weeks the team has received votes to be nationally ranked. As the season comes to an end, the Lady Bulldogs dominated their conference, finishing with a 9-3 record, placing them in second place in the Garden State Athletic Conference. They have earned the 4th seed in the 2016 Women's Volleyball Region XIX tournament. They will host the 5th seeded Harrisburg Area Community College, who finished their season with a 13-4 record, on Tuesday October 18th. The Lady Bulldogs look to improve on their second place finish in the prior year's region tournament.

Much of the Lady Bulldogs success have been in part of their returning sophomores, including, Gioia Abreu, Arlene Espinal, Ariel Frazee and Arlene Espinal. All of these players bring with them Region tournament experience. Gioia Abreu earned All Region Second team and First-team All-Conference for the Lady Bulldogs in 2015. Another award might be in her future as she ranks within the top 30 in



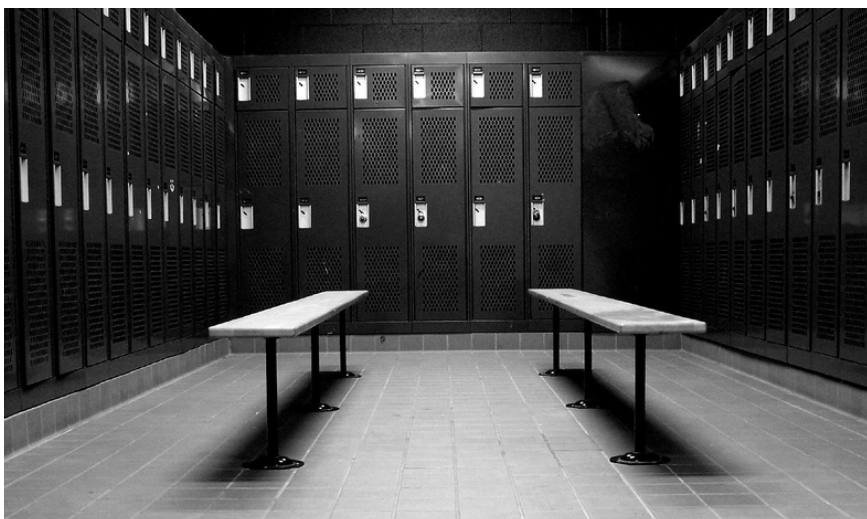
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the nation in service aces and top 60 in the nation for assists. Ariel Frazee and Arlene Espinal have both improved from last year, helping the team as they add a large number of Service aces. Erika Flores was a large reason the Lady Bulldogs were so successful in 2015, unfortunately she suffered an injury early in the year and spent much of the season recovering, hopefully ready for the first round of the region tournament.

Many new freshman joined the team this season, including, Yalimar Castillo, Christal Cabrera, Desara Korreshi, Francela Ulate, Misreal Llukovi and Katherine Helewa. Francela Ulate has brought much excitement to the team, as of September 30th, she ranks 18th in the Nation in Kills, 26th in the nation in Service Aces, and 45th in Total Attacks. All the new freshman add a different element to the team that has been essential in their success.

First year coaches, Samantha Reed and Tyler Singh have lead the team to a successful season. As of September 30th the ranks 2nd in the nation in Service Aces 5th in the nation in Service Aces per set, 28th in the nation in Assists and 47th in nation in Kills.

CURRENT AND FORMER ATHLETES ON TRUMP'S "LOCKER ROOM TALK"



Demystifying the Locker Room as a den of masculinity//Wikimedia

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Recently there have been reports released of presidential candidate, Donald Trump, making sexist and derogatory comments. Footage has been released by NBC News and The Washington Post of Republican Nominee Trump making inappropriate comments.

As the news began to spread,

Trump attempted make the situation appear as if it was not bad. Trump released a statement that said, "This was locker-room banter, a private conversation that took place many years ago. Bill Clinton has said far worse to me on the golf course — not even close," and followed with, "I apologize if anyone was offended." Defending his comments as just "locker room banter," caused outrage from both current and

former athletes.

Expressing these comments as "locker room talk" painted a negative picture on athletes. Athletes from different sports were quick to react about what Donald Trump said in order to defend the locker rooms. All of these athletes spend hours upon hours in their respective locker rooms, and they don't want it to be portrayed as a place where conversations like that occur.

Richard Sherman, Seattle Seahawks cornerback, on radio said, "I think it was a cop-out. I think it was a cop-out. He needed some way to divert the attention from himself. That's not how most people talk in the locker room, and I think a lot of athletes would say the same. But it allows him to divert the conversation away from him, which was the focus." (710 AM Seattle)

Then there were athletes who followed with a handful of tweets and weighed in with their opinion.

One such example was Chris Conley, wide receiver for the Kansas City Chiefs, when he tweeted three times ranting about Trump's comments. He started with "Just for reference. I work in a locker room (every day)... that is not locker room talk. Just so you know..." Conley continued with "Have I been in every locker room? No. But the guys I know and respect don't talk like that. They talk about girls but not like that.

Period." He then finished with "Apart from this debate and apart from the election. I'm appalled how many of you are tweeting me that talking and acting that way is ok."

Former tight end, Tom Crabtree, said "There's a distinction between talking about a girl, or a woman, who's beautiful—and that kind of talk in a locker room—and talking about sexually assaulting a woman. It's two different things. I think people are getting confused with, "Oh, every guy says that." And, yeah, a lot of guys use crude language and guys cuss, and I guess you could say that's "locker room talk." That's "me when I'm mowing the grass talk." If I stub my toe, I'll use a four-letter word or something. I don't sit around with my buddies—and we certainly never sat around the locker room—and talked about grabbing women and kissing them when they didn't want it. That's sexual assault, and that's not OK."

As expected, most athletes made it be known that the locker room is not as Trump portrayed it. Trump was looking for a way to make what he said excusable, but in reality something like that should never be said. Donald Trump has since been continuously ridiculed for his comments.