Microwave fire interrupts classes

By Jessica Roth
Staff Writer

On Feb. 02, 2012, at 12:45 p.m., fire alarms blared in the main building. Everyone was evacuated. Students and staff waited in parking lots located at the front of the college. Margie Hall, a nursing student at HACC Lancaster, said, “I was waiting outside and wondered what was happening. I thought something was burning in the cafeteria because it had caught fire, but then I found out later it was popcorn that burned.”

The fire trucks were greeted by Tressa Setlak, director of safety and security. The firemen went inside but emerged about 15 minutes later and told everyone it was all right to reenter the building. Tressa Setlak explained, “Their reason for the call was that a bag of popcorn caught on fire in a third floor faculty bay microwave.”

Setlak also revealed that fire alarms have been set off “two times last semester; this is the first for this semester.”

Setlak explained, “Any time a smoke alarm goes off on college campus it is immediately dispatched to the local fire company as is college policy.”
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Dear Not Funny: Has your father-in-law reacted to your complaints? If the answer is yes, then he thinks his behavior is "okay" because he has gotten away with it for so many years. Perhaps he would have known if I was doing the work. Some have known through experience and some have known because I eventually found myself sick of doing work for other people. Here's the root of the root when it comes to truth—Nursing is one giant group project. It's strange because I don't view my clinical team as individuals who are using me to drive the group forward, but a group of people who want to succeed just as much as I do.

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Event allows students to create memorable sign

Student Government presents custom street signs
by Caroline Hill

HACC Lancaster trashes its chance to RecycleMania

At noon they had run out of the Party Zone,” as well as more perennial favorites like, “Danger Zone,” “Party Place etc.,” offering students the opportunity to customize and take home a free laminated sign.

Assistants from Student People, hired by student government for this event, patiently assisted each deliberating student to create signs like, “Danger enter at your own kind permission.” “Honey Badger Avenue,” “Swagger Team Party Zone,” as well as more popular signs like “A V.E. Blvd.”, “Danger Zone Big Ugly,” as an endearment for his dad. Leo Paldo stood in line asking assistance from friends: “I’m trying to get a sign made for my girlfriend, but I don’t know what I should say. There are too many selections, so many, I don’t know what I should get.” After finally deciding on a nickname and sign style, Leo was told it would take a couple hours to finish.

Leah, from Party People, said the wait was due to a line created from multiple orders. She explained the process, as her co-worker typed an order into the computer. “The people put in an order with a certain amount of characters. We have a special printer that will print the text that is supposed to go on the sign.” Students were told to come back at their convenience and a table would be set up in the lobby waiting with their personal street sign.

When asked where a person could get other Party People merchandise, the assistant mentioned the Party People website at partypeopleinc.com where they offer many other novelty items like photo key chains, custom T-shirts/ i pad covers, custom chocolate wrappers, flip flops, bumper stickers, tote bags, car flags and many other items. Party People often visit colleges and universities, doing events like the one at HACC campus. However, some students were disappointed to find that though the event was posted to run from 11-2, Party People stopped taking orders at 1 p.m. Emma Carr said that when she asked for a street sign at 1 p.m., Party People told her they would be there until 2 p.m. If they continued taking orders, therefore they had to stop. This was said while students who had been there before picked up not just one, but multiple pre-ordered signs.

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RecycleMania

HACC Lancaster trashes its chance to participate in recycling competition
by Caroline Hill

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HACC Lancaster Campus sec- ond year student Tyler Marion said, “I never heard of this [Recycle- mania], but it sounds like a way to promote recycling.” First year student Dana Getz said, “HACC lost a good chance to improve the college. All of the profit from vending machines, food and vendors. The advertis- ing provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Keep America Beautiful (KAB), and Radiologic Technology Program at HACC’s Lancaster campus for the past 9 years. According to the “Lancaster Online” obituary Dr. Robbins is the author or editor of five books, including most recently Radical Democracy and Politics, and serves on the steering committee of the “Theology and the Political” consultation group of the American Academy of Religion.

Heiser accepts NSIGD Award

George Heiser was presented an Exellence in Teaching Award by Columbia hill.

The Lancaster campus of Har- risburg Area Community College (HACC) will not be participating in this year’s national college recycling competition, although both the Harrisburg and Gettysburg campuses will again take part in the tournament. RecycleMania, a non-profit event managed by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) officially kicked off on Febru- ary 4th. Program support is provided by the US Envi- ronmental Protection Agency and the College and University Recycling Coalition (CURC). Begun in 2001 as a two-col- lege contest, RecycleMania has grown to include 630 colleges representing 49 states, according to the event website recyclemania.org. “This activity helped to prevent the release of 127,553 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2E), equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions of 25,000 passenger cars, or the electricity use of more than 15,500 homes.” Participation is free and each entrant supports and implements its individual promotion and recycling efforts.

Unfortunately, HACC Lancaster’s nonparticipation this year, Emma Carr, a student council member said “…the reason it hasn’t hap- pened yet is…a lack of direction.” Unfortunately there are some issues with the interface between the contest and HACC Lancaster’s on- going recycling efforts. Only one individual, Julia Knight, was a mentor. He was the kind of person who would foster growth and let you figure things out on your own. He was the same way with his students. He exemplified excellence and set a great example for them. He was more of a mentor than a teacher.”

Shonener continued to discuss her memory of Heiser: “Teaching excellence was very important to him. He loved teaching what he taught. He was very passionate about the subject and brought that passion out in the students.”

Heiser was presented an Excellence in Teaching Award by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development in the College of Education on Feb. 6, 2012.

Honors lecture series

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Associate Professor and Chair of Religion and Philosophy, and director of the American Studies program at Lebanon Valley College, will present a talk entitled, “What is Post-Secularism? Rethinking the Relationship Between Religion and Politics,” as part of the Honors Lecture Series. The talk will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 3 p.m. in Stabler 102 on the Harrisburg Campus. It will be broadcast live to all campuses. Please check with your campus IT department for your campus location.

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Scene from Assassin's Creed: Revelations were a guy falls of a mountain

by Luke Brahl
Staff Writer

Ubisoft, the developer responsible for acclaimed series such as “Prince of Persia,” “Ghost Recon,” and “Rainbow Six,” made a promise back in 2006 to change the face of stealth games for future generations. “Assassin’s Creed,” which was released in Nov. of 2007, altered how gamers viewed stealth games. Gone were the dark and heavy shades that many games had been wearing, as we now saw more sneaking through air ducts or silenced pistols and tranquilizer darts. In their place was a bright environment, filled with color and crowds who respond to the player’s actions. This brand of “social stealth” has been one of the main pillars of “Assassin’s Creed” series since its inception over five years ago. Social stealth permitted player’s ability to blend in with their environment like nothing more than a blade in the crowd. This works by categorizing the player’s actions into one of two sets. High profile actions such as free-running, another of the series staples and first introduced into games with the release of “Assassin’s Creed,” running through a crowd, initiating armed combat, and publicly assassinating a target are all actions that are deemed socially unacceptable. These actions will draw the attention of guards and potential targets to the player. Low profile actions, such as walking and blending in with a crowd, will not do the same. If you have never played an “Assassin’s Creed” game before, you can probably look it up on Wikipedia.

Revelations kicks up the story not long after the end of “Assassin’s Creed Brotherhood.” Italian assassin and protagonist Ezio As- dore is traveling to Mayafy, an old assassin fortress in the Holy Land where the first game took place, searching for information left behind by his ancestor and the first game’s protagonist, Al- tair. Upon arriving at the old As- sassin fortress, which is already being searched by Templars (the yin to the assan yang), he is captured and nearly killed. After escaping his captors and making his way through the fortress, Ezio ends up at the door to Altair’s Library, only to discover that he needs five keys left behind by Al- tair and scattered by Niccolò and Matteo Polo throughout Constans- tinople, one of which is currently in Templar possession. From Mayafy, Ezio sets sail for the Ot- toman Empire and so begins the story of “Assassin’s Creed: Revelations.”

Game play in “Revelations” feels like almost more of the same from “Assassin’s Creed II” and “Assassin’s Creed: Brotherhood” with a few new goodies thrown in to keep it from feeling too stale. The hookblade, a new weapon in the arsenal of Ezio, not only functions as a tool for death deal- ing, but also as an aid in navigat- ing the city of Constantinople. It helps the player to ascend build- ings and other climbable things in the environment faster, treat host- tile guards as mere hurdles, and use zip lines the city’s local assas- sins have set up. The new bomb crafting system allows the player to actually create bombs instead of just buying smoke bombs from blacksmiths. The crafting system works by using materials collected by the player in his or her travels. By combining a shell type, powder, and ingredient, the player can create bombs of varying sizes and effects. Some types are used for distraction, draw- ing the attention of guards and crowds elsewhere; allowing the player to get a clean kill on the target in question. Others are used to tactically alter a situation to the player’s advan- tage, like creating a smoke screen to obscure the vision of hostiles. The final type of bomb is much more deadly and as such must be used more carefully to avoid ci- vilian casualties. These new addi- tions help to keep the game fun and can lead to missions being re- played in a different order.

“Multiplayer,” an online com- ponent, is back and sporting a re-vamped look. Players who are new to multiplayer in “Assas- sin’s Creed,” will most likely find themselves struggling at first. That’s because this isn’t “Call of Duty,” people. You can’t use the same “run and gun” play style which are finished, the team with the most points wins.

There are team objective game modes as well. Manhunt is team death match with each game con- sisting of two rounds. Pursuers gain points for their team by kill- ing the opposing team as quickly and quietly as possible. Targets get points by hiding, stamina, and escaping their pursuers. More points are gained by hiding with your teammates, and the honorsdeath bonus is available for striking your pursuer before you die. After the first five minute round is up, teams switch roles, the hunters become the hunted and vice versa. After both rounds are finished, the team with the highest cumulative score wins. A new game mode called Arti- fact Assault is capture the flag, plain and simple, with more of an emphasis on the free run- ning aspect of the game. The Ghost Capture returns from “Brother- hood” and involves attack and defend style play. These are just a few of the multiplayer game modes available, with others adding new twists of their own.

“Revelations,” brings the stories of both Ezio and Altair to what I believe is a satisfying close, with the subtitle “Revela- tions” making sense upon con- clusion of the single player story. While you may have lost sight of it in all the uproar over “Skyrim,” I’ll admit to having done so myself, don’t knock “Revelations” off as a game of inferior quality. In fact, Ubisoft is right on par with its latest release, following the “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” mentality. While it didn’t make the game of the year, “Assassin’s Creed: Revelations” is still one of the better games released in 2011.

by Brendan Krick
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O’Neal’s final work worthy release

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Drag show

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by flirting and handing out donuts. "Take them, please, as you can see I have had too many already," she told the spectators.

Next onstage was Lady Veronica Blackwell, a third-year student Kyle Grandinetti, who choose to entertain with "Walking After Midnight," a song with strong personal connections. "It was one of my dad's favorites," said Grandinetti. When asked why he was willing to be part of the show, he stated, "I thought it would be fun to do."

Audience members had a chance to mingle with student and pro performers during the intermission. They enjoyed light refreshments which included a chocolate fountain complete with fresh fruit for dipping. For a donation to Lancaster Pride, attendees could get their picture with any of the participants. Hostess Vita D. Kline was a favorite as were the students who entertained during the first half of the program.

Tai Abeau resumed the show by sharing his second act of the night, "Let it Be" from the Beatles' "Revolver." Students who clapped out the beat when technical difficulties interrupted the instruments. Once all 15 performers were able to finish their acts, a panel of judges voted for the top four performers.

During the wait, the host of the program, Nathaniel Torres, performed on a cappella rendition of Adele's song "Someone Like You," to which the crowd of students, friends, and faculty fervently sang along with. Once the envelope was passed to the host, he asked the crowd for "one final round of applause in honor of everyone who performed." Also, students were able to make connections with peers with similar interests.

This was my first time ever doing something like this," explained Jennifer Ray, who performed a cover of Reba McEntire's "Conspicuous by Its Absence." Ray also found support from her fellow students who clapped out the beat when technical difficulties interrupted the instruments. All 15 performers were given a chance to win one of the four $50 HACC Bookstore gift cards for their rendition of "I'm Going Down" Rose Royce. Second place was given to Elvin Villanueva who performed a tribute to Whitney Huston by singing "Greatest Love of All" and walk away with a $25 visa gift card, and finally the first prize of a $150 Visa gift card was presented to Jannelle Sanchez who sang an original piece, accompanied by her acoustic guitar. As the program came to an end, the performers received applause of approval. The winners then performed "We Are Family" to wrap up the evening.

Social Aspects of D2L

D2L offers many ways to connect to others by Kyle Paradise

Staff Writer

Recently, HACC has switched to using the Desire2Learn (D2L) online learning management system. This e-Learning suite provides HACC students and faculty with an all-in-one software package that includes course management, grades keeper, calendar of events and assignments, personal portfolio, and class materials all easily accessed from the MyHACC portal and personalized for each individual. One component of D2L that has gone overlooked is its social-networking feature which is very similar to the format used by popular social-network websites like Facebook and MySpace. When first-time users sign in to their D2L homepage, they will be prompted for the usual information of name, e-mail address, and HACC ID. At this time they will be able to access all of their student and course information, as well as create a user profile. Once a student or faculty member is signed in to their D2L homepage, they/they have the ability to contact other students and faculty members from HACC with a variety of useful tools.

D2L offers instant messaging, e-mail and chat rooms for students and faculty to utilize and maximize their learning experience. One can look up fellow classmates, within the class, the roster and e-mail or invite them to a private conversation, or groups of peers can meet in a chat room to discuss the lessons of the day or an upcoming assignment. If a student misses a class, he could easily check his course page, e-mail the instructor and talk to classmates about important information he inevitably missed, all from a single webpage. HACC student Kirk P. Ludman said he has used it for e-mail and to check his grades. "It's pretty nifty," he said. "I was just looking around on it and I saw there was a list with everybody from my class on it. He said, "I'm going to have to contact some people from my class anyway for a group project and that would work perfectly."

This also seems like a great way for HACC students to get know each other outside of classrooms. As user profiles are created and interests shared, it would be easy to connect with students who share the same educational goals and interests. Students can share information on club meetings, upcoming events on campus and course feedback with one another. New students can find vital information about the campus facilities, and veteran students can share their sagacious insights. The user can even post links to favorite websites or blogs to share them in their ePortfolio and upload documents and files into their locker for convenient storage. When asked if he was familiar with the D2L program, another student, Eric Whalen, said he has looked at his grades, checked test schedules and e-mailed his instructors. "I saw that you could create a profile, but nobody else is on it so there's nothing," he added. "The problem with Facebook is that it's hard to find people near you; on D2L everybody's already there."

Angel Pacheco said he has used D2L only to do some math homework and saw the social component to it. He said, "All it would really take is for a few people get it started."
Pennsylvanian Republicans are anxious for April 24, 2012, to cast their vote in the Republican primary election. The primary will contribute to determining which candidate will compete against President Obama for the title of President of the United States. Currently the Republican GOP candidates are Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum. In the 2008 election, Obama vs. McCain there was not an overwhelming contribution of votes from the youth, especially that of college students. However, will the youth of the Republican Party be a factor in the primary election and a factor in the Presidential election? It is unclear whether or not the participation from 2008 will be parallel to this year’s election. In a HACC survey, six out of twelve HACC students are not voting or not registered to vote. What is for certain is that students have formed opinions about the candidates. Some of the opinions of the candidates are clearly negative. Allyson Greer commented, “I’m not voting for Mitt Romney because he says what he wants people to hear and doesn’t know what he is talking about. I would say Newt over Mitt.” There are students at HACC who don’t like any of the candidates except for Ron Paul. “Ron Paul makes more sense. He has logic and ethics with the constitution. The other candidates are money hungry pigs,” said Junier Justin. All these candidates have four things common: they want to be the next President of the United States, they are pro-life, they want a secure American border, and they don’t agree with Obama’s policies. It is obvious when watching debates that Santorum, Romney, and Gingrich have more similarities then libertarian Ron Paul. Santorum, Romney, and Gingrich want to make Christianity more prevalent for the citizens of the United States for, example, keeping “One nation under God” in the pledge of allegiance and keeping marriage between a man and a woman. Furthermore, the three candidates believe in better securing the American border from illegal immigrants to secure American jobs for legal citizens. Lastly, all three candidates believe that Iran is a threat to the United States security. Ron Paul is on the reverse side of Santorum, Romney, and Gingrich. Paul believes there is no threat with Iran and that our foreign policy should be like the Golden Rule: “Do onto others as you would others onto you.” In other words, stop starting wars. Furthermore, Paul wants to end the Federal Reserve System. Last, Paul believes that gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry in the states that legalize it. There is a streak of popularity with Ron Paul among college students, even college students that are registered Democrat. The catch is that these students aren’t quite sure if he will win the primaries. “Ron Paul might have some good ideas, but he is too radical to secure the votes in the primary, although he might make some kind of a splash as a third party candidate,” commented Anthony Herzog.

“Ron Paul is a decent candidate, but the chance that he’ll win the nomination is incredibly small.” What are the college students’ contributions in this primary? Thanks to modern technology and social networking, many students have come together to create websites and Facebook pages for the GOP candidates they favor. Students who favored Mitt Romney created studentsformitt12.com; as of the end of Feb., there has only been one blog post. As for Facebook, Students for Romney has eight likes, and the Students for Newt Gingrich 2012 page has one hundred and twenty-three likes. As of the end of Feb., the Students for Rick Santorum page has one thousand three hundred and ninety-three likes. Ron Paul’s Facebook page has seven thousand seven hundred and eight likes. Not only is Ron Paul largely popular on Facebook, but he is also popular among members of Students for Liberty who post blogs about his campaign on studentsforliberty.org. It doesn’t stop there; YoungRomnepaul.com has an enormous amount of members who inform

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Corbett, who praised the attack on Osama bin Laden’s compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, last May, said the administration was transparent in showing those killed were not Americans. He praised the government for releasing videos of the attack taken from drone aircraft and for releasing bin Laden’s $100 bill, which he showed to lawmakers during the hearing.

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Tortina, Obsessed Baker, Sugar Whipped, Stroopies, Bliss, Godilocks Goodies, Haute Chocolate, Mill’s Bakery, Cj’s Cake Jems and Nikki’s Desserts. One of the film was called an end, couples were allowed to go around the room to the different bakeries and try the different desserts while enjoying a glass of wine presented by Twin Brook Winery. Cj’s Cake Jems’ offered a unique cupcake that can be described as a “chocolate covered strawberry covered cupcake.” For gluten-free-organic lovers, Godilocks Gluten Free Goodies offered gluten-free donut hole cupcakes, created from a family recipe. However, although every bakery had amazing and unique dessert options, Haute Chocolate Café from West Reading, Pennsylvania, won best dessert with its “chocolate love domes” accessorized with little decorative hearts.

The last table guests stopped at, after filling their stomachs with delicious desserts, was Love 146’s table which included the voting box for “best dessert” along with information about the organization, t-shirts, and a sign-up sheet to join the Love 146 task force. “I didn’t know there was a chapter in Lancaster. When I researched the website, I loved everything about it,” said Robins.

Over $3,800 was raised at the Sweet Relief Bake-off to support Love 146’s fight to end child sex slavery. For more information, visit www.love146.org or Love 146’s Facebook page.

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Pierre’s mother never received her college degree and hopes her son can do better, which Pierre made clear is what he plans on doing. Pierre said, "Every day when I get up in the morning I dream of being a CPA, which is certainly something that I will achieve later in life." He realizes that there are many accounting jobs in the government that are going to be in need of filling in the next couple of years. Pierre plans on filling one of those jobs and doing much more. He believes America is still a great nation. When asked about our economic struggles, he expressed his belief that we can pull through it. While he still has a long way to go, he hopes one day to look back and say that he helped America get back on its feet financially. Considering himself a man of many goals, he not only wants to be a CPA, but has a slew of other goals, including playing bass professionally and being able to speak Creole (this native language), English, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

Unfortunately, he is still over coming cultural barriers. In Haiti, Pierre lived in a house in twelve with his family. In America, he misses having all that family around him. Pierre graduated from McCaskey High School and is studying at HACC until he has the proper English courses to transfer to Millersville. While he studies very hard in high school, he still finds time to meet new people and try new experiences he wasn’t able to do before, and to learn more about and connect with American culture. Pierre would like to see everyone work hard and aim high in life no matter where they are.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

Are you a registered voter and do you plan on voting in the Presidential Election?

Justin Acosta: No. I wouldn’t vote for anyone running right now.

Brendan Krick: I am. I would vote for Obama, I guess, man? I don’t really follow the news.

Cody Greene: I am. I’m registered Third Party. I prefer Ron Paul in the Republican Primaries and might re-register to vote but it’s so humiliating to be a Republican. If it’s Mitt Romney or Obama, I’m going Obama. It really depends on who’s Third Party.

Maryona Wheeler: No, I’m not. Nobody running really interests me. I would vote for a third party though.

Justin Acosta: No. I wouldn’t vote for anyone running right now.

James Roscoe: Yes but I would rather keep who I’m voting for a secret.

Nate Rendazzo: Yes. I prefer Romney in the Primary but not versus Obama.

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HACC Lancaster Campus has scheduled a series of Leadership Focus Group Sessions. You’ll have the opportunity to learn about this leadership initiative and give us your thoughts on what leadership skills need to be taught.

Meeting Schedule

Please choose one of the following:

March 19, 2012
1:00 - 3:00 / East 330

March 21, 2012
10:00 - 12:00 / East 330
6:00 - 8:00 / East 210

March 26, 2012
10:00 - 12:00 / East 330
2:00 - 4:00 / East 330

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