HACC President holds inaugural celebration
by Lisa Pardus, Contributing Writer

On Friday, October 20, 2011, Dr. John J. Sygielski was inaugurated as the seventh president of HACC. The festivities started with a free cookout and DJ under a big top tent on the lawn outside of the Cooper Student Center at the Harrisburg campus and ended with entertainment/reception at the Helen Y. Swope Memorial Carillon in the Wildwood Quadrangle.

The event was planned by the Gettysburg S.G.A (Student Government Association) and David Morrison, assistant to the president, and financed by all the S.G.A.’s.

The event was taped for later viewing, as well as being shown live online so that students could view it later if they had to attend classes or work.

The food served consisted of hot dogs and hamburgers, both regular meat and vegetarian, with vegetable platters instead of chips to give us all a healthy nutritious meal.

Members of the Phi Beta Kappa added their help as well, ushering and holding doors for the attendees and procession. SGA presidents from all the campuses also participated in the procession with Lancaster’s own S.G.A President, Joe Blauth. Many other students, teachers and faculty, including Warren Bair and Dr. Mummy, also represented Lancaster. H.A.C.C. Chris Marher, Phi Beta Kappa member, was the doorperson and provided transportation.

Despite a busy afternoon, and having to leave business to wait for Monday, Dr. Ski attended a meet and greet with students at the cookout. Despite the drizzle, the smile never left his face. Shaking every student’s hand inside and outside the tent, Dr. Ski didn’t leave one student behind.

After tawering some questions by the students, Dr. Ski made sure he said hello to many of the workers and teachers he already knew.

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Occupy Lancaster
Satellite demonstrators protest against corporate greed in Lancaster City
by Abraham Arehart, Staff Writer

Protestors gather in the main square of Lancaster City, modeling their efforts on Occupy Wall Street.

Police stood on watch on Saturday, October 15, as people gathered at Penn Square in Lancaster to protest corporate greed in a movement known as Occupy Lancaster. The rally began at 9 a.m. with a training session at the Community Mennonite Church in Lancaster. After a short break, the rally started in earnest at Penn Square at noon, followed by a march throughout downtown Lancaster.

The march lasted over an hour and a half, with young and old shouting, “We are the ninety-nine percent!”

Currently there are over forty people camped in Art Park with no intention to leave. Permits to inhabit the park have been granted until January. Occupy Lancaster has attracted a diverse set of participants, ranging from middle school youth to the elderly. In addition to having a diverse age group, the movement’s individual goals seem to run the gamut. At the protest, signs could be seen protesting corporate greed, lack of environmental concerns by the government, war, government corruption, unemployment, and more. Despite the relative diversity of opinion, standing amidst the crowds during the march, one can sense that the solidarity among the crowds is indeed very strong. HACC student Thadd Acosta was among the crowd, bearing a sign denouncing fracking, a controversial drilling technique with potential environmental consequences. When asked about the potential lack of focus of the movement, he said, “I would say this isn’t like that. This to me represents a new tactic, using social media to gather together. The Occupy Wall Street protests, like here, are really a platform for people to come together and express their concerns.”

Occupy Lancaster is indeed part of a much greater phenomenon. Its roots are traced to the now famous Occupy Wall Street protests, which have enveloped New York since mid-September. The thousands of protesters in New York have made global news, sparking spin-off protests throughout the world, including London, Paris, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Rome. According to the New York Times, the Occupy Rome rally gathered over
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Dear Laura,

I think I’ve made a bad first impression with my professor because the first month of school I was adjusting to my new schedule, and as a result, I came in late to a class a few times and failed to complete several assignments. Now, I’m much more settled in and serious about my schoolwork. I want to show him that I’m a focused student, but I think it might be too late, since my first impression was a bad one.

Made a Change

by Amber Wise,
Contributing Writer

The verdict is in! This fall you’ll be savouring sparkles, feeling fancy in fur, and snuggling up in ponchos! It’s been almost a decade, but ponchos are back! It’s easy to find them “so 90’s” or childish so to speak, but paired with jeans or leggings and a great pair of boots, you’ll be thinking differently.

If you’re not into ponchos, long skirts and dresses are another 90’s style look sticking around for another season. Ditch the flip flops and sandals (too) and pair it with a tribal patterned skirt you’ve been dying to wear with a tribal patterned shirt (since they’re in too) and pair it with a tribal patterned pencil skirt.

Although it’s not for everyone, fur is back and it’s not shy. Bold color fur coats and faux rabbit vests are popping up everywhere. For those who aren’t quite ready for the “furry” look, go for a cute shoulder bag with faux suede animal print (preferably cheetah) and wear it with a solid black dress. A simple dress will be brought to life with the pop of print. You can also bring in a touch of fur with a pair of tie up combat boots with a faux fur cuff. Steve Madden has a great selection of these boots this season that can be found at affordable prices at stores like Marshalls and T.J. Maxx.

Last but not least are boots. Boots, Boots, Boots. Did I say boots? This fall you’ll be seeing them everywhere. Booties, above the knee and west coast are very popular this fall. The classic leather boots, classically done by Rachel and Michael Kors, will continue to be a key piece this season.
How to eat healthily on a budget

by Christina Michael, Contributing Writer

Everyone is well aware of the fact that the cost of living has increased dramatically. People everywhere are affected by it, especially college students. After spending their money on tuition and books, the average student rarely has any spare money. As a result, this affects the food they consume. This leads students to settle for cheap, unhealthy choices such as processed foods or going out for fast food.

Most people think it costs too much money to eat healthily. The secret behind eating healthily on a tight budget is knowing where to shop and what to shop for.

Buying in bulk can save a lot of money. Costco and BJ’s are two popular warehouse clubs in Lancaster City. These two places are membership-based warehouse clubs that all high-quality brands at high volumes. They focus on low prices. When buying in bulk, it is important to buy only the necessities or products that will be used in a reasonable time period. If perishable items are bought, they can be frozen in smaller amounts and used when needed.

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Healthy sandwiches make for a quick and easy meal from items found in the fridge.

Fresh food does not always have to be expensive. Shopping at local farmer's markets is one of the best ways to get fresh foods cheap. Root's Market and Lancaster Central Market are a couple of the oldest farmer's markets in Lancaster County. Root's has over 200 different stands that offer a variety of products with great bargains. Other than the fresh foods from all of the stands, Root's also offers a public auction. They auction off poultry, produce, flowers, antiques, etc. Purchasing from an auction saves a great deal of money. In the article “11 Tips For Eating Healthily On a Budget” from “Simple Mom, Lisa” states that buying from your local farmers, you can ask how they grow their foods to see the amount of pesticides they use. Also, for people who like to buy in bulk, sometimes farmers will give a discount for bulk purchases.

If there is not enough time to shop around for bargains, planting a garden can always guarantee freshness. It takes time to take care of, but saves a lot of money. Reading “Getting Started With a Garden” from “Simple Organic” is a great way to learn how.

Furthermore, other than knowing where to shop, it is important to know what to shop for in order to save money. Meat is normally pricey, so cutting back on meat will help save. It is a good idea to shop for inexpensive cuts of meat that can be added to stews or casseroles. Stocking up on frozen or canned vegetables saves time and money as well. In the article “Save Money With-out Sacrificing Quality” from “Spark People,” Rebecca Pratt points out that Grocery Stores place the expensive name brands at “eye-level,” and the inexpensive brands above or below them. Shopping for generic or store brands saves money, and getting the food canned saves at least one dollar usually. To make healthier meals, canned vegetables should not be used as sides. Canned vegetables can be added as bases to soups, stir fries, casseroles, and crock-pot meals. For more nutrition, stir-fries should be made with brown rice. Pasta is another cheap meal to make, but should be made with whole-wheat pasta whenever possible. All of these one-pot meals save time, money, and provide good leftovers.

When trying to eat healthy, food should always be bought as fresh as possible. Salty and sugary foods should be limited in a healthy diet. Therefore, it is critical to avoid processed foods. Processed foods leave the person still feeling hungry and do not provide enough nutrition. Focus on buying raw vegetables and granola bars to replace unhealthy snacks.

Snacks or any foods with high saturated fats should be avoided. Buying seasonal fruits and vegetables often cost less because they do not come from far-away countries. They also taste better and are more nutritious. To save money, a person can freeze the fruits and vegetables to stock up during the natural season, for the off season. Stock up on any vegetable trimmings. They can be added as a base to any of the one-pot meals mentioned earlier. This will save money and make the meals fresher.

Overall, there are many different ways of eating healthily on a budget. It is a matter of knowing where to shop and what to buy. In this economy, many people encountered this issue and found multiple solutions to it. It takes creativity and a little work, but so does everything else in this world. In the end, more spare money and a healthier body is worth the work.

CALOR: an organization for cultural diversity

by Abraham Arehart, Staff Writer

Lancaster’s Harrisburg Area Community College is home to students of many ethnic groups and nationalities. These groups often face the challenge of integrating into American society while maintaining their cultural roots. C.A.L.O.R. is an organization empowering Latinos to meet these challenges and not just survive— but thrive.

C.A.L.O.R. is an acronym for Council on Affairs of Latino Organizations. When the letters are put together they spell calor, a Spanish word meaning “heat.” C.A.L.O.R., as an organization, was founded in 1995 by Jose Nunez, a former HACC student, and reactivated in 2010 by Carlos Gonzales.

The organization serves as a student advocate and educates the community about Latino culture. It is open to people of any background. We have members from many nationalities, not just Latinos ones.

The group’s diversity is impressive, having over 40 members that run the gambit from Mexican, Panamanian, Venezuelan, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Columbian, Argentinian, American, and more. These many nationalities encompass aspects of the wider Latino culture that is sometimes hard to define collectively. When asked as to what qualities they all have in common, C.A.L.O.R. member Nathaniel Torres said, “Energy. There is an energy with every member.” Rebecca Pratt points out that the organization itself is indeed very welcoming. Every month there are events that are open to the public. These events foster a sense of openness that fights any negative perceptions that people might have of Latino culture. Ricardo Aldovar said, “The Latino culture is underrepresented in the area, and we need to stop that by getting involved. Latinos have a responsibility to participate in the community, to vote, to raise public awareness of ethnic diversity. That is part of what C.A.L.O.R. is about.”

There are a couple events coming up in November. On November 1, C.A.L.O.R. will celebrate the Day of the Dead, a holiday of Mexican origins that focuses on celebrating the lives of the deceased rather than mourning their passing. On November 16, the group will host a Latin American Food Experience at the downtown Lancaster area cuisine and a place of fellowship open to all students and faculty. The organization also hopes to raise enough money to support a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March to help the country’s communities and raise educational awareness. C.A.L.O.R. Vice President Darlyn Castillo, herself a Dominican, said, “Just as we do here, we want to help the communities in our native countries, as well. Many people coming in from other countries start off badly due to a lack of emphasis on education and difficulty integrating. We want to change that.”

The many opportunities for friendship and getting involved are funded in part by the budget provided by the S.G.A. (Student Government Association). C.A.L.O.R.’s president points out that, “Four dollars of every credit hour goes into student organizations, as a way of giving back.” There is no fee to join although students will be asked to participate regularly in meetings and community events.

The club meets regularly on Thursday afternoons from noon to 1:30 P.M., in the Student Lounge. Inquiring students are encouraged to attend or ask for more information at the Student Government Association.
Lancaster Earthquake strikes Turkey

by Kyle Paradise, Contributing Writer

On October 23, Turkey was rocked by the most powerful earthquake to hit the country in ten years, according to CNN. Turkey, one of the most active seismic zones and is crossed by numerous fault lines. In 1999, two earthquakes with a magnitude of more than 7 struck northwestern Turkey, killing about 18,000 people, says the Associated Press (AP). As of October 26, in the most recent quake, 432 people have been reported killed, 18,000 injured, and at least 900 buildings destroyed.

The quake’s epicenter was in eastern Turkey, near Lake Van and the Iranian border, at a depth of 12.4 miles, says the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), shallow by earthquake standards, but particularly destructive due to the region’s extensive building codes in the country, according to ABC News. There have been as many as 200 after-shocks reported with magnitudes as high as 6.0, terrifying the tens of thousands that are now sleeping outside since the initial. Many of whom are not homeless but still too scared to return to their homes.

Survivors and opposition politicians have criticized the government for failing to provide much support. “We had all night long; nobody provided us with any blankets or heaters; we don’t even have a toilet,” one woman, who is staying in a tent, told the BBC.

Meanwhile, rescuers are still scrambling to try and save people still trapped in as many as 40 multi-story buildings, using cranes to lift large slabs of concrete, while others are attempting to dig them out with shovels. “There are many people under the rubble,” Vey sel Kesen, the mayor of Celebioglu, told NTV. “People are in agony; we can hear their screams for help.” At one point, rescuers turned off all their equipment in order to attempt to locate survivors by listening for their calls for help.

Three generations of the same family, a two-week-old baby girl, her mother and grandmother – were found alive by rescue workers in the town of Erzincan, according to the BBC. One man managed to help rescue his trapped fiancée by digging through the rubble to reach her with just his bare hands. Earlier this week, a two-week-old baby was found by rescuers after surviving for 48 hours alone.

Many countries, including the U.S., Greece, Armenia, Iran and Israel, have offered rescue aid to the nation, but Turkish President Abdullah Gul has declined the assistance. Around 1,275 rescue teams from 38 provinces were being sent to the region, officials said, and troops were also assisting in search-and-rescue efforts, according to the AP, which also quoted President Obama, who said: “On behalf of the American people, I express my deep condolences to the families of the victims. Our thoughts and prayers are with the brave men and women who are working to bring assistance to this stricken region. We stand shoulder to shoulder with our Turkish ally in this difficult time, and are ready to assist the Turkish authorities.”

by Tammy Wilson, Staff Writer

Which is more powerful, your conscious thought or the unconscious processes in your brain? This was the topic explored by Dr. Jay Wenger, HACC-Lancaster faculty member, during his lecture entitled “A Modest Attempt at a Comprehensive Understanding of the Conscious and Unconscious Mind,” the third installment of his honors lecture series. The lecture took place on October 13, in Main 326 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Addressing a standing-room-only crowd, Dr. Wenger presented reasons psychologists are changing long held beliefs that conscious thought is what causes us to behave the way we do. Alluding to five of his own studies, along with several others, Wenger told audience members that perhaps unconscious thought processes have more to do with how we behave than what we are consciously thinking.

“Before the decision to ask Dr. Wenger to be a guest speaker,” explained Kim Hall, Honors Program Coordinator for HACC-Lancaster, “he was a finalist for a national Fulbright Scholar award winner.” Dr. Wenger returned in May from his recent academic exchange program. He was selected as one of the “500 most outstanding scholars and professors” by his second Fulbright award.

“Since it is an honors lecture series, the lecture was more about his studies than his experience in Kenya,” said Hall.

Dr. Wenger’s lecture has been the most well attended lecture of the series so far. “There were fifty people at the last, as of Can- canpus alone,” said Hall. The lecture was broadcast live to all the other HACC campuses.

“I went to support Dr. Wenger as a representative of the book store,” said DeYanira Gonzalez, a HACC student. “I think Dr. Wenger already talked about my study to my class (Psych 101), so when the book store wanted someone to go, I volunteered.”

Dr. Wenger told audience members that the honors lecture series “is a good way for students to learn about the different courses you can take.”

Lectures scheduled for the Honors Lecture series are open to all students, faculty and staff, not just those in the honors program. Since the Lancaster campus took over the lecture series, the location of the lecture is where it is most convenient for both the speaker and broadcast to all other campuses. Times have also been changed to later in the day in order to avoid conflicts with classes and lunch times.

A-week-old baby is rescued from the rubble of a toppled building.

Conflict with drug traffickers continues its violent course

by Keith Love, Contributing Writer

If someone says the word “Mexico,” one may think of the beautiful resorts such as Cancun. “Mexico,” one may think of the rich heritage and diverse culture the region has to offer. In recent years, however, Mexico has become the scene of a variety of drug-related violent crimes.

What used to be known as a tourist attraction is now known as a drug trafficking war zone. There has been an ongoing “drug war” between the drug trafficking cartels and Mexican law enforcement since December of 2006. There are a total of 21,000 officers employed by the state of Veracruz, and if the remaining officers take the tests, CNN predicts an additional 5,500 officers will be deemed unfit to serve and terminated.

Last month a total of 67 bodies were found dumped in various locations in two separate cities in the state of Veracruz. More than half of these bodies were found on September 29, 2010, in the back of two abandoned trucks near a shopping mall. Investigators found bodies of 12 women and 23 men in the small town of Boca del Rio, one of the state’s most populated areas. Most of the deceased men and women had criminal backgrounds, but one of those men was a police officer who had been missing for 15 days.

Shortly after the bodies were discovered, a video emerged from a group of masked men stating they were the murderers behind the vicious homicides. This group of masked men call themselves the Zetas, or better known as the Zeta Killers. The Zeta Killers are a part of a well-known drug cartel called the Jalisco New Generation cartel, that operates in the state of Vera- cruz and is known for its ruthless murders.

According to CNN news, the members of Meta Zetas are prohibited by code to commit crimes such as extortion or kidnapping, as was communicated in a video that the group released to the media. In the video, the group stated that they were an “extermination” force, that works as the armed front of “the people and for the people.”

According to CNNMexico, in the month of October, Mexican authorities managed to apprehend eight people who were linked to the dumped bodies in Veracruz. Since 2006, the body count has risen to 40,000 due to the maliciousness of drug cartels. These figures were given in January of 2011 by the Mexican government, but will continue to rise as long as this ongoing drug war in Mexico continues.
HACC celebrates All Hallow’s Feast
by Shawn Shakenit, Editor-in-Chief

With Halloween looming, students get into the spirit deciding what plans they are going to make, what costumes to wear, and what parties to attend. In the spirit of the holiday, S.G.A. (Student Government Association) held its own celebration.

On October 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., H.A.C.C. Lancaster campus held All Hallow’s Feast in Footnote’s Café, located in the main building. During the event, the buffet was served, provided by Life Spring Caregivers by Christina. In addition to the buffet, the S.G.A. also purchased sandwiches from Subway. “During the informal chat with Dr. Washington, it was said that Subway would not be opening till around Thanksgiving; we thought it would be nice to put some food in the cafeteria. But Subway opened and we didn’t want to hurt their business today, so we reached out to the vendors and purchased some food from them,” said Joe Blasberg, S.G.A. president.

The event included a costume contest that was judged by a group of peers, whom were all apart of the S.G.A. Students that participated in the costume contest had the chance to win a Kindle. “In the past we have tried to hold costume contests, but no one ever dressed up. I think the Kindle helped get people involved,” said Christina Bewersdorff, S.G.A. treasurer.

Even with the Kindle as a prize, the turn-out for the costume contest was lackluster. “I only saw a handful of people in costumes. Maybe if there was a little more advertising more people would have participated,” said Ricardo Almodovar, C.A.L.O.R president.

Luke Brahl, a H.A.C.C. student, joined in the contest dressing as Ralph Macchio (the Karate Kid). “I, honestly, have not attend to many of the events. The food was better than in the past,” said Brahl.

Emma Carr-Gardner, dressed up as Harry Potter, won the costume contest. “It was worth it to dress up and embarrass myself; in a fun way,” said Carr-Gardner.

The event was free and open to all students as well as members of the community.

Though the turnout was relatively small, those who did attend seemed moved and interested by the film’s delicate study on the experiences of aging LGBT Americans as they enter the healthcare system. Director Stu Maddox sought to uncover the truth about how these individuals are treated by nursing home staff and other medical care professionals as a result of their sexual orientations and gender identities. Furthermore, it reveals the pressure these people feel to hide the lifestyles they have in some cases proudly and openly maintained for decades. As the film’s trailer states, “The generation that fought hardest to come out is going back in... to survive.”

The subjects in the film are all at one point in their story afraid, alone. Sheri insists she will never hide her sexual identity again, but Lois suggests that she might do so in order to remain safe.

Mel is an elderly gay man who has hidden his 39-year relationship from nearly everyone. He and his partner even went as far as not using their last names on Christmas cards to avoid being identified by strangers. He reaches out to a welcoming agency that connects him with other LGBT seniors, allowing him to feel comfortable sharing what he has for so long kept a secret.

“Gen Silent” is a powerful film, and it is also an important one. It effectively raises awareness about an issue that is easily overlooked. An audience member spoke from experience after the screening about being ostracized from the larger gay community due to his age. Unconscious or unintentional exclusion or discrimination within an oppressed minority group is not an issue that is often discussed. This film skillfully follows six people through a year in their lives to entertain and inform about the plight of a largely forgotten, aging, and voiceless group of people. Here’s hoping “Gen Silent” continues to start the kinds of conversations and inspire the sorts of changes that have advanced the gay rights movement to where it is today.
“Deus Ex: Human Revolution” is one of the best gaming experiences of the year by Robert Iraheta, Staff Writer

It has been quite a long time since the last Deus Ex game came out (the author will promptly ignore Invisible War for self-explanatory reasons i.e. it sucked). Times have changed since then; it seemed that in the late 90’s, just about every first person shooter (FPS) on the market pushed the envelope. Games like “Half-Life”, “Deus Ex” and “System Shock 2” changed what shooters could be, and nowadays it seems like every shooter is a rehash of the last best thing, being creatively bankrupt at every chance. So what better chance of having a change of pace than one of the old leaders of the FPS genre? “Deus Ex: Human Revolution” seems like a shining star amongst the drab gray and brown landscapes that have consumed this genre. Can this game bring back to life a dead franchise or even infuse life into the shooter genre?

“DE:HR”, “Deus Ex: Human Revolution”, as it’s going to be simplified from now on, is a game about choices. Much like its predecessor, the player can choose how to play the game on his or her own terms. As the security guard Adam Jensen, the player is thrown into the city of Detroit in the near future, where augmentation technology has surfaced and has become a point of contention. One day, Adam Jensen is in the middle of a security breach, where he is brutally killed and his love interest lost in the fire. He is then brought back to life using life saving augmentations and becomes a whole lot like RoboCop, if he were not hideously ugly. Using these augmentations, the player can choose which ones to use to his or her playstyle. Can the player go in like RoboCop, guns blazing? Yup. Can the player sneak that s—? Certainly. Can the player blast people away like Neo from The Matrix? Surprisingly, yes. What does this all amount to? Fun.

Now all of this would mean nothing without an apt playground to do it in. The enemy AI is fantastic, there’s plenty of great weaponry and the levels are well designed with many routes to take and many secret passages. The player could stealthily pick out each target at strategic points, he or she could sneak his or her way out of a vent, hack enemy robots to fight for you or punch a hole through a wall to snap a baddy’s neck. Basically, there’s no end to the choices to be made in the gameplay. The only downside is that most of your actions require the use of batteries that replenish by using items, and when encountering a boss, you have no other choice but to use the batteries and take them head on.

As for the story, it’s kind of like if Robocop were set in the world of Bladerunner, if that makes sense. It’s a story of intrigue, lots of betrayal, and a huge philosophical discussion on the right and wrong of human augmentation. It’s very well done and is quite realistic in its portrayal of what society could be with technology like that. Sadly, the ending doesn’t quite match up to the buildup.

Field of Screams offers terrifying new additions by Michelle Bolton, Staff Writer

Halloween is the holiday that arouses the desire to be frightened. It is the opportunity to personify your favorite fictional horror character and spend twenty-four hours venturing into a world of terror and screams. Every year Field of Screams offers new additions to their attractions: Den of Darkness, Frightmare Asylum, and Haunted Hayride. In other words, each year at Field of Screams presents surprises abundant in horror.

Upon entering Field of Screams, cautiously, I was confronted by the sounds of chainsaws and the sight of teenage girls dashing from the Frightmare Asylum. Before I exited the asylum all together. The actor with the chainsaw that exited the asylum because of how bored I was. The actor who entered with chainsaws under his arm said “I’m not on my medication” and “I’m not on my mediation!” I wanted to get out of the asylum because of bored I was listening to the same warning statement. However, my boredom retreated when I arrived at a room that looked familiar: the horror movie “Silent Hill.” My one friend who came with me to Field of Screams was so afraid of the room that he ran from it and exited the asylum all together. The actor with the chainsaw that normally would run after screaming visitors didn’t bother running after him.

My favorite attraction at Field of Screams is the Haunted Hayride; therefore, I saved experiencing that attraction for last. This year, I was impressed with the hayride the most. My favorite addition to the hayride is a replacement of “Friday the 13th” with “The Nightmare on Elm Street.” “The Nightmare on Elm Street” is my favorite horror movie. Therefore, as the tractor pulled to a stop and a scene from the 2010 version of “The Nightmare on Elm Street” played, I couldn’t help but be excited for what for happened next. At the conclusion of the clip, I turned around to see Freddy Kreuger standing over a frightened girl holding onto her laughing boyfriend. The greatest way to get scared and enjoy it is to be scared by Freddy Krueger. When I got off the hayride, I couldn’t stop talking about how awesome it was to see that wonderful addition to the hayride.

Every October, everyone is looking to release a good scream. Field of Screams has proven and kept their title as America’s number one haunted attraction. If you are interested in partaking in their adventure of horror, discounts for Scream Passes are featured at Turkey Hill. If you are interested in being part of the action, Field of Screams is always looking for volunteers. For more information on Field of Screams, ticket information, and volunteer information visit www.fieldofscreams.com.
Kevin Smith’s ambitious vision is hindered by his rudimentary abilities

by Brendan Krick, Managing Editor

“Red State” is a surprisingly competent directing effort for Kevin Smith, but unfortunately the fact that it is wearing one’s expectations does not mean that it was as good as I wanted it to be. Smith tells the story of a small Westboro Baptist-inspired church that, through a series of violent events, ends up in a Waco style standoff with the ATF. The violent events, ends up in a Waco style standoff with the ATF. The conflict between two forces that I find myself caring about the outcome of them with a surprising amount of energy. What is most impressive about these feats is that they are not accomplished using a detached, postmodern sensibility, but through a sincere embrace of the emotions and stakes at hand. I love shows like “Community,” but through a sincere embrace of the emotions and stakes at hand.

Kevin Smith just isn’t a good enough editor to make it work. He really manages to pull off old sitcom clichés without ever cutting himself into an immovable object, a time capsule story, and two characters coaching opposing basketball teams with inventiveness and grace. Will-they-won’t-they romances are executed in such a way that I find myself caring about the outcome of these feats is that they are not accomplished using a detached, postmodern sensibility, but through a sincere embrace of the emotions and stakes at hand.

Amy Poehler at the Golden Globes with husband, Will Arnett.

writer-director Kevin Smith promotes the film at a Manhattan comic book store.

Writer-director Kevin Smith promotes the film at a Manhattan comic book store.

That’s not the kind of matrity I’m talking about. What I’m referring to is the maturity of craft one develops when one has had a career like Smith’s, and Smith simply has not grown in that respect since he was shooting movies with his high school buddies in New Jersey.

Smith has grown as a writer, certainly, but he still has the rough instincts of an amateur when it comes to assembling an entire visual package. There are several moments in the film that distracted me from the almost frustrating amount of potential in the script. One was a scene when the town sheriff describes a car accident, which we saw in the previous scene. As he describes the event, we are shown almost the same footage, only desaturated now so we know it’s a flashback. Thanks for the reminder, I guess? Later in that same scene, the sheriff sits down and pours himself a drink. The camera zooms in on his eyes as he Passive-aggressively says a line of dialogue that is both corny and self-serving. This is the kind of editing that takes a lot of finesse and instinctive rhythm to pull off (similar sequences in FX’s Louie are played out beautifully), but Smith just isn’t a good enough editor to make it work. He really manages to pull off old sitcom clichés without ever cutting himself into an immovable object, a time capsule story, and two characters coaching opposing basketball teams with inventiveness and grace. Will-they-won’t-they romances are executed in such a way that I find myself caring about the outcome of these feats is that they are not accomplished using a detached, postmodern sensibility, but through a sincere embrace of the emotions and stakes at hand.

Kevin Smith is un fortunately absent here. The Five Point church is ruined as a stand-in for the NBC sitcom where John Goodman’s character mentions “Fred Phelps and his family up in Kansas” which Smith was added to avoid litigation from the notoriously litigious group, but I thought it was wimpy, and if anything is first 133 minutes of the film the inner points of the First Amendment it would be the Phelps family.

Moreover, the initial protagonists are removed from the narrative after halfway through the film, so we are left to observe the conflict between two forces which are portrayed equally unfavorably. It’s hard to pick who to side with when you’re deciding between the “God Hates Fags” people and the trigger-happy feds who openly plan to shoot children.

“Red State” is a solidly entertaining movie, and it’s refreshing to see something this dark and weird come out of Hollywood, even if it never got a real theatrical release. It’s cleverly written and full of surprises. The acting is excellent, and I would have loved to see Michael Parks and John Goodman interact more. Despite its problems, it’s definitely worth seeing if you’re a Kevin Smith fan, or if you’re in the mood for something a little different and want to pretend that John Goodman’s character is just Walter from “The Big Lebowski” twenty years later.
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“... And then thee and I shall call all the brethren to this meadow, and we shall have a hall-raising.”

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ACROSS
1. “Good Morning, America” network
2. Tony, Vicki Lawrence’s role
3. Another name for short story
4. Biblical book named for a prophet, also
5. “Grounded... Life”
6. Writer Belinda
7. “That’s So...”
8. “My Big...Greek Wedding”
9. Sudden sharp increase
10. Actress Munn... 
11. Role on “Criminal Minds”
12. Singer MC
13. German artist
14. Age in popular phrase
15. Always funny in Philadelphia
16. U.S. Naval Academy freshman
17. Long-time “60 Minutes” correspondent
18. Home of steak
19. Asian... Nigeria
20. Solution to Last Week’s Puzzle

DOWN
1. Social needs
2. Bridges and others
3. Bird’s sound
4. Actress Ripa
5. Actor Reynolds
6. Gillis hopper, for short
7. “C’er It’s Where... You”
8. Spanish man’s pig
9. “Vanda...” Dr. Quinn’s series
10. Two-by-four, for example
11. Mike, south of the border: abbr.
12. Lion’s place
13. Shirt’s edge
14. Cusco palace
15. Actress Proctor
16. Astronomers and others
17. “... Girl Next” old serial for Darby Thomas & Dixie Darby
18. Large city in Ohio
19. Hot, succulent
20. Highway
21. Aboriginal
22. NBC followers
23. Actress Carr’s nameakes
24. Classic Charlton Heston movie
25. Wake
26. Film for Kelby Grammer and Seth MacFarlane about students at performing arts school
27. Delaware’s capital
28. Do the Doo Wop, for example
29. Revenant sender
30. Topperess cover

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