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Big Band Theory! Concert October 10, starting at 6pm in the Rose Lehrman Arts Center theater. Bands playing: Diving Air, Mishara, A Social State. Tickets available for purchase starting September 16 in Cashiering, \$10 students, \$15 non-students. Benefits Central PA Literary Council. Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

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Funnel cake sale: September 12 from 11am - 2pm in Cooper lobby. Sponsored by Student Programming Board.

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New shared governance model affects policies

By **Monica Graham**
Editor-in-Chief

With a new definition of shared governance put in place by the Shared Governance Taskforce that disbanded two weeks ago, their task of providing the groundwork for a new shared governance model is complete, and the Shared Governance Committee is ready to take over.

The Student Government Association is ready to tackle the shared governance procedures by establishing meetings for

a new committee, the AP/SGP Committee, which will be looking at the old Administrative Procedures and getting rid of the ones that are redundant, revising

the ones that need just a little work, and consolidating others. Once approved, they will turn into Shared Governance Policies.

Secretary of SGA Kadijah Kastriba says the conversion from APs to SGPs is to reflect the culture and environment that exists at HACC.

Brent Miller, president of the SGA, encourages students to join these committees to propose changes. "Anyone interested in changing college policies is more

than welcome to attend," Miller says. Kastriba says meetings are tentatively set up for Thursdays at 10am.

This seems like a more streamlined approach.

Look out for more

updates as the committee gets under way looking over policies like student grievances and student disciplinary actions.

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Student Government elections under way

By **Leif Johnson**
Staff Writer

It's Student Government election time again. This week, September 9 through the 13, elections for new senators and the vacant position of Vice President of the Student Programming Board, which was vacated by James Williams II, are underway.

Voting stations are set up in the Cooper building lobby from 10am to 2pm, and voting is available on

the HACC website online. Elections are held in the beginning of the fall and end of the spring semesters.

Four candidates are on the ballot for the senate, and two candidates are running for SPB VP. Four sena-

tors decided not to return to the senate this semester despite being voted in during the spring election. There is also space to write in votes.

Currently there are eight senators serving on the senate, not including the four executive board members. Thirty seats are available within the senate. Election packets were available during the first week of classes.

If there was not enough time for you to get signed up for the election and you want to get involved, Student Government meetings are held Mondays and Wednesdays at 1pm in Cooper 101.

Many committees within the Student

Government are looking for active participants, including HACCfest, community involvement, and technology. Any student, regardless of membership within the Student Government, is welcome to join most of these committees.

SGA Meetings are held Monday & Wednesdays at 1pm in Cooper 101.

A letter from SGA

SGA President Brent Miller has a few words for students to start the new semester. The most important? Stay involved and be informed.

Hello Student!

There are a lot of changes occurring at HACC that aren't obvious to the average student. And they greatly impact students not only as a body, but as individuals as well.

Some changes have already come down the chain and impacted us all. The adjustment in how loans are dispersed, for example: all of your grants, scholarships, etc. and half of your loans will be dispersed this month. The other half of your loans will be dispersed roughly 6 weeks later.

There have also been changes to several Administrative Procedures (APs) that affect students, such as the Student Grievance and Student Discipline APs, which were incorrectly printed in the Student Handbooks. If you are interested in the corrected versions

of these APs, please see the Office of Student Life in Cooper 107.

Significant events, important decisions, and controversial issues that the students should be aware of can and should be brought forth, and this is one medium to do so.

I am seeking out people interested in what is happening here at HACC, and letting them know that their opinions are valued! There are numerous opportunities to represent the student body coming very quickly this fall, and we are struggling to fill them all.

We are all members of the student body and therefore we need to know what issues, concerns, ideas, and thoughts the students have. Nothing is too out there.

I want to ensure that your concerns are addressed and resolved as best as possible with representations in all committees.

Your ideas, opinions, thoughts, comments and/or concerns are all welcome. No matter how off the wall they may seem, please tell us. Come to Cooper 106 and see us, call us at (717) 780-2597 and talk to us, or email sgaprshb@hacc.edu and share your ideas. Thank you.

On your behalf,

Brent Miller
SGA President

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Convocation 2013 with President Ski

By Allison Stark
Associate Editor

August 23 – President Ski opened his 2013 Convocation address with a brief history lesson about HACC's inception in 1964 as the state's first community college and its growth into the state's largest community college heading into 2014, its 50th anniversary year. His message was clear: HACC's been around a long time, and we're not going away anytime soon.

As Ski addressed all six campuses via teleconference from York, he used that jumping-off point to lead into a discussion of HACC's new mission statement and 3-year strategic plan. The mission statement is simple: "Creating opportunities and transforming lives to shape the future—TOGETHER!" The HACC 2015 strategic plan has three goals: Teaching and Learning Excellence, Organizational Excellence, and Operational Excellence.

The president discussed the ways in which the college has been working on streamlining processes to ensure these goals can be achieved, centering on better communication and building on our resources and community relationships to provide more educational opportunities for students and an enticing work environment for potential employees.

Ski announced HACC will be rolling out a new marketing campaign and hiring recruiting staff to help boost enrollment numbers. He acknowledged our decline in enrollment, while reassuring the audience that "our numbers, even though

they've been down a bit, are still above the national average."

Addressing the warning HACC received last November from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education regarding our accreditation, Ski cited a lack of communication under the previous administration. He acknowledged that when HACC was initially given recommendations by the commission in 2007, "a team of faculty worked very hard to address those concerns. However, we don't believe it really permeated the institution in ways that presented itself well most recently."

Ski said that the communication gap is no longer a problem. "A lot of hard work by our faculty, our staff, and our administrators" over the past several months has produced a plan that will "show them how committed we are to assessment and

to student learning and engagement," he said. Ski credited Jeb Baxter, Kathy Brickner, Cindy Doherty, and Lynold McGhee, the new director of institutional effectiveness, for their efforts in helping the plan come together.

Another example of the college's efforts to improve communication between students, faculty, staff, and administration was the Shared Governance Task Force which met over the past year to revamp the college's shared governance process. In the past, there were often duplicate policies on the books because APs were cobbled together on an ad hoc basis, and shared governance itself lacked an official definition. Ski thanked the faculty, staff, and students on the task force, as well as its chair, Pam Watkins, for laying the foundation for a new, ongoing Shared Governance Committee to ensure input

and accountability from all constituencies.

Ski went on to highlight achievements by all six campuses, including a joint effort by Ron Rebuck, director of nursing at the Harrisburg Campus, and Betsy Musser, director of nursing at the Lancaster Campus, to create an articulation agreement with Millersville University. The agreement ensures that RN students are now enrolled dually with Millersville University when they are accepted into the clinical portion of our nursing program to help them meet the hiring requirements of area hospitals.

Ski acknowledged the past two years have been filled with difficult but necessary changes. The college had a \$9 million deficit, and some "unpleasant" issues that needed to be brought to light. Ski said he knows the process wasn't easy for any of us, but, "Through some very painstaking restructuring and realignment through departments within our institution, I personally believe that we have begun to turn the corner."

Ski closed out the address by looking to the future. He spoke about how the virtual learning team and mobile learning project, which provides training and equipment for teachers to develop iTunesU or iBooks content, are keeping the college on pace with technology. "With more than 200 HACC faculty trained in this manner and with the support of our skilled instructional designers in teaching and technology services, I believe our college is at a distinct advantage to meet the evolving educational opportunities rapidly approaching all of us in higher education."

President's Award Winners:

Jeb Baxter - Associate Professor of Physical Science/Geology
"For efforts resulting in increased efficiency or effectiveness with College-wide implication"

Monica Filburn - Professor of Nursing - Curriculum Task Force Co-Chair & Rhonda Foertsch - Assistant Professor of Nursing - Curriculum Task Force Co-Chair

"For demonstrating initiative, creativity, and innovation in carrying out a project"

Daniel Hill – Officer Safety and Security

"For efforts resulting in cost savings to the College"

Lise-Pauline Barnett, Caroline Mellinger, Suzanne O'Hop, & Amy Withrow - Virtual Learning Leadership Team

"For demonstrating initiative, creativity, and innovation in carrying out a project"

Susan Savidge – Coordinator Information Technology

"For efforts resulting in increased efficiency or effectiveness with College-wide implication"

Janice Waltz - Assistant Professor of Foundational Studies

"For demonstrating initiative, creativity, and innovation in carrying out a project"

HACC security update given to SGA by Interim Director

By Leif Johnson
Staff Writer

Interim Director of Security Edwin Dominguez, along with security officer Dave Bishop, joined the SGA on August 19 to discuss some of HACC's new security initiatives.

Edwin Dominguez comes from York campus, where he had success working with the SGA addressing security concerns.

One of the initiatives spoken of was a lighting project in many of the dimly-lit areas behind the Cooper and Rose Lehman buildings. This project involves hanging globe lights.

Another initiative that is already in effect is the use of pepper spray on cam-

pus. Due to two abductions last spring semester, many students were disturbed by the policy which classified pepper spray as a weapon that could not be carried on campus. Security worked over the summer to remove pepper spray from the contraband list, and it is now available for purchase at the campus bookstore.

Dominguez spoke about how the security officers are deployed at HACC. Duty areas are now set up in all buildings so that security officers have a small station in most buildings on campus. Bicycle patrols have been put into place to supplement foot and vehicle patrols.

In light of recent school shootings such as Sandy Hook, members of the Harris-

burg and York police departments, along with the HACC security forces, participated in active shooter drills over the summer. The HACC security forces have

active shooter situation," said Dominguez.

When asked if plans were in place to prevent another problematic evacuation, Dominguez simply said, "Yes, plans are in place." No details were given.

Many students on campus are not aware of the policy to get a parking permit and some simply choose not to. Officer Bishop encouraged students to have parking permits so that, in the case of an emergency, the security department doesn't have to consult the local police department to figure out the owner of the car.

More meetings are going to be scheduled with SGA representatives and Officer Chris Fox, the security liaison to the SGA.

learned tactics and formations to handle shooter situations. There are procedures in place to respond to shooters and hostage situations, said Dominguez.

More drill days will be presented in the future, with one on October 12.

Dominguez said that the first officer on the scene is to wait for back up, unless shots are fired. If shots are fired then the officer is expected to take down the shooter immediately. "Every officer knows what is expected of them in an ac-

"Every officer knows what is expected of them in an active shooter situation."



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HACC's security is being updated in many ways, including additional training for dangerous situations.

The QT (Quick Tip) on HACC's Hidden Nooks & Crannies

By Richard Laird
Assistant Editor

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Surgical Technology Club
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American Sign Language (ASL) Club
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Dramatic Arts Club
HACCJACC
(*Japanese Animation Culture Club*)
International Awareness Club
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HAMEC
(*Harrisburg Media Entertainment Club*)
Mosaico Club
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The HACC Administration has failed to inform you, the students, of important changes to your financial aid disbursements. Instead of the usual one-time disbursement about a month into classes, the funds will be broken into two separate disbursements: half at the usual time, and half at midterm. The changes are to protect against fraud but that's not the issue. The issue is transparency and fair warning. For those who depend on the timely release of those funds to pay for tuition and books, the change in schedule has caused hardship for those already stretched thin.

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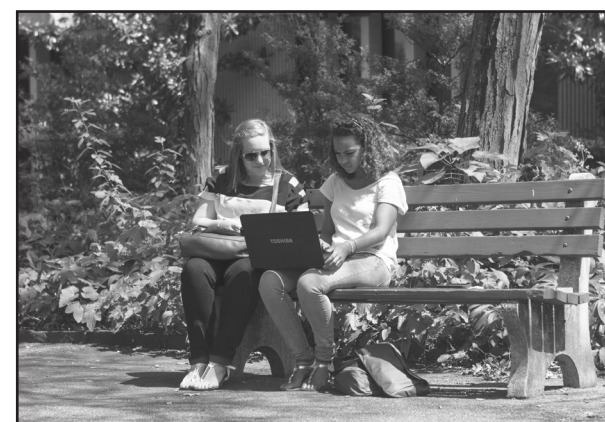
Into the swing of things: August in pictures



A HACC student looks up to see if he's next in the queue in Cooper.



Competing for prizes during a Student Life activity.



Studying & hanging out around Harrisburg HACC campus. Far right: The Cash Vault in Cooper tempts students with big wins and glory.



Students using the computer lab only for schoolwork, of course.

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Cooper's cafeteria is full during the lunchtime rush.

HACC prides itself on the diversity of its student body. While all ages, genders, races, and ethnicities are welcome, the acquittal of George Zimmerman for the murder of Trayvon Martin has reignited the national debate about race. Even the preceding language is debatable.

Has the debate even cooled? Why so much focus on this one case, when many others are ignored?

For many of those who feel Zimmerman should have been found guilty, this was just the latest skirmish in a long war. While many supported the verdict, was it just an isolated incident, the specter of a dying age, or nothing to do about race at all?

In the spirit of Martin Luther King’s March on Washington – 50 years ago this month – The Fourth Estate asked a random assortment of students to exercise their freedom of speech and offer their opinions.



Caitlin Rhodes, 22, business administration. “I believe racism, although it has come a long way since the march on Washington, has presented itself in a newer fashion. Where African Americans are generally more accepted, other races become the outcasts. Not only are we racist towards those of a different skin tone, but also those with different beliefs and ways of life.”



P. Luther Tyree, 47, music industry. “The state of race relations in America is not good. Much of the progress made from 1865 to approximately 1982 has been stagnant or even eroded because of our inability as Americans to speak about the issue candidly.”



Milton Baxter, 55, computer science. “We have made some great strides in America. However, there is plenty left to do. Unity is a must in America.”

Love Lee, 18, pre-med. “I definitely feel like it has improved over the years. Me, personally, feel as if something will never change even over time. I love how our cultures emerged together over time. When we grow as a whole our country will be much better.”



Zachary McCauley, music industry. “I believe race relations in America today are becoming better each day because of education making everybody on the same playing field...The field of life.”

Donal Bule, 23, music business. “It’s upgraded but not completely upgraded. There will always be racism in some form. Today youth don’t feel the same way they used to. And it won’t get worse in the future without education and communication.”



Robert L. Corl, 61, general education. “I believe that we have equal rights more so than ever before in this country. To some extent I believe that reverse discrimination has taken place in many areas. In spite of the economy, I believe that opportunities abound for all. I have great respect for those that work hard to get ahead no matter what their race. I have little respect for those that play the race card to get ahead.”



Lynn Vocco, 18, general education. “I don’t think it really has much of an effect.”



Rob Reyes, 17, general education. “I feel as though we promote equality between races as much as possible in America today.”



Andre Weston, 58, Business Administration. “I don’t think race relations have changed for the better. I believe people still fear what they don’t understand in terms of cultures. They make snap decision based on sensationalized media output. However, I believe Generation Y is on a better track.”



Derek Meakel, 20, business administration. “We have some issues but none that we as a country can’t overcome.”

Anthony Amato, 28, business admin. “It all depends where you grew up and how you were raised. There is still racism around and it goes for all races and walks of life. I would like to think that there is not as much racism compared to the past. But it definitely still exists.”

Students were asked: What do you believe is the state of race relations in America today?

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Console makers compete

By Leif Johnson
Staff Writer

This holiday season, the console wars are shaping up to be the most dramatic encounter yet. Video game consoles are entering their eighth generation, starting with the Atari 2600 in 1976. Nintendo fired the first shot in 2012 with the release of the WiiU system. Sales have been less than stellar for the WiiU since its release, with the original Wii system still outselling it. Nintendo has been holding on to their profits and majority claim in the handheld electronics market with their 3DS.

In the spring of 2013, Sony announced the Playstation 4, and Microsoft followed soon after with the Xbox One. This June's E3, the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo, was one of the most electrifying shows in years. Microsoft had previously failed to wow audiences with the Xbox One and had to make a strong showing at E3. Bottom line: they didn't. Many of Microsoft's policies on pre-owned games, internet connectivity, and cloud sharing left a bad taste in consumers' mouths.

Microsoft did manage to show off an amazing lineup of games, including *Titanfall*, which is a multiplayer-only shooter that allows you to switch between your ground infantry and a mechanized

fighting robot known as a "titan." However, even with a great lineup of games, Microsoft failed to make a good impression. In the wake of E3, Don Mattrick, CEO of Microsoft Entertainment and "father" of the Xbox One, moved on. Since then, many of the controversial policies of the Xbox One have been changed.

While Microsoft had one of the worst E3 showings, Sony came out swinging by showing consumers that their policies were the complete opposite of Micro-



For Nintendo, Sony, and Microsoft, it's never too early to start thinking about the holidays.

soft's. Sony's PS4 looked more streamlined than the PS3, both in design and in gameplay. The game lineup was impressive, but failed to meet the lineup of the Xbox One.

Microsoft announced the price point of the Xbox One at \$499.99 and Sony came out with the price point of the PS4 at \$399.99.

Nintendo's showing at E3 was also less than spectacular. Nintendo announced many entries for their own popular franchises, but

not much support was given to third-party developers such as EA and Activision, two of the biggest game developers. Since E3, Nintendo has announced a few system bundles such as *The Legend of Zelda: Wind Waker HD* WiiU System bundle to help bolster the holiday sales.

Sony announced that the PS4 will come out November 15 and Microsoft will release the Xbox One a week later, on November 22. Traditionally, there has been a longer gap between system releases, but these release dates add to the anticipation of this generation's console war.

Many analysts and developers have said this may be the last console generation made to support disc-based games. As with the example of iTunes and music, both Sony and Microsoft have begun offering the option of purchasing and downloading games the day they come out. Many games for the current Xbox 360 and PS3 are available to purchase online right from the system.

With so many systems and bundles to choose from, will you be upgrading to the new consoles?

THE HOLIDAY LINEUP

Xbox One

Forza Motorsports 5, Dead Rising 3, Call of Duty: Ghosts, Titanfall, Ryse: Son of Rome, and Madden 25

Xbox 360

Grand Theft Auto V - 9/17
FIFA '14 - 9/24
NBA 2K14 - 10/01
LEGO: Marvel Super Heroes - 10/22
Batman: Arkham Origins - 10/25
Assassins Creed IV: Black Flag - 10/29
WWE 2K14 - 10/29
Call of Duty: Ghosts - 11/5
Need for Speed: Rivals - 11/19
Watch Dogs - 11/19
South Park: Stick of Truth - 11/19

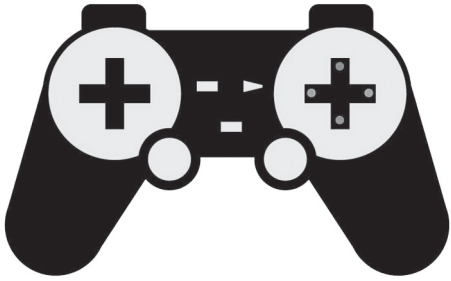


Microsoft
After a less than favorable reveal party and an even more disastrous E3 showing, Microsoft has a lot of ground to make up if it wants consumers to line up for the new Xbox One. The Xbox One's policies on online gaming, pre-owned games (don't even think about 'em), and Kinect requirements left a bad taste

in many gamers' mouths. Many of the criticized policies have been reversed and the CEO of the Xbox left Microsoft due to the E3 mishap. With a monstrous lineup of games in the works, can Microsoft still make the Xbox One a hit this holiday season?

to woo holiday shoppers

Sony



After a huge win over Microsoft at E3, Sony has the most steam going into this holiday. The PS4 has been announced and given a release date of 11/15 for \$399.99. A huge lineup has been revealed for both the PS4 and the Vita, and prices on the Vita and PS3 have dropped.

THE HOLIDAY LINEUP

PS4 Launch Titles

Call of Duty: Ghosts, Battlefield 4, Knack, Watch Dogs, Driveclub, and Killzone: Shadow Fall

PS3 Titles

Grand Theft Auto V: 9/17
BEYOND: Two Souls: 10/8
Watch Dogs: 11/19
Gran Turismo 6: 12/6

PlayStation Vita Titles

Valhalla Knights 3: 9/24
Batman Arkham Origins: Blackgate: 10/25

Nintendo

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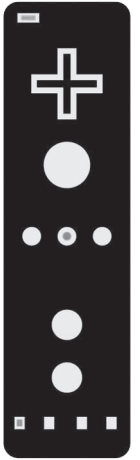
WiiU

The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker: 10/04
Sonic Lost World: 10/22
Super Mario 3D World: 11/22
Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze: 12/06

3DS/2DS

Pokémon X&Y: 10/12
The Legend of Zelda: A Link between Worlds: 11/22
Mario Party 3DS: 11/22

With a lackluster E3 performance, can Nintendo get it together for the holidays? The WiiU system has met with less than stellar numbers and is still outsold by the Wii system. Nintendo is determined to make sure they have a strong second holiday for their WiiU, and since E3 they have had significant strides (and system bundles) to make the WiiU a success.



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This year's HACC Fall Free-4-All theme was "The Road to Success is a Broadway."



Allies: We Are G.L.O*W! dishes out rainbows and snowcones.



Learning CPR isn't for dummies.



Students socialize and get information on the services HACC offers and student organizations they can become a part of this year.



The Student Life office channels the spirit of Grease and wins "Best Table."



The theatre department demonstrates their skills on willing students.

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Employee Profile: Monica Dixon

By Richard Laird
Assistant Editor

Community is the common thread throughout Monica Dixon's life and career.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, the structure of a loving home with two parents who are still married to this day and the church she sang choir in provided Ms. Dixon an early education on the benefits of stability and community interaction.

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After earning her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources from Lebanon Valley College, Dixon accepted a position as Diversity Community Relations Manager at the Hershey Entertainment and Resorts company. While at Hershey, her work was acknowledged in

2008 with the Pennsylvania Diversity Champion Award.

She left the corporate world in 2010 to join HACC's Lancaster Campus as Coordinator of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs. Within months that position evolved and grew into being an advisor for Lancaster's SGA, creating clubs and multicultural programs that worked with and gave back to the larger community. Beginning this semester, Dixon has joined us here in Harrisburg as our new Assistant Director of Student Life, admitting that "this is definitely a bigger job."

Her approach involves recognizing that "students have a lot on their plate" and helping them realize that while things may not go as smoothly as they like, they have to find balance since "this is a learning experience, but your education comes first no matter what."

Successful programming requires that "you have to get a pulse for what the students want, not what you think they want, but what are some of the real life issues that are being addressed within the community."

Part of HACC's appeal is the variety. "You could be working on creating a program around cultural awareness and the next day you're creating a program centered around sexual harassment and

the next program you're creating is a novelty event."

Dixon enjoys mentoring students and the benefits of having "someone a little older than you, that can kind of relate to some of the things that you're going through."

Like being a single mother to a six-year-old son. "My son has actually helped me slow down, because I was such a workaholic, and I think I inherited

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Monica Dixon brings her experience and expertise in Student Life from the Lancaster campus to the Harrisburg campus.

that in corporate America," a sentiment many of HACC's students who happen

to be mothers and fathers can relate to. It's the value of those years with her son that she credits with getting to know herself better, to "look at life a little different and realize what really matters the most."

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What matters is involvement. "[HACC makes] it very known to stu-

dents, particularly on day one, why it's so important to get involved. Whether it's from a social aspect to resume building, professional development, there are all these things that make

a difference in your world - whether it's here on this campus or transferring it to another campus or actually out in the workforce."

As for any spare time she can muster? "What I enjoy the most in my spare time is just giving my son more of my time."

And that's where a community begins.



Dixon was celebrated as a working mom on the cover of the launch issue of Women Connect magazine.

Student Profile: Justin Eden

By Monica Graham
Editor-in-Chief

Justin Eden has played many roles: soldier, parent, HACC graduate. He's not stopping there, either.

When Justin Eden, 28, returned from a one-year tour in Iraq in 2010, he was ready for a change. As a soldier in the Army National Guard, he decided the next logical step was to start college.

The first one in his family to attend college, he began classes at HACC in 2011, looking to earn a degree in criminal justice. He received a student worker position in Enrollment Services.

Looking at Eden, you wouldn't be surprised to hear this guy is ambitious. He exudes a strong confidence that some people might take as arrogance, but he says that's not it at all.

"I'm really shy," he says. "I'm not insecure, just trying to find my place in life. A lot of people think I already have it together."

And it seems he does. He's the recipient of several awards, including Soldier of the Year in 2012. He also received HACC's Student Worker of the Year award, 2012, for his performance in Enrollment Services. Enrollment Services Specialist Rose Miller has wonderful things to say about him, "He knows the job inside and out. I can give him anything and I know he'll finish the job."



A first generation college graduate, Eden has big dreams for himself and his family.

He likes helping people, which is why he enjoys his student worker position, but he hasn't always had favorable jobs. As an 18-year-old he worked at a factory cutting onions. "I've never left a job," he says, "but I knew I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life."

Eden graduated from HACC in May. He's staying at HACC for another semester of credits before transferring to Penn State. His goal is to join the state police force for additional experience before moving on to the federal side.

she took extra time with him because she saw his potential.

"I felt like she was harder on me, but she really pushed me to the max," he says. She always told him he could grow. Those memories stuck with him.

As a first generation college graduate, Eden wants better for his children. "I'm going to push them to go to college one step above me. If I get my bachelor's, I expect them to get a master's. I want their earning potential to be better. I feel like I can mold them better, like any next generation."

As a family-oriented person, he has found it difficult to balance family, work, and school. "That's why it's so hard to be an adult in college," he says. "There's just so much going on and so many responsibilities."

Especially with two boys of his own, 2 and 4 years old. "As soon as I get in the door they like to wrestle, they like to play. They require so much attention."

Now that he has children, there are some things he wishes he could change. "If I could change things, I would have gone to college out of high school because I feel like I'm playing catch up now," he says. "All my friends went to college and I went to the military. I got experience, but they have careers and I have a job."

Not that he has regrets. Eden looks at those times as learning experiences

He's had several wonderful professors at HACC, specifically Trumbull Simmons, who Eden

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took during a Major American Writers course. It's different than high school. He says, "Professor Trum was good. He didn't go by the book, and

his theories behind current events were interesting."

Eden really likes HACC, but he's ready to move on in his academic career, and there's no doubt he'll succeed.



How to have fun in the 'burg



By Audrey Ulsh
Staff Writer

Do you have a free day, but don't know where to hang out? Finding fun around Harrisburg isn't as difficult as you may think.

A complaint I often hear from my friends is that there isn't anything to do in Harrisburg. It surprises me, as I'm never at a loss for something to do. Plenty awaits the ready adventurer in and around our fair city. Of course, different people look for different things to enjoy; that's why I've compiled a list of great places to visit this fall.

The city of Harrisburg has several great museums, such as the Pennsylvania State Museum and the Pennsylvania National Fire Museum. The Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts offers hands-on exhibits that are great for all ages. Nearby in Hershey is the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum.

Reservoir Park, home to the National Civil War Museum, is the highest point

in Harrisburg. It offers several basketball and tennis courts, as well as an amphitheater used for many different musical and theatrical performances throughout the year. Running alongside the Susquehanna River is Riverfront Park. Stretching the length of the city, it's the perfect place to go for a walk, jog, or bike ride, and is a part of the Capital Area Green Belt: a series of parks that circle the city of Harrisburg, even going through our campus and Wildwood Park.

There are a lot of fantastic parks in and around the city, too. Little Buffalo State Park is a great place to spend a day picnicking or to take a night off to go camping. The park is also home to the Little Buffalo Arts Festival, being held this year on Saturday, October 5th. Other nearby state parks include Gifford Pinchot State Park, with tons of great hiking trails, and Pinegrove Furnace State Park, home to Laurel and Fuller Lakes.

If nature isn't your thing, Harrisburg has plenty more to offer. With booming local arts and music scenes, downtown and midtown Harrisburg always offers something to do on the weekend. Every

third Friday is Third in the Burg, where local artists, musicians, and venues get together to celebrate art and enjoy good company. Some of the venues that participate include HACC Midtown's Fenêtre Gallery, The Midtown Scholar, and the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center.

The Make Space, at 1916 3rd St., is "an initiative to connect people with the tools they need to complete their projects."

Besides being an art gallery and live music venue, the Make Space offers a variety of events and classes for a reasonable price. The Make Space also hosts the Home Grown

Market at 1423 N. 3rd St. every Saturday from 10-5, making products such as organic food, clothes, art, and other goods, from local and regional vendors available to the people.

If you're just looking for somewhere to spend a fun evening, try the Delhi Kabab House, situated just off 2nd St with its entrance on Blackberry St. This local Indian restaurant has a fantastic menu with entrees great for sharing and is one of Central PA's best hookah bars. If you

have a bit extra to spend, Bricco, located on 31 S 3rd St., is home to HACC's culinary department, and a great location for date night. If you're looking for coffee or lighter fare, try the Yellow Bird Café (located on 3rd St. just north of Verbeke) or Little Amps Coffee (with 2 locations at 1836 Green Street and 3rd and State Streets).

If you're not looking for food, try the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center (HMAC). One of the city's most popular bars, HMAC frequently has art and music shows featuring local, national, and even international artists. Monday nights, HMAC is home to Karaoke, and Wednesdays are Game Night.

If you're looking for something to do on campus, be sure to check out the HACCtivity calendar, available all over campus. The Student Programming Board, whose office is located in Cooper 106A behind the Student Government, is dedicated to bringing fun activities to the student body. Besides hosting Tunes @ Noon, which brings nationally touring artists to campus, the SPB also offers Road Trips to different cities and attractions, and Make One Take Ones, where you, as the name suggests, make something and take it home.

Plenty awaits the ready adventurer in and around our fair city.



"I transferred to Slippery Rock University because of the location, the great campus atmosphere, and the friendly student body and staff. Everyone was very helpful and welcoming and I began to make connections immediately. All of these things made for a smooth transition process."

—ANTHONY FELICETTY
CRIMINOLOGY MAJOR



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Editorial: Importance of a college newspaper

What is black and white and read all over? It's the newspaper!

It's easy to overlook the importance of the printed newspaper when information is readily available online.

So why take the time to scour actual pages made of paper when it's quicker to bring up the same thing on your phone, tablet, or computer?

Here's the top 8 reasons why you should pick up and read the newspaper:

1) It's a central source of information.

We keep students and faculty updated on college, student, and faculty issues; resources on campus, including academic services and student life opportunities, and upcoming events like meetings, forums, and committees where you can become involved.

2) It improves communication. Seeing controversial subject matter on the cover of the newspaper and reading the stories inspires conversation among faculty, parents, and students. All you need to do is take an issue home and skim it. Better yet, read it front to back.

3) It enhances critical thinking skills.

It's easy to say you don't like a presidential candidate or that you don't agree with war, but can you say why? Reading about different sides of an issue, whether you agree

or not, offers different perspectives to aid you in making your own informed decision.

4) It provides a form of checks and balances. No one wants to see the Student Government Association run wild. To prevent such a travesty, and to keep the democratic part of the government intact, news stories keep students up to date with happenings of the SGA on campus.

5) It encourages patience. In the age of instant gratification, having to wait for the new issue to make it to the stands (I know, you all stand in line waiting for us to march in with our stacks hot off the press) instills a value that is sorely missed in our society.

6) You might appear on its pages. Where else are you going to see those really cool HACCfest photos of all of you having a blast on campus? Only in the campus newspaper.

7) You can touch it. Computers crash, phone batteries die, internet goes down, but that trusty newspaper? Unless you get it wet, you can still read it.

8) It has multiple uses. After you read it, you can recycle. Are you moving? Wrap your glassware. Have cats? Use it as kitty litter.

New textbooks? Use our pages as protection and cover those books.

Here's the top 8 reasons why you should work for the newspaper:

1) It boosts your time management skills.

No one knows the stress of deadlines more than a college newspaper editor. There is no greater shame than missing a deadline and having nothing to show for your hard work...

until three days later.

2) It teaches you not to take all written word at its face value.

Nothing strikes

up a conversation faster than a controversial issue, but how often do you hear informed dialogue? Working for the newspaper, you learn to dig deeper and not take stories on the surface as the full truth. Looking behind the scenes you see who is behind the information on an article – sometimes it's a corporation or a competitor.

3) It broadens your networking circle.

Not only will you meet and interview many people of the college, but it will give you an understanding of the college's structure and how decisions are made.

4) You learn to work as part of a team.

There is no "I" in team. How else do you put

together an amazing monthly spread with minimum staff, a lot of school work, and only 24 hours in a day? By spreading the love and letting everyone who is able have a slice of the pie and get the work done.

5) You acquire experience. You can wear many hats as a staff member: writer, photographer, editor, and graphic designer all in one. Plus, it builds your portfolio.

6) It's a confidence booster. As a reporter, you are constantly talking to people face-to-face, making phone calls, and emailing everyone from students to the president of HACC. Since you have to ask some uncomfortable questions from time to time, it clears up any cobwebs of shyness you may have. Fast.

7) Personal responsibility. You are putting your name on every article you write, so those words are your responsibility to fact-check. You learn some form of shorthand, to take down accurate notes, and research your material. You also learn to carry a recording device, journalist notebook, and pen with you at all times. If you quote someone incorrectly, they will definitely let you know.

8) Forum of free speech. What's more American than protecting our First Amendment rights? Perhaps only apple pie.

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Upon successful completion of the Academy, graduates will have obtained the following:

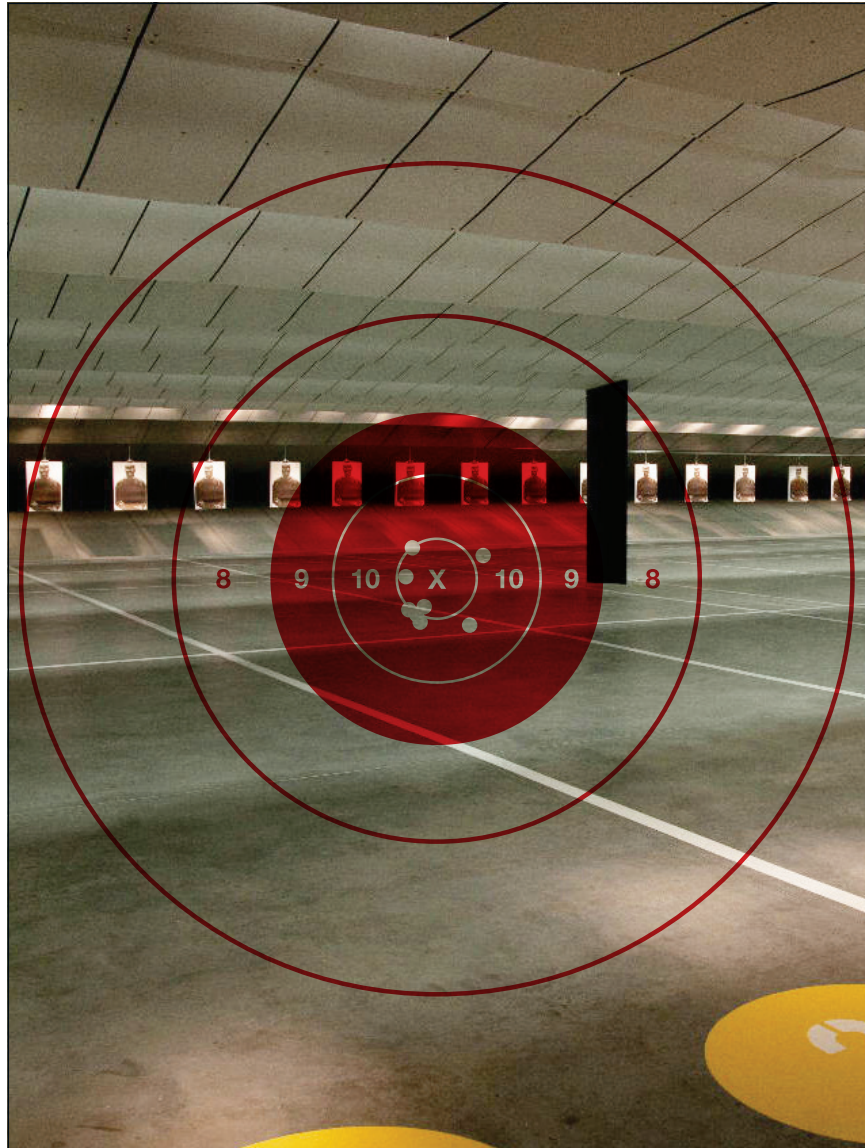
- Pennsylvania Department of Health Emergency Medical Technician Certification (EMT)
- Emergency Vehicle Driver Training (EVDT)
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS)
- Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP)
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Pediatric Emergency Assessment Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS)
- ACLS for the EMT-B
- National Incident Management System Components (overview, IS100, IS200, IS700, IS800)
- Basic Vehicle Rescue Awareness

Additional training in vehicle extrication, rescue practices and physical development will be provided, as well as scheduled clinical rotation time on regional area ambulances where the candidate will be expected to function as a member of an EMS crew.

The HACC EMS Academy is a full-time program, primarily scheduled Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. This concentrated program requires more than 500 hours of training. Attendance is mandatory and it is recommended that candidates do not hold employment while attending the Academy.

The HACC 20th EMS Academy will begin February 17, 2014, and conclude May 30, 2014. Tuition for the Academy is \$2,000.

To request an application or for more information, please contact the EMS Education Unit at 717- 780-1979 or email mletzwei@hacc.edu.



Basic Handgun Marksmanship and Safety for Civilians at HACC

This eight-hour class is designed for the civilian wanting to gain basic knowledge and hands-on experience with a handgun. The course will cover legal topics, such as chapter 5 of the Pennsylvania Code and Pennsylvania's Castle Doctrine, as well as nomenclature, cleaning, safe handling and storage of the handgun. The live fire portion will cover basic fundamentals such as proper stance, grip, sighting and trigger control.

Students are required to provide their own handgun and 50 rounds of manufacturer-approved ammunition (no re-loaded ammunition allowed). Students are also required to provide proper hearing protection, eye protection and a baseball-style hat. Classes will be held at the Senator Jeffrey E. Piccola Law Enforcement Complex.

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90446	August 17 and 18, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.	90452	November 18 and 20, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
90447	September 9 and 11, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.	90453	December 7 and 8, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
90448	September 21 and 22, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.	90454	December 14 and 15, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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