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Governor's Budget Message Includes Good News for Community Colleges

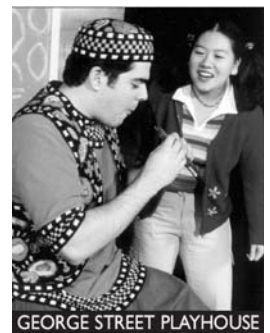
Here's a quick summary of what Gov. Jon Corzine proposed in his budget message last week:

- Operating Aid - \$7.6 million increase (about 5 percent)
- Full funding of community college fringe benefit accounts, which will require a \$1 million increase
- Full Funding of the Chapter 12 program, which will require a \$6 million increase
- Overall Funding to Community Colleges - All of the above combined will amount to about a 7 percent increase in state funding to community colleges
- Part-time TAG - 12 percent increase to \$5.5 million
- NJ STARS - 73 percent increase to \$13.8 million

In all, the governor's state budget message was a very strong statement about his commitment to community colleges.

ACCC Presents Free Play for Children March 11

"New Kid," a play presented by ACCC and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, will offer two free performances by George Street's Playhouse for children and their families on Sunday, March 11. The play will be staged at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center in Cape May Court House at noon and at the Walter Edge Theater on ACCC's Mays Landing Campus at 4 p.m. Reservations are required.



The play is the story of a family of immigrants from a fictional country and their adjustment to new customs, a new language and a new way of life. The comedic twist is that the play's Americans speak a kind of gibberish, which neither the immigrants nor audience understands. The play promotes tolerance and compassion for new Americans' problems in coping with the demands of immigrating to a new land. "New Kid" remains the touring company's most successful program, addressing racism, prejudice, peer pressure and conflict resolution.

After the play, actors and audiences engage in a discussion of the problems that arise from impaired communication. The performances are part of Family Week at the Theatre, an annual festival offering free and discounted tickets to youngsters and their families to more than 125 plays and other special events in each of New Jersey's 21 counties. The festival is also supported by the N.J. State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

For the Mays Landing performance, call ext. 5411, or visit ACCC's Web site, www.atlantic.edu. For tickets for the Cape May County performance, call the Middle Township Performing Arts Center at (609) 463-1924 or visit www.middlepac.com.

ACCC Plans ‘An Evening with the STARS’ March 7 Information Session

ACCC will host “An Evening with the STARS” to provide information to high school students eligible for free ACCC tuition under the NJ STARS scholarship program, 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, in Walter Edge Theater on the Mays Landing Campus.

John Iacovelli, dean of enrollment management for The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will discuss the benefits of the NJ STARS program. ACCC administrators and staff will address reasons students should consider choosing ACCC to begin their higher education.

The state established NJ STARS—Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship—in 2004 to provide high school students graduating in the top 20 percent of their class free tuition at their local community college. Students from Atlantic and Cape May counties who meet all other criteria will have up to two years from the date of high school graduation to enroll and begin using the scholarship at ACCC. There are about 9,000 students statewide and 800 locally who qualify for the program this year.

Students must first apply for all need-based federal and merit-based state financial aid grants. NJ STARS will cover the remaining balance of tuition and fees, although certain lab, course and program fees may not be covered. Tuition and fees for the ACA are covered.

ACCC’s transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities ensure a seamless transition to a four-year bachelor’s degree program. Students can save between \$20,000-\$80,000 of the cost of a four-year college or university by spending their first two years at ACCC.

To attend the session or for more information about NJ STARS, contact **Linda McLeod**, assistant director of college recruitment, ext. 5009, or e-mail mcleod@atlantic.edu.

Can’t Spring \$100 for Gala Raffle Ticket? How About \$10 or \$20?

ACCC employees interested in taking a chance on the Gala 50/50 raffle but who can’t spring for a \$100 ticket can still get in on the deal by going in on a group ticket. Send \$10 (for a 10-way split ticket) or \$20 (for a five-way split ticket) to **Jo-Ann Volpe**, advancement office. There’s no need to get your own group together, although you can if you wish. Jo-Ann will make up the groups and give you your ticket number.

Only 750 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Five cash prizes will be awarded, including: \$22,500, first prize; \$7,500, second prize; and \$2,500 third, fourth and fifth prizes. Dollar amounts are based on all 750 tickets being sold. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Gala on Wednesday, March 7, at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

You need not be present to win. The winners will be announced on the college Web site on March 8. Call Jo-Ann, ext. 5653, or stop by and see her, second floor, J building or send your checks interoffice mail to her, room J-250, made payable to ACCC. Write “gala raffle” in the memo line.

College Book Vote Changed to March 20

Faculty members can vote on the next College Book, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20. The meeting was rescheduled from Feb. 20. There will be discussion on the nominees before voting. The meeting will be held in the Distance Ed Room (D-131) and broadcast to the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and the Cape May County Campus. If you would like to place your vote and you can’t make it to the meeting, send an e-mail to mroussea@atlantic.edu with your choice by March 19. The list of nominees was included in the Feb. 2 issue of the *Atlantic Cape CommuniCator*. If you missed it, visit www.atlantic.edu and click on News & Events and view back issues.

Through End of 2007, IRA Distributions Provide Another Way to Give to College

ACCCers have shown their generosity to the college in many ways—by setting up scholarship funds, establishing endowments, supporting special events and giving to the Annual Fund.

Now, under a provision of the Pension Protection Act, there is another way for alumni, staff, retirees and friends to make a gift that can benefit the college and its students.

If you are at least 70 ½ and taking mandatory distributions from a Roth or Traditional IRA, you can now make an entirely tax-free gift to the college's Foundation. Your IRA charitable distribution will satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution for the year.

But you need to act promptly--the incentive is temporary and is in effect for the 2007 tax year, requiring that contributions be made by Dec. 31, 2007.

Some restrictions apply:

- You must be at least 70 1/2 years of age
- Tax benefits apply for gifts up to \$100,000 per person per year
- You can make these IRA charitable distributions in 2007 only
- You must instruct your IRA account administrator to make the distribution directly to the charity, in this case the ACCC Foundation.
- Only outright charitable gifts are eligible; life-income gifts such as charitable gift annuities do not qualify.

For more information on making an IRA charitable distribution to the ACCC Foundation, contact **Kathy Corbalis**, associate director, ACCC Foundation, ext. 4907.

Make Appointment for TIAA-CREF Visit

TIAA-CREF Individual Consultant Peter Contini will return to the Mays Landing Campus, room J-202, Thursday, March 8. Appointments are available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. If that date won't work for you, he'll return on Friday, April 13; and Friday, May 4. Call (800)842-8412 to make an appointment or schedule online at <http://www.tiaa-cref.org/services/meetings/index.html>.

FOCUS Users Group Meets Wednesdays

The FOCUS Users Group meets 3-4 p.m. every Wednesday. Anyone interested in attending should e-mail the FOCUS Users Group at focus@lists.atlantic.edu for meeting place and agenda. All are welcome to attend. A wide range of topics, from beginner to advanced users, is covered. Hope to see you there!

IRC Book Discussion

On Dec. 12, the IRC sponsored a book discussion on the novel, *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*. The discussion was led by **Myra Caplan**, who is not a member of the IRC but knew about the book discussion sponsored by the committee and offered to lead.

All faculty members were invited to the discussion through a flyer distributed to mailboxes and an announcement at the faculty assembly.

Free copies of the book were distributed to the first 15 ACCC faculty members to sign up for the discussion. The attendees had a few weeks to read the novel prior to the discussion/lunch.

Caplan prepared discussion questions for the group, and over lunch, the 15 attendees enjoyed a thoughtful discussion about the book. The discussion/lunch sponsored by the IRC intended to provide a break from teaching and encourage conversations between members of different academic departments.

The IRC will continue to coordinate book discussions, in addition to sponsoring approved academic cultural experiences (concerts, theater, gallery exhibits). These events should foster interaction among faculty members while providing an outlet for interesting discussion. Any faculty member with ideas for future events should contact the IRC. A stipend is provided for approved events.

Black/Latino Male Retention Initiative Luncheon Honors Students



Lynn Baumgardner poses with student Howard Tibbs.

A Black/Latino male retention luncheon was held on the Mays Landing Campus on Jan. 23 to develop a support group and expose participants to available campus and community resources. ACCC is addressing the low retention and graduation rates of Black and Latino males through this initiative, which is sponsored by the board of trustees diversity and equity committee and student services. **Eric Stewart** and **Abdul Staten**, counseling and support services staff members, facilitate the program.

Realizing that these students need a learning environment where they feel accepted and comfortable, and that student athletes often experience some of the same obstacles, membership was extended to members of the basketball team.

The importance of the initiative was emphasized to the 35 students in attendance as they were welcomed by President **Peter Mora** and heard remarks from **Lynn Guthrie Baumgardner**, board of trustees member and chair of the diversity and equity committee. **Bobby Royal**, dean of the Worthington Atlantic City Campus and community affairs, and **Effie Russell**, English professor and a member of the diversity and equity committee, shared their experiences of attending college with minimal resources. Committee member **Reggie Fullwood** shared his experience attending a military academy and **Bernie Blanks** shared the importance of planning for a successful retirement.

Carmen Royal, dean of students, assured the students of her commitment to the program and to their individual success, which was echoed by **Paula Stewart Davis**, director of counseling and support services. It was refreshing for students to hear faculty members vocalize their commitment also including **Dr. Godfrey Barlatt** and **John Atsu-Swanzy**, math department; **Effie Russell**, English; **Otto Hernandez**, computer information systems; **Augustine Nigro**, history; and **Donna McElroy**, psychology. **Nick Ganaway**, director, telecommunications and video systems, was also in attendance. Students introduced themselves and shared their reasons for attending ACCC. Although their reasons varied, students were told the retention program could help them achieve their goals.

Long-time members **Jamal Crouch** and **Howard Tibbs** presented Baumgardner with flowers and thank you letters from the group she sponsored at the 2006 ACA Restaurant Gala. In addition to this year's Gala, Abdul and Eric have prepared a meeting series to address many student needs, from a Business Etiquette workshop to Financial Planning and attending Black History month activities.

The Retention Program is for all male students who feel they can benefit from individualized attention and working with peers to help their academic goals and become better citizens in their communities. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the counseling and support services resource room. For more information, contact **Eric Stewart**, ext. 5629, or **Abdul Staten**, ext. 5096.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Mark your calendar for March 22-27, Educator Savings Days at Borders Books and Music nationwide. You'll enjoy 25% off your personal and classroom purchases of list priced books, CDs, DVDs, cafe items, gifts, stationery and more when you bring in your current Classroom Discount Card, educator ID or pay stub. A special reception with food, prizes and fun will be held 4-8 p.m., Friday, March 23, at all Borders stores. For more information, please visit www.bordersstores.com/educator.

Welcome back to **Jennifer Martucci**, advancement, who returned from maternity leave yesterday. Great to see you, Jen!

At right, Rachel Martucci



We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Patty Scott**, age 57, who worked part time in the faculty support office on the Mays Landing Campus. She is survived by her husband, Dorian, two children and five grandchildren. A fundraiser for Patty, which was already planned before her untimely death, will be held on Saturday, March 3, at the Ducktown Tavern on Georgia and Atlantic Aves., Atlantic City, and includes a buffet and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or from **Taffy Peterson** in the faculty support office, ext. 5114.

It was great to see Ellen Gregory, former ACCCer, who joined some old friends for lunch in Careme's on Monday. Ellen is in charge of institutional advancement for Egg Harbor Township Schools.

Congratulations to **Becky Fishman** and her husband on the birth of their son, Isaac Joseph Fishman, who arrived 11 p.m., Feb. 27, weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz., and measuring 20.5 inches long. Everyone is doing well.

Ryan McGowan, son of Chuck and **Kathy McGowan**, college relations, was featured in a front page article in Rowan's student newspaper, *The Whit*. On Feb. 12, Ryan took three photos from his apartment window of Rowan's trash contractor dumping recyclables in the dumpster and sent them to his environmental engineering professor, the director of environmental services and the student newspaper. Ryan, a senior civil engineering major, was quoted, "We discuss at great length what can be done to get people to recycle," he said. "The last two Mondays, I've watched that effort get tossed into the dumpster – literally." A photo Ryan took accompanied the lead story.

Congratulations to Mark Corbalis, former ACCC director of database management, who was promoted to director of technology at Salem Community College in charge of information technology, academic computing and distance education. Mark and **Kathy Corbalis**, college relations, just returned from a trip to Germany.

In celebration of Women's History and Health Awareness Month, the radio club will offer a side of music with food sales during March. Buy a hot dog or hot coffee and a donut for \$1 in the cafeteria, 5-7 p.m., Wednesdays.

Two guests at last week's Careme's Café Series had a special tie to the evening's performer, John Francis. **Effie Russell**, English, and her husband, Richard, know the musician through their daughter, Rachel, a sound technician who recorded and mixed Francis' album *Strong Wine & Spirits*. In the CD's liner notes Francis thanks Rachel, a Berklee College of Music graduate, for her "tireless ears and attention to detail."

Happy birthday to: **Kitty Kalman**, March 2; **Miguel Delgado**, March 3; **Julia Ratliff**, **Wilfred Parsons**, March 5; **Natalie Cohen**, March 8; **Cindy DeFalco**, March 10; **Jed Soifer**, March 11; **Vincent Chainey**, March 14. Adjunct birthdays: **Claude Fortune**, **Francis Rauscher**, March 3; **A.K. Mustafa**, March 7; **Carl Tripician**, March 10; **Brian Adair**, March 12; **Therese Halschied**, March 14.

NEWS FROM ACCC'S OTHER LOCATIONS

Greetings from the Worthington Atlantic City Campus

by Daymis Alicea

Wow, where did February go? Hard to believe that with all the crazy Valentine shopping and mad rushes to the supermarket hoping that a BIG snowstorm was coming (just to be disappointed yet again) the month just flew by and nary a snow day to show for it.

Ah well, at least we had cake again! Say happy birthday to **Josie Chivalette**, (Feb. 20) and hello to the delicious strawberry shortcake from Mino's. We all enjoyed the mid-morning treat given to her by her co-workers in administrative services.

At right, Jean McAlister, Josie Chivalette and Bobby Royal



Ralph Hunter talks about his African American Heritage Museum Traveling Exhibit.

The campus hosted two important Black History Month events. Yewande performed songs by influential black music leaders and spoke on the evolution of black music. The poet/musician is on her way to Africa this month to sing with Madonna and spread the joy of brotherhood through music. Students, faculty and staff are still talking about the African American Heritage Museum Traveling Exhibit. The presenter, Ralph Hunter, was knowledgeable and engaging, welcomed questions and gave an interesting accounting of the memorabilia. The students enjoyed the 'marketplace'

vendors who set up in the cafeteria and sold African influenced items such as art, jewelry, hand lotions and candles.

There are board games, cards and light reading material in the student services office, room 145, that can be borrowed by students, staff or faculty to while away an hour or two in between classes. Proper ID is required.

We extend a warm welcome to **Carmen Cabrera** who joined our team in the City Campus as part of the admissions office on Feb. 28. She will play an integral part as the 'gatekeeper' to all the programs and offerings of our campus. Welcome aboard this crazy ship we call 'the city.'

On that note, 'till next time TTFN!

Greetings from the Cape May County Campus

by Lisa Apel-Gendron

What do the N.J. Division of Mental Health Services, 4-H, Dale Carnegie, the County Office of Economic Resources and the County Public Works Association have in common? They all love coming to CMCC for their conferences and training sessions. We hosted 90 guests Feb.16 for a conference on Disaster Mental Health and Crisis Counseling, and 30 guests came to CMCC Feb. 22 for a meeting regarding shared services among government agencies.

More training came Feb. 27 on ADA compliance for municipal and county government offices. In each case, our facilities team of **Tim Cliggett, Roy Burnham, Curtis Fitzpatrick, Trish Wickham** and **Matthew Liggins** made all run smoothly, as did **Chris Vallese** of ITS and the café team of **Cherylann Bartello**, an ACA grad, and **Dawn Brewster**. Lots more meetings and conferences are on the spring and

summer calendar.

We said good-bye to our seven Medical Administrative Office Specialist (MAOS) students Feb. 21. They've been working hard since Oct. 3 to reach their goal of employment in the health care industry. Instructor **Val Troupe** is extremely proud of this class, the second one to graduate at CMCC. Never known to miss an opportunity to celebrate, we threw a little shindig for the students and their family members.



Left to right: Linda Dolan, Ghyll Theurer and Valerie Troupe try to keep their hands off the puff pastries before the MAOS class graduation Feb.21 at CMCC.)

Of course, **Cherylann Bartello** wowed everyone with her finger sandwiches and mini pastry desserts. **Dr. Joe Rossi**, CMCC dean; **Linda Dolan**, associate dean for continuing education operations; program coordinator **Ghyll Theurer** and instructor **Valerie Troupe** addressed the group.



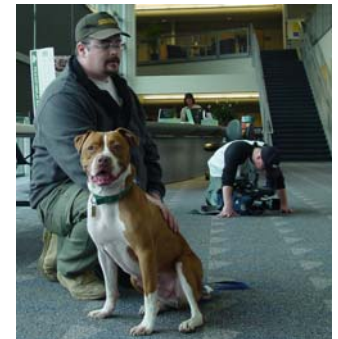
CMCC was "mugged" by SoJo104.9, from left Chris Vallese, Fran Stankiewicz, Bob Williams and Bob Johnson.

Mays Landing wasn't the only campus "mugged" by SoJo 104.9 radio. **Francine Palumbo Stankiewicz** submitted the information commons at the Cape May County Campus for a SoJo104.9 mugging and they were surprised on Feb. 13, with travel mugs, T-shirts, and stickers that they shared with admissions, security, guidance, bookstore, and everyone else they encountered while on campus. It was a fun surprise on a cold, snowy day! A photo was taken in the Information Commons of **Bob Williams, Chris Vallese, Bob Johnson** and Fran.



John Van Epps puts Solstice through her paces as students, faculty and staff look on.

As part of the February *Have a Heart for Your Furry Friends* supply drive, the Have a Heart committee invited some quadrupeds to CMCC to raise awareness of the role of animals in our society and to highlight the needs of local animal shelters. John Van Epps of the Upper Township Rescue Squad, husband of **Regina Van Epps**, English assistant professor, brought Solstice, a certified search, rescue and recovery dog, for an enlightening demonstration. Liam Hughes of Beacon Animal Rescue in Upper Township brought Blaze, a three-year-old pit bull whom he adopted several years ago. Both dogs elicited ample oohhs, aahhs and laughter from the audience of students, faculty and staff.



Blaze and owner Liam Hughes spend their free time educating the community about adoption and proper care of pets.

CMCC employees have been busy with work and play. **Kathleen Denice**, admissions, and **Karen Morelli**, testing, have been criss-crossing the two counties with the high school Jump Start program. **Linda Hair**, faculty support, has adopted Tinkerbell, a four-year-old Tuxedo cat. **Denise O'Connor**, business office, is heading for Hawaii for some sun and relaxation.

Peggy Cummings, CMCC developmental English adjunct and writing tutor, suffered a stroke and is recovering at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital in Cape May Court House – just a mile and a half from CMCC. Many of you on the Mays Landing Campus will know Peggy since she's been tutoring in D building for over a decade. **Kathy Fritz** of the CMCC library reports that Peggy is allowed visitors, and

that she is upbeat and chatting as her usual witty self. If you'd like to check on visiting hours, the hospital's patient information number is 463-2029.

Please let your students know that Stockton's Steve Phillips, assistant director of admissions, will visit CMCC 11 a.m.-2 p.m., March 22, from in the first floor lobby. No appointment is required. Thanks to **Electra Stulak**, counselor, for setting this up, as well as the Thomas Edison State College visit, Feb. 21.

Enjoy your weekend!

CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

by Sherwood Taylor



Institute for Service Excellence: Our emergency doors have been installed and the contract has called for our final inspection... Once we receive our Certificate of Occupancy the ISE team will move in and prepare to hold classes. If you have any questions about the project, please call me at ext. 5689 or **Sonia Cruz**, ext. 5685.

At left, new ISE computer lab

Career Training Open House at the Hamilton Mall: Continuing education held its first open house last Saturday. Visitors received information on a variety of training areas offered at ACCC. Program representatives answered questions about the Health Professions Institute, Casino Career Institute, Institute for Service Excellence, office and technology training programs, degree programs and the ACA.

Literacy News - Did you know ACCC provides instructors and coordination for literacy sites throughout Atlantic County? Adults are able to improve their basic academic skills or prepare for the GED examination at the One Stop Center in Pleasantville and in the county building in Atlantic City. In addition, ACCC provides instructors at the Hammonton Family Center, Atlantic City Jobs and Opportunities, and the Hammonton and Wildwood Employment Services locations. ESL classes are held at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus, the Atlantic County building and locations throughout the county. For information, call Barbara at (609) 343-4817.

Kids College Discontinued - The Continuing Education division will not offer Kids College this summer. Staff will direct inquiries to the youth programs offered by the local school districts, community agencies and municipalities.

Continuing Education holds information sessions on our Career Training programs. Topics at each session include: Benefits of ACCC Training, Admissions Requirements, Office and Technology Programs, the Health Professions Institute, Casino Career Institute, The Academy of Culinary Arts, Out of School Youth Programs, Paying for Your Training Program, and Next Steps. The sessions are held at our Mays Landing East location (building T), room 103, every Thursday at 1 p.m. and the Cape May County Campus, the first and third Thursday at 1 p.m., Room 103. Please encourage those interested in our programs to attend a session.

Corporate Training in Need of Boxes: If you have empty computer paper boxes, please send them to **Gwen Yarbrough**, Mays Landing East. Thanks!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Keith Forrest, communication, and his wife Kris, were featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer last week on the taping of The Learning Channel's *Surviving Motherhood* series.

ACCC's College Relations office was recently notified of two merit awards it received from the Admissions Marketing Report for the 40th anniversary logo and the ACA commercial. The 40th anniversary logo, designed by **Geoff Pettifer**, was brought to fruition by **Donna Leeds**, graphic artist. The ACA commercial project was led by Pettifer.

Cheryl Eddins, senior adjunct, allied health and physical education, accepted a full-time faculty position at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, in the health, leisure, exercise science department (HLES), effective with the fall semester. She will also supervise the new 50 meter pool in the student recreation center that opened in January 2007, supervise the aquatic adjuncts, and develop curriculum to expand the aquatic programming on the academic, as well as, recreational side.

Cheryl said, "I will miss all my colleagues at ACCC, but accepted the position to be closer to my family. I'm really excited about living in the mountains and exploring the many hiking trails and waterfalls in the local area. Although not a skier, I plan to take advantage of the three ski resorts in town and do enjoy tubing and snowmobile riding."

She plans to build a log cabin and a small cabin where family and friends can visit. If you wish to stay in contact, her address is 150-1 Valley Brook Lane, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. Her e-mail address is eddinscj@appstate.edu. Cheryl says to look her up if you get down that way!

Former art student **Lillian Vespertino** was pictured working on a sculpture in her Egg Harbor Township studio in The Press of Atlantic City. An article on entrepreneurs accompanied the photo.

Susanne Sacchetti, CMCC librarian, had one of her poems included in the anthology, *Bombshells: War Stories and Poems by Women on the Homefront* (edited by Missy Martin and Jesse Loren). The book can be purchased online at Amazon, Borders or Barnes & Noble (part of the proceeds benefit the Fisher House™ Foundation, which serves wounded soldiers and their families). There are two Web sites with information relating to the book: www.bombshellsbook.com and <http://bombshellandshelter.blogspot.com>.

ALUMNI

Dave Dukehart '00 ACA, is chef at Brenner's Steakhouse, a 70-year-old restaurant in Texas. Dukehart stands by the traditions of the restaurant which features new entrees nightly. "Fish features are my favorite because of the abundance of fresh local seafood and the opportunity to bring in contrasting flavors, something important I learned to do at ACCC," Dukehart told Continental.com magazine.

George Kyrtatas '99 ACA, was featured in the State Island Advance. Kyrtatas released a cookbook about Greek cuisine in 2005 and is executive chef and owner of Hathaway's.

Matthew McElmoyle '98 ACA, took over Oliver, a bistro in Bordentown, in June 2006. The restaurant is mainly open for lunch but offers dinner on the weekends. The menu includes an extensive list of soups and sandwiches and decadent desserts by pastry chef **James Berry** '98 ACA. Both chefs worked together at Sails in Somers Point.

Patrick Feury '89 ACA, will open a new restaurant called Maia this winter in Villanova, Pa. The restaurant will feature the "Best of the Wurst," including homemade knockwurst, bratwurst and frankfurters on poppy-seed rolls. Feury is also chef at Nectar.

Kenny Stelmack '88 ACA, was featured in an article in the Courier-Post about his bid to retain his title at the 2007 Jersey Shore Best of the Best Chefs Cook-Off in Ocean County. Kenny won the inaugural Iron Chef-type competition last year incorporating the mystery ingredient--wild boar--into his final dish. He placed fourth in this year's competition.

Adam Grohman '97, son of **Dr. Joyce Grohman**, physical education and college skills, was featured in the *Oyster Bay Enterprise-Pilot* newspaper on Feb. 15. An author, researcher and scuba diver, Grohman has published a concise and enjoyable historical research adventure into the most infamous ship to run aground on the north shore of Long Island during the Prohibition Era, the William T. Bell. His book, *LI Rum Runner Aground*, was published to coincide with the 18th anniversary of the schooner's grounding.

A story in The Press of Atlantic City titled, *Atlantic City becoming wireless battleground*, quoted **Dr. Richard Perniciaro**, dean of administration, planning and research. He believes that phone companies' services and products are approaching the status of commodities – that is, those products are nearly indistinguishable from one another. "In economic terms, it's monopolistic competition. It's Pepsi and Coke," Perniciaro said.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

ACCC's Trustees met on Feb. 23 for the second annual board retreat. The theme was "Trustee Leadership: Balancing Oversight and Advocacy." The six-hour retreat allowed board members to explore different topics such as advocating for the college, the role of the board and community involvement. The retreat took place in two sessions. The first included presentations by four panelists: Ed Graham, Jim Perry, Dr. Larry Nespoli and Lou Greco, Esq. The second session included a presentation by consultants from the Kimball Group and focused on the college's master plan.

Are you a student who also operates/owns your own business? The Rothman Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University coordinated the 2007 East Coast Student Entrepreneur Awards to recognize undergraduate business owners. Entries are due April 2, and winners will be honored on May 2. For more info and to enter online, go to www.fdu.edu/rothman.

ACCC IN THE NEWS

The *Have a Heart for Your Furry Friends* demo at CMCC was featured on Channel 6 ABC News, NewsChannel40 and the Cape May County Herald newspapers.

A feature story on the scholarship fundraiser in memory of ACCC student **Jamie Crescenzo**, who was killed in a car accident on icy roads in February 2000, appeared in The Current newspapers. A Remembering Jamie Foundation Dinner on Feb. 24 raised money for continuing a scholarship at ACCC in Jamie's memory.

A feature story on ACCC's women's basketball ball club team appeared in The Press of Atlantic City on Feb. 24.

Four full-color photographs and captions on an India dance group which appeared at the college, sponsored by Atlantic County Cultural Affairs as one of their kids shows, ran in the Mainland Journal.

An article in the Cape May County Herald newspapers on the Cape May County Policy Academy graduation mentioned the articulation agreement with ACCC which awards the student officers 16 college credits toward an associate degree.

-- **Kathy McGowan**, editor