Atlantic Cape Students Host Intextication Awareness Event

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Students lined up to try the obstacle course as Atlantic Cape Community College’s nursing students and Campus Ambassadors Club co-sponsored the two day texting while driving awareness event, called “intextication,” from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Monday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 5 at Atlantic Cape’s Cape May Campus.

A wrecked car from a texting while driving accident was displayed on the lawn, an obstacle course set up outside to navigate while texting, public service announcements ran on the television inside, a pledge card for students to sign and commemorative bracelets were given out to promote the dangers of texting while driving. Anyone who lined up to take the course took a pre-driving and post-driving survey, then drove the squad cart (provided by the City of Wildwood Fire Rescue) around the track without texting on the first lap, but on the second lap the driver was asked to pull out their cell phone and begin texting. The obstacle course was set up with red flags and cones for students to try and stay inside the lines while intexticated.

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93rd Annual Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Convention

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During the month of April, I traveled to Seattle, WA to attend the 93rd annual Phi Theta Kappa convention. As this was my third convention, I was fully prepared for what was in store. The energy of nearly four-thousand Phi Theta Kappans from around the country and world makes for an atmosphere that can only be compared to that of a concert. The energy is especially impressive when everyone comes together in one room for the Convention Grand Opening, General Sessions, and Hallmark Awards Gala.

The First General Session began with Phi Theta Kappa’s Flag Presentation and Roll Call. At this time, Regional Coordinators and Regional Officers from the 29 regions of Phi Theta Kappa were brought on stage, one region/country at a time, and presented the flags of the states and countries where chapters exist. Last year, I had the opportunity to present New Jersey’s flag. This year, I represented the region again because I served as 2010-2011 New Jersey State President of the Middle States Region, which is comprised of Phi Theta Kappa chapters from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

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SGA Attends Job Fair; Offers Tips

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What do Atlantic Cape students plan to do in the summer? They may take a vacation with their families; they may take summer classes; or they can find jobs. Here we go. The Job Fair on April 5, 2011 in the cafeteria in Mays Landing campus did just that. With several helpful vendors from many kinds of businesses in the area, from the Army to local shops, they provided useful tips and opportunities for students to find jobs they want.

After attending that event, the Student Government Association (SGA) is happy to provide some useful tips for students to take advantage of at any job fair:

• Gather information about these employers from their websites so you will be prepared to converse knowledgeably about the company with its representatives.
• First impressions are lasting ones, so treat the career fairs that you are attending like a job interview. Come dressed for success in conservative attire, with a winning attitude, and be ready to answer probing questions.
• Periodically attend these events even when you are not necessarily looking for a job to see what opportunities are out there, and to gain a perspective on where you fit in the job marketplace.
• Your resume should be scannable, short and professional on white paper that is free of graphics, photographs or fancy print styles, but also has larger margins for interviewer notes.
• Network with other job seekers. Talk to others while you are standing in line to exchange job-hunting ideas, provide support, and even obtain leads.

Recruiters will want you to be prepared to talk about your career objectives, strengths, willingness to relocate, interests, relevant skills, the kind of job you are looking for, why you want to work for their organization, and why you would be an asset. Be prepared to answer commonly asked questions and tailor them to the company’s needs.

Hopefully, SGA can play a small part on your successful journey. And a great summer is sure to come to all Atlantic Cape students.
“You definitely notice a difference between the first and second time around because you’re concentrating on texting and not paying attention to the road in front of you,” said Angela Isaacson, student of Atlantic Cape. The Middle Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps. had students act as though they had been in an accident and carried them away on a stretcher, in order to show the consequences of not paying attention while behind the wheel.

The event had a very important message: Do not text and drive. It was created from a collaboration of the nursing students and the Campus Ambassadors Club as part of their public service and community event, a percentage of which goes towards their grades this semester.

“It is nice to see students working together and creatively putting together the event for such a great cause,” said Lisa Gendron, club advisor.

Everyone is guilty of texting while operating a vehicle. “We are all guilty of it; anyone who has a cell phone does it. I just hope this event will educate people and possibly save lives by promoting awareness,” said Sue Henry, a nursing student.

Local media outlets such as NBC 40 news channel and the Press of Atlantic City newspaper gathered at the Cape May Campus, helping spread the word about the risk of texting while driving.

Following the Flag Presentation and Roll Call, the First General Session’s keynote speaker, astrophysicist, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson took to the stage. Dr. Tyson, Director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York City and host of PBS’ NOVA scienceNOW, spoke about modern skepticism in the internet age. Following his presentation, a panel discussion was held. Among the panelists was Apollo XIII Astronaut Fred Haise, who had graciously posed for thousands of pictures and signed thousands of autographs the night before at the convention grand opening.

The Second General Session’s keynote speaker was Hilary Pennington, Director of Education, Postsecondary Success and Special Initiatives for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Ms. Pennington spoke about committing to college completion, which has been a hot topic in this country for the past year. Following her presentation, she answered questions posed by Dr. Rod A. Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa, who served as moderator, and other panelists.

At the Hallmarks Awards Gala, chapters from the Middle States Region took home twenty-five awards in total, including the 2011 Regional Milestone Award, which recognizes renewed enthusiasm exhibited by a region.
In celebration of National Poetry Month, which occurs each April, the English Department at Atlantic Cape Community College held a poetry/writing workshop and a poetry reading on April 13. Both events were hosted at the Mays Landing campus, but the reading was also telecast to the Atlantic City and Cape May campuses.

“This is the second time the [English] department has hosted a visit from a published poet for national poetry month,” said Denise Coulter, English Department Chairperson. “Last year, we had Kathy Graber as our guest workshop leader and reader. Based on the success of Ms. Graber’s visit, we decided to make this an annual event.”

Published poet J.C. Todd, of Philadelphia, was this year’s workshop leader and reader. At the very onset of her workshop, Ms. Todd dove right into the core of poetry and writing in general, with a unique and intriguing teaching style and with an intense passion that is rarely seen in an academic environment.

The majority of the workshop consisted of short writing sessions. For each session, Ms. Todd presented a topic and had attendees free-write-- writing continuously for a set period of time. Those who ran out of things to write about were told to write something to the effect of “I can’t think of anything to write,” until they actually could think of something to write. She also told the students not worry about things such as grammar and punctuation in these early drafts because these drafts need to be written in the writer’s own voice.

“Poetry and fiction,” Ms. Todd said “wants to be written in that voice.”

After the writing sessions were completed, Ms. Todd instructed everyone to highlight words that jumped out at them, and then “explode them” (or explore them more deeply) on another piece of paper. She also suggested that writers mark shifts where change of voice occurs and label the shifts if possible.

Rich Russell, Adjunct Professor of English, attended both the workshop and poetry reading and seemed to be impressed by the workshop and the students who attended.

“The workshop was electrified; you could tell [J.C. Todd] was still in that transcendent experience at the reading she gave for the college afterward. I am always impressed with the caliber of our students — with their empathy for poetry and with their own creative energy.”
How are you spending your summer vacation?
By: Erin Hall, Staff Writer

“I plan on making lots of money and moving to North Jersey where I will be attending school next fall at Montclair.” – Steven Randall

“I’m going to be working a lot, playing basketball and going to Wildwood with a bunch of friends.”
- Mario Giordano

“I am going to school pretty much full time and on my off-time, I have jury duty.” – Cody Gray

“I plan on working on my novel and I’m looking forward to having some downtime.”
- Professor Botsis from the Communication Department

“This summer, I’m going to be hanging out with my friends and wonderful boyfriend and spending lots of time at the beach.” – Kait Hample

“I’m probably going to try to pick up another job and spend my downtime boating, tubing, and rollerblading on the boardwalk.” – Amirah Matthews

“I’m going to Georgia to visit my family and spending time at the beach in Florida.”
- Abby Acevedo
Transit
Promise Nothing 7” EP
genre: indie/pop-punk

April 16, 2011 was a very special day for music enthusiasts and vinyl aficionados. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it was 2011’s Record Store Day. A day where bands put out exclusive material, for the promotion of local, privately owned record stores. So to celebrate, I picked up Transit’s 7” EP entitled Promise Nothing for $10. Easily one of the best purchases I’ve ever made. Transit, being known for fast paced, emotionally fueled pop-punk music, has evolved their sound once more since releasing Something Left Behind earlier this year. Instead of straight power chords and up-tempo drum beats, the two songs released have a more open, relaxed feel to them. While “Take What You Can” still keeps Transit’s upbeat tempo, and “I Never Told That To Anyone” keeps their emotionally fueled lyrics, both feature airy, dream-like guitar lines, and sophisticated rhythm sections. In my personal opinion, this is easily Transit’s best release (even though it’s two songs, mind you), and Transit is the best band breathing a breath of fresh air into a genre that is becoming increasingly stale.

Thursday
No Devolucion
genre: ambient/post-hardcore

I’m just going to say this: This is the best Thursday album. Geoff Rickly and his gang of friends from New Brunswick just released their 6th album, No Devolucion (which loosely translates to “no returns” in Spanish) on April 12, 2011. They are not the same band playing ferocious post-hardcore music as they were 11 years ago (their debut album, Waiting, came out in 2000), playing basement shows with their friends in North Jersey. Their music has become larger than life, and No Devolucion easily exemplifies this. While remaining true to their heavy roots, Thursday wrote songs that almost seem to be eerily similar to those kinds of dreams you have that aren’t really nightmares, but still leave you feeling uneasy upon waking up. Songs like “A Darker Forest,” “Past and Future Ruins,” and “Stay True” are a perfect example of those dreams (due to Geoff’s soothing croon), while “Fast to the End,” “Magnets Caught In A Metal Heart,” and “Turnpike Divides” leave fans of previous material thoroughly satisfied with their harder edge. What really makes this album shine is its ambient production. It almost seems like what you’re listening to isn’t made by real instruments, yet are made up of anxious emotions flowing through your head… Which, I’m not going to lie, is extremely confusing, but it’s the only way I can describe it. You’d have to listen to this masterpiece to fully understand this audible experience.
The Asian Student Alliance took the “Wok ‘n’ Walk” walking tour of Philadelphia’s Chinatown on April 2nd and attended the Philadelphia Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairmount Park on April 10th.
**Ten Misconceptions about Earth Day**

**BY: Kevin Cronin, Staff Writer**

**Myth 1.** Global temperatures are rising at a rapid rate, unprecedented rate.

**Fact.** Average ground station readings do show a mild warming of 0.6 to 0.8 over the last 100 years, well within the natural variations recorded in the last millennium.

**Myth 2.** Co2 is a pollutant.

**Fact.** Co2 makes up for less than one tenth or 0.039% of the earth’s atmosphere, oxygen O2 roughly 21% and Nitrogen N2 about 80%

**Myth 3.** Receding glaciers and the calving of ice shelves are proof of global warming.

**Fact.** Glaciers, like weather, are cyclical and have been growing and receding for centuries. The earth has recently come out of a little ice age and this is more than likely the reason for glacier calving.

**Myth 4.** The earth’s poles are warming; polar ice caps are breaking up and melting as sea levels are rising.

**Fact.** Sea level monitoring in the Pacific (Tuvalu) and Indian Oceans (Maldives) have shown no sign of any sea level rise.

**Myth 5.** Computer models verify that Co2 increases will cause significant global warming.

**Fact.** Computer models can “verify” anything you want them to. There are too many spontaneous variables that computers can’t predict, like the sun’s cycles, cosmic rays and cloud patterns.

**Myth 6.** The “hockey stick” graph proves that the earth has experienced a steady temperature increase for 1000 years, then recently began a sudden increase.

**Fact.** Changes in climate have occurred throughout geological time, for instance the Medieval Warm Period, when Vikings farmed on Greenland, a little ice age in the 17th century and a global cooling scare between 1940-1970.

**Myth 7.** The coast of Greenland has shown a high rate of receding ice.

**Fact.** NASA satellite data shows that there has been significant ice loss along the coast of Greenland however at high altitudes there has been more accumulation than overall loss of ice due to snowfall.

**Myth 8.** Human produced carbon dioxide has increased over the past 100 years, adding to the Greenhouse effect, thus warming the earth.

**Fact.** Measurements in ice cores dated over thousands of years have shown that Co2 levels fluctuate AFTER the temperature has done so. Some evidence suggests that the warming surface layers of the oceans expel more Co2. This happens naturally due to cyclical solar radiation.

**Myth 9.** Global warming will cause more storms and other weather extremes in result increasing insurance and infrastructure repair costs.

**Fact.** Growing insurance and infrastructure repair costs, especially in coastal areas, are due to increasing population growth and escalating development value rather than severe storms.

**Myth 10.** Recent flooding, heavy snowstorms and rain are caused by mankind and attributed to global warming.

**Fact.** Extreme weather generally correlates to an increase in solar activity when solar maxima are very intense. NASA has stated that we are now experiencing heavy solar maxima and will continue until about 2012 and the pattern will repeat itself every 11 years until about 2045.
SGA Elects New Members

By: Erin Hall
Staff Writer

The time of promises, decision making, and voting has passed, but the new SGA officers have big hopes for next year. On March 7, the Student Government Association held their annual election that appointed new members to prominent positions in the organization. Compliments and good wishes are dedicated to the new President, Beau Engler, the Vice President, Annabella Tran and the Program Chair, Anastasia Tran for these magnificent achievements.

After the success of many SGA sponsored activities held on campus, many students are anticipating the same amount of hard work and dedication from the new officers. The SGA is not only responsible for the student activities on campus, but the board members must ensure peace and equality among students, faculty, and administration at Atlantic Cape.

The election process comprised of creativity and preparation. Posters and flyers could be seen posted throughout campus trying to promote the candidates for votes as well as allowing students to get to know their future SGA Board members.

“I want to let my leadership skills shine to represent the student body and let my voice be heard,” said newly elected Vice President, Annabella Tran.

Annabella and her sister, Anastasia, hope to make the student body happy with their decisions made through the organization. With good intentions and a desire to help others, the new officers will have another successful and memorable school year for the Student Government Association.
State of the College Address: Interview with the Atlantic Cape’s President Dr. Mora.

By: Madison Russ
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Every year, Dr. Mora issues the State of the College address to students, faculty and the community. “It’s the priorities for any given year,” Dr. Peter Mora, Atlantic Cape’s president for the past 6 years, stated. As it is his 4th year giving the address, Dr. Mora notes that as a president, it is worthwhile for him and that it has generated positive feedback from outside parties. The intentions of this year’s state of the college will continue to focus on the top ten priorities of the school while also highlighting the school’s programs.

Dr. Mora also noted that perhaps one of the most significant points included in this State of the College is the Board of Trustee’s endorsement of a new Strategic Plan. A strategic plan is typically used as a guide for a 5 year period that entails specific priorities such as allocating dollars, and that the school’s “budget is a quantitative expression for the mission.”

“The most important part is the mission statement,” Dr. Mora explains which outlines the three main goals of the strategic plan and Dr. Mora says this year, Atlantic Cape’s first objective is to stay committed to superior programs while maximizing student success.

Dr. Mora also stated that maximizing student success is not just Atlantic Cape’s current goal for the upcoming year, but is a national one as well. Through President Obama’s policies, the federal government is hoping to double college graduates by 2020.

“We’ve accepted that challenge here at Atlantic Cape,” Dr. Mora says and also noted that the intentions are to increase graduation rates by 5% every year. “It’s a very aggressive goal.”

Another goal of the strategic plan is to strengthen Atlantic Cape’s community partnerships. With this, Dr. Mora hopes this will not only help enable local businesses to hire Atlantic Cape’s alumni, but also support government officials and non-profit organizations as well. The third goal is to demonstrate effectiveness, continuous improvement and efficient use of resources.

All three campuses are expected to experience renovations such as the new “STEM” building (science, technology, engineering and math) which is in the process of being developed on the Mays Landing Campus. Cont. on page 11
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The building will be the largest at 32,000 square feet when finished. Dr. Mora states that the center, which is expected to be completed by 2013, will “house those disciplines in a proper environment,” with state of the art technologies and laboratories. Worthington Atlantic City Campus will also be expanded with the addition of a new, wing that will extend the culinary department as well as training for hospitality services. “There will be a vegetative roof, which is essential to water runoff especially in cities.” Also included will be a greenhouse along with solar panels to continue with the school’s green initiative plans. Food and beverage training as well as housekeeping labs will be used to prepare workers for jobs in the hospitality industry.

Atlantic Cape hopes this will help prepare workers in order to make Atlantic City a more competitive resort. “We support the expansion and revitalization of the city, as we have been with Atlantic City since the beginning.” Dr. Mora also affirms that business owners as well as government leaders are excited for the new Worthington wing.

The solar panels for both Mays Landing and Cape May campuses will at last be installed by the fall semester. Solar canopies will be set up over the parking lots to collect the most efficient amount of light exposure. The estimated cost of savings for the school is expected to be $250,000 a year.

Safe Campus Initiative is also included in the State of the College, and students should expect to see more surveillance cameras around the campus. The new monitors will be electronically connected to both the security van as well as local police departments. “It’s very sophisticated equipment,” Dr Mora says of the new web-based cameras. Also in continuation of improving campus security, Dr. Mora explains that, “Every 5 years, we’ll have an onsite visit with security experts from other colleges in a peer review.” The recommendations of what areas should be improved are put into the yearly plan.

Students may also have noticed Atlantic Cape’s new tag line, “Opportunity starts here,” as well as the revival of the original red and blue Buccaneer school colors. Dr. Mora explains that the completion of the rebranding program helps reiterate the school’s sense of identity while enhancing outside understanding of the accomplishments of Atlantic Cape as a competitive secondary institution. The college is also presently launching its first capital and scholarship campaign, after the successful rollout of the rebranding effort.

This upcoming fall semester, a new publication entitled the “Career Focus” is the school’s latest promotional literature. The magazine, which highlights new programs and benefits readily available at Atlantic Cape, will be sent out every semester. Featured programs prospective or continuing students can look forward to this year are the school’s expansion of air traffic control programs, sports, and liberal arts under the address.

Without a doubt, the future plans for Atlantic Cape will enhance the quality of student learning, faculty, and community involvement. “It’s a big deal for us,” Dr. Mora explains. But it’s a good plan, it’s aggressive, but it moves us forward and is doable.”
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