

Men's soccer team reaches new heights: 2013 CSAC championship and NSCAA academic award

By Anthony Biango

This... is to inform you that the men's soccer team are the 2013 CSAC Champions and are awarded an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament!!

In a historic season the Centenary College men's soccer team reached new heights, as indicated in that email sent to the entire campus by head coach Keith O'Connor.

"Being able to compete in our conference championship has been a great honor and to win it in our first ever appearance is a great feeling," said O'Connor.

Before being crowned champions over the top-seeded Marywood Pacers, the Cyclones took down Cabrini in the semi-finals, their second win against them this season.

The Cyclones' success in the CSAC tournament came with a few great accomplishments, including both their first championship appearance and first championship victory. Freshman Luis Marin, whose lone goal against the Pacers clenched the berth for the NCAA tournament bid, was also named CSAC Tournament MVP.

Centenary traveled to Salisbury, Maryland for the first round of the NCAA Tournament, marking the program's first ever appearance. There, they played the ninth-ranked, defending national champions Messiah Falcons.

"We realize that we

have a great challenge ahead of us in facing the number-one team in the country in the NCAA tournament. Our players are very excited about this opportunity and are up for the difficult challenge," said O'Connor.

Senior defender Reid Meeker, who has started every game in his collegiate career, broke the school-record for games played, with 77. He said, "We took down all of the traditional powerhouse teams in our conference without a doubt, and we are now excited to continue our pursuit of becoming one of the best teams by playing in the NCAA Tournament."

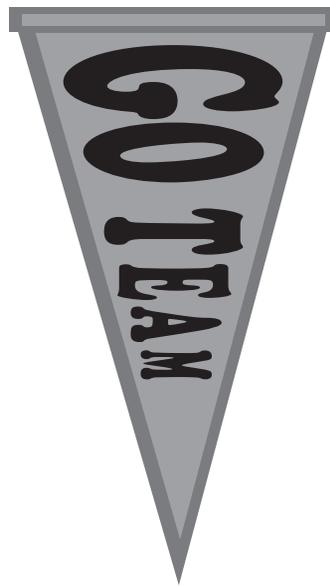
Ultimately, the Cyclones fell to the defending champions, bringing an end to an unprecedented season in Centenary history. "We have been able to set many program records throughout this stretch which has made it a bit more memorable," said Coach O'Connor. This was the first 12-win season since 1999, 10 of which were in a row, another school record.

Unconditionally, this was a remarkable season for the men's soccer team. Now, they celebrate their success and work towards having this season's momentum transfer to the next one.

The 2013 Men's Soccer Roster:

1. Julian Alvarez
2. Joseph Bachman
3. Chris Bonilla
4. Glenn Brennen
5. Dylan Bricker
6. Kevin Brix
7. Antonio Cabrera

8. Sebastian Castillo
9. Nick DePasquale
10. Ian Douglas
11. Jesse Goleman
12. Quinn Khouri
13. Ian Kirkpatrick
14. Abiodun Lawal
15. Luis Marin
16. Michael Marin
17. Eddie Medow
18. Reid Meeker
19. Shane Nolan
20. Sean Robinson
21. Nicholas Telle



Regarding the soccer teams' being honored with receiving the NSCAA Academic Award, Centenary was one of only 186 schools among all NCAA divisions to have both teams so honored.

Hunger Games event raises awareness of those going without

By Juan Arias

The two day "Hunger Games" event that took place last month was a success! The idea came from both, *The Hunger Games* film and also the hunger banquets, which bring a strong message to the public about those who are less fortunate and to appreciate what we have.

Over 50 people attended the banquet, and a large monetary and canned good donation was made to the local Trinity food pantry.

"I was hoping for 70 students, but because it is the first year we did this event, 50 is a great turnout. Many students are fearful of what they don't know; I hope it will be a great success in the future," said Emily Walker, director of Programming and Service.

After the meal portion of the event, statistics were read about hunger in the United

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Centenary Stage Company brings *A Christmas Carol: The Musical* to campus



"Abundance and Charity," a song from CSC's previous production of *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*. See story on this year's production, playing through Dec. 15, on p.11. Photo: Bob Eberle

Don't worry: finding *The One* can wait

By Sarah DeGeorge

"I am 20; why haven't I found my future husband yet?"

"I am afraid I will never find the one, I mean I should be married by 23, right?"

I've heard many comments such as these ones while walking a on campus. The majority of these comments come from females, but further investigation showed that some males do share similar thoughts, but aren't as vocal. There seems to be pressure to get married or find "the one" while in college. Pop culture, a possible fear of being alone, and a society wrapped around the idea of love and relationships all play a part in this search for a soulmate.

While it is true that in the past many were married by the time they were in their late teens to early 20s, it does not mean everyone has to be, and it may not be worth it to put so much emphasis on finding your one true love so quickly during a very impressionable part of your life.

While it may be exciting to watch the Royal Wedding and swoon over Kate and William's love and adoration for each other, it does not mean everyone has to find their future spouse based on that pop culture event.

Wedding dresses, suits, and cakes are expensive, venues cost an arm and a leg, and do you really have the money to even begin starting the process of planning a wedding, let alone succeed in finding your future spouse?

Remember, both William and Kate married at age of 29.

Television shows wrap their entire series around the idea of relationships such as *The O.C* (throwback), and while a lot

of these shows attract older audiences, some pre-teen television shows such as *Zoey 101* (we know how that ended) also focused on the emphasis of falling in love at a young age, crushes, or at least having a boyfriend.

Although these sitcoms try to mimic every day situations, they are not, and people should not compare their lives to that of Corey and Topanga on *Boy Meets World*. The reason they are able to fall in love and get married so quickly after school ended was because there is a script that can allow it to happen, and life doesn't work that way.

One female junior at Centenary College said, "I have to admit that seeing marriages on television, and television shows based on the idea of marriage and companionship constantly does drive the idea that we should all be married by the age of 25, and when if that isn't the case, it seems like a death sentence."

To be fair, I also wanted to look at this situation from the male perspective. Males normally aren't overheard talking about their marriage plans, but it does not mean the thought does not exist.

One male sophomore explained, "It is hard coming home on holidays to my parents, and when they ask if I have met a special someone, I have to say no. I can see the disappointment in their eyes, so sometimes it does cross my mind as to whether or not I should get the ball rolling and find someone quick!"

Statistically, 28 percent of married couples attended school together, according to an article in *USA Today*. Along with this statistic came

the median age to marry, which is 27. Most traditional students in college are not 27 when they graduate, which shows that there is much time between graduation and the median age to marry to find someone.

Remember, a lot of things happen in your 20's that are important milestones that should not be missed due to the drive to find your potential marriage partner.

CollegeStats offered an article describing changes that come in your 20's that you do not want to miss: Changes in your career, family, friends, lifestyle, and possible relocation all come in your 20's. All of these changes begin to form your personality and interests, which are changing during this period.

What you like at 20 may not be the same as what you enjoy at 29.

With so much going on, this is an especially crucial time to focus

on becoming a better version of you, and not putting so much focus on finding your other half. When all is said and done, if you aren't happy with yourself, you cannot be happy with someone else.

One senior male at Centenary said, "I do not want to be in a relationship or consider marrying a girl who hasn't found herself just yet. I need a girl who is financially ready for the next steps in life, as well as emotionally ready, so why rush? You aren't at your full potential yet, and I want a girl who knows who she is and what she wants."

None of this is not meant to be a blanket statement that getting married in your 20's is bad, or that wanting a relationship is bad because both of those are far from true.

I feel a lot of people, both male and female, will become married and/or have successful relationships in their 20's. The point is that

people should not miss out on life solely searching for that person, or rush too quickly into marriage to meet a deadline.

I do not want to see anyone give up on life dreams, goals, and passions to become lost in a never-ending search for love.

Love cannot happen if you do not love yourself first. Take the time to grow, and then start to focus on finding your soul mate.

Already have a committed relationship? That is great as well, and hopefully you two will grow together, and the ending result will be marriage. If things do not work out, do not go trying to replace that person in time for your planned age of marriage. By the way, college is also where you find your friends or potential bridesmaids and groomsmen, so make sure to find them, too.



Op-ed page

Deck the Halls with Lots of Shipping:

The Downside of Online Shopping

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'Twas the night before Black Friday and all through the town, people gathered in tents and sat anxiously on the ground. Shoppers bundled for the cold, swallowing all of their pride, and waited for all those hours to find out what deals were inside.

But all that time spent waiting is not nearly as detrimental as the chaos that ensues inside of the shops.

Imagine the doors have just opened. You've been waiting for about six hours, are starving because you skipped out on Grandma's renowned stuffing and cranberry sauce, and all you can think about is that tablet you've had your eye on since the deals were advertised weeks ago. Your face is being shoved into the back of the person in front of you, but you're still determined to find that gift. Once the trampling to get through the automatic doors is complete, you find yourself body checking people left and right like a hockey player just to get to the technology section of the store. Of course, that's where everyone is going.

You're pretty sure someone just slammed their purse into your back but you keep running anyway, following the crowd to where the best bargains are hidden. It is chaotic; people are grabbing items from shelves and ramming into people with their baskets. By the time you've made it through the obstacle course of carts and scattered products that people have carelessly tossed around, you're practically salivating at the idea of having the latest tablet...for half the normal price. Too bad the employee tells you there're none left before he leaves you exacerbated on the department store floor.

Many have discovered that battling the warzone that is Black Friday is nonessential. With the creation of Cyber Monday, which debuted in November 2005, people can get the same or better deals without the aggravation of waiting in lines that seem to wrap around the perimeter of the store or the morning-after bruises from being shoved around. Online shopping offers the perfect alternative; anyone can search for exactly the right gift and buy it all with the convenience of remaining in their warm bed and snuggled in their pajamas. Online shopping offers easy comparison of prices in order to get the cheapest rate and browsing is not limited to set store hours. It alleviates the problem of finding just the right piece of clothing in a store and not being able to find the right size. But while it may seem like an obvious choice, online shopping affects society in ways that most people fail to realize.

There are obvious downsides to punching in a credit card for online purchases, such as illegitimate scam websites and exchange problems. However, it also deteriorates the idea of local economy. The 3/50 project has produced statistics about the impact of local and national spending versus buying online. For every \$100 spent in a local store, such as a mom and pop shop, \$68 goes back into the community. Similarly, in national chain stores like Best Buy and Target, for every \$100 spent, \$43 goes back to the local area where the store is located. Buying online does not give anything back to the community.

In 2012, Cyber Monday purchases reached \$1.465 billion and that number is expected to increase every year. As more people turn to online shopping, brick and mortar stores become obsolete. Take for example, Borders books which filed for bankruptcy and closed their remaining stores. The reason they had to close their final chapter? The impact of the internet. Borders pushed for e-books too late. The world had already switched to an online shopping alternative and they were dissatisfied with Borders' inability to keep up with other chain bookstores like Barnes and Noble. As a result of internet shopping's constant growth, the 11,000 Borders employees were laid off.

While online shopping was not the only reason for the collapse of Borders, it was still a major factor. The idea of large department stores is becoming outdated as companies put more emphasis on their internet counterparts. "Showrooming," or trying a product in stores just to go buy it online at a cheaper rate, is much more common. Many companies, like Best Buy, are going to focus on eliminating their superstores and only using a small space as showrooms where they show the latest products, forcing customers to go online for their purchases. However, the decrease in size cuts the need for employees. Fewer cashiers, stockroom workers, and other behind-the-scenes workers that operate and maintain these large stores will be left jobless.

To combat the online shopping buzz, American Express sponsored and promoted Small Business Saturday, which began in 2010. It occurs on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and encourages people to build their local economies by buying from stores in their communities. The credit card company reached out through radio and television advertisements and social media campaigns to endorse their new addition to the American weekend of materialism. Instead of punching in credit card numbers and picking out which shipping and handling option is the cheapest, people should be increasing their spending locally.

Buying locally has advantages that checkout sections of internet shops do not. Aside from requiring a face-to-face interaction, local stores help to create jobs. Think about the summer you spent working at a town ice cream shop or deli. Without those shops, the job, and your paycheck, would not exist. Furthermore, when you buy from stores in the community, the money remains there instead of going to outside sources. Essentially, buying from stores is an investment in your neighborhood. Buying from online gives your neighborhood nothing.

Town stores typically offer more donations to local charities and organizations. If you ever played a recreation sport as a kid, think about the name and logo slapped across the back of your jersey. Typically it was a local business that wanted to make a contribution to a community group. Visiting local businesses helps to build connections among neighbors in a way that faceless interaction online does not.

Before taking the easy way out and searching Amazon to find the perfect present for someone this holiday, take advantage of what your local stores have to offer. Even national chains located in your town allow for some money to go into circulation in the local economy. Purchasing from brick and mortar stores is not just about finding the right gift; it is about supporting your community...even if it means getting tossed around on Black Friday.

Kathryn Nieves, editor

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Online holiday shopping: personal, affordable, time-saving, fun!

By Alyssa Guarino

Holiday shopping is in full swing. On a college budget getting gifts for loved ones can be difficult. This Christmas/Chanukah/Kwanzaa season, look for websites that are known for inexpensive gifts.

One website is etsy.com. Etsy.com is a forum where artists can post their products. On Etsy, a shopper can find unique handmade gifts such as jewelry, art, and clothing, for example. Etsy also offers vintage items that are in great condition. This website also offers custom ordering. The customers describe how much they want to pay, and artisans will bid on the offer. All the gifts on Etsy are unique but inexpensive at the same time.

Another website is Zazzle.com., which offers items such as shirts, stickers, magnets, and keychains with many images or saying on them. Zazzle also allows customers to create their own gifts to be put on a product, such as a shirt, magnet, or key-chain just to name a few options. Zazzle has unique and interesting customizable items. The customer can search something meaningful or funny to put on the product. Zazzle also offers the ability to make a custom pair of Keds sneakers. Also, a customer can put a favorite image on a skateboard, usable postage, or pet clothing.

Another option for inexpensive gift giving this season is photos.walmart.com.

Here, a customer

can create many items using new or old photos. Holiday cards are an option, along with books, mugs and ornaments. Another option Wal-Mart offers is to put high resolution images on a throw blanket, clothing or jewelry.

Another website that offers unique gifts is cafepress.com. This website offers unique shirts, bottles, and children's clothing to name a few. Cafepress also allows one to create custom gifts for loved ones, such as hats, magnets, bottles, and children's clothing. All these products are customizable.

Another, lulu.com offers the opportunity to print your own book. It ranges from color books to hard-cover books. A customer can put an entire family history into a book or a narrative of a favorite trip into print. The website allows customers to save the book and print as many as they want, whenever they want to print it. Other options are to create a short book of favorite jokes or stories. A book of picture memories is another option. The possibilities are endless.

All these gift ideas are meaningful and affordable, which is what every college student is looking for. They also save time from having to go out to a store and buy a gift. The convenience of sitting at home or at school to order something is at one's finger tips. Happy shopping, and happy holiday season!

Italian Christmas meal specialty: a family recipe

By Sarah DeGeorge

Those who are Italian may be familiar with the "Feast of the Seven Fishes" that occurs on Christmas Eve every year. There are so many recipes that can be made to equal the seven dishes needed for the celebration. Here is one that is not only easy to prepare, but delicious as well. Mangia! Mangia!

Grandpa's Garlic Shrimp

These shrimp are incredibly simple, yet incredibly delicious. Refrigerating overnight allows the flavors to develop – Serve with bread

INGREDIENTS

3 pounds of large shrimp, tail-on, peeled and de-veined
6 cloves garlic, chopped
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 cup flat leaf parsley leaves (a couple handfuls), roughly chopped
A loaf of crusty bread

Serves 4

PREPARATION

In a large, cast iron skillet, combine all the ingredients, then wrap pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Pre-heat oven 450°F. Remove pan with shrimp from fridge and let stand to bring to room temperature, about 15 minutes. Transfer to oven and cook until bubbling, about 20 minutes. Remove and serve right out of the pan with chunks of crusty Italian bread for dunking

A Christmas pleasure: Re-watching *Miracle on 34th Street!*

Chris Bello

Does this movie even need an introduction? *Miracle on 34th Street* is one of the best holiday films ever released, and watching it is a holiday tradition for many. It gets better every time I see it. This time, though, I discovered that there are a lot of adult topics that younger viewers might miss.

The film is full of company competition, deception, and broken dreams. This is a film that has a lot of heart and serious messages without hitting its darker tones hard on the viewers' heads.

Miracle on 34th Street puts you in the holiday spirit, with a classic holiday jingle during the opening credits. Then there is the totally believable Santa Claus. Who is he? Does he really think he

is Santa? Could he possibly be Santa? After filling in for the alcoholic Santa at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, he becomes the Santa at the Macy's where the female lead works. There he does the unthinkable: recommend other stores if Macy's does not have a product, even if it is rival store.

Kids will love the fact that Kris Kringle (played by Edmund Gwen, in one of the most acclaimed performances of his career) seems to be the only one that understands what Christmas is supposed to be. Adults will realize that he character t might not actually be Santa, even though he says he is and, though Kris Kringle may not realize it, the rival companies, Macy's and Gimble's are using his ideas

so they can make a better a profit.

The film gets even better in the second half, with Kris Kringle being put on trial for lunacy. This brings everyone out of their comfort zone; I will not give any hints as to what happens, but what follows is tale with acts that are heartfelt, despicable, thought-provoking or maybe a mixture of the three.

This is a film that simply gets better the more you watch it. Even though I was shocked at the age of 21 to see all the mature moments and dialogue I missed when I was in seventh grade, I still felt I was still having a great time watching it. It still remains a timeless classic and rightly so!

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Want train service to NYC on weekends? Student-led petition might be an answer

By Everette Hamlette

"The more I'm in this role, the more I am realizing that the lack of transportation develops a barrier for our students because if they want a part-time job, an internship, or just want to get away for the weekend, they have no access to train transit," said Tiffany Zappulla, director of the Career Development Center. She is hoping the New Jersey Transit service will run on weekends in Hackettstown for Centenary College students' use, especially with a growing internship program on campus.

One way to try to accomplish this might be a petition to NJ Transit signed by a large percentage of the student body and other Centenarians.

"We've had an internship program for several years and traveling has always been an issue for students without cars," Zappulla said about those working at places anywhere beyond Main Street.

Hackettstown is the last stop on the NJ Transit train line, and on the weekend, the closest working train stations are Dover and Gladstone, and there is no transit from Hackettstown to Dover or Gladstone.

Nancy E. Paffendorf, dean of Community and College Affairs, agrees and adds, "The trains should run not just for the students' benefit; I live five miles from here; it would be really wonderful if the trains would run on the weekend."

Jim Sheldon, executive director of Hackettstown Business Improvement District, is in charge of promoting Hackettstown

through various venues. He agrees that the lack of train service is an issue not only for Centenary College but for Hackettstown, as well. "I'd love to see the train run seven days a week, but the reality is that it is a business, and if there is nobody on the train, it is a waste of time and money," Sheldon said.

Zappulla and Sheldon are willing to show a need for NJ Transit to expand its service, but will need students to express a need for the train, they said.

"If students realize the need for weekend trains there can be a petition started soon," Zappulla said, and Sheldon is willing to help.

"If you are interested I can get some referrals and see about doing something; it would probably be hard to do, but they might do it," Sheldon explained.

Zappulla added, "We have a very large commuter population, but what about the students that are residents? Many don't bring cars, and may expect to have train transit on weekends."



Photo: Everette Hamlette

Dining options: more than you might guess

By Joseph Bartolini

In the café and don't see something you like or want to spice things up a bit? You should know that there are other options available.

At the café you can order a variety of foods to be prepared for you at the grill, depending on the time of day.

During morning hours from 7-9:45 a.m. fried eggs and omelets (ham, cheese, tomato, pepper, onion) are available upon request.

Javier, one of the café's cooks, says that the café will also cook turkey

burgers, cheeseburgers, grilled chicken, hotdogs, fries, and cheesesteaks during lunch and dinner hours. So next time you are at the café and want something new remember there is a whole list of items available upon request.

Classes learn from a member of the Ghana police service

By Kathryn Nieves

There is nothing greater than education through experience.

Last month, Centenary students were offered the opportunity to learn about international affairs through the experiences of Superintendent Justice Anthony Adukehene-Benieh, a member of the police service in Ghana.

Assoc. professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Christopher Linne, and Norman Cetuk, assoc. professor of Criminal Justice had met Superintendent Adukehene-Benieh at an earlier time in Ghana, when they had made a presentation to the police force in that country, explaining police tactics in the U.S..

Adukehene-Benieh joined the Ghana Police Service in 1984 as a constable and has been serving ever since. Working in all types of law enforcement, such as regular uniform patrol duties, a detective in the Criminal Investigation Division, and an internal auditor at the district and headquarters level, Supt. Adukehene-Benieh had many areas of expertise to share with students. He has held multiple leadership positions, including as corporal, sergeant, inspector, chief inspector, cadet officer, assistant superintendent, and deputy superintendent. His station was honored as the best police station in Africa in 2012.

Adukehene-Benieh was assigned to the African Union Peacekeeping mission in Somalia in 2013 and will remain

there until June 2014. He is to help advise, mentor, monitor and train 5,000 members of the Somalia Police Force. The focus is to make sure the force follows international standards. The African Union Mission in Somalia also helps with crime prevention, human rights observation, criminal investigation, and management of traffic.

After being invited to attend the United States Institute of Peace seminar, "Transforming Military and Police Forces in Conflict Areas" from November 12 to 15, Supt. Adukehene-Benieh reached out to his professional acquaintances Linne and Cetuk.

"The opportunity is important and unique for two of our academic programs. The Criminal Justice students have the benefit of meeting an African police officer who is undertaking police and peacekeeping operations in Somalia," Linne said. "The Political and Governmental Affairs students can discuss issues with an individual who is 'on the ground' in a failed state and can provide first-hand details about the conditions and impact of terrorism on that region."

Linne and Cetuk were able to cover some of Supt. Adukehene-Benieh's costs for his visit to the United States by arranging for him to receive a full scholarship for training and by personally paying for him to be there. Linne added that they were able to "personally help a police colleague and (Continued on next page.)



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help educate students.”

Supt. Aduehene-Benieh spoke in the chapel for police force and members of the community and students. His lecture, titled “International Peacekeeping, Terrorism & Policing in Somalia” covered issues in Somalia from the perspective of someone who is actually there. “Building trust between the Somali people and the African Union Mission in Somalia police is similar to the community policing practices used in America,” Linne said. “The students learned about the differences and similarities between Ghanaian and United States policing practices.”

In addition to his lecture, Supt. Aduehene-Benieh made a stop at Dr. Shane Fitzpatrick’s Forms of Global Gov-

ernance: Model NATO course the next day. In order to update the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on the current situation in Somalia and the status and spread of terrorism from Africa to other NATO countries and the world, Supt. Aduehene-Benieh stepped in as a representative of the African Union.

Reading about the issues of terrorism and policing in Somalia only provides a certain amount of information. But it is the first-hand experience of someone actually serving in that area that helps to bring a new perspective to the situation. Supt. Aduehene-Benieh’s visit to Centenary helped to expand the minds of the students and open their eyes to the international affairs in Africa.



Justice Anthony Aduehene-Benieh steps in as an African Union representative in Dr. Shane Fitzpatrick’s Model NATO course. Photo courtesy of Centenary Public Relations office

Distinguished guest of Model NATO class guest leaves powerful impact

By Kevin Ujvary

Centenary’s Model NATO became all the more interesting when Justice Anthony Aduhene-Benieh arrived to discuss ongoing issues in Somalia with the Model NATO class. He immediately made an impact.

In recent meetings, tempers had been flaring over the lack of action being taken in Africa, with some countries feeling that the issues there were not being taken as seriously as they should be. While most of the meetings beforehand were on topics such as Syria and Mali, Justice Anthony Aduhene-Benieh made a compelling argument that NATO’s focus should be turned towards

Somalia.

He started by explaining the importance of Somalia, not only to the African continent but the world. The coast of Somalia lies next to the best trade route from Europe to the Asian continent. He elaborated by explaining that Al-Shabaab, a terrorist organization with strong ties to Al-Qaeda, at one point controlled two of the ports of Somalia, which made it almost impossible for the trade route to be used. This also led to the increase of strength in Somalia pirates since they did not have to deal with ports controlled by the local government. These all attribute to the need for

NATO support.

Representatives began to ask questions, and delve into the situation to find whether or not they felt this was an issue in which to move forward. The first question posed from the representative of Germany was about what was truly needed from NATO to help rebuild the country. The Justice responded by saying troops, equipment, and money is what the country needs to have any chance to stop Al-Shabaab from successfully over taking the country.

The second question, from the representative from Luxembourg, was how long a rebuilding process this would be. This question was one where Justice Anthony

Aduhene-Benieh truly shined. While he is the commander of the police force, he received his education in Norway and was briefly a teacher before deciding his calling was to serve the people. This question allowed him to show his background; he responded with a step-by-step plan revealing what needed to be done, and broke down every step he felt would be necessary, and by the time he told NATO that this was a 20-year project, most of them were so impressed with the detailed plan that he laid out that they were left speechless for a few moments. In fact, when a break occurred 5 minutes after the questions, the class began discussing his pro-

posal and many of them were surprisingly in support of his idea even with the idea of it taking 20 years to effectively save the country.

Justice Anthony Aduhene-Benieh left a defining impact on the Model NATO class, and the impact seems to have changed the tide of how the rest of the class will go. Will NATO take his advice and move their focus onto Somalia? Could he wind up being the one to unite the representative onto a common cause? Only the future can tell, but it is safe to say this meeting is one that none of the representatives will ever forget.



Campus

Hackettstown and Centenary come together for the holidays

By Sarah DeGeorge

It may be a hike up three sets of stairs in the Seay Building, but behind the doors of 323 is an office dedicated to creating lasting relationships with both Centenary and Hackettstown.

These relationships result in events, sponsorships, and even help make Centenary College and the surrounding town a more inviting area.

During the upcoming holiday season, this office will be continuing to foster warm relationships for both communities. The office responsible for these occurrences is the Office of Community and College Affairs.

It deals with daily planning as well as long-term plans, anything from a local town meeting, to planning a holiday event such as the upcoming Hometown Holiday.

Nancy E. Paffendorf, dean for Community and College Affairs spends a great deal of time working on these events and alumni at Centenary College. As an alumna, she has seen a great deal of change as a student at Centenary College, and later as a dean.

"There was a time when the college and town were very separate and students felt discouraged about interacting with the townspeople," Paffendorf stated.

Times have changed, and the community and students are closer than ever. Recently, during the beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year, businesses for the first time ever posted "Welcome Centenary" signs in their windows. There was

such a demand for them, that businesses that were not open during distribution were asking, "Where can I get my sign?" These are steps in a direction that years ago many thought would never happen.

The upcoming holiday season is very important for the office of Community and College Affairs, and the big event this year is the Hometown Holiday. It has become a joint effort allowing the community and the college to form a holiday celebration that is not exclusively in the town or the college, but instead uses both locations.

Paffendorf ex-

plained, "In previous years, the town would have their celebrations before or after Centenary would have theirs. This would once again keep the town and college separate from each other during such a community oriented time. One day members of the Hackettstown Business Improvement District and I just realized we should combine our celebrations into one that spans from the town to the college to invite the college and locals to explore Hackettstown as a whole."

The Hometown Holiday celebration on Friday, December 6 has been planned out to have, among other

attractions, a horse-drawn carriage driving throughout the Historic District, and will make stops at both Church Street and Centenary College. Other highlights include a holiday bazaar which includes shopping and dining tents. Local businesses will also be offering deals and staying open late to attract the town and students to stop in and enjoy the celebration. Lastly, children will be able to enjoy the Santa parade, tree lighting, and then photos with Santa. There is a little bit for everyone, and this celebration plans to be a very inclusive and festive occasion.

Paffendorf said, "It is always great to see the looks on everyone's faces during the celebration, and it really is great to be able to put this all together for the entire community."

For more information about the Hometown Holiday celebration please visit The Hackettstown Business Improvement District's website at www.hackettstownbid.com about the Hometown Holiday celebration please visit The Hackettstown Business Improvement District's website at www.hackettstownbid.com

Stephen Mickinley Henderson "sings" the Blues at Centenary

By Jonathan Steinberg

You may have seen him in the films *Tower Heist* and *Lincoln* or in shows like *Law & Order* and *New Amsterdam*, but on Nov. 5, Stephen McKinley Henderson came to Centenary College to talk about a topic close to his heart. The topic was Singing August Wilson's Blues, and Henderson had a lot to say about meeting August Wilson and studying his plays. Henderson is known as one of the most celebrated August Wilson interpreters and presented to a full house in the Front Parlors.

Henderson is a professor of drama at Buffalo University and taught Dr. Kitsy Dixon in her college years, prompting him to make a visit to our campus. Henderson spoke about his connection to August Wilson and the knowledge he gained acting in his plays. One of the most important things he said was about good and bad luck: "You have to use your left hand and your right hand as good and bad luck; they have to be used hand in hand."

The talk also coincided with Dr. Patrick Maley's Senior Seminar class that is focusing on August Wilson's plays and the blues ethos. Maley said, "It was a wonderful opportunity for campus and our students to learn about an artist as important as August Wilson from a person who worked so closely with him throughout the years. Professor Henderson brought unparalleled insight and experience to Centenary: it was a wonderfully successful event."

After his talk, Henderson visited Dr. Maley's Senior Seminar class to talk to the students about their final papers about August Wilson's blues ethos. Henderson set the mood nicely at his talk and was extremely engaging in his stories and sharing of his experiences.

The Arts

Garage band culture thrives in New Jersey

By Guy Wolkwitz

As the lights dim and microphone feedback grows, concert-goers decked out in khaki shorts, basketball jerseys, Air Jordans, and fitted hats fill Berkeley Heights VFW. Speakers and equipment sit on the floor, leaving the band with limited space. As the musicians pick up their instruments to start the show, one big pit opens in the center of the floor. Kids begin to jump up and down, run from side to side, and push each other as the anticipation of the first song grows. With the strum of one chord the entire crowd begins moving. No one is standing still.

In the early days of punk rock, poorly-designed fliers, booking issues, and limited advertising forced bands into small venues that would usually fill to capacity. This made punk rock concerts an intimate and unique experience. Rockers flaunted leather, studs, bracelets, and ripped jeans and, packed themselves into small venues to see the biggest names in punk rock including Black Flag, Minor Threat, and Bad Brains.

Today, the music and fashion may have changed, but bands are taking a step back to the early days of punk rock with a D.I.Y approach, booking their own gigs and playing venues their own way.

The band on stage is Illusionist, a four piece hardcore band from Somerset, New Jersey. Illusionist has been a band for only four months, but handles its stage presence like veterans. The

members of Illusionist started attending hardcore shows while they were in high school, and have spent plenty of time in the mosh-pit. After getting together and throwing around ideas of starting a band, Illusionist was formed.

Bass player Sam Weingarten (19) said, "I just started playing a few months ago. I was skateboarding a lot and getting ready to leave for Drexel University. A couple of friends wanted to start a band so we had something to do during breaks, so we went for it.

Illusionist in some respects, has the upper hand on a lot of small hardcore bands. Growing up around the scene helped get them familiar with the hardships they would face as an independent band. Smaller bands without label endorsements usually transport and load their own equipment to each venue. "Considering we don't have a van, it can get a little hectic. We usually each drive our own cars and meet up at the venue. It's easier when you have to get all the equipment there, especially drums," said Weingarten.

For bands that are more financially established, getting equipment to the venue is no problem. Hardcore band Lorna Shore of Raritan, New Jersey, knows all about the troubles independent bands face. The band has been playing shows since 2009, and has gone through a number of line-up changes, financial setbacks, and small tours.

Bass player Gary Herrera (23) originally fronted the band, but recently



Garage band Illusionist plays at the Berkeley Heights VFW.

Photo: Guy Wolkwitz

took a back seat to bring in a new vocalist. "I joined the band as a replacement vocalist, but two other members of the band, Adam and Austin knew a guy, Tom Barber, they thought would be a better fit. I thought he was better than me, so I wasn't going to fight it. Four years into this band, I think this is the most solid line up," said Herrera.

Things have changed drastically for Lorna Shore over the past four years, gaining recognition around the world and touring in a van. However, the band chooses to play small venues, citing the hardcore scene as one of their major influences and reasons for writing music.

"The hardcore scene is very important to us and our music. I go to shows and I mosh. You won't find that at a bigger venue. Some places don't even allow mosh-pits. If you want to keep the scene alive, you have to play small venues," said Barber (22) Lorna Shore's vocalist.

Even though the band has stayed local to the tristate area, their music has reached audiences worldwide, something the band never expected, until they saw covers of their songs showing up on YouTube.

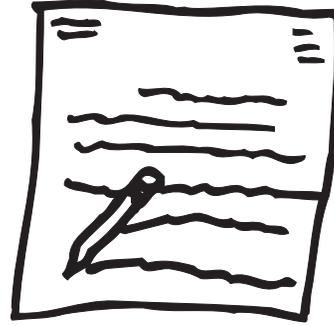
"I've done vocal covers and posted them on YouTube for feedback, so I thought I'd look up Lorna Shore covers. I found multiple, including guitar and vocal covers. Some of them were from Europe, which blew me away,"

said Herrera.

Even with venues and opportunities around the country, bands in New Jersey's hardcore scene stay close to home. Bands, show attendees, and punk rockers alike find a sense of unity in the small, sometimes dingy venues that host their shows. With a passion for music and the hardcore scene, these bands play their hearts out for the music they love. They are a staple in this subculture.



Campus



The college can help you prepare for finals and perfect your final papers

By Joseph Bartolini

With finals right around the corner it is important for students to know what resources they have available to prepare for final exams. Centenary College offers a wide array of tools that can help, such as the Writing Collaboratory, the Tutoring Center, the Taylor Memorial Library and the Academic Success and Advising Center.

Taking advantage of these resources can help students meet their academic goals and take away some of the stresses of finals week.

The Writing Collaboratory offers students peer-to-peer review on their writing assignments. If you are having trouble on anything from your introduction to your conclusion, the well-trained staff at the Collaboratory can help. Students can expect to learn how to become more effective writers, think critically, and apply various writing strategies in order to strengthen their writing as a whole.

The new and improved Tutoring Center is now in the lower level of the Seay Building and helps students no matter what major they are working towards.

Tutoring sessions are scheduled by appointment only, and the center provides you with a professional tutor, free of charge.

If one-on-one type of tutoring isn't your cup of

tea, the tutoring center also offers group sessions, such as the Math Lab, and is always open to students if they would like to come in and just ask a few questions.

The Taylor Memorial Library provides students with a quiet place to study. The library also offers students a place to find scholarly articles and other publications in order to further their understanding of the subject material, and the librarians are always happy to help you with whatever you may need.

The Interlibrary Loan program allows students to borrow books that are unavailable at the Taylor Memorial Library from other libraries, and these books get shipped right to Centenary College. No matter what the situation is, the library will get students the resources they need.

If you would like to learn more, visit the Academic Success and Advising Center in the Harris and Betts Smith Learning Center. They can provide you with workshop schedules, academic coaching, and programs that will help students deal with stress, learn about time management, and give students the guidance they need to be successful.

All of these services provided by the college are free to students

Paying-off-college-debt blues and other concerns

By Nicole Fisher

As most seniors prepare to buckle down on final classes, for others graduating in the winter, job searches and student loan debt is an issue on everybody's mind.

"Job search has been worse than I expected," says a recent Centenary College graduate. "It's rejection email and rejection email. I'm certified K-12, but haven't been limiting myself to the field of education. I'm searching everything related to having a BA in English."

She is not alone in the struggle for a job search, as well as the hardships of paying back student loans. Since 2009, nearly 13 percent of students have defaulted on their student loans, even with the flexible repayment options that exist to assist them. With more borrowers, less job creation, an unstable market and a broken lending system, students are struggling more than ever.

"I'm bitter, because I didn't think loans were bad, but now that I don't have the luxury of money to pay off my bills, I resent having to defer, defer, defer," the recent Centenary graduate says, "And there are a lot of loans to defer when it takes 5 years to finish school."

Students of today certainly live in a different world than existed in their parent's generation. A summer job cannot pay

for college, and in a more competitive market, a bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement for most jobs.

And, as with the recent graduate above, teaching jobs are harder to find than ever. Some schools in South Jersey have 300 applicants fighting for one position as more cuts are made in schools, and as more and more teachers come out of college, certified.

"As a future educator, it worries me that not only is there a lack of jobs in this economy, but education is becoming more and more expensive for everyone," senior Jorge Reyes says, "Even if I get a teaching job, I still don't think it could pay off the loans that I have."

What can students do to minimize loan stress and heighten job prospects?

There are many options available for students that most aren't even aware of, including income-based loan repayment programs that dock a percentage off income rather than having a fixed payment per month.

There are also options for extended repayment programs, shrinking the monthly payment but extending it for a longer period of time.

There are also graduated payment programs, starting the borrower off with small payments and then slowly increasing the payments as they get older.

"Once students begin repaying their loans, usually about six months after they leave Centenary, we encourage students to work closely with their loan servicer if they are having trouble repaying their student loans.

The loan servicer can assist students with options to lower their loan payments to a manageable level," says Evelynne Blatt, director of Financial Aid at Centenary.

Students should also look at options for loan forgiveness. Certain government positions can allow for loan forgiveness after 10 years, erasing any loan debt that remained. Students should also try to pay off private loans first, as well as loans with a high interest rate.

But when times are tough, they should also know that there are options to defer and forbear on loans, but also caution that the interest levels may rise.

However, the best advice for any student graduating with debt is to know their loan and to be aware of all options available to them. There are many programs and opportunities available to help struggling graduates, and it may get easier as the economy brightens again. Student loans may be a worry, but they don't have to be the end of the world.

The Arts

Menken & Ahren's *A Christmas Carol* opens at CSC in time for the holidays

"A tonic for children and adults...a transfixing journey..." raved the *New York Times* about the show that ran for 10 years in Madison Square Garden. Back by popular demand, Centenary Stage Company presents this season's Family Holiday Spectacular *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*, running Nov. 29 through Dec. 15 in the Sitnik Theatre of The David and Carol Lackland Center.

Charles Dickens' beloved Christmas classic is reborn in this musical extravaganza with a live orchestra and 75 performers appearing in dazzling dance numbers and moving songs.

The tale gets the full Broadway treatment by the legendary Broadway team of Alan Menken ("Beauty and the Beast," "Little Mermaid"), Lynn Ahrens ("Ragtime," "Seussical") and Mike Okrent ("Crazy For You," "Me and My Girl.")

A Christmas Carol retains its emotional power and pure joy, thanks to the marvelously-told story filled with beautiful melodies and emotional lyrics.

The Star Ledger says, "Centenary Stage Company grandly picks up where Madison Square Garden left off."

Directed by Broadway veteran, Michael Blevins, *A Christmas Carol* features a cast hailing from New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The holiday

musical is meant to celebrate all the programs of the Centenary Stage, including talents from professional Equity actors as well as members of the acclaimed Young Performers Workshop (YPW), Centenary theatre students, and local performers.

Osborn Focht (Hoboken, NJ) returns in the lead role of Scrooge for another phenomenal performance. Focht is best known for his appearance in Paul Simon's *The Capeman* on Broadway, and as Benny Anderson in *Kristina at Carnegie Hall*.

Other returning performers include last season's lovable Cowardly Lion, Jeremy Hilgert (Delaware Water Gap, PA) as Mr. Fezziwig; Equity Actor and CSC favorite Lea Antolinilid (Sparta) as The Ghost of Christmas Past; Sarah Lichty (New York, NY) as The Ghost of Christmas Present and regional actor Dave Scheffler (Easton, PA) as The Ghost of Marley.

Making his professional CSC debut is David Yawger (Columbia) as Tiny Tim, who has worked his way up through CSC's educational programs starting with Tyro at a very young age and was one of the stars of this summer's YPW show *A Year with Frog and Toad*.

The Friday, Dec. 6 performance of *A Christmas Carol* will coincide with Hackettstown's Hometown Holiday Celebration, which

will include the arrival of Santa in a horse-drawn sleigh, carriage rides through Historic Downtown, a parade featuring the Colonial Musketeers, an illumination event at Centenary College, and a holiday bazaar.

For more information on the celebration, visit the Hackettstown Business Improvement District website at hackettstownbid.com.

Performances for *A Christmas Carol* are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., Wednesday Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., and Wed., Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. (school matinee), with an additional preview matinee on Friday, Nov 25 at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$27.50 for adults on matinees and Fridays and \$29.50 on Saturdays with discounts for seniors, students and children under 12. Thursday evening tickets are \$27.50 with a two-for-one Family Night discount when purchased at the door.

There will also be two performances for which scout troops can get a discount when coming as a group. Friday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 13, scouts and their leaders can purchase tickets at \$15 when they come in uniform. Reservations are required.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.centenarystageco.org or at the CSC Box Office in The



L to R, Osborn Focht as Scrooge and Dave Scheffler as Marley's Ghost in *A Christmas Carol*. Photo: Bob Eberle

Lackland Center, or by calling 908-979-0900.

The Box Office is open Monday through Friday 1-5 p.m., and 2 hours prior to performance times.

CSC also operates a second Box Office during the season at 217 Main Street in Hackettstown open Monday through Friday 3-6 p.m. where patrons can enter to win dinner for two at Prickly Pear Restaurant.

A Christmas Carol is sponsored in part by Heath Village, Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, and Andrea's Dining Room in Restaurant Village.

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Campus

Gender empowerment groups: Ladies and Gents

By Everette Hamlette

Centenary College created an environment for male and female students of all backgrounds this semester, when Michael Littlejohn and Allison Galvin created the Male Empowerment Network and First Ladies Club, Female Empowerment, known as "Ladies and Gents."

Littlejohn, advisor and founder of the male empowerment network, said, "I want to create an environment for males of all backgrounds that gives them the tools and the opportunity to succeed academically, professionally, and socially, through development in education, leadership, social justice issues, community involvement, and diversity awareness".

The group is responding to what they see as a lack of support for the male population, which is a minority on campus. They are looking for an opportunity to dialogue, connect, and to build their skills outside of the class room. Littlejohn wants to provide that environment for them.

"When I worked at Kane University we had a very similar organization called Men's Group. It was also a male empowerment organization where we met and discussed issues that affect male students and held events. That organization is still going on and it is very successful."

Heading up the group are president Michael Hobbs, vice president Roberto Romero, programming chair Chancey Page, treasurer

Karseen Duncan, secretary Maurice Breland, and moderator Christian Smith.

Galvin is the advisor and founder of the First Ladies club. They provide women on campus with professional development opportunities, leadership opportunities, and networking opportunities.

This group works with women with varying backgrounds, helping them realize their potential through empowering, motivating, and encouraging them.

Galvin said, "I felt there was a need on campus for a safe outlet for our students who are of all backgrounds and just being able to express exactly what is on their minds." She added, "We provide them with an opportunity, where I believe the world is your classroom, and you can allow yourself to truly express opinions and feelings."

Galvin's previous employer, Boys and Girls Club, reached the same goals as the female empowerment group, helping students from diverse backgrounds. This group is led by president Catherine Santander, vice president Erica Tripp, secretary Katie Young, treasurer Shanice Malone, facilitator Morgan Haller, and program coordinator Kimberly Moncada.

Both groups meet on Wednesday evenings and rotate between executive board meetings and group meetings and have *hot topic* meetings between both groups.

Marking Domestic Violence Month on campus



Some of the men on campus who participated and walked in women's heels.

Photo: Jonathan Steinberg

Learning how it feels by putting on a pair of heels

By Jonathan Steinberg

To mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Student Activities recently organized a Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event on campus to spread awareness. Men on campus participated by putting on women's heels and walking around, carrying posters with multiple statistics about rape and domestic abuse.

Many athletes participated in the walk as

well as faculty members who came to show their support for the event. Among participants and viewers was Pamela Drager, a primary prevention coordinator at the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County.

"The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event is to promote male involvement in the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault,"

said Drager. The event was set up near the Lackland Center during lunch hours to raise awareness throughout the campus and encourage other students to join.

At one point, the walkers went inside the Lackland Center to show off their newly-sported footwear. After the event, the men were offered donuts and coffee for their participation.

The Arts

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The Arts

Share your creativity across disciplines

By Kathryn Nieves

Want to know the secret to a resilient and less anxiety-filled lifestyle? As a college student with textbooks stacked in piles all over the room and procrastinated assignments intensifying stress levels, who wouldn't?

Well, it's creativity.

According to research, creativity allows people to better solve their problems by thinking outside the box and gives people a sense of control over their lives.

The problem is, where can someone find an outlet for creative thinking in an assignment or paper filled with straight facts?

Centenary's literary magazine, *Prism*, offers the chance for students to express

their creativity. The magazine comes out in the spring each year and showcases work from students across New Jersey.

It accepts prose, poetry, and creative nonfiction from college students and alumni. But a person does not have to be studying English or creative writing to participate in the magazine. Work from any major or concentration is appreciated.

Besides being permanently published and having the chance to see your name in print, there are many advantages to submitting to a literary magazine.

"What a lot of students do not realize is that it looks great on a resume.

Employers in PR, marketing, advertising, publishing, and

many other fields look for writing skills and initiative," said *Prism* faculty advisor and assistant professor of English, Sharon Decker.

But *Prism* is not exclusive to writers. Artists have the opportunity to showcase their talent by submitting their work.

In the past, the magazine has printed various art mediums, including photography, paintings, and sketches. For students looking to break into the art world, having work published in a magazine can open a lot of doors. However, students in any program or major are welcome to send in their art.

In addition, artists have another opportunity to be seen. If a student feels like one, or a few, of their pieces

stand out more than the rest, they are able to send their art in for a chance to be the magazine's cover. This is the second year that *Prism* will be hosting a cover art contest. This opportunity would also look great on a resume. After the Feb. 17 deadline, voting takes place to determine the winner of the contest.

This year, *Prism* has created various literary events for students. On Oct. 30, members hosted an Open Mic Night. The event was held in the Taylor Memorial Library. Nineteen readers were in attendance that night, reading their original poetry and prose or performing the gothic works of a famous poet. The event allowed for collaboration between two colleges: Warren County

Community College and Centenary. The readers had the opportunity to be inspired by the students of the other schools and appreciate everyone's creativity. *Prism* hopes to host a similar event for the spring semester.

Creativity helps people understand their emotions and situations...and sometimes it is a good way to relax.

So, if you are one of those people constantly jotting down short story ideas or scribbling in a notebook full of poetry, consider submitting to *Prism*. The deadline for all submissions is Feb. 17.

"*Prism* is a vehicle for getting one's voice heard and for being part of a long-standing literary tradition at Centenary," Decker said.

Hunger Games event

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The statistics were very real and disturbing and many students saw not only what it was like to have limited food, but also that so many children are going hungry in the U.S. and

even in Hackettstown, New Jersey. This was surprising to many at the event, but it is a reality for many individuals.

"I hope it inspired some students to change and perhaps help charities and food pantries in the future," said Walker. All food that was left over from the meal was donated to the local food pantry as well as given away

to others in need the following day.

In comparison to past events like the Empty Bowl dinner, Walker said that this event certainly had a larger impact on the student body.

"In years past less than 30 students attend the Empty Bowl dinner," said Walker. That event had a

greater impact within the town's community, and students may have not been aware of the dinner. However

"I hope that students were able to look around and see that for tables like district 13 that had nothing, even one person, one donation, one hour of help, can make a difference.

There are families

and children that are in need. Especially going into the holiday season, I hope that students took away something from it," said Walker. The main goal of the event was to raise awareness for people that are starving, not only across the globe but here, as well.

Your *Quill* staff wishes you a successful final exam week and a very happy holiday season! Take your copy of the *Quill* home to enjoy, and we'll be back with you for the spring 2014 semester.

Sports

Men's basketball: new season, new coach

By Anthony Biango

The Centenary Men's Basketball team, gearing up for another season, has a new head coach. Coach Tim Fusina is working with his players to "get better each day and reach our full potential as a team."

About the Cyclones, Fusina says, "We will undoubtedly be improved on the defensive end of the floor. We will be a good defensive team."

On that defensive end will be freshman Paul

Jones, junior DJ Beausejour, and senior Josh Case.

Other standouts on the court have been Tim Brix and Kyle Malavasi who have been "excellent leaders," as well as Clay Roker, who has also helped carry the team to success.

Freshmen Zach Duymich and Ryan Stolte both bring a high I.Q. of the game to the team and will be asked to do a variety of things this season, according to Fusina.

One of the Cyclone's hardest tasks this season may be replacing senior Andy Charles, who suffered a back injury that will require surgery. It will take a collective effort from the whole team to replace a player who averaged a double-double, said Fusina, but "if we can get better every day and work hard, we will have a successful year."

Women wrap up strong season

By Dan Casserly

The Centenary College girls' soccer team ended its season with a record of 8-10-2. The fourth-seeded Cyclones fell to top-seeded Rosemont 2-1 in their seventh-straight appearance in the Colonial States Athletic Conference tournament, junior Cara Holmes scoring off a penalty kick and junior goalkeeper Megan Williams making six stops.

The team earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Team Academic Award. A 3.0 grade point average must be fulfilled to earn this award, and the Cyclones came in with a collective 3.36 GPA.

All-CSAC 1st team members are juniors Nikki Crowley and Laura Potter, both making the team for a second-straight year. Junior Cara Holmes earned a second-team position; Crowley, with outstanding defense this season, earned the 1st team spot and Potter, with 20 points and a tied 4th place in conference, with 10 goals. Holmes was 10th in the league with four assists. Senior Kristen Brown was named to the All-CSAC

Sportsmanship Team.

The Cyclone Volleyball team recorded its big win on Senior Day, sweeping Rosemont College. Junior Vanessa McKellar, junior Christy Dias, freshman Na'imah Spells, junior Myriah Jade, and senior Chelsea Hoffman all had strong play.

Their season came to an end with a defeat from Cedar Crest College with notable efforts coming from Jade, McKellar, freshman Jamie Bierbaum, and Spells.

Senior Chelsea Hoffman was named to the CSAC All-Sportsmanship Team. She was the team captain and played in all 27 matches.

The Centenary women's cross-country season ended well. Considering the team consists of freshmen, these runners will be a strong presence for a long time. Freshman Priscilla Ortiz had a superb season, but other runners like freshman Patricia Dennis, placed 26th with (23:32.2) in the 102-runner, 5K, St. Joseph's Invitational. Freshman Abigail Voelkner placed 33rd with (24:04.1). Morgan Haller placed 37th and Jessica Martin placed 77th. Solid running by Jessica Knolmajer placed her 55th with (27:03) at the CSAC Championship meet.

Volleyball event funds memorial scholarships

By Chris Bello

Last month, a charity volleyball event in Reeves gym funded two high school scholarships for student athletes.

The tournament was held in memory of Matthew Kenney and David Popek, by friends and Sports Marketing partners and baseball teammates Mitch Renz, Ryan Mariotti (friend of Matt Kenney), Daniel Derner (step-brother of David Popek), Kevin Litus, and Dave Raifsnider.

The goal of the project was to raise money for two high school scholarships named after the two..

Mariotti proposed the idea. He said he had always wanted to do something in honor of Matthew Kenney. He added that "it is great that we can do something for him" and "now is the best time to do it."

It is clear that this is a project that they were passionate about. "Matt was a really good friend, a sweet kid, good athlete, great at school. It is very sad that he left us early," Ryan said, adding that he has Matt Kenney's

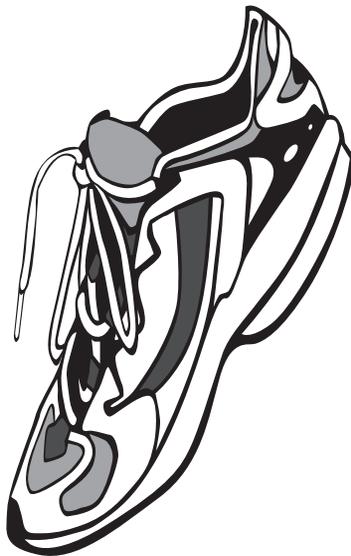
initials on his hat.

"It is great that we can do something for them. I have a feeling that I would have loved them, too," said Litus. Raifsnider agreed, "I feel like we lost something, too. It is really good to honor their names. It's really good to do something like this."

Though this is not the first time they have taken a big part in a charity event, (they did so a week before, by helping a friend in a Stand-Up-to-Cancer event), this is their first time creating one, according to Dan Derner.

Over the course of the two months in making this project, they did not do it alone. They have had three very helpful sponsors: Stella G's, which donated food for the event, The Philly Pretzel Factory, which gave 50 coupons for free pretzels, and Bowtie Cinema, which donated four free movie passes.

"It's great that we can do an event that comes from the heart" says Mitch Renz. The event was a success, with over \$1400 raised towards the high school scholarships.



Ortiz shines in cross country

By Dan Casserly

Freshman Priscilla Ortiz broke Centenary 5K (19:42) and 6K (24:37) records, and now has the top-three 6K times in the school record book.

She has earned that right through her impressive running, this cross country season. Studying Elementary Education at Centenary, Ortiz led the freshman-filled team to a very successful season.

Freshmen Patricia Dennis, Abigail Voelkner, and Jessica Knolmajer were right behind Ortiz, pushing her forward mentally and physically. The then-injured freshman Jessica Martin decorated Ortiz's door for the NCAA Division III Regional Race,

she being the first female since 2008 from Centenary College to run it. She beat her own previous personal record by (1:17) for a time of (24:37) for the 6K.

Ortiz began running as a freshman at Morris Knolls High School in Rockaway, New Jersey, when her interest in running was sparked by her younger sister.

A team full of freshmen could have difficulties meshing as a team, but Ortiz had nothing but good things to say about this young team that carried with them an "underdog mentality."

About the team's first meet, Ortiz said, "The other schools seemed like they

weren't taking us into consideration, but then as the season progressed those schools started to take notice."

The whole team was supportive of Ortiz's accomplishments, which range from five-time Runner of the Week, two-time CSAC Runner of the Week, to two-time CSAC Weekly Honor Roll student-athlete, and Second Team All-Conference position.

In the spring, Ortiz will be trying out for the lacrosse team. A long and productive athletic and academic career are surely in her sights.