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# BC Beacon

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## DOES BC HAVE SCHOOL SPIRIT?



By Lunden Caldwell

Does Bloomfield College have school spirit? The surrounding communities may think so from numerous advertisements posted on buses, bus stops, buildings, and signs displaying smiling students donned in apparel. Yet, how does the student body feel? As head representative for our population of approximately 2000 students, Bloomfield College Student Government President, Tashon Jackson provided deeper insight on this subject from a students' perspective.

**In the time you have been a student at Bloomfield College, have you noticed any improvements in school spirit?**

I have when it comes to supporting Athletics. School spirit was especially displayed by students

and administration when supporting the success of the Men's and Women's Basketball teams this past season. However, since my freshman year I have witnessed a decline in school pride when it comes to things such as attendance to T.R.U.E. Programs and organizational programs. In my freshman year, it seemed students couldn't wait to go to programs, but now it takes a lot of energy to draw them out. Although there has been an overall incline for the college, as it has started expanding its brand to surrounding communities, there needs to be an improvement of on-campus school spirit.

**What are some efforts that the school should do to expand the students' school spirit?**

I feel there should be initiatives from the faculty and staff to encourage students to have school

spirit. It would be encouraging to see administration wearing BC apparel once in a while. Also, students, faculty, and staff could assemble as a planning board focused towards encouraging school spirit through events and provide school spirit packets to students. From a marketing perspective, things should be advertised more towards the current students rather than just prospective students

**As a future alumnus of Bloomfield College, what type of effort do you feel could be initiated to help you maintain your school spirit past graduation?**

I feel the current alumni presence is felt behind the scenes as being involved in things such as students' scholarships and grants, and we see them at our Open Houses, but it would be nice for

the students to see and feel the alumni more active in students' affairs. This type of relationship can foster the cultivation of Deacon Pride for everyone. They have the ability to encourage the students to succeed and this is valuable for everyone.

With this insight in mind, it is safe to say BC has some school pride, but it would greatly benefit from more. This initiative for fostering school pride would need to be a collective effort of all involved in BC, including students, faculty, staff, and possibly the alumni. As we move forward to increase school spirit, President Tashon Jackson encourages all past, present and future students to keep in heart and mind this idea: "Once a Deacon, always a Deacon!"

## Food For Thought - Do You Have One?

By Ulysses Coleman

I go to Bloomfield College but you would never know it. If only I had something on that would let people know I am a student at Bloomfield College.

There are things I could buy at the College Bookstore, but they cost too much. When I ride the bus to school I see many ads telling people about Bloomfield College.

Everyone in the ad has a Bloomfield College sweat-shirt on, that tells people they are Bloomfield College students. When I am on campus I can count in one hand the number of people that wear apparel that say I go to Bloomfield College. When I am in downtown Newark by Rutgers University most of their students have something on, that identify them as Rutgers College students. Is it that they have more school pride than Bloomfield College students? Bloomfield College spends a lot of money on ads, such as for buses, when instead they could spend the money on buying the apparel for their students to wear on campus.

These students can be walking advertisements and ambassadors for the school. As people see these walking ads, they may ask the students



about the college, life on campus and the school in general. Everyone that goes to Bloomfield College should have something more than a tee-shirt that tells everyone they are students. The question is how to get all Bloomfield College students to wear apparel with our logo? First, the cost of the sweat-shirts and other apparel at the bookstore should be affordable for students. Second, there has to be something that the college can do to see to it that every student has something visible and comfortable to wear with our logo when coming to our school or on display off campus. It would be in the best interest of Bloomfield College and our campus pride.

# BC Beacon

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## WELCOME!

I would like to thank everyone in Bloomfield College who has supported our inception and progression towards this issue. We hope all who read this issue find it to be insightful, informational, and accurate as a central voice for the students of Bloomfield College. This year our issue's name "The Beacon", symbolizes a signal for students to use their collective voices to shed light upon the ideas, feelings, and concerns of the student body. Our mission is to inform and educate the students, however our audience expands to all those willing to listen. We would like to especially thank Adam Castro and Jill Alexander for guiding our team through this process and being invaluable resources personally and professionally. Thank you again. Enjoy!

Lunden Caldwell

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!!!**



## Connected or Disconnected

By Michael Palmri

Liberty Street was crowded and alive, dotted with students just released from afternoon classes, athletes heading off to practice and faculty chugging along with heaps of papers and syllabi for the new semester. It was just another day on the Bloomfield College campus. Yet as I relished the good weather and the overall feeling of a new year I could not help but be taken back by a sentiment of indifference.

Subtle at first, it began with my waving to a group of students I knew. They responded with no acknowledgment whatsoever. Observing closer as to why I was being ignored, I realized that every one of them was engrossed in those tiny little, palm-worthy machines that we have grown to love, cell phones. At first I was happy to learn I wasn't being ignored intentionally. However, as I walked further I became increasingly disturbed. The fact that these individuals were totally absorbed in their cell phones was not abnormal at all; rather it seemed to be the norm. In the time it took me to walk from the Science Building (now known as the College Hall) to Talbot Hall, I counted 40 students either talking on their cell phones or engaged in some type of activity with a hand held device I couldn't help but ask: "What is going on here?"

There is absolutely no question that technology has improved the way we live today. In the last two decades alone advancements such as the internet and explosion of cellular networks have reshaped the political, economic and social aspect of our lives. A large portion of individuals have instant access to any information in the world and each other. After all, in theory, each one of us is just a phone call, text message or email away. World events can be accessed or organized by the push of a button or click of a mouse (as the uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt have shown.) But just as any other influential force the use of technology must be treated with extreme care for the potential it holds for breaking down barriers is intertwined with the possibility of building new ones

Recent studies have shown that our society is increasingly relying on technology to fill up our days. The Kai-

ser Family Foundation, a leader in health policy and communications, has released a report this January that highlights some interesting facts. In regards to spending time with media, it has increased one hour and 17 minutes since 2004 bringing it to the total of seven hours and 38 minutes. They have also found that children (8-18 years of age) with cell phones have nearly doubled from 39% to 66%. On average they found people spend two hours on their cell phones. How those two hours alone are comprised is startling and reveals a trend towards social distortion. Of the two hours of phone use, one hour is dedicated to texting, 49 minutes to viewing videos, emails and Facebook. Only 33 minutes is used for actual talking. To say the least, our minds are constantly being stimu-



lated by media.

As we all know our cell phones are multimedia devices that make multitasking not only possible but unavoidable. Should it be taken as a compliment when psychologists refer to us as the "multitasking generation"? According to scientists at the University of California the answer is no. A study has shown that constant brain stimulation has negative effects and "prevents you from going over experiences, solidifying them and forming long term memory on the subjects." In short, too much media stimulation takes a toll on school performance, attention span and sleeping habits.

But it is not what we spend all our time doing that is harming us, but rather what we are not doing. According

to Douglas A. Gentile, director of the Media Research Lab at Iowa State, when constantly using media to communicate we lose our inhibit skills that need practice such as math, reading and, most importantly, social skills. No matter how many emails, text messages or phone calls you perform, there is nothing that can compare to face-to-face interaction; lacking such conversation skills can be socially distorting. By nonverbally communicating we are diminishing the core attributes that makes up a functional society, spoken dialogue and debate. Relying on technology is seeming to push our society towards greater privacy, unsocial behavior and sense of overall disconnection. Crazy talk? Answer this question: What do you do when you show up to a party and you don't know anyone there? Whip out that trusty cell phone and check your inbox meaninglessly, right?

In some cases dependency on cell phones actually becomes an addiction. Addictions stem from people wanting to be "constantly connected" says Shari Corbitt Phd. at Promise Treatment Centers in West L.A. When people who display addictive tendencies toward smart phones are cut off from this technology, these individuals experience severe anxiety about missing a call, email, or Facebook update. Think twice next time you hear someone say, "I couldn't imagine living without my cell phone." Sadly, it may be the truth that underlines the developing tendency to rely on technology for everyday socializing.

By and large cell phones are a great creation, and by no means would it be correct to assume that they are evil or destructive in nature. But next time you are standing in line for food, at a coffee shop, library, a party, or even walking around the campus as I was, instead of checking your phone, take a good look around. What you find may be startling. The technological progress that has formed our "web of connectivity" may be cutting the fabric of our social well-being.

## American Culture Seen by the Eye of a French Exchange Student

By Chloe Laskar

When I arrived in Bloomfield, I didn't know my life would be so much different from the one I had in France. The first thing that really surprised me was dinner. My first night at the college, my roommate asked me if I wanted to join her for dinner. It was so nice of her to ask me but, it was only 5:30 p.m.! In France, I am still in class at this time and usually eat around 8:30 p.m. I was embarrassed because I wasn't hungry, but it was out of the question to spend my first dinner alone. Finally, I went with her. I entered the Café and started to look at the food. What a surprise! There were so many kinds of food in there.

In France you have an appetizer, a dish, a piece of cheese or a yogurt and a dessert or fruit. What if you are still hungry? You have to wait until dinner! In Bloomfield College's café you can eat everything you want, after all it is called "All you can eat". Honestly, I was wondering who can really eat all the food? I got my answer. Not only can you eat everything you want (if you have a meal plan), but, you can go to the cafeteria as many times as you please: one, two, three, or eleven times, because it is open from 6:30 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

When I describe the café to my friends, they cannot believe their ears as I could not believe my eyes. There is a grill, where you can ask for as many cheeseburgers, hot-dogs or grilled-cheeses as you want, five kinds of hot dishes, two sorts of pasta with two different sauces, a salad bar, a make your own sandwich place, a make your own pizza place, two pans to cook by yourself, a soda fountain, two juices fountains, a gelato machine, an ice-cream bar with eight different flavors and a bakery corner. But, with all this food, one question still remains...

Where is the cheese? I mean besides the cheddar which is everywhere, where is the "good" cheese? You know Camembert, Roquefort, goat's cheese? Where are the yogurt varieties? This is what I miss, my cheese at the end of the meal. I think cafeterias should have more of these aliments.

Actually, the campus also surprised me, I don't think we can dorm on the campus in France or it is really rare that universities have dorms. Most students have their own apartment that they rent every month.

I noticed people here in America hug all

the time but, there are different kinds of hugs. There is the I am so happy to see you hug, basically you hug the person really hard in a strong embrace, then there is the "I don't know you, but whatever I have to hug you" - hug, for this one you hug but you try to not touch the person, but extend out hands avoiding all contact. Besides the hugs, I observed that people say "Hi", "Hello" or "Hey" many times during the day to the same person. It is something like "Hi" in front of the café, "Hey" inside the café, "Hi" in class, "Hey" in the hallway, and "Hi" in the street. When do you ever get by the one word greetings? It does happen. Most of the time, people said: "Hi, how are you?" but, they honestly don't want to know how you are; actually they don't expect an answer because it's a rhetorical question. The first time someone asked me I was delighted, I truly thought people cared but,

more than likely, they don't.

In my opinion, America is be the only country where the waitresses call you "sweetie" or "honey." It is not only because they want a good tip, it is just the way you talk to people. For example in France, if the waitress calls you sweetie, you are going to ask yourself "Do I know her?" or someone is going to reply "Sorry, but I don't know you" Why are you calling me by this nickname?" Many customers would be offended.

Those things are still surprising for me but, I am sure that I will see plenty of other patterns that are really different from my culture. All countries have different cultures and patterns. And though, some are more difficult to understand than others, everybody can get used to new patterns. I see myself doing it already; you just have to want to.



## “What to Do In and Around Bloomfield”

By Caress Reid

You have prepared for this. You have all of your studying and homework out of the way. You have even put an outfit aside for this. Yet, on a cool spring night, your dorm floor is so quiet, you can hear laughter coming all the way from the Deacon's Den. We have all been there. Everyone has gone home for the weekend, leaving you and a few scattered residents of BC wandering the Quad searching for something to do that will not break your pockets, but will still be a lot of fun. Good news: Bloomfield has a few fun things to get into, and with easy, and cheap, access to cultural cities like Montclair and Newark, you should never find yourself without something to do. But just in case you need a little reminder of what Bloomfield and surrounding cities have to offer, here's a few:

### For Laughs:

Every Monday, Piano's Bar and Grill offers Stand-up Comedy Open Mic night. It's a great and cheap way to get a few laughs in, hang out with friends, and grab a bite to eat. Conveniently located on Broad Street, it's a short, five-minute walk from campus.  
Location: 36 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ

### Canvas, Oils, and Paintings - Oh My!

For art lover's alike, the Montclair Art Museum is the perfect venue for a breezy Saturday morning. With a student ID, entrance is only \$10, and on every first Friday of every month, entrance is FREE!  
Location: 3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ  
Hours: Wednesday-Sunday: 12-5pm  
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and major holidays.

### Movie Lovers:

We all know that movies are starting to get quite ridiculously expensive these days, and half the time, the movies are not even worth the \$12+ we pay for them. Fortunately, the Newark Museum hosts their Annual Black Film Festival every Wednesday from June 29-August 3 at 7p.m. Here you can check out new up-and-coming film-makers and watch full length films for half the price of the average movie ticket. Admission for students with IDs is only \$6. Location: 49 Washington Street, Newark, NJ  
For Museum hours, call: 973.596.6550

### Foodies:

You've heard things, I've heard things, let's face it we've all heard things about the infamous dining hall. Luckily, there are about a billion, well not a billion, but at least tons of awesome restaurants on Bloomfield Avenue, starting in Bloomfield, stretching all the way up to Montclair! Cuban Pete's is an excellent choice for fine Cuban cuisine, but unless you're ready to drop your whole refund check on Arroz con Pollo, there are a lot of other nice restaurants that offer great dining, like Greek Taverna and The Office, with entree's that average about \$10-\$12 for huge portions.

### Thespians:

Resident theatre, BC Westminster Arts Center. Located on the corner of Franklin and Fremont. Bloomfield College students get discounts to these great shows with proper identification.  
For more information on upcoming shows, please call 973-748-9008 ext 279.



(To the left: Westminster Arts Center - Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre)



For Laughs



Canvas, Oils, and Paintings-Oh My!



Movie Lovers



Foodies

## Upcoming Trip To Haiti

By Michael Palmieri

Students from Bloomfield College will be travelling to Haiti May 28 through June 4, 2011, to partner with a local Haitian community to help provide services and support still needed after the devastating earthquake last year. Nine students representing the math, nursing, chemistry, and political science majors have been selected to participate in the mission. They include Angela Baptiste, Rubens Dort, Marta Babyak, Erika Len, Johan Orange, Auguste Sauvelson, Jemima Merilan, Kripa Patel and Michael Palmieri. Jennifer Troxell - Director of CSLE and Patrick Lamy, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, will also be joining the effort alongside the students.

While in Haiti these students will be working in a medical clinic providing free care to area residents, teaching students in grades K-6, at the Pilgrim School, and providing community health education for the people of Faugasse, Haiti.

To accomplish this Bloomfield College has partnered with Doorway to Peace, a holistic nonprofit ministry that aids the people of Faugasse, Haiti. Their mission is to lay the groundwork needed to meet the practical needs of the community so that it can prosper and become self-sufficient and healthy. Students are actively involved in creating lesson plans for the children that focus on important issues such as respecting the environment, basic nutrition, and ESL skills. In addition, they are also collecting materials that will assist the surrounding population. These items that form what is being called the projects "wish list" includes basic necessities such as folders, notebooks, paper, games, toothbrushes, cotton balls, band-aids, powdered drink mixes and a host of other items.

The time spent in Haiti is short but all the participants agree the experience will last a lifetime. The work that will be done will benefit the Haitian community well after the students have gone. And the persistent hope of the Haitian community's restoration will live on in the students once they arrive back at home. The trip is yet another example of how Bloomfield College is continuing to prepare students to attain academic, personal, and professional excellence in a multicultural and global society.

## JUKGAJEE

By Michael Palmieri

As all college students know eating good food is pretty important. Finding good cheap food is always a plus especially when it is not coming out of the vending machine or the college cafeteria. Not to offend anyone working at food services but, how many slices of meatloaf and cups of apple juice can you take? Luckily Chan and Ping the owners of jukGajee restaurant are serving new Thai cuisine with the perfect mixture of bold flavors and classic tastes.

Chan and Ping, two bright and charismatic brothers, have been working in the restaurant business for nearly 25 years, 20 of them were spent in their father's restaurant in Thailand and the other five in a restaurant in Yonkers. Both have

been running jukGajee since past October. Interestingly enough, neither ever thought they would own a restaurant. Ping earned a degree in computer engineering and Chan a degree in business management. Asking them why they chose to open a restaurant, they expressed that most of their family members thought they were crazy. Both knew how hard the restaurant business would be. But, something told them they had to find something they loved. Something that allowed them to interact with the rest of the community and they think they have that here.

They certainly do. The Thai word "jukGajee" literally means "ticklish", which is completely fitting for the fun open atmosphere the restaurant provides, as well as the taste bud-tickling dishes that are served there. The food itself is best explained as far East meets West, compiling the pasta dishes that we have grown to love with the traditional flavors of Thailand. Each dish is unique and can be made to your taste, "We focus on quality not quantity and every dish and its ingre-

dients are prepared for one dish at a time, this way our menu can be catered to all the guests that come here" Chan said. And don't be worried about the food being too spicy;

I've learned the level (1-5) can be negotiated when ordering.

Although I have not eaten from the entire menu, I have eaten some dishes that I would recommend. The "Pad-Ga-Pow" which is basilla pasta infused with sweet Thai basil with your choice of stir fried chicken or



jukGajee Restaurant in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

***"We focus on quality not quantity..."***

beef served with their signature chili basil sauce, onion, Thai chili and bell peppers is outstanding at \$7.97. An equally tasty dish is the Pad Thai Tamarind noodles served with

bean sprouts and tropical mandarin sauce. Interestingly enough my favorite appetizers are the curry puffs. Don't fear the word "curry" because it is not extremely hot or spicy or overwhelming as the spice has been made out to be. Ping and Chan blend the curry with chicken or fresh vegetables and stuff them into puffs that are drizzled with cucumber vinaigrette for \$4.75. Of course if you are a little apprehensive to fully delve into the Thai experience, than you can always order a cheeseburger and French fries.

Their history in both Thailand and America can be seen through not only the food but the decor itself. The open spaced 20 foot ceilings, tiled floors and stainless steel banisters give the restaurant

a streamlined modern look. These modern accents are balanced out by the live foliage dotting the walls and the assorted wood accents and rustic tree stumps found throughout the restaurant each blend to bring you back to the origins of the food and complete the Thai experience. Quiet, although inviting, this restaurant is one of Bloomfield's best kept secrets.

Overall the menu is reasonably priced and the restaurant offers great atmosphere and service. Best of all it is only a five minute walk away from campus. I highly recommend you try it out.

jukGajee is located at 30 Broad Street directly across from Mandies and is open Monday-Tuesday 11:30 p.m- 10:30 p.m. Thursday - Friday 11:30 p.m - 10:30 p.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m - 10:30 p.m. It also has a second floor that can be rented out for private parties and events.

# BC Beacon

## The Laundry Card Issue

By Jesse Gardner

There has been a lot of fuss around campus regarding the insufficiency of student expectations. Perhaps we knew it was going to happen, and it finally did. The laundry money card machine actually broke down approximately a week to a week and a half before Spring Break, between February 16th and the 21st until students got back from break on March 14. This has further questioned the reliability of the on-campus laundry card machine located in CSLE.

University Centre residence students have no worries about this issue since they have their own laundry system at the UC. Due to the breakdown of the laundry money card machine, unfortunate students, including myself, were unable to put money on the cards in order to access

the laundry machines located in the residence halls. Thankfully the laundry money card machine was repaired. However, seeing that laundry machines are only located in residence halls, what also comes to question is the restriction of accessibility to the laundry machines for commuter students since they also have access to the laundry money card machine. With the question of further handling the laundry money card machine issue, I chose to hand out surveys to various students around CSLE to get feedback. Out of 50 completed surveys, 22 were filled out by residents and 28 were filled out by commuters.

Of those who filled out the survey, 17 out of the 22 resident students felt that laundry money card machines should be installed in residence halls, even understanding the impact it would have on the school's budget. Five out of the

seventeen residents who believe laundry money card machines should be installed in residence halls, also felt that due to the rise of tuition causing an increase to the school budget, as well as the arrival of incoming transfers and freshmen, it may be a possibility that the school may be able of such actions executable. Of the 21 commuters who believe laundry money card machines should be installed in residence halls, two felt that laundry machines should be installed in various locations on campus other than in dormitories, enabling open usage to all students.

According to majority of opinion, none of the commuters who agreed that laundry money card machines should be installed in residence halls felt that the school budget was insufficient to accommodate this need for more laundry money card machines. Two of the remaining six who

did not care about laundry money card machine issues felt that the school budget was insufficient. Four of those six people felt that campus laundry machines should be installed in various locations on campus other than dormitories. According to the opinions of the majority of surveyed students, it appears that it is not only necessary for the satisfaction of the students, but it also seems the school should purchase laundry money card machines for the residence halls, to possibly decrease the malfunctions, over usage, and solely dependability of the laundry money card machine provided in CSLE to ensure the convenience of students handling their laundry on campus.

## Summer Movies That Rock!

By Meyri De-Los Santos

"Omgee it's hot, the humidity is killing me, and I am so bored!" Need something to do for 169 days of summer vacation? The first official day of summer is on June 21st, 2011. However, the beauty of being a college student is that our "summer vacation" starts after May 14th! You have plenty of time to hit the theaters to watch the latest movies. There are 20 great movies to choose from for this summer. I will choose my top 10 movies that should be on everyone's "must see" list for this summer, in order, by date.

The first movie on the list will premiere on May 20th; "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tide", starring Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz, and for the first time, playing in 3-D. Next is the movie "Hangover II" which the theaters will be packed to watch it on May 27th. Will Stu, Phil, Alan, and Doug be get a hangover in Las Vegas, Thailand, or Mexico? Who is going to get married now? (Look below for the spoiler). You will have to watch it to find out the rest of the story. On that same day as the "Hangover II", "Kung Fu Panda 2: the Kaboom of Doom" will be premiering. This is an advantage because you will have watch two comedic movies on the same day.

Happen to be an X-Men fan? The fourth movie of the summer is for all X-Men fans following the movie series. Prepare yourself for the prequel to the first three X-Men movies; "X-Men: First Class", in theaters June 3rd. The Prequel is the story of the start of the X-Men team by Charles Xavier and his best friend turned archenemy Erik Lensherr, also known as Magneto. Did you ever wonder where all the movies with action and adrenaline go? Well just when we thought the Fast & Furious series was over, it comes back with the next installment in "Fast Five" which will premiere on June 10th. A new character joins the movie series; Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. If you have been keeping up with the movie series then you may be familiar with the following reappearing actors in the "Fast Five" movie: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Ludacris, and Tyrese Gibson. Also for lovers of super-fast cars, premiering on June 24th is the sequel to a new Disney-Pixar classic: "Cars II". This movie isn't just for the younger siblings, cousins, nieces, and/or nephews, but a good opportunity to spend family time, a cute date, or for anyone who loved Lightning McQueen and his Radiator Springs pals. If, for some reason, you or your younger siblings, cousins, nieces, and/or nephews disliked the first "Cars" movie, perhaps instead you will love another blockbuster movie about cool cars: "Transformers III" which opens on the same day. Shia LaBeouf is still in the movie series, however, he is no longer working with Megan Fox. Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, a victoria secret model, will be taking the place of Megan Fox as the new female love interest named Carly. On the 15th of July, all Harry Potter lovers are going to be happy after waiting 8 months to see the ending of the final film in the series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2".

Do you remember the movie, "Spy Kids 3:Game Over"? Well, the movie series is not necessarily over. Okay, now I have to admit that on August 19th I will be at the theaters to watch "Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World"! The movie has a new cast, with new young stars including Rowan Blanchard and Mason Cook, and the older actors Jessica Alba and Jeremy Piven. The previous cast from other Spy Kids movies will also be appearing in the movie. Finally, after all the fun and excitement of all the new movies, how about ending your summer with a bit of horror? For all those brave horror lovers, watch "Final Destination 5" on 26th of August. For the Final Destination junkies, part one was a plane crash, part two was a car accident, part three was a roller coaster ride, part four was a racetrack, and part five will be... (Look below for the spoiler). You can find the movie trailer of all the movies previously mentioned on YouTube.com or IMDB.com. There is no reason why this summer should suck! Au contraire, it should rock because of all the awesome movies! Don't wait until your friends tell you, be the first to watch it.

\*\*\*\*Attention: SPOILER ALERT!!!!\*\*\*\*\*

For all those Hangover fans who can't wait to see the movie to know the inside scoop, don't tell anyone but Stu is going to be getting married and all the fun will take place in Bangkok, Thailand!

As for the Final Destination fans, this time the action takes place on a collapsing bridge and will also be in 3D.



Advertisement for the devastating Final Destination 5

## ATHLETICS

### For The Love of BC Academics and Athletics – Kira Wagar

By Philip Mathew

“Kira does not say anything, unless she has something to the point, to say. Her writing is clear and concise...her questions are very useful for the class because they open up areas of exploration into the works of literature that other students have not thought of – she has a quiet intensity that is productive in the classroom and she is an excellent student.” Those are the words of Dr. Angela Conrad, Associate Professor of English at Bloomfield College about Kira Wagar.

Wagar, a 22-year old English Literature major, and two-sport athlete (softball and soccer) is in her senior year at BC. A graduate of Greece Arcadia High School in Rochester, New York, Wagar saw numerous opportunities available here at Bloomfield.

“Playing for a good Division II softball program, along with the atmosphere and diversity on campus [brought me to Bloomfield],” Wagar said. “It was a chance for me to be five hours away from home and experience what it would be like to live on my own.” While being a talented softball player, Wagar’s experience playing baseball earlier in life prepared her for current challenges. “In high school, I played on the boys team as a second baseman during my eighth, ninth, and tenth grade year. I think that is what helped me become a better overall player. Playing with the guys, I had to always work extra hard because I knew they would be physically stronger. [Playing baseball] also made me competitive and taught me discipline.”

“Playing baseball also made me competitive and taught me discipline.”

people and would involve us in many different activities so we would be well-rounded.”

During class time, Wagar may be quiet, but her personality is definitely engaging with other students, they all seem to know her and that makes a big difference overall. “I just try to make friends in the classroom because I think that is important,” she said. “You spend a lot of time with them in class and it is nice to get to know different people. People in the class are doing the same thing you are, so you can identify with one another and that makes it easier.”

Being well rounded is necessary, when balancing two sports and a burgeoning academic career. When it comes to the mentality to take on these tasks, Wagar does not see much difference in either side. “My mentality is very serious when it comes to game situations,” Wagar said. “Focus is the most important thing to me. I try (to) bring that in the classroom as much as I can. Mentality in sports can carry over into school or work places.”

Bloomfield Softball Head Coach and Assistant Athletic Director Rocco Constantino agrees with that sentiment. [Kira] has the highest game intelligence of anybody I have ever coached in softball...her instincts are amazing, she knows what is going to happen, two to three steps ahead,” Constantino said. “She is not intimidated by anybody...she wants to go against the best teams and the best players to prove that she is the best and with that attitude she always comes through in the clutch – Kira is a great team leader, she does not lead just by talking but by example (as well).

Being able to transition has been a major part of Wagar’s life here at BC. Wagar, like many here at Bloomfield, transferred over after graduating from a junior college. Monroe Community College was where Wagar set the stage for not only her education but also her athletic roles. Wagar’s focus on the softball diamond has made her one of the most important players for Bloomfield. Wagar played a major role for Monroe on two national championship teams, winning tournament MVP in her sophomore season. Once her eligibility was up at MCC, Wagar had to make a decision about her future. A major factor in her transferring from Monroe to Bloomfield was Constantino. “Coach Constantino was very helpful while I was looking at schools to play at,” Wagar said. “He made the decision much easier because he seemed like a good coach.” As the Women’s Soccer coach at the time of recruitment, Constantino was responsible for Wagar playing soccer here at BC. “I had never really played soccer, but he offered me a chance to be part of the team because the school was still working on building up the program,” Wagar said.

Being a force on the playing field has importance, but academics plays a major part in how well one plays or the ability to play. To that end, Wagar is unwavering. “A lot of my extra time is spent studying, whenever I have a break,” Wagar said. “I try to have an open communication with my professors too.

When you go to them for extra help, they seem to be understanding.” Interaction with professors is something Wagar is looking forward to, from the other side. “After graduation, I am going to have to find a job teaching,” she said. “It is going to be difficult with the economy right now but I already have my foot in the door because I have been substitute teaching at home in upstate New York. I am a teacher’s aide for students with autism. That has been such a learning experience for me...it takes a lot of patience to be able to do that but it is so rewarding. I love teaching and cannot wait to start my career.” For Kira Wagar, the sky is the limit in terms of her potential as a student-athlete here at Bloomfield College and beyond.

### Early Influences in Life Play Key Role in Falloon’s Style

By Philip Mathew



For Bloomfield College Men’s Soccer and Tennis head coach Peter-John Falloon, a coach from home gave him the motivation to become who he is today.

“I had a father-figure coach back in Jamaica, in high school...a coach that supports the players and was a mentor,” Falloon said. “I liked the way he treated us, so in return, I like to treat my players the same way. [He taught us] not only the game but [also] life lessons while coaching. He was a coach that cared about his players, their well-being and their lives.”

Falloon, 32, has coached at Bloomfield since 2008. He came from Jamaica, via a scholarship, to play soccer and found a further drive for coaching at his first school. “I helped at Union County College as a volunteer and found out that I liked it,” Falloon said. “Soccer is my number one thing...I might as well get paid to do something that I like.” From Union CC, Falloon transferred to Kean to earn a degree in Graphic Communications. Falloon’s first experiences playing the game came at an early age on his own. “[I was] four or five years old...when you are on the soccer field, it is just you and the ball,” Falloon said. “Every problem that you have, you forget it for those 90 minutes when you play – you are in your own world. I used to watch [Diego] Maradona on television and try to imitate him.”

Playing the game at home and here presented differences for Falloon. “[Here in the U.S.] it is more about participation, and in Jamaica, it is more about the results,” he said. Coaching players at Bloomfield, Falloon asks for specific things on a regular basis. “[I want the players] to give 100 percent, be honest...no matter what they do, try their best at all times – that is what matters,” Falloon said.

Attending school here and playing has also been a help for Falloon. “I had no problem with the adjustment [coaching here],” Falloon said. “[Playing and attending school here] has been an advantage...to get through the players; you have to think like a player – that is my philosophy.”

That philosophy brought Falloon his first CACC Coach of the Year honor in 2010, on the heels of a 13-3-1 regular season and 10-0-1 conference record that saw Bloomfield win the regular season CACC title and a trip to the NCAA tournament.

Family has also played a key role for Falloon, as he is married with a three-year old son. Having a child has not completely changed his mindset, however. “[My family] provides me moral support...having a son did not change me because the players are like my sons,” Falloon said. “It is like I have 23 sons, so it is basically the same thing. The same things I wish for my son, I wish for them...it is more than a team, it is more like a family.”

The family atmosphere and winning mentality that Peter-John Falloon has brought to Bloomfield College is something that all the people here should be proud of.

## Bloomfield Today & Tomorrow

By Anna Azcona

“Bloomfield Today and Bloomfield Tomorrow”

Over the years Bloomfield College has tried their best to make it a better learning environment. Many renovations have been made over time; and many more to come. Bloomfield College’s goal is to expand on with their educational institute. We want to give our students the best of the bunch.

In 2006, Bloomfield College began constructing The New Learning Resource Center (LRC). This project was completed in 2008. The accomplishments were new offices for the CAD department. The SSS program gained a new computer lab and new offices were installed for disability services. The LRC building has three tutoring rooms, four seminar rooms, and two computer labs. Students should take this opportunity and make the best out of all the new equipment. This is not all; Bloomfield College has upgraded and made alterations to the Science Building which is now known as College Hall. These changes were made spring 2011. College Hall has new science labs, and new seminar rooms with A/V (Audio/Video) technology. The LRC building itself has made interior renovations; also plan to make energy efficient renovations.



New Patio outside College Hall.  
(Formerly known as the Science Building.)

Bloomfield College master plan has several future changes, like the relocation of the CAT department. These changes are for the upcoming academic year. The CAT department is being relocated to Talbott Hall. Talbott Hall is a 13,500 square feet building that was recently renovated. Changes are planning to be made to accommodate the CAT program with great outcomes. The majority of the program will be moved to Talbott because it is in need of more space to meet the CAT programs requirements.

Despite the fact that Bloomfield College is currently working on renovations, in the future there will be more to come. An improvement project for Knox Hall is anticipated to start in 2011. New offices will be renovated and floor requirements.

Due to the planning of this change, the ITPS and IT departments will be temporarily relocated to Westminster Hall.

For now these are the changes that have and are being made in Bloomfield College. These changes will improve the campus over time. Students will be able to benefit from these changes and expand on the career goals.

## 2011-2012 BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND CLASS OFFICERS ELECTION RESULTS

### Certified Results

Caller of Votes: Ms. Jennifer Troxell  
Counter of Votes: Votenet Solutions  
In Attendance: Witnesses: Jennifer Troxell, Jessica Stiles  
BCSG Advisor 20010-2011: Jennifer Troxell

### BCSG EXECUTIVE BOARD RESULTS

Total Ballots Cast 124 for BCSG Officers

#### President of BC Student Government

Distribution of Votes:  
Tyrell Johnson: 47 Votes (Winner)  
Daniel Andre: 39 Votes  
Barbara Napoleon: 37 Votes  
Abstain: 1 Votes  
Write Ins: 0 Votes

#### Vice President of Organizational Affairs

Distribution of Votes:  
Marie Dossous : 108 Votes (Winner)  
Abstain: 13 Votes  
Write Ins: 3 Votes

#### Vice President of Senatorial Affairs

Distribution of Votes:  
Zakiyah Clark: 47 Votes (Winner)  
Shanise Thomas: 27 Votes  
Foster Williams: 43 Votes  
Abstain: 6 Votes  
Write Ins: 1 Votes

#### Vice President of Administrative Affairs

Distribution of Votes:  
William Newkirk: 38 Votes (Winner)  
Zaki Michael: 16 Votes  
Ulysses Coleman: 28 Votes  
Shakirah Gittens: 33 Votes  
Abstain: 8 Votes  
Write Ins: 1 Votes

#### Executive Secretary

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 105 Votes  
Write Ins: 19 Votes

#### Executive Treasurer

Distribution of Votes:  
Lawrence Rivers: 56 Votes (Winner)  
Kenneth Wilson: 19 Votes  
Jennifer Fana: 40 Votes  
Abstain: 8 Votes  
Write Ins: 1 Votes

### CLASS OFFICERS RESULTS

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS

Total Ballots Cast 26  
Freshman Class (2011-2012 Sophomores)

#### President of Sophomore Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 24 Votes  
Write Ins: 2 Votes

#### Vice President of Sophomore Class

Distribution of Votes:  
Christina Pierre-Noel: 17 Votes (Winner)  
Abstain: 9 Votes  
Write Ins: 0 Votes

#### Secretary of Sophomore Class

Distribution of Votes:  
Jenise Weatherspoon-Rawls: 78 Votes (Winner)  
Abstain: 9 Votes  
Write Ins: 0 Votes

#### Treasurer of Sophomore Class

Distribution of Votes:  
Lucianna Perez: 18 Votes (Winner)  
Abstain: 8 Votes

#### JUNIOR CLASS

Total Ballots Cast 42  
Sophomore Class (2011-2012 Juniors)

#### President of Junior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 38 Votes  
Write Ins: 4 Votes

#### Vice President of Junior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 37 Votes  
Write Ins: 5 Votes

#### Secretary of Junior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
Christopher Cancel: 24 Votes (Winner)  
Abstain: 17 Votes  
Write Ins: 1 Votes

#### Treasurer of Junior Class

Distribution of Votes: TBD  
Abstain: 40 Votes  
Write Ins: 2 Votes

### SENIOR CLASS

Total Ballots Cast 56  
Junior Class (2011-2012 Seniors)

#### President of Senior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 48 Votes  
Write Ins: 8 Votes

#### Vice President of Senior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 51 Votes  
Write Ins: 5 Votes

#### Secretary of Senior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 52 Votes  
Write Ins: 4 Votes

#### Treasurer of Senior Class

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 53 Votes  
Write Ins: 3 Votes

### COMMUTER SENATOR

Total Ballots Cast 48  
Commuters (2011-2012 Commuters)

#### Commuter Senator

Distribution of Votes:  
TBD  
Abstain: 40 Votes  
Write Ins: 8 Votes

### RESIDENT SENATOR

Total Ballots Cast 75  
Residents (2011-2012 Commuters)

#### Resident Senator

Distribution of Votes:  
Jesse Gardner: 59 Votes (Winner)  
Abstain: 15 Votes  
Write Ins: 1 Votes

The following positions are awaiting eligibility and acceptance from write in candidates:

#### o Student Government Executive Board Secretary

#### o Senator of Commuter Students

#### o Sophomore Class:

President

#### o Junior Class:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

#### o Senior Class:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer