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No New Parking Spaces In Near Future

By Justin Worsley

Last Tuesday, the Student Life Board spoke out against the current parking situation at Brookdale's Lincroft and Western Monmouth campus. An audience of interested students joined, hoping to hear news on an improved parking situation in future semesters.

What students learned, however, was that making additional room for parking is deemed impossible.

When Brookdale started the "Big Four" construction project, which

includes additions to the Collins Arena and the Automotive Center, nearly 200 spots were removed to make way for construction. The loss of these spaces, as well as the increasing number of enrolled Brookdale students, brought stress for both faculty and students in the early parts of the semester.

Once the construction is complete, Brookdale will have 4,000 parking spaces on the Lincroft campus, according to Robert Southward, Brookdale's general manager of capital projects and facilities.



Student Life Board Vice President Ali Elghemari (standing) hosted the panel of speakers, which included Norma Shepherd (center) and Robert Southward.

Southward also said that Brookdale has researched the amount of students who are on campus at any given time by calculating the amount of students who are in the classroom per half-hour. During the peak hours, about 3,800 students are on campus in class.

What the calculation does not reveal, however, are students who do extracurricular activities, such as sports or clubs, visitors, or students who simply hang out and attend

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Groundhog Traps Hibernate For Winter

By Justin Worsley

Last Tuesday, Executive Director of Facilities Management and Engineering, Richard Frank requested that the 10 heart traps located across the Lincroft campus of Brookdale be removed. The traps, which were removed due to the complications of moving an animal during hibernation season, will

most likely return during the later part of spring 2010.

As many students know, the furry groundhogs have been members of the college for quite some time. What many students are unaware of, however, is the damage the animals are causing to the school.

Groundhogs freely roam around with tunnels they created for themselves.

The tunneling, however, has caused damage to many parts of the campus. While some damage is small and replaceable, such as a bent fence or a few bumps on the baseball diamond; other damage is very costly and even dangerous.

For example, on the sidewalk near the back entrance to the BAC building, there is a large, v-

shaped crack. Near both ends of the crack are tunnels created by the groundhogs. And sidewalks are not the only thing they're getting under.

"We have also discovered that there have been paths built below some buildings, which the long-term effects from the tunneling could destroy the foundation of the buildings,"

Frank said.

With the damage made, the school is going to have to pay to fix the mess that the furry little critters created. Future students could face a tuition hike in order for Brookdale to be able to afford to costs of renovation.

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Counseling Needs Direction At BCC

By Ian Geffken

At the counseling department, too often you will find people waiting for more than an hour to see someone. After that long wait, the student ends up in an office with an adjunct who seems to miraculously know even less than the student does about progress toward their degree.

At Brookdale, the department responsible for guidance is the one many students identify as needing guidance itself.

Recently, a team of more than 25 faculty and other BCC professionals conducted an 18-month-long research and development study of the counseling department and how to improve it.

The Commission on Student Development then submitted its recommendations to Brookdale President Peter F. Burnham.

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Kwanzaa Founder To Visit BCC

By Dan Alfano

Internationally recognized activist-scholar and the creator of Kwanzaa, Dr. Maulana Karenga will be coming to Brookdale on Friday, Dec 4.

Kwanzaa, the African-American and Pan-American holiday with family as well as community groups, is observed by millions of people throughout every continent.

An activist and scholar, Karenga has been involved in such important movements as the black arts, black studies, and black power and afrocentricity. He has had a huge impact as a critical leader in the black

community since the 1960's. Karenga has also been at the forefront of the founding and development of black studies.

His talk will focus on "Repairing and Renewing the World."

"I am definitely going to see Dr. Karenga," said Craig Robertson, a third-semester business student from Howell. "My family celebrates Kwanzaa, and it will be awesome to see him at Brookdale."

Karenga has been recognized as one of the most influential African-Americans in the world today. He also has been acknowledged for his

contributions around the world and has received numerous awards and scholarships, including the National Council for Black Students Award for Outstanding Contributions to Black Studies.

Sponsored by the Black Students Union, the event is free to registered Brookdale students, who may receive one ticket with an I.D. Community members can purchase tickets for \$5. All tickets can be purchased at the Student Life Center's front desk. The event will take place in the Collins Arena at 6 p.m. For more information please call 732-224-2500



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is not helping out very much either.

It is believed that several undisclosed landscaping companies have captured groundhogs from their jobs and relocated them to our campus. This in part with our general population of groundhogs already living in the area has led to a severe overpopulation.

Brookdale is not trying to rid the school of the campus' furry friends, but instead create a beneficial opportunity to help maintain a steady population of groundhogs on campus while not causing harm to any groundhogs in the process.

Potter's Farm located near Exit 114 on the Garden State Parkway in Middletown, has offered to house the relocated groundhogs. If groundhogs are moved more than five miles away from their home, it can disorient the animal and

ultimately be lethal.

The school is also not working alone on this. Monmouth County SPCA Chief Victor "Buddy" Amato visits the campus regularly and has collaborated with Brookdale by offering both his knowledge of handling this situation correctly as well as regulating that the animals are being safely relocated.

The heart trap causes no harm to the animal. Bait is set inside the trap and when the animal enters, a door closes behind it, making the animal unable to leave. Either Frank himself or one of his assistants check the traps daily and if there is a groundhog captured, they inform the trapper, who comes the same day to relocate the animal.

"The school obviously has no intention of damaging the animals, and we are taking measures to make sure that the animal goes through its relocation pain-free," Frank said.

While property damage is a big issue with the groundhogs, a



The groundhog's tunneling system has caused damage to several areas of the school. The cracks in this sidewalk, located outside of the BSA building, are an example.

select few have also attempted to get an education on campus. Last semester, a baby groundhog entered the Holocaust center, where employees were unable to lure the animal out of for nearly a week. Frank was eventually able to relocate

it back to the wild once the animal fell asleep.

For any information concerning the groundhogs on Brookdale, contact Frank at 732-224-2753 or Amato at 732-542-0040.

Counseling

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In reviewing the report, Burnham confirmed in a note to the college community that "the frequency and consistency of the concerns raised about counseling and student advisement required comprehensive campus dialogue and attention."

Burnham also stated

that the counseling system needed "to adapt to the needs many of our students have for directional guidance.

"We also must agree that the current problems in student advising and counseling are real and work together to effect necessary changes," Burnham said.

One major problem the commission noted was that under the current counseling system, counselors are

simultaneously responsible for academic advising and career and personal counseling.

The revised model, which the commission proposed, assigns jobs and responsibilities more precisely. It emphasizes the importance of counselors and advisers as it recognizes them as two very different tasks.

Led by Stephanie

Fitzsimmons and Art Marshall, the commission also felt that more emphasis needs to be placed on the "first-year experience" for incoming BCC students in an effort to help progress and a clear path to a degree.

Upon receiving the commission's suggestions, Burnham had planned a town hall meeting with all interested members of the college community to

discuss the commission's findings, proposal and his response. However, Burnham had to cancel that meeting due to health concerns. He then began an extended medical leave of absence and is not expected to return until February or March.

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the events the Student Life Center offers.

“We can look at the parking situation as this: There is either just the right mix of students attending Brookdale, too many students, or not enough parking spaces,” Southward said.

Along with Southward, Norma Sheppherd, Monmouth County’s Planning Board Supervising Transportation Planner, spoke about other means of transportation students can use to go on and off campus. New Jersey Transit offers a bus that runs through Brookdale, and each campus, except for the Eastern Monmouth campus. The campus has as many as six bike racks for students to use as well.

Sheppherd, who also mentioned that she does not know about Brookdale’s current parking crisis, suggested carpooling as a mean of transportation, citing the money saved on

gas.

Carpooling could also potentially have other benefits. Last semester, Brookdale gave out gas cards to students who carpoled. Though this was discontinued for the fall, Southward plans to look into the possibility to return the gas cards for those who do carpool.

According to Steve Nacco, executive director of college relations, the gas card program was discontinued this semester due to lack of participants. Of the 16,000 students attending Brookdale, only 10 participated in the program which gave students a \$50 gift card for a gas station every month.

Nacco also suggested an easy solution to the parking problem. The campuses located outside of Lincroft are consistently increasing the amount of students enrolled, despite a limited number of classes in each building. If a larger variety of courses are available at the Higher Education Centers, this



Crowded lots have led to many students being late for class. A select few, however, take the trip to Lot 1. Instead, they continue their search for a spot in more crowded lots such as Lot 5, pictured here.

could encourage students to attend classes closer to their home.

“Five years ago, there were 20-percent less students and parking was a bigger problem. We have spread the courses out over time to help control the lapse of the crowd at Brookdale, and have also expanded the Higher Education Centers over that time frame,” Nacco

said.

During the meeting, students also requested that in the event of a closure of a parking lot a system such as an e-mail to every student or an update on the school’s Web site be displayed in order to inform students before they go to class.

“There is no problem updating the Web site in the event of a parking lot closure. The Opt-In texting service, however, is for emergency purposes only,” Nacco said.

Nacco also added that he controls the electronic display ticker located outside of the Phalanx Road entrance and is willing to update the ticker to inform students that a lot is closed.

The parking lot is also never full. Students seldom take the drive to Lot 1 and walk through the Trammell Trail.

“It’s just funny to know that students are willing to walk from one end of the mall to another, but refuse to walk an extra three minutes when they are here,” Nacco said.

Students who suggest additional sports or a parking garage be constructed often do not recognize the cost. In order to expand Lot 6A, it will cost \$750,000 in order to comply with the Storm Water Solution Prevention Plan, officials said. The plan

would call for the lot to be built specifically for rainwater to create a miniature reservoir under the asphalt and naturally transpire through the ground.

Parking garages are out of the question as well. A single spot would cost \$15,000, and the price of constructing a garage is estimated at \$19.5 million. On top of that they are unattractive, officials said.

“Our main focus on the look of Brookdale is to make sure it still has the look and feel of the horse farm it once was,” Southward said. “A parking garage is not only expensive; it is also unable to capture the horse farm atmosphere.”

“You never want to build to your maximum need.” Sheppherd said. “Money is better spent encouraging public transportation.”

For more information regarding the Student Life Board and future meetings, e-mail the Student Life Board at studentlife@brookdalecc.edu. For more information on bussing, including a schedule, visit njtransit.org or pick up a bus schedule at the main desk in the Student Life Center. Any questions, comments or concerns about Brookdale’s parking status, contact Southward at rsouthward@brookdalecc.edu.



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Be AWARE...Of Opportunity Knocking

By Shay Hawkins

While walking down a long white corridor bustling with students in a hurry to get to their various destinations, it is easy to miss the Experiential Learning and Career Services 6-inch sign posted on the doorway of MAC 105. Passing by, it is hard to fathom the incredible opportunities that lay just beyond the threshold.

"A lack of awareness is the No. 1 reason students don't come in and take advantage of our programs," said Linda Mass, the Director of Experiential Learning and Career Services. "So we try to use any vehicle, especially professors because students are their captive audience."

Experiential Learning and Career Services has been one of the best-kept secrets of Brookdale until now. The department offers services in Internships, Externships, Cooperative Education, Education Field Experience, Service-Learning and Work Study/Student Help.

Some of these services offer credits while

others give students a foot in the door. Either way, the hands-on training is a vital asset to success in any career field.

"Some say it's who you know, but it's also what you know because you could get the job and not know anything," said Chris Zdyrski, a 24-year-old communications media major from Middletown who has already completed his associate's degree in psychology and a video editing certification here at Brookdale.

"I am currently interning at Brookdale Television. Here, I have been able to get a lot of hands-on training. The staff makes sure I comprehend all of the things I've learned until I'm fully confident to do it on my own. By doing that, I believe they truly care about my progress. This experience has been totally beneficial for me," Zdyrski said.

The benefits of any of the programs the office offers reach far beyond the campus of Brookdale and graduation.

"There is something

we call 'soft skills,'" Mass said.

"That is when a person takes a learned skill that is transferrable to another job or used in everyday life -- things like leadership, accountability, and responsibility. These things are carried with them wherever they go."

Interning also has another obvious advantage.

"It is by far one of the best ways to secure employment," Mass said, "Many, many, many students have been offered employment after the completion of their program."

"I'd take the job if they hired me," said Zdyrski. "If they don't, I'd still feel pretty confident I'd get a good job because of the internship at Brookdale TV."

The plethora of opportunities does not rest solely on the Brookdale Lincroft campus.

"There is a vast array of places that we try to send students, mostly based on their major," Mass said. "They can stay on the campus or explore abroad. We have sent students to intern at

MTV, Sony records, Lexus, GM, CNN, Lifetime, the set of All My Children, Disney World and BET.

Journalism students have volunteered for Harper's Bazaar and Glam magazines; criminal justice students may get the chance to work in a sheriff's office or a law firm while culinary students have worked at high end restaurants like Bobby Flays in New York. The opportunities are endless, really," Mass said.

The Experiential Learning and Career Service Department encourages students to also take advantage of other overlooked opportunities.

"We sit down and talk to students when they come in our office and find out exactly what they expect because it's not always about money. If there is no job available, we look into volunteering opportunities, clubs, and organizations. These things help build growth and development and this can be reflected on a resume. There are so many pieces to the pie to develop a career path, and it can be rough for those without any

job experience. The best way for students to truly succeed is to have a team—the student, their counselor and their advisor to all work collectively.

Most companies are looking for employees who can give them something so we just want to be a part of that development. If a student lands on planet Brookdale and learns a soft skill, then it's been more than gravy," Mass said.

"In the long run, it's up to you to pursue the opportunity," Zdyrski said, "Nothing is given to you, you still have to work for everything you get. You can only gain from the experience, so I'd tell anyone who truly wants to learn to just try it."

The Experiential Learning and Career Services department offers their services without a charge to students currently enrolled at Brookdale. Interested students can find out more information by visiting the office located in MAC 105 or by calling 732.224.2792.

Giving Tree Gives Students A Chance To Help Needy This Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time for sharing and caring, and with it coming, many people are getting ready to give gifts to their loved ones. But there are many people throughout Monmouth County who won't be able to give gifts this season.

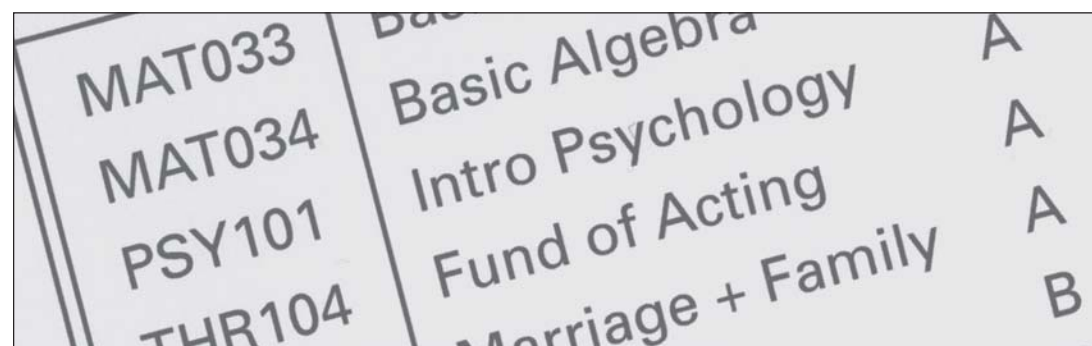
Brookdale is encouraging everyone who can donate to open their hearts this year to make someone else's holiday a special one.

Brookdale has put out multiple ornamental Christmas trees, one being by the Scroll and Pen Bookstore and the others being in the lobby of Larrison Hall and in the Higher Education Centers in Wall.

Brookdale is doing its annual "Giving Tree" event, which allows the students and the community to help people who won't be able to afford gifts this year.

On the trees, there will be cards hanging with information on purchasing a gift and who to give it to.

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Honorary Degree Committee Seeks Nominees

By Craig Donofrio

“Commencement is the Super Bowl for students, and the festivities should include conferring an honorary degree to somebody they’d want honored,” said Stephen Nacco, co-chair of the BCC Honorary

Degree Nominating Committee.

Nacco, co-chair Eric Goll, and other committee members currently seek nominees to receive an honorary associate’s degree during the 2010 graduation

ceremonies.

For the 2009 ceremonies, the college community picked former baseball star Denny Walling and philanthropist Greg Mortenson to receive the award. Other past recipients have included local

restaurateur Timothy McLoone and Rev. Dr. Henry Davis.

Eric Goll recounts the 2007 recipients as particularly memorable: filmmaker Kevin Smith and World War II author George Waple. “Those two at the same ceremony was a lot of

fun because they are on completely opposite sides of the spectrum. At the time [of the selection], Waple was nearing his ninetieth birthday and his contact in the committee said he was so moved by the nomination that

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he was in tears when he learned about receiving the honor.” Most N.J. residents know director Kevin Smith from his films “Clerks”, “Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back”, and “Chasing Amy.”

The committee encourages all current and former BCC employees, students and board members to nominate candidates for the honorary degree.

To be eligible for consideration, a nominee needs to demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following: professional accomplishments, community/public service, personal accomplishments, inspirational life achievements.

“Every year at graduation there are several speeches, but I think seeing and hearing from someone who came to Brookdale or has ties with the community is an inspirational experience that can motivate the students to better themselves and prepare for a more fulfilling future,” said Eric Goll, in reference to the value of these speakers to the graduating class.

Nomination forms can be found in the News Archives section of the BCC website and will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4, for the graduation ceremony on May 16, 2010. Submit the nomination form to the Brookdale Honorary Degree Nominating Committee, c/o Stephen Nacco, BAC, 2nd Floor, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738.

Questions or email submissions should be directed to Stephen Nacco snacco@brookdalecc.edu or Eric Goll egoll@brookdalecc.edu.



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On Dec. 3, Brookdale will be hosting an International Holiday Chance Auction. During the event, people will be able to have a light lunch and shop for the holiday season, all while raising scholarship money for Brookdale students studying abroad.

Those who attend will have a chance to win international items that have been donated by Brookdale's travelers.

All the contributions

that will be received through the auction will go to the Elaine Baran Scholarship fund for students who study abroad. The International Holiday Auction will be held in the Warner Student Life Center Navesink Rooms, beginning at 11:30a.m. The admission is \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for members of the community. The price includes lunch and tickets to play and win door prizes.

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Ralph Nader Is Coming To Save BCC, World

By Ian Geffken

"There can be no daily democracy with-out daily citizenship."

"Your best teacher is your last mistake."

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

These inspirational words are just a few from the spokesman of the Green Party; Ralph Nader. Nader has paved a road in America that cannot be denied. Nader will be visiting Brookdale's Scroll and Pen bookstore on Dec. 5. Whether you love him or despise him, Nader's clear indication of society's wrong-doings are undeniable.

His new book, "Only the Super-Rich can Save Us." is

736 pages long, and it contains dozens of characters, many of them real people—Warren Buffett, Yoko Ono, Ross Perot, and Ted Turner, among others—who act out Nader's political fantasies.

Critics have said Nader's knowledge and creativity shines through, at times giving a look into his thoughts and desires about law, business, and culture.

By the last page, most of the reforms that Nader has been arguing for all these years end up being enacted. Corporations are neutered. Third parties win. America is reborn.

Nader has been spreading a message for half a century intending to dent the social structure of our



Ralph Nader, who has recently released "Only the Super Rich Can Save Us," will speak at Brookdale on Dec. 5.

society and ruffle the quilt that lay on the conservative bed.

Unremittingly, Nader pushes on in his 75 years to continue a dream that does not resemble such a selfish and lawless reality that is

America.

Nader will be at the Scroll and Pen bookstore from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Tickets and a copy of his new book can be purchased online at www.bookit-events.com for \$24.99.

At Brookdale, a live interview, Q&A session, and autograph time will take place. All proceeds from tickets and book sales benefit the Jockey Through Life Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship provides financial support to non-traditional, returning students who are passionate about achieving degrees.

Go Out And Find This Lost Symbol

By Brian Harris

Rating ***** out of 5

Dan Brown fans can finally rejoice for

after a long wait, the Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon has returned in yet another puzzle-fueled adventure that readers simply can't put

down, myself included as I finished the 509-page mind-bender of a story in just two days.

The story follows the usual Brown formula of Robert Langdon getting duped in a whirl-wind chase for something that would permanently change the world. In this case, he seeks the Lost Word, which would solve the Ancient Mysteries of the Freemasons, America's oldest secret society.

Without giving too much away, "The Lost Symbol" gives the reader a tornado-like tour of D.C that one would never expect.

Another interesting concept that Brown has in the book is the field of science known as Noetics, which is an off-shoot of metaphysics based on mental intuition and will power.

Noetic scientists believe that every human mind has the ability to do extraordinary things. Brown uses this to add depth and create another interesting way to look at religious texts, which is another staple of Dan Brown's recent work.

If you are fan of Brown's other books or you've just seen the movies with Tom Hanks, you owe yourself to get this book, as it is great from start to finish. It also gives the reader a different outlook on our nation's capitol and a nice little twist toward the end that will make you go "Holy crap, I didn't see that coming!"

It is a good idea with this book and other works by Brown, to take some of the more out there ideas and facts that Brown presents with a grain of salt, but with that being said, this book is most assuredly worth getting immediately as it's entertaining from start to finish.

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The Plot Thins Out In 'The Men Who Stare At Goats'

By Justin Worsley

Rating: ** (out of 4)

George Clooney is busy this November and December with three films being released. If any of his other two films are like "The Men Who Stare at Goats" though, he may be having trouble finding work in the future.

Clooney stars with Ewan McGregor, about the "true" story involving a secret military unit in the 1980's that involved using psychic powers as a focal attack. Though the concept seemed interesting, the film lacks the depth needed to make a complete movie and ends with many viewers scratching their heads trying to figure out what just happened in the last 90 minutes.

McGregor stars as journalist Bob Wilton who flees to Iraq to inexplicably impress his wife, who not only works for the same newspaper as Wilton, but is



George Clooney as Cassaday shows his abilities by taking down a goat.

also openly having an affair with their editor.

Unable to actually enter Iraq, Wilton is stuck in Kuwait and feels like a failure until he crosses paths with Lyn Cassaday (Clooney), who feels that Wilton is important to his mission, which is kept secret

during the film.

During their trip, both Wilton and Cassaday must overcome the adversity of unruly Iraqi citizens, criminals and even rival security companies. In between their struggles, Cassaday fills Wilton in with the rise and falls of the

military division known as "The New Earth Army" and their leader, Vietnam war veteran Bill Django (Jeff Bridges.)

Cassaday evolved into one of the best students Django had, while forming a rivalry with Larry Hooper (Kevin Spacey), another

talented soldier who opposed Cassaday's views on how to use their newly learned powers.

Along with a weak plot, this comedy also fails to deliver laughs. Many of these psychic powers and abilities are deemed unbelievable due to the large used to LSD by the members of the New Earth Army, which is a running gag in the film.

Despite a talented cast, the actors also fail to impress, specifically McGregor who struggles in conveying the sheer excitement that a wide-eyed journalist would have discovering what he feels is the scoop of a lifetime.

"The Men Who Stare at Goats" is rated R for language, some drug content and brief nudity and has a running time of 94 minutes. For more information on the film, including showtimes, visit imdb.com.

Movies With A Meaning: Gran Torino

"Get off my lawn!" disgruntled Korean War veteran Walt Kowalski yells at a group of Hmong (People from Vietnam, Laos and Thailand) gangsters who carry a fight into his yard.

"Gran Torino" tells the story of the racist Kowalski and his adaption to the ever-growing population of Hmong in his suburban Detroit neighborhood. Though bitter with rage at first, he decides to reform the black sheep of his neighbor's family after he discovers the adolescent attempting to steal Kowalski's prized possession; a 1972 Gran Torino.



As Kowalski takes his neighbor under his wing, he tries to teach the young man how to handle the aspect of being a man, like how to work with tools. At the same time, he also learns about the Hmong lifestyle, helping them bond.

Brookdale's Student Life Center is presenting "Gran Torino" as part of the "Movies With a Meaning" series. The 2008 film will be played on Wednesday,

Dec. 2 continuously from 9:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Students attending will be asked to respond to an assessment form after the film. Refreshments will be served.

"Gran Torino" has a running time of 116 minutes and is rated R for language and some violence.

The event is free to all. For more information on "Gran Torino," visit www.imdb.com. For more information about the Student Life Center's "Movies With a Meaning" series or more information about this event, call 732-224-2106.

Free Lunch And Laughs On The Menu Dec. 8

By Craig Donofrio

Everybody loves Mike - or so it would seem from comments made by some of Mike Estime's thousands of Youtube fans. The stand-up comedy star and frequent actor on "Everybody Hates Chris" will show his stuff at noon on Dec. 8 for Laugh at Lunch at BCC.

Estime began his comedy career while enrolled as a student at Howard University in Washington DC in 1993 and has been in the business ever since. In addition to stand-up comedy, Estime's resume also lists a host of acting and writing credits to his name.

Estime has appeared in more than 25 episodes of

"Everybody Hates Chris" from 2005 until the present and has also made appearances on "Talk To Me" and the "Bernie Mac Show." In 2006, Estime starred along Queen Latifah, LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton and others in the hit comedy film "Last Holiday."

A frequent guest on BET's "Comic View," Estime often goes into hysterical portrayals of what it was like to grow up as a Haitian-American.

Laugh at Lunch is free, open to all students, and will take place in Navesink III of the Warner Student Life Center. Contact the Student Life Center at 732.224.2500 for more information.

Lady Blues' Tough Defense Stops Late Rally In Season Opener

By Justin Worsley

Brookdale's women's basketball team won their season opener against Delaware Tech-Stanton 62-61, and it wasn't easy.

Though the Lady Blues, ranked tenth in the Junior College Division III poll, led by as much as six points throughout the game, they had a tough time putting their foe away.

With the game tied at 59-59 with only a minute to go, forward Michelle Blum, the game's scoring leader, hit a late field goal to permanently put Brookdale in the lead.

Despite being in the lead, the Lady Blues knew their opponent wouldn't lie down. Facing the possibility of entering overtime, freshman guard Victoria

DeTata stopped Delaware Tech's momentum before it even got started with a late steal.

Though only 5'3", DeTata plays aggressively and makes sure opponents acknowledge her presence on the court. Delaware Tech was never able to get off a clean shot due to DeTata's assault on any player with the ball.

"A lot of opponents undermine her because of her size," said Head Coach Joanne Cobb. "She's a force to be reckoned with. During pre-game warm-ups, she goes off by herself and shoots, to get herself in the zone. She's a very smart player and very talented."

Delaware Tech-Stanton is a tough team as well, ranked 16th in the



Center Kerriann Cassarello (#25) shoots from the foul line against Delaware Tech-Stanton. The freshman provided Brookdale with 11 points.

Junior College Division II poll. Brookdale's defense, however, proved to be too much for the Spirit.

Despite the quality win, Cobb knows there is much to work on.

"We need to work on passing and getting rebounds. Our defense played exceptionally well, which is what won the game for us, but this is the first game, and our team is young. We need time to smooth these things out," Cobb said.

As for the game-breaking shot, Blum didn't feel nervous.

"I just wanted to win the game," Blum said.

Though the game featured 17 lead changes, Brookdale always kept it close and was never losing by more than three points at

any given time.

A big reason behind this is due to the emergence of sophomore Tia Curtis in the second-half.

Curtis was held to only two points in the first-half of the game, but led the team in scoring during the second period with eight points. Overall, four Lady Blues scored at least 10 points.

"Coach Cobb told me to play harder in the second half, and I did," Curtis simply said.

While taking her team to the national tournament is always her annual goal, Cobb has other milestones she wishes to reach.

Cobb, who has served as the head coach of Brookdale's women's basketball program for 10

years now, has accumulated a 188-88 record. After their season-opening win, Cobb is only 11 wins away from winning 200 games. The earliest she could achieve this milestone is Dec. 22 against Sussex County College.

While the team takes a chess-like approach to games, using multiple offenses based on the type of defense presented to them, they were very successful when using the pick-and-roll, something Cobb plans to use more of in the future.

The Lady Blues will host Atlantic Cape College tonight at 7 p.m. in the Collins Arena. The event is free for all who attend. For more information on the women's basketball program, visit Brookdale's Web-site: brookdalecc.edu.



Victoria DeTata (top, with ball) leads the Ria Zantich (bottom) and the rest of the Lady Blues to a scoring drive.

Stay Safe, Get Tested For HIV

Though less than 1 percent of adults in America are infected, one out of every four people who are HIV positive do not know, an alarming statistic for such a deadly virus.

It is important to know your HIV status in order to reduce the chances of spreading the disease through both sexual intercourse and transmitting

blood.

Courtesy of the Black Student Union and the Student Health Center, Brookdale will be hosting a free HIV/AIDS screening.

Those who get tested will undergo a rapid HIV test, a technique developed in 2003 to provide results of the HIV test within 20 minutes.

Testing only takes a

One out of every four people who are HIV positive do not know they are infected.

few minutes. Some rapid HIV tests require a small sample of blood (some as little as one drop.)

Testing will be held 10

a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. No appointments are necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

For more inform-

ation, contact the Student Health Center at 732-224-2106.

Those interested in joining Brookdale's Black Student Union, or those who would wish to volunteer for this event, contact the Black Student Union at bsubcc@gmail.com.

The NFL Rookie Everyone Seems to 'Know' and Love

By Fred Richani

When Georgia running back Knowshon Moreno was selected 12th overall in this year's NFL Draft, many analysts were stunned. They figured that he would have gone somewhere in the late first round given the Denver Broncos' need for defensive help (the team's defense was nearly last in the NFL in every statistical category the previous season). So to see Moreno being drafted so high was surprising—but not to his fellow New Jersey natives.

"I played against him when we were in high school," said Robert Clarizio, 21, a Brookdale alum who has since transferred to Monmouth University. "When the kid played for Middletown South, he was dang near unstoppable."

Indeed the Belford native has turned heads on the football field since high school. During his tenure at Middletown High School South, Moreno led his football team to three Central Jersey Group III Championships, finished second all-time in rushing yards with 6,268 for New

Jersey high schools, and most impressively, finished first all-time in scoring for New Jersey high schools. In addition to his football commitments, Moreno also ran track and field as a sprinter during both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

After a stellar high school athletic career, Moreno signed a letter of intent to play for the University of Georgia. He redshirted in 2006 (sat out his first year as some freshman athletes do) and earned a spot on the football team in 2007. In his first year as the featured back for Georgia, Moreno rushed for 1,334 yards and 14 touchdowns. The next year he was even more impressive, producing 1,792 total yards of offense (running and receiving yards) and 32 TD—30 of them rushing.

At the start of this year, Moreno announced that he would enter the NFL Draft. He finished his decorated collegiate career with numerous accolades including Georgia Bulldogs Offensive MVP Award and *Sporting News*' Freshman of the Year.

"It makes me feel good to see a guy from our area get



Knowshon Moreno (left, #27) has become an asset to the Broncos. As a high school star at Middletown South, even opponents couldn't hold back from being in awe of his raw talents.

drafted that high on a legendary franchise," said Phillip Obermeyer, 20, a Brookdale alum from Englishtown. "I played against him when I was on the Manalapan Braves. I could tell at that young age, that he could be something special."

"He could have been one of those guys that who falls off after college, since he was always told he was the best, but that hasn't been the case," said Shaun Ahmad, 25, an NFL columnist on Examiner.com and BleacherReport.com in an interview with *The Stall*. "The guy has already exceeded expectations given Denver's depth at running

back and his size or lack thereof," Ahmad said.

Through his first eight NFL games, Moreno has 487 total yards of offense and three TD, while splitting touches with the Broncos' other running back Correll Buckhalter. In this short time, Moreno has not only impressed NFL insiders and fans, but made New Jersey natives who have watched him since high school extremely proud.

"I go to Freehold [Borough] High School and the football team doesn't talk about their championship," said Zac Blenden, 18, who plans to attend Brookdale in the fall. "All they talked about is how Knowshon

always destroyed our old teams and how he would be so fun to watch even on the losing side. I watched the guy in college and now in the pros—I'm in awe."

At 5'11" and 210lbs, Moreno is in great shape, lightning quick, and as some analysts say, ready to lead the league in rushing by next year. "The biggest drop-off from high school to college to the NFL for players is consistency," said Ahmad. "Moreno has been nothing but consistent...Consistently great."

For more information on Knowshon Moreno and the Denver Broncos, visit KnowshonMoreno.com and DenverBroncos.com.

Brookdale's Men's Basketball Team Crushes Opponent In Season Opener

By Matt Klein

The Brookdale men's basketball team cruised to their first win of the season with a 91-70 win over Junior College Division II Delaware Tech-Stanton.

Delaware Tech was no scrub either. The team won the Junior College Division II Region XIX Tournament last season along with a Division 9 title.

The team is all freshmen except for two returning sophomores. One of them Bill McDonough led the team with 26 points.

"Everyone stepped up tonight against a good DII team," said McDonough after the game. "They let me drive to the basket tonight".

After the game, head coach Paul Cisek talked

about what their goals were for this year.

"One of our goals this year is hoping to get better every day, we are very young we have 13 freshman and 2 sophomores," said Cisek. "I want them to learn that this is a different game than high school and that it's much faster."

"We want to make some noise in Region 19 this year," McDonough added.

Catch the men's team in action when they host Atlantic Cape next Tuesday November 24 at 5:00 at the Collins Arena. For more information about the men's basketball team, including this season's schedule, visit the Brookdale Web-site: brookdalecc.edu.



Brookdale's Acting President Margaret McMenamin (left) and new Associate Athletic Director Michael Medley (right) are in attendance for the men's trouncing of Delaware Tech.