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A major decision the world is facing

By Juan Cervantes
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On Aug. 21, Dictator Bashar al-Assad ordered a chemical weapons attack on the citizens of Syria, which was confirmed by the UN, killing an estimated 1400 innocent people with a powerful nerve agent called sarin gas. President Barack Obama responded by pursuing congressional approval to conduct an air strike against the oppressive regime, which was not welcomed by the majority of American citizens.

Almost three weeks later, on Sept.

10, President Obama addressed the nation on the pressing matters on Syria regarding the crimes against humanity, and the laws that were broken when al-Assad decided to murder over a thousand innocent civilians. The president, like the majority of the American people, is hesitant to take us into another war after having spent ten years fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, but will not tolerate a government that could potentially begin a new type of warfare.

The President's major concern is that we will not send a strong enough message, thus allowing

governments like Syria, and terrorist agencies, to believe that there is no reason to stop chemical attacks.

The potential for an air strike, however, is provoking insubordinate responses via Facebook and many other forms of social media by service members all over the country. These responses go along the lines of, "I will not fight for Al Qaeda," and other similar statements.

"I don't know, I dislike all of those [middle eastern] countries," said a recently deployed soldier in anonymity when asked if the U.S.

should get involved with Syria. "I personally believe they should be ruled with an iron fist. Do I think there's a possibility for us to go to war? No, we've been involved in ground wars for the last ten years."

He continued on by talking about the insubordinate soldiers who posted unlawful pictures about the situation on Facebook. "They are a bunch of [cowards]," he said, and recited the soldier's creed, "I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat."

The soldier, however, expressed a desire to serve on a second

deployment and said, "I'd volunteer for it. I just got back a month ago and I'd volunteer for it next. We were promised some action for nine months and nothing ever happened." Although, when asked if a second deployment would interfere with his studies he said, "it would [mess] things up for sure."

Colleges such as Harper College house thousands of reservists, active duty soldiers, and veterans, all of which wait on the whim of the commander-in-chief, and they can have their lives turned completely

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NATION

12 killed at Navy Yard shooting

By Michelle Czaja
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Another massive attack has brought tears to the families of the 12 victims, ranging in age from 46 to 73, who were killed at a Washington D.C. navy yard Monday morning.

gunman Aaron Alexis, 34, from Fort Worth, Texas, broke into a Navy Yard and began shooting everything and everyone before him. The chaos started shortly after 8 a.m.

Employees described a scene of confusion as they heard gunshots fired through the hallways of the Naval Sea Systems Command headquarters, on the banks of the Anacostia River, a few miles from the White House and about a half-mile from the Capitol.

Alexis was identified as a former naval reservist in Fort Worth. Officials said Alexis was able to drive onto the base using his access as a contractor. He shot an officer and one other person outside Building 197. As Alexis got into the building, he made his way to the floor overlooking the atrium and began shooting at employees eating breakfast below.

Three weapons were found

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Harper's annual Hullabaloo



MATT SADLER

Harper Pre-Med Club recruits possible new members at this year's annual Hullabaloo held Sept. 10 on the quad.

Club and organization expo meet-and-greet

By Matthew Sadler
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Hullabaloo is an event for clubs around campus to come together and reach out and introduce themselves to new and existing students. It is a chance for clubs to showcase what they have to offer and to have their voices heard. They have a opportunity to express their strengths, weaknesses, interests, goals, and things they would like to accomplish for this upcoming school year. At the same time, new clubs have the chance to get their foot in the door and start growing.

I interviewed several clubs at the club expo on Tuesday. Four of them that struck my attention the most were: The International

Studies and Programs, Phi Theta Kappa (Honors Society), The Buddhist Interest Group, and The Young Americans for Liberty.

First, we will talk about The International Studies and Programs. Some goals that they are trying to accomplish include: bringing more culture to the campus, having more people learn about them, and trying to increase participation. Their motto is: Awareness, Participation, and Intent.

The first event they have coming up is the Global Gurus Hang-out, located at The Academy For Teaching Excellence on Tuesday, Sept. 17. The second one is the Read Around the World, also located at The Academy For Teaching Excellence, on Friday, Sept. 27.

Thirdly, they have the Fall Study

Abroad Open House, located in Room A242 on Monday, Oct. 7. The fourth one is the International Education Week - locations and times TBA - on Monday, Oct. 28. The fifth one is the Faculty Study Abroad Workshop, again located at The Academy For Teaching Excellence, on Friday, Nov. 8. Finally, they will have another Global Gurus Hang-out, once more located at the The Academy For Teaching Excellence, on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

In addition, some Study Abroad opportunities this year include trips to Canterbury, England; Salzburg, Austria; Seville, Spain; Carlow, Ireland; and Xian, China.

Second, we will talk about Phi Theta Kappa (Honors Society). Their goals for this upcoming

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FASHION

The fall season's new hue

By Leah Nicolini
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Bold Black is seen on runways of every kind. Dim fashion shows, with lights streaming on prestigious faces, creating a dark, abysmal surrounding; jet black hair falling into a sleek cut; endless, lengthening outfits created from structured, daring cuts and edgy slate black stripes; obsidian hue prints like lightning bolts, crosses, diamonds, triangles, and moustaches. Bold black is being seen everywhere from Harper's hallways to trendy shops to Lifetime Channel's "Project Runway."

"Project Runway" has begun its 12th season and black has been a recurring theme that is getting more attention than any eccentric neon could. "Episode 7: Shoes First" was a prime example of eye-catching black ensembles. This episode contained a challenge for the designers to begin with shoes as an inspiration for their design. Although many of the designers have the same bold color choice, each outfit is very versatile in comparison to the others. Ranging from a shaggy-chic style to a structured minimalist look, different techniques and inspiration were used to make each design bold. Ken Laurence's design is a textured fabric formed

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Weather

Today High: 68° Low: 48° Sunny
Tomorrow High: 74° Low: 54° Sunny



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Syria: Obama addresses issue

upside down at any given moment.

Our soldiers are ready to hit boots on ground, should the occasion call for it, with the exception of a few insubordinate stragglers, so the American population should feel safe that our soldiers feel positive about going abroad. However, we as a nation, and a youthful community, have the power to

speak out against a war that can put hundreds of thousands of good men and women's lives in the line of fire.

War affects every single person, regardless of where in the world it is taking place, and it strikes the younger generation the hardest as they are the most apt to fight in grueling conditions.



Photo taken during a demonstration in Syria.

Shooting: biggest massacre since 9/11/01

on Alexis: an AR-15 assault rifle, a shotgun, and a semiautomatic pistol. It is unknown whether Alexis came in with the guns from the beginning, or if he took them from his victims.

Alexis had worked as a contractor in information technology and had been an employee of The Experts, a subcontractor on an HP Enterprise Services contract.

Alexis had had multiple encounters with the law prior to this Monday's shooting. In 2011, Alexis was discharged after exhibiting a "pattern of misbehavior". In 2010, he was arrested in Fort Worth for discharging a firearm after an upstairs neighbor said he had confronted her in the parking lot about making too much noise, according to a Fort Worth police report, and police in Seattle, where

Alexis once lived, said he was arrested in 2004 for shooting the tires of another man's vehicle.

Because of the lockdown of the Navy Yard, officials said they were unable to determine his current employment status, or if he had been fired from the navy yard. For hours, police believed that there might have been three gunmen and that two of them were on the loose in the city.

However, as the day went by, police concluded that Alexis was the only gunman in the rampage.

Washington D.C. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton told reporters the district has not "had a day like this since 9/11." President Obama ordered the flags at all federal and military installations to be flown at half-staff through Friday in honor of the victims.

"We are confronting yet another

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mass shooting, and today it happened on a military installation in our nation's capitol," said Obama. Obama said he wanted a "seamless" investigation into the shooting and was standing with the victims and their families affected by what he called a "cowardly act."

"It targeted out military and civilian personnel, men and women who were going to work, doing their job protecting all of us. They are patriots and they know the dangers of serving abroad," Obama said. "But today they faced the unimaginable violence that they won't have expected here at home.

The victims and their families will always be remembered in the hearts of our nation in connection with this unexplained and unwanted attack on September 16, 2013.

Hullabaloo: learn new ways of getting involved around campus

school year include trying to get more people involved and increasing student engagement so they can continue to help the Harper community.

The basic requirements to join this exclusive club are a 3.5 GPA and at least 12 total credit hours earned. The "Honors in Action" and "The College Project" are the two most important things for this club. The "Honors in Action" deals with competition within the Arts and how competition affects artists. "The College Project" deals with "Commit to Complete" and encourages students to complete their Associate's Degree to transfer to a 4-year college. Also, "The College Project" is the GED project; it helps students complete their GED diploma.

Their Main Pillars are Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. Like most clubs, the following things are also important: Community, Awareness, and Involvement. They think their club will help develop students professionally.

With "The College Project" specifically, they are advocating for the less-served programs, such as the GED program. They need Harper College's support to become a permanent part of Harper College. Their chapter does NOT choose their topic for the "Honors in Action" project, however. Phi Theta Kappa chooses their topic, it lasts for two years, and Harper's Phi Phi chapter chooses the theme they work on for that topic. Their theme this time is Culture of Competition and their topic is the Arts, so they are working on Competition in the Arts. Phi Theta Kappa meets Mondays 3:30pm-5pm at L-323 and their next meeting is Monday, Sept. 23. Their induction for new members is Tuesday, November 19th at 7pm at J-theater. They are excited to have new members come and make this year a success!

Third, we will talk about The Buddhist Interest Group. Some of their goals for this upcoming year include relieving stress, handling stress better, increasing the

growth of the club, helping develop the overall person, creating more open minds, bringing more peace to individuals, etc. They take a trip to the temple in Woodstock, IL, as they try to help people experience new environments.

People that are interested in this "type of philosophy" do not have to be experts by any means, and they do not need to have a lot of knowledge to join. They will learn about meditation and the benefits to this art, along with more about self-awareness.

They also have Dharma talks, guest speakers, and, of course, meditation on a regular basis. I am sure that one of the benefits to this "type of philosophy" is that it can prolong the life cycle of a person. It seems like it keeps the soul at peace. They meet Mondays from 3:30-4:30 PM in Building A, room A-238.

The last club I will mention is The Young Americans for Liberty. Of all these clubs, this one had the most traffic at the expo. They are trying to recruit as many people as

possible. Among other goals, they are trying to have at least three events on campus this school year. One of their points that stuck with me was, "Only you own your life and the right to act as you see fit, as long as you do not infringe upon the rights of others."

They accomplished some great things last year (their first year). They were named the outstanding club of the year at Harper College and were the national chapter of the year (out of 400 schools; only two were junior colleges.)

They also were given the best officer of the year award and achieved the national activism award (Choose Charity). They helped with the homeless, did a clothing donation, helped bring necessities to the underprivileged adults and children, and threw a Christmas party for the underprivileged children.

Their main objective is looking to train the new leaders of tomorrow. Their mission is "to identify, educate, train, and mobilize youth activists committed to winning

on principle." If you're interested, you can contact Co-Founder and President Scott Lietzow at Scottlietzow@gmail.com.

I spoke to three attendees of the Hullabaloo and asked them what they thought of the club expo. The first one was Erin Banker. She is the Vice President of the Sci-Fi Fantasy Gaming Club. She "feels that the music put everyone in a good mood." The second one was Shayde Fischer. She is not part of a club at the moment. She "thinks they should have rescheduled due to the hot weather." The third one was Megan Stella. She is interested in the Theater and Radio clubs, but she lacks the time due to a conflicting schedule. She stated "be very open to your options; you never know if it will bring success."

Join a club! Get involved. You may meet someone that can give you a job or a career. I advise you: do not wait! Do not take life for granted; it is too short. What can Harper College do for you and your future? Take Harper's advice: "Start, Finish, and Go Forward!"

J.K. Rowling Announces New Harry Potter Spin-Off Movie

By Larissa Martinez-Szewczyk
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Harry Potter fans all over the globe are celebrating! Why? Because Rowling has announced that Warner Bros. will be making a Harry Potter spin-off movie series, the first of which will be *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, based off of the small book that Rowling has written with the same title.

It was also announced that she will be writing the screenplay of the film as well, which means no characters or scenes being cut from it like what happened to Teddy, Peeves, and the final words between Dudley and Harry.

From what Warner Bros. and Rowling have said so far is that the film will follow the author of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, Newt Scamander, in the

1920s in New York, seventy years before Harry's time. That means the audience gets to see not only what American wizard society is like, and what it is like with flappers and the Prohibition, but also a world that is pre-Voldemort era.

Will Rowling show what an American wizarding school or their Ministry of Magic is like? Will they have the same laws that fans have come to know almost as well as real life laws? Could the audience get to see a magical Chicago during the Roaring Twenties? The possibilities are endless for what could be in this new film.

Harper student Aubrie Botello is very excited for this new film. She says, "It's been some time since the fans have had anything new since the last book and movie." Though Botello does not know who the main character is going to be in the film, she hopes that the Potter kids

and their friends will have a spot in it.

She has been a fan of Harry Potter since second grade and has read all the books and seen all the movies. "Each book only took me a day to read," Botello says, proudly wearing a Hogwarts shirt.

No one was more excited about the news than actress Evanna Lynch, who played Luna Lovegood in the Potter films. A huge fan before she got the role, Lynch got very excited over the news and took to Twitter.

She asked Rowling and Warner Bros. to let her play old Luna or to let her undergo hours of putting prosthetics on to become a crumple-horned snorkack, which is a magical animal that Luna and her father believed to exist.

All this is great news, but there is more. Along with making the new movie, Warner Bros. announced

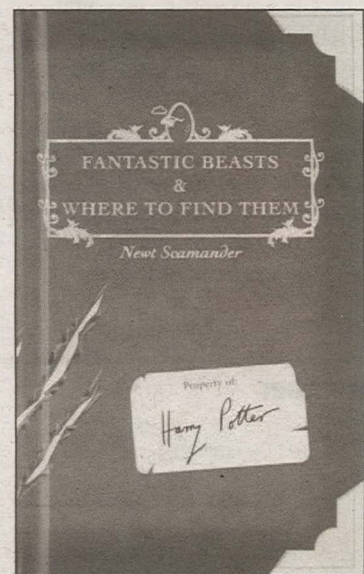
that they are going to include "Fantastic Beasts" into the Wizarding World of Harry Potter theme park in Orlando, which is already being expanded to include Diagon Alley and a Gringotts ride.

The new addition of whatever this new film entails will most likely be built by Diagon Alley, which is in a different area of the park from the Wizarding World. Park goers can travel from Hogsmeade to Diagon Alley by riding the Hogwarts Express.

All Harry Potter fans can enjoy this experience around the spring of 2014. Botello did not know about the expansion, but when she was told about it she replied, "That's awesome! I actually haven't been to it before, but I've always wanted to."

With all this news coming out to the public, the Harry Potter fandom has been revived. The Potter-

heads have risen out of the ashes just like a phoenix. Now they all wait to see when this movie will finally hit the big screen!



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“Riddick” carries big action but little elseLarissa Martinez-Szowczyk
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Directed by David Twohy, “Riddick” is the third installment of the Chronicles of Riddick film series, with “Pitch Black” and “The Chronicles of Riddick” as the film’s predecessors. Vin Diesel plays the starring role of Riddick, who was a king but was betrayed by Necromongers. He is joined by Matt Nable, who plays Boss Johns, and Jordi Mollá, who plays Santana. Both Johns and Santana are looking for Riddick in order to earn the bounty that has been set on him.

The film starts with Riddick left to die on a foreign planet with desert-like conditions and heaps of alien creatures just waiting to sink their fangs into him. He fights a few creatures and gets a pet dog in the midst of it, then notices an area that has water and grass, something he has not seen yet.

He goes there and discovers that it is a bunker for bounty hunters. Once he activates the emergency beacon, it sends Santana and his men flying over to kill him and get their reward. Boss Johns

and his crew later arrive as backup.

Both crews hide the power nodes to each of their ships in case Riddick tries to hijack the planes when they are unaware. But using the dark to his advantage, Riddick takes out some of Santana’s men using traps that he had found in the bunker. He then manages to steal both power nodes out of the cabinet that they were kept in, which had a coded explosive on the front of it.

A storm approaches that causes thousands of Mud Demons, a kind of alien creature with two legs, a scorpion tail, and sharp fangs, to spawn in the puddles made by the water. Thus, the bounty hunters are forced to go with Riddick to retrieve the power nodes so that they can escape the planet alive. The audience then finds out that Boss Johns has a plan of vengeance for Riddick since he believes that he killed his son years prior.

Overall, there is a lot of gore and fight scenes, but the plot is lacking. It is mentioned that Riddick used to be a king, but then he was not

paying attention, to whom is still unknown, and got deserted. The audience never finds out more about the people who betrayed him, nor does he go out for revenge on them. He just gets off the planet. The movie starts off slow, and it is not until about fifteen minutes in that the audience is shown anything besides Riddick fighting off aliens. That said, the fight scenes are entertaining and wonderfully gory. The final battle scene is just beautiful to look at as Riddick fights off Mud Demon after Mud Demon on the edge of a cliff as it rains, and lightning strikes on either side of the outcrop of rock.

If you are in the mood to watch something with gore and action and do not mind being left with questions afterwards, then this is the movie to see. But if you want to see a movie that has a good balance of gore, action, and plot, however, this is not the movie to see. Save your money until it comes out on Redbox where you will not regret spending so much money on a movie.

Rated: 6/10

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American Horror Story: watch out for the creepy new seasonCrystal Rohan
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When American Horror Story: Murder House first aired in October of 2011, I was a bit skeptical to start watching the show. I had never watched a horror television show before and wasn't sure what to expect.

Most of my friends, however, watched the show and loved it. They would tell me how much I needed to watch it every time they saw a new episode. But I honestly thought it was going to be a never ending scary movie and I hate scary movies.

I was completely wrong in every way. This show is just downright creepy and I loved it. The storyline itself keeps you guessing and surprises you with new characters in almost every episode.

The first season starts with the Harmon family, a dysfunctional family that moves into a haunted mansion in Los Angeles.

Each episode the family meets a new character who lives in the house, including the housekeeper, Moira O'Hara, in the first episode.

My favorite part about Moira is that men see her as a young woman in a sexy maid's outfit whereas women see Moira as a sweet, old lady just trying to do her job. It's all about perception and temptation.

The show gets creepier as other characters come out of hiding and interact with the family living in the house. The daughter of the Harmon family, Violet, is dealing with depression and finds comfort in a boy, Tate, who is a slave to the house.

Later on in the season we find out all these characters living in the house are dead and have been murdered in this mansion.

Violet is the first one of the family to die in the mansion when she commits suicide. Her parents still see

her throughout the house though, so they don't realize she is dead at first. Creepy! Yet the finale of the first season is the perfect way to end it. It leaves viewers wondering what will happen to the Harmon family next.

After watching the entire first season of American Horror Story on Netflix in two days, I couldn't wait to start season two the very next weekend. I anticipated in my head what would happen next in the mansion, to the family and other characters who lived there.

I came up with scenarios of a new family that moved in or which Harmon's became part of the mansion. But when it came time to lie down on the couch for another 48 hours and watch season two, I was blown away by what I was watching.

Season two had nothing to do at all with season one. At first, I was furious to find out I had been daydreaming

about a show all week that wasn't even going to answer any of my lingering questions from the prior season.

Then, about two episodes in, I realized that season two was just as good, or maybe even better, than season one. I started to love the fact that season two had a totally different plot and cast of characters than season one.

Season two returned with most of the cast from season one. It was very interesting to see how the actors played totally different roles. The boy, Tate, who lived in the mansion from season one was now playing a grown man in an insane asylum.

Thus, American Horror Story: Asylum is the name of season two. It takes place in a 1964 insane asylum and tells the story of a news reporter who gets admitted for being a lesbian.

The asylum is run by a church that has negative views about people who are

not like them. They believed this news reporter could be “fixed” with some “treatment.” Throughout the season, there are many interesting things that happen in the asylum.

An exorcism is conducted, and a nun who works there even gets possessed by the devil. Needless to say, season two is jam packed with tons of creepy stories that happen in this insane asylum, run by a power-hungry priest.

I was going through withdrawal when season two ended because there was no season three yet. Season three, American Horror Story: Coven, is now set to premier on October 9 this fall on FX.

It has felt like an eternity since I watched season one and two, a month ago, waiting for season three to come out, but American Horror Story: Coven is definitely the show that I am most looking forward to premiering this fall!

Harper Chief of Police Alsup investigates the impersonation of real-life police work by "NCIS"

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This fall, Mark Harmon stars in the eleventh season of the humor-filled, suspense series "NCIS" (Naval Criminal Investigative Service) on CBS, while Harper's Police Chief Michael Alsup proudly boasts 40 years on the beat. He compares his time in law enforcement and the realities of the job to the naval cop show and its entertainment factor.

Not only does he enjoy watching the show, but he has also met Harmon, who plays Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs, a former marine who joined the agency after it investigated a crime that afflicted his family.

Alsup also got his start in law enforcement due to a family connection. His father had been a policeman. "I absolutely hated the fact that he was a policeman, and it would have been the last thing I would have done in life," Alsup says.

In 1969, when the government started drafting for Vietnam, his birthday was the first to be pulled. However, Alsup disagreed with America's involvement, and while he would have gone if drafted, he had no plan of voluntarily joining the war. He decided to become a policeman in order to protect and serve in what he thought was a more helpful way.

Alsup wore the blue suit during his earlier years in municipal law enforcement, but today he dresses in office attire. Prior to his current 12 years at Harper, Alsup spent 14 years patrolling College of DuPage. Based on his prior years at COD and on the street, Alsup describes Harper as a relatively crime-free environment.

During the 2012 - 2013 school year, the police department received approximately 300 calls, and nearly 95 percent of the offenses were related to property crime. "It's an anomaly that we have serious crime on campus," says Alsup.

While Alsup and the Harper police department focus

on helping its students become socially responsible citizens, Harmon and his co-stars try to catch murderers, traitors, and spies. Harper's officers' main job is not to incarcerate people. They try to help students get back on the right track. Gibbs and his team are all about stopping the bad guys.

"Every episode on TV is solved in 56 minutes, yet very few of the crimes we investigate can even be solved in 56 hours or 56 days," says Alsup. "In fact, a lot of things go unsolved, but they don't make good television."

There is a lot to police work and the law that would never make it onto NCIS. Part of the show's attraction is the seemingly extraordinary way in which the characters get their suspects. Gunfights and car chases are a regular occurrence on the streets of Washington, D.C.

Alsup also noted that there are plenty of technological differences between the show and real life. He has two certified evidence technicians, but they cannot forensically examine cell phones and computer databases, disassemble a car, and they don't have any fancy equipment like Abigail "Abby" Sciuto's (Pauley Parrette), the tattooed forensic scientist, such as mass spectrometry or hand-held fingerprint scanners. These differences affect the real-life investigations.

Alsup doesn't rely on his gut, as Gibbs does, but instead, he follows procedures. The first thing the Harper police do is take an initial report. "This tells us if there are any plausible leads or not, or any forensic evidence we can use," says Alsup. They need to identify the who, what, where, when, and why, and each case is different.

Harper's police officers are more than qualified to run these investigations. They are required to have had 440 hours of police academy training, and once an officer begins work at Harper, he or she shadows a field training officer for 16 weeks, be-

ing spoon-fed everything he or she should do and how to do it.

Patrol-level officers must have a Bachelor's degree and administrators have earned a Master's degree. "I firmly believe that in order to be useful in this environment, the officer has to have lived the exact same things as the students," Alsup says.

Gibbs falls into this category, as he himself was a gunnery sergeant in the first Gulf war, but his team come from varied backgrounds. While Agents Anthony "Tony" DiNozzo (Michael Weatherly) and Ziva David (Cote de Pablo) come from the mean streets of Baltimore and Israel respectively, Agent Timothy "Tim" McGee (Sean Murray) started in the halls of MIT. All bring their own experiences from prior gigs to their current job, and Alsup does the same.

During his 14 years on the streets, he has been in three gun-fights, held hostage twice, and stabbed once. Alsup calls himself, and his fellow officers, a hired gun. The officers do what 90 percent of the population wants nothing to do with. "It takes a special kind of officer to work here," says Alsup.

Every officer on campus takes the job personally. "I look at Harper College as my home," says Alsup. "It's staff, students, and visitors are my family." Therefore, Alsup feels that, when there is a crime, someone is attacking either his house or his family. Because the campus is an environment of less danger, the officers are able to hang up their gun belts at the end of the day and enjoy their family lives.

Gibbs and his crew seem to be focused on the job even in the middle of the night, and they are always working some sort of angle. Alsup describes real police work as 99 percent boredom and one percent sheer terror. "It's just the way it is. If you were doing the 99 percent boredom, you wouldn't sell very many tv shows."

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New year, new school, new fun

Jennifer Cowell
Copy Editor

I had the opportunity to sit down with one of Harper's fresh faces, Eliza Maldonado. She is 19, and just starting out on her college journey from Wheeling High School.

When I talked to her, Harper's first week was just wrapping up, and she describes that first week as good but weird, since there is much to get adjusted to when coming from high school.

For instance, she talks about how it was different needing to find her own classes, and especially hard parking! I think just about every Harper student can attest to the nightmare of finding a parking spot in the college's crowded lots.

Other things she describes as being different from high school are the classes in general and all the syllabi. It is also different having to understand what is to come next. "It's unexpected," she says.

Maldonado is studying science, most specifically biology. She hopes to use this major to become a pediatrician someday. Once she is done with a year at Harper, she then plans to transfer to the University of Illinois at Chicago, or UIC, where she will continue in biology.

She is eager to get connected at Harper and is interested in the International Students' Club, along with any other clubs that might be related to her major.

For example, anything in research studies. She loves to be active, too, so joining clubs is a natural choice.

"The environment here is very lively," she says of Harper. There are a lot of people, because, as she points out, it is a fairly large school for a community college.

But, since she loves making new friends, she's ready to get into the swing of things and enjoy her college experience Harper!

South Park premier, criticism and review

Hanan Aquil
Office Manager

South Park's humor, satire, and sarcasm have entertained watchers of Comedy Central since 1997.

Matt Stone and Trey Park created South Park as a film class project using cutout animation, which has turned into a successful sixteen season show and counting.

Many find South Park hilarious in its satirical commentary, whereas others find the show not as brilliant.

Alex Vincent, president of Harper's Film Club, is an avid watcher of South Park and finds the show funny, topical, and an impressive production, given the time in which each episode is created.

Within one week of the news reporting about corrupt Catholic priests, "South Park" aired "Hot Red Catholic Love," referencing the issue. Vincent remarks, "When you watch a new 'South Park' episode when it airs, it just makes sense. Most episodes in 'South Park', to some degree, mention what's topical and current."

Others don't find "South Park" that amusing.

24 year old Sean Pedersen feels that the show is not as funny as it used to be. Another Harper student, Lara Sladek, states, "We're more mature than that." "South Park" has a lot of black and vulgar humor, which can make the show seem immature and silly. But Pedersen admits that the episodes aren't entirely ridiculous and says, "It seemed like they were so harsh and made fun of too many people but in the end, they make up for it with a wholesome message."

Vincent states that "South Park" remains a medium through which Matt Stone and Trey Parker explain how they feel about the news.

Whether people find the show entertaining and topical, or dirty and uninteresting, "South Park" still continues to make satirical episodes that remain relevant to topics of today.

"South Park" is expected to air its seventeenth season September 25, on Comedy Central.

Film Club: Behind the Scenes

Hanan Aquil
Office Manager

Created in 2009, President Alex Vincent and Vice President Andrew Allen are running film club while advisor Kent Hemmer, Harper College English Professor, supports the group.

Film club is where students can gather to appreciate and create film and videos. Vincent and Allen try to "broaden student's horizons on film" and introduce students to films they would not otherwise see themselves.

Allen discusses the process of production, the use of multiple cameras and multiple cuts in a shot, and multiple shots in a scene.

He emphasizes that, "As a club, we want to cover the making part... we want to use the knowledge we gain from watching and use it for the production of our videos and make it as close to an actual production."

Film club posts their vid-

eos on Vine and Vimeo. Vincent's goals for film club are to make at least one thirty-second to two minute video a month and to make several shorter Vine videos a week.

He states, "Film club will be making a lot of vines as creative as possible... to make us comfortable with the camera." Film club is a great place to learn about film, and Allen emphasizes that you don't have to be good at watching or making film to join.

He states, "We would like to use this club as a learning experience... even if Alex and I am the president and vice president of the club, we are still learning new information on watching, discussing, or making film." If this article didn't convince you to join, come see the club for yourself on Wednesdays at 4:30pm to 5:30pm in L-221 and learn to appreciate and make good film. Also come check out their videos on Vimeo named "FilmClub HarperCollege."



Fashion: new color to hit runways

into a sassy, short dress that includes a peplum waistline. The manipulation of the textured black fabric was used very well in this challenge, giving the dress a fitted, rhythmic form. Peplum blouses and dresses can be found at many trendy retailers. Justin LeBlanc's design shaped into a sleek one-piece jumpsuit, with a leather shawl. The sharp, clean edges on the cuts of his design are eye-catching, so the simple fabric will stand out. Alexandria von Bromssen's dress is very shaggy-chic from the overall style the outfit portrays. The thigh-high gladiator sandals look like those of a warrior and the dress, made in inspiration of them, definitely reflects that. In addition, the black

dress has a bouncy drape and a tightened waistline.

Bold black will be seen in the upcoming fall and winter trends, and this year's Harper College Student Fashion Show is no exception. The theme for the show will be bold, based on styles being seen on television, in stores, on the runway and in everyday fashion, and there will surely be some bold black statements made. This hue can be made to dress up or down as needed and can fit any occasion accordingly. Woodfield's H&M recently embellished on this thought of universal black attire. In their punkesque line, a lot of black is incorporated and became the theme for their front window display. This window display

draws attention with its clean simplicity as their most apparent virtue.

A Harper College fashion design student is well aware of this easily manipulated color and tells me how black is dominating her closet. Kathleen Suarez, 25, showed off her bold black practically and simply. With the sudden changes in weather, she incorporated layers and fall accessories. Kathleen's simple black tee was embellished with a cardigan that had a bold lining of fabric imitating the appearance of leather. In addition, her cable knit, baggy black hat and lace-up charcoal boots made her fashion statement appealing without taking away from her day-to-day, casual attire.

Vegetable Pasta Stroganoff

John Filler
Dining Services

Ingredients

- 1 lb. sliced button mushrooms
- 1 lb. baby portabella mushrooms, sliced
- 6 oz. diced red onion
- 3 tbsp. chopped garlic
- 1 tbsp. dried oregano
- 2 whole bay leaves
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 6 oz. red wine
- 1 qt. heavy cream
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- ¼ tsp. cracked black pepper
- 3 lb. cooked pasta, about
- 1 lb. uncooked pasta

Preparation

Step 1. Slice mushrooms and onions. In medium sauce pot, on medium high heat, sauté mushrooms and onions for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently.

Step 2. Add garlic, oregano and bay leaves. Saute one more minute. Deglaze pan with red wine. Let the red wine reduce by half the

amount, about two minutes.

Step 3. Slowly add in the heavy cream. Bring sauce to a simmer and add in salt and pepper. Taste after three minutes of simmering and add more salt and pepper to taste, if needed. Let this reduce until the sauce rolls slowly off a spoon.

Step 4. Cook pasta following directions on package. Mix pasta and sauce and serve.



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2013-2014

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Friday, September 27

- What is leadership and how can you begin to lead your life?
- Do your values match your actions?
- Understand your identity in group settings

Understanding Others

Friday, October 18

- What is personality?
- How can I communicate more effectively?
- How can I effectively apply active listening skills to enhance my communication?
- Building trust and facilitating connections

Leading Self

Friday, November 15

- How can I make better decisions?
- Understand how to set goals and reach them
- Embracing life as it comes
- Time, managing your most valuable resource
- Understand the skills needed to maintain a work-life balance

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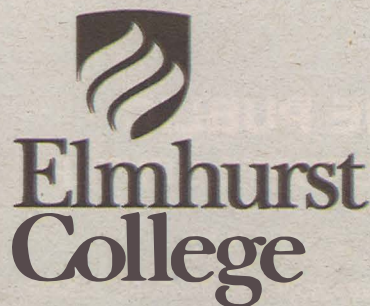
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Jacob Scott

At Elmhurst it's easy to get involved at a high level. I was news editor for the newspaper, I have an internship, and I'm a fellow with the Interfaith Youth Core. Regular people can make a real difference here.



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The Women's Soccer Team Defeats Milwaukee Tech with only Eight Players

Crystal Rohan
Staff Writer

OAK CREEK, Wisconsin—The ferocious sun was beating down on the eight players of the Harper women's soccer team as they warmed up for their first game of the season Wednesday afternoon, on September 11. The players of the women's soccer team had a long wait and worked hard to finally get to this moment.

They were forced to cancel their first two scheduled games because they did not have enough players. Despite the rough start, excitement filled the air as they stepped onto the field for the kickoff of the game.

The humidity that day would be a challenge for the Hawks and the women of Milwaukee Area Technical College. Jill Zelek, who usual-

ly plays a field position, started as goalie for the Hawks in the first half. "I've never actually played goalie. I've always been a field player," Zelek explains.

The Milwaukee Tech Stormers started the game with a full field of 11 players, but no substitutes. Each team struggled with the heat in the first half of the game. The Hawks even gave up the first goal, putting the Stormers in the lead. Despite the setback, the Hawks seemed to keep up the pressure on the Stormers in the first half. The Hawks had many shots on goal but struggled to finish the ball at first.

Zelek, sophomore, was then taken out of the net after 15 minutes and was pushed up as their one forward. The Hawks continued to keep the

ball on their offensive half of the field. With two minutes left in the first half, Zelek scored to tie the game. When the whistle blew to indicate halftime, both teams walked off the field exhausted. Coach Dwayne Cruz gathered his players and began his half-time speech. "I told them to just knock the ball around because the first half was very sloppy," Cruz explains. "I told them to go hard the first 10 minutes of the second half."

The Hawks did exactly that, by dominating the game in the second half. Nicolette Kruczek, freshman, started strong by scoring the first goal in the second half. The Hawks now had a 2-1 lead over the Milwaukee Stormers. The Hawks found a rhythm after that first goal of the second half. They started

to play simpler passes to each other and finish most of their opportunities. Zelek scored a second goal, followed by two more goals from Kruczek.

Outside midfielders Steph Hurwitz, sophomore, and Vanessa Salazar, freshman, also each scored a goal. "I knew we'd win the game if they did what I told them, but if they didn't listen I didn't know what was going to happen," says Cruz.

Jess Cosentino, sophomore, dominated in the Hawk's defensive end, only letting two goals get by in the second half. The Hawks played more strongly in every position in the second half, giving them a win for the game. The final score was 7-3, which gave the Hawks a perfect start to their delayed season.

Cruz talks about the disci-

pline of the Hawks and how it was evident in the second half. "They really listened to me in the second half. That resulted in saving our energy and tiring out the other team.

They made less mental mistakes and played good soccer." The Hawks have now officially started their season with an incredible win, even though they are down 3 players and having no substitutes for their first game. The women's soccer team has recruited more girls this week to play in their upcoming games.

They are scheduled to play two games in Minnesota Saturday, September 14 and Sunday September 15. After those, come support the Harper women's soccer team as they play at home versus College of DuPage on Wednesday, September 18.

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Harper's Connection to Chicago Bears' Season Opener Win

Michelle Czaja
Staff Writer

The 2013-2014 National Football League season has begun! Fans of all teams rage over the exciting first games of the season. Players show what they are made of, play after play, and coaches guide their team to victory. The American Football Conference (AFC) and National Football Conference (NFC) come off with eight teams winning and eight teams losing their first games of the season. While some teams walked off the field smiling because of their amazing victories, other teams left the field hoping to do better every following game.

The Chicago Bears did it once again, winning their first game against the Cincinnati Bengals 24-21. In the fourth quarter, Quarterback Jay Cutler had to make the biggest decision of the game with new Head Coach Marc Trestman—whether or not to continue and see if they could make another first down. Fourth and inches, Cutler hands off the ball and

the Bears made it a first down. First and ten, Cutler throws the ball toward the end-zone, making a touchdown. It was “The blitz pick up that won the game,” states Lester A. Wiltfong Jr. in an article for the *Windy City Gridiron*.

Football is a very challenging sport and requires so much work and practice. The one really big thing that has grown annually is the rate of concussions and injuries in an ordinary game of football. In hopes of improving fewer injuries, former Head Coach, Bear, and current Palatine Mayor Jim Schwantz coaches the “Northwest Flag Football League” (NWFFL) in Palatine, Illinois, along with the Director Matt May.

Both Schwantz and May have teamed up to offer NWFFL, the premier football development camp for boys in Chicago's Northwest suburbs. NWFFL believes that flag football is the best place to learn the game before you put the pads on. Learn strategy, special teams, and positions while building a strong foundation in the fundamen-

tals of the game.

Their goal is to have every player—regardless of size, talent, athleticism, or ability—learn the proper fundamentals of football and improve their athleticism so they are prepared to participate safely in tackle football upon entering the seventh grade.

NWFFL understands the importance of developing better football players and athletes, and as a result, 25 percent of all practices are committed to plyometrics (a system of exercise in which the muscles are repeatedly stretched and suddenly contracted) with a professional trainer.

The team consists of 90 third-through-sixth grade boys taking part in the first year of the league. “Obviously I owe a lot to football, and I know there's a huge void of kids who aren't ready to play tackle game yet but really want to be involved in football. Here we're limiting the number of hits. We're giving them a chance to play football and when they're ready, if they're ever ready, they can

go on to tackle football and we'll be excited and happy for them,” said Schwantz.

The NWFFL rents the practice field from Harper, practicing every Tuesday and Thursday night. Using the field for practices and for games, Harper is proud to say that they are part of the team, as they offer and let them use Harper's field and equipment to make their games better.

The team will be having their championship game on Sept. 28, where everyone at Harper and the community is welcome to come and be a part of in the Harper Stadium. Harper College is glad that they could help a team which has just began in the community and hopes to keep it that way for years to come.

After speaking with the Director of Athletics and Fitness Douglas Spiwak, he expressed that Harper loves to share their facilities with the community because it brings people from around the area to Harper, and the experience that people become a part of on the campus raises the enrollment. Spiwak noted that

this was a test year for the NWFFL and that they have done various checks for damages on the field and that everything looks good. There will be an evaluation done at the end of the season.

“I feel that the organization is great because they are teaching the boys football skills, where they learn that skills are important along with preventing concussions. Even though the kids might not end up playing tackle football, it still gets the kids involved,” said Spiwak. Harper helps the team by lining the field for them and working directly with Dana Tenenbaum, the Events Operations Supervisor of Wellness and Sports, where contracts and needs are met.

Harper is very happy with the NWFFL being here. Adding to that, Spiwak mentioned that part of the plan in reconstruction here at the college involves the remodeling of Building M: Wellness and Sports, and showcasing events and activities like this will help solidify that decision.

Fantasy Football and “The League” Television Show

Matthew Sadler
Staff Writer

Fantasy Football is a fictitious game played by friends/classmates/others. It starts by doing a draft, like any draft in real sports. The draft order is selected by chance. You select all your players one at a time in a “timed” draft. You can also do an “auto” draft where all your players are chosen by the computer.

There is a quarterback, running backs, receivers, a tight end, a kicker, and a defense (or something very similar depending on the settings the league creates before the draft). You play one team at a time each week, usually for twelve or thirteen weeks (leaving the last three or four for playoffs).

This is called “head-to-head.” You can also do “rotisserie” which adds up all the points per week for the whole season, and whoever has the most points wins the league. There are other variations as well, but the most popular is

“head-to-head.” In my opinion, it is the best way to play.

“The League” is a comedy television show that exemplifies Fantasy Football to the fullest. It was first aired Oct. 29, 2009, and is set in Winnetka, Illinois. It is a very funny comedy about a Fantasy Football League they all play in every year.

The plot basically goes through the daily lives of these characters/members. The main characters are Pete, Kevin, Rodney, Andre, Taco, and Jenny (wife of Kevin). If you are interested in learning more about the characters in the show, tune in Wednesdays 10:30 p.m. on FXX.

I interviewed three people about Fantasy Football and/or “The League” and asked the questions:

- 1) Do you like Fantasy Football and/or “The League?”
- 2) What do you like/dislike about it?
- 3) If you could change one thing about Fantasy Football and/or “The League” what

would it be?

4) Who is your favorite player/team?

5) Who is your favorite character in the show?

Nicole Cihock was the first person I interviewed. She likes the game and the show, but what she dislikes about the game is when the internet connection gets screwy and automatically drafts someone that is not good.

What she likes about the show is that it is hilarious and overdramatic. She would not change much about the show, except that it is on when she is working or at school. Her favorite player is Aaron Rodgers. She met him with her cousin and says that he is very level-headed. She says he is humble when interviewed.

Jon Sanfilippo was the second person I interviewed. He has been playing this game for about 10 years now. He says that the main entertainment aspect of it is the opportunity to beat your friends. It can create some friendly

football rivalries, and you can cheer on your favorite NFL teams/players. He enjoys watching the show because it highlights how team rivalries arise amongst fantasy teams.

Often times these rivalries are created through football smack-talk, friendly prank-oriented bets, and the way your team competes every week. “The League” captures the antics with being involved in a fantasy football league so well that they push the limits of the college-frat-boy humor.

He also says, however, that sometimes the show overdoes some of the humor and takes the pranks or writing to places beyond where he thinks a show should go.

His favorite team is the Chicago Bears, and his favorite player is Charles “P-nut” Tillman. He is known for causing fumbles, which has become known as a “peanut punch.” He goes on to say that there is always one or two players in the game that are “laughing stocks” to the other players.

Jon also agrees that Taco is funny, and not an important player in their show.

Griselle Quinones was the third person I interviewed. This year is her 1st year playing the game. She likes it so far, and says she also likes the show. She likes the competitiveness of the game.

One thing she would change about the game would be the process of drafting, since she wishes it was more consistent. She says people can have an unfair advantage in the draft process. Her favorite team is the Cleveland Browns, and she says she is looking forward to watching Trent Richardson play. Her favorite character is Pete because he starts small fights, while at the same time he knows what he is doing.

This is a game that is fun; this is a show that is great for watching with the guys. Enjoy the Fantasy Football season, and enjoy the show “The League.” Watch the next episode Sept. 25.

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Letter from the Editor: Growing up on TV

Cheryl Gistenson
Editor-in-Chief

Is it just me, or do the teens of today seem older than the teens of yesteryear? I don't mean maturity level, in fact, that aspect of age probably has the opposite problem. We don't need to grow up as quickly as we used to, but we want to grow up faster than before.

There's a middle school down the street from my house that has grades six through eight, but you'd never know it watching the kids outside.

Driving past the school one afternoon, I saw a group of girls walking down the side of the road. They were in hoochie-mama-shorts, barely past the butt cheek, shirts that showed cleavage that two out of three of them hadn't developed yet, and each of the girls had approximately three tons of makeup

on. This wasn't the worst part of it though. All of them were smoking!

I know there are multiple factors that brought these young, impressionable girls to such a tragic state of existence: family circumstances, peer pressure, etc. However, I'd like to focus my disgust towards the media.

Like I said, young kids didn't dress or act like this 30 and 40 years ago.

Take a look at the television show "The Wonder Years" and compare—well, everything.

Kevin Arnold (Fred Savage) and his two friends Paul Pheiffer (Josh Saviano) and Gwendolyn "Winnie" Cooper (Danica McKellar) played outside after school. If Winnie wore shorts, she had knee-high socks on and the shorts reached to the top of her knee. If Kevin wanted

to play with his friends, he would just run across the street, ring the bell, and see if they were at home.

Today, kids sit around texting each other and playing Facebook's popular game app Candy Crush Saga. If Kevin isn't at home, he has surely "checked in" with his location, thoughts, and whatever meal he's eating, on Facebook or FourSquare.

Many assume media is the mirror of culture's state at any given time, but I think it's the other way around.

Kids see their favorite celebrity playing a character who smokes, and they idolize this image. Kids tend to mimic the actions of the "cool" character.

Part of this problem is that the characters of today's media are all portrayed by older actors.

On the show "Hannah Montana," Miley Cyrus's

16-year-old brother, Jackson Stewart, was played by the 32-year-old actor, Jason Earles.

Now, take this, and add the ever-quickening pace of today's society, and you wind up with 13-year-olds acting like 20-year-olds.

The moral of the story is not to shelter our young from society and smash all of our televisions. Instead, engage in a conversation with these youngsters and ask them why they feel they need to portray themselves in such a manner. Make sure they understand that television, movies, and celebrity media are not realistic. Basically, make sure they are thinking for themselves and understand why they do the things they do. Because, remember, the frontal lobe controls common sense, and it isn't fully developed until a person's early 20s.

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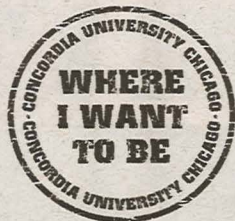
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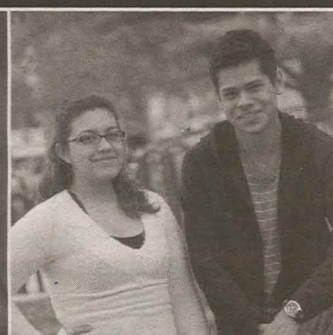
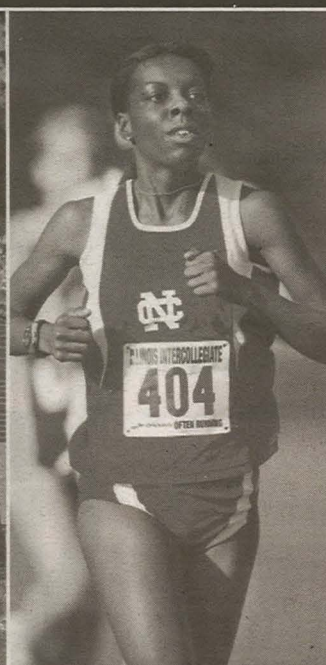
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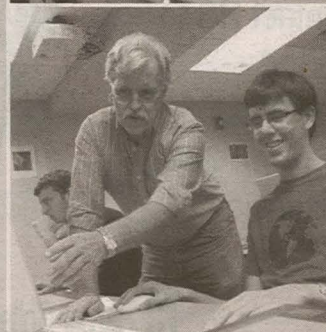
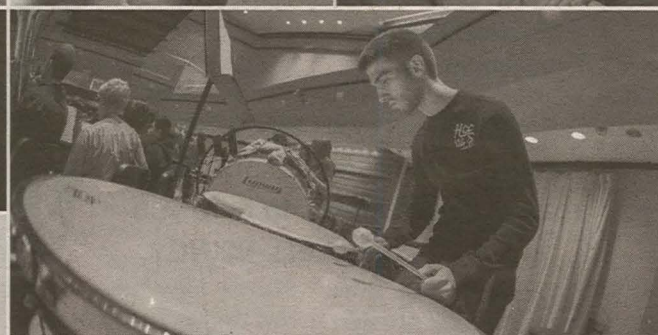


HERE’S WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU:

Presentation topics include

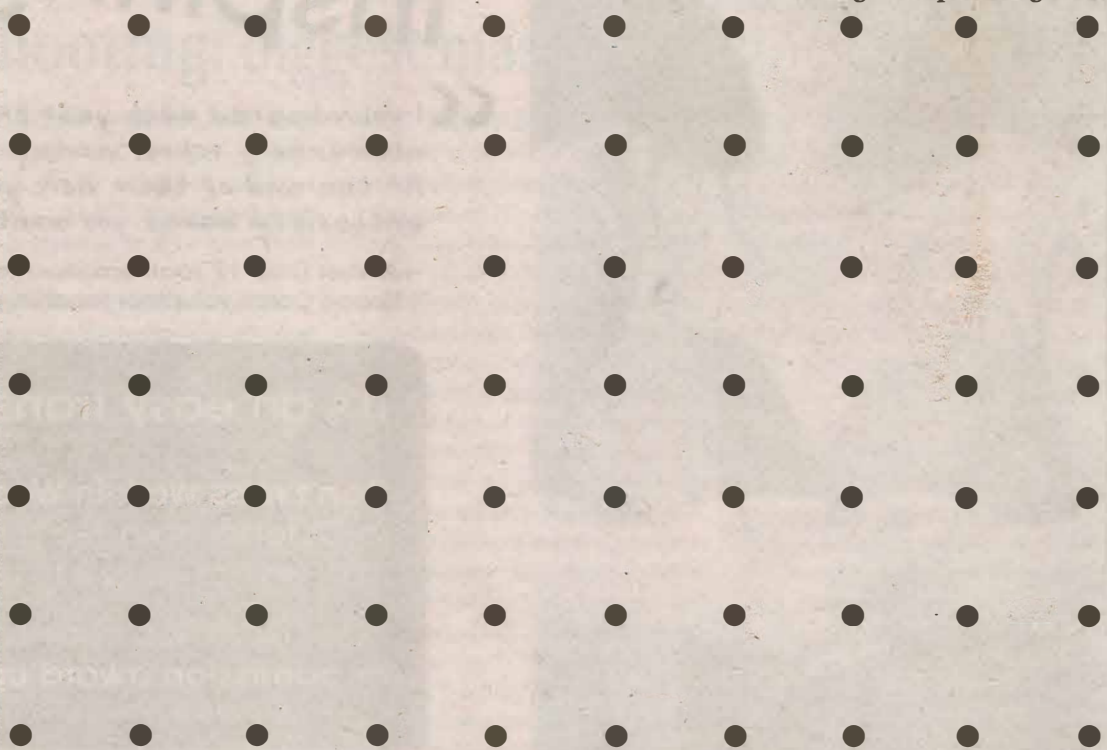
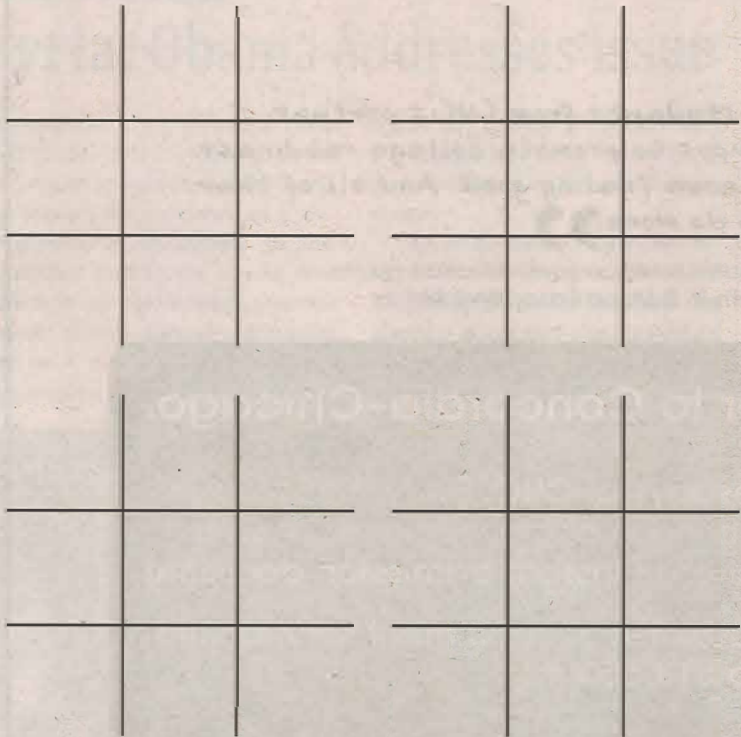
- » Academic Highlights
- » Introduction to Student Services
- » Transfer Admission & Financial Aid Overview
- » Student Panel

You will also have the opportunity to meet our faculty and take a walking tour of our beautiful 65-acre campus in Naperville’s Historic District.



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Health Services

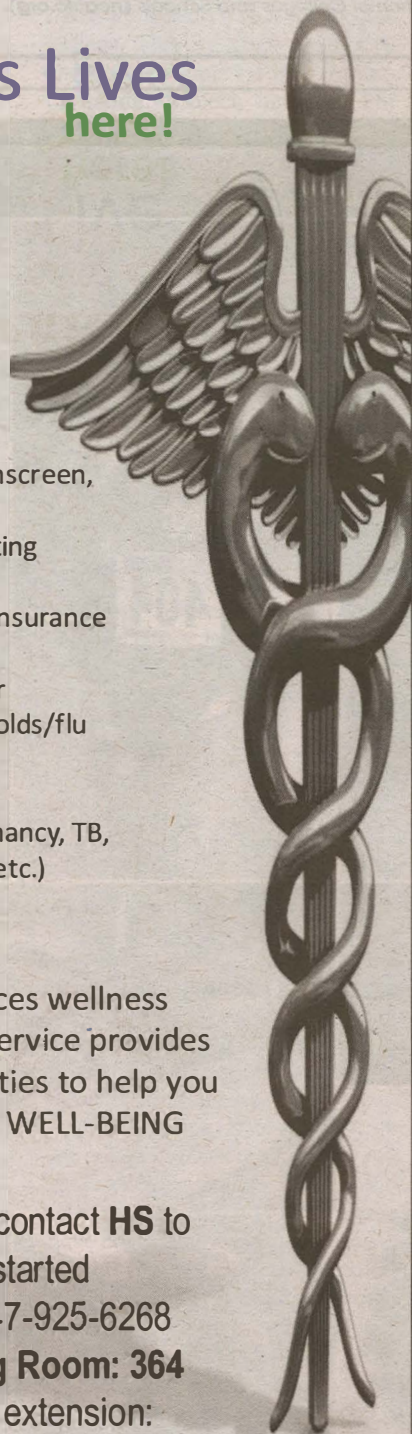
Wellness Lives here!

We are here for you:

- **FREE** condoms
- Cough drops, sunscreen, lip balm
- STD and Pap testing
- Birth control
- Student health insurance information
- Over-the counter medication for colds/flu immunization
- Health screenings (pregnancy, TB, blood pressure, etc.)
- **Physical Exams**
- **Vaccinations**

Health Services wellness programs and service provides many opportunities to help you enhance your WELL-BEING

Stop by or contact **HS** to get started
 Phone: 847-925-6268
A-Building Room: 364
 Campus extension: 6268



Preparing for the Season

DAVID DRAGOVICH

Harper College Blood Drive

Wednesday, Sept. 25
Room A-242
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



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