Houle to head 2008-09 SGA, Nantista elected student trustee

Robert Houle, SGA president
By Nathanael Snyder
Staff Reporter

The polls have closed for the spring semester elections with a total of 118 votes having been cast. Chad Gamboa won the Treasurer seat with 82 votes. He defeated Margaret Hurley.

Krista Walker, SGA secretary
Barbara Wheeler triumphed over Justin Glover in a close race for the title of Sophomore Senator. She had 60 votes.

Winning the seat as President of the Executive Board was Robert Houle with 107 votes. Student Trustee was earned by Nathan Nantista with 99 votes. Krista Walker was named Secretary with an accumulation of 102 votes. Each had run unopposed and only missed votes because some students chose to only vote for one or more positions instead of all five.

Chad Gamboa, treasurer

Barbara Wheeler, sophomore senator
The Vice President’s seat has been left vacant due to a lack of candidates. This issue will be resolved in the upcoming fall elections when both that seat and the new Freshman Senator will be elected. Voting will be a one day affair during the fall semester and likely will be held in the corridor of the Student Union. The candidates will be allowed to campaign in the cafeteria or outside the school, and there are plans to have both blurbs and video speeches accessible to the students who want additional information on the candidates.

College governance, elections highlight SGA meeting
By Stefanie Beckman
Staff Reporter

Many issues were voted on by the Senate Tuesday at the Student Government Association meeting.

First was a request by math tutor Bill Lomanto, who is also the chair of the governance committee. Lomanto asked for feedback about the possible addition of student representatives to the shared governance committee.

Lomanto said that while a few students currently serve on the committee, they would like for students to be represented more because the committee meets to decide policies. Students would be affected the most as a result.

The new governance committee will have representatives from the clerical, faculty, grounds and administrative population.

Lomanto asked for senators to visit him in the Math Lab and give him input on a sufficient number of students needed.

The Senate also voted unanimously to hold fall elections for one day in the third week of September. The September elections will determine the Freshman Senator and Vice President, as no one ran for the position during the most recent elections.

Spring elections will be held in the first week of April before the monthly SGA meeting. These elections will run for two days and polls will be open for the same amount of hours as in the spring.

The following clubs are being deactivated: Cheerleading, Computer, Language Club and Pagan Circle.

Student Life has goal of promoting civility on campus
By Kamesha Brison
Staff Reporter

Co-chairman of the student life committee Paul Giudilli has begun promoting civility between FM faculty, staff and students.

Civility is the act of showing regard, respect, and responsibility for others. Giudilli feels that “everyone should be respected by one another and that civility is something that should be expected by both students and staff.”

Giudilli has started to promote civility by handing out an article: The Fourth and Fifth R’s, respect and responsibility, The Virtues project: Bringing out every child’s inner goodness by Linda Kavelin Popov.

Giudilli is also in the process of developing a freshmen year experience course (ER 105) starting the fall 2008 semester.

Giudilli feels that giving and receiving respect is a very important issue at FM. Giudilli said, “One of my classes was disrupted from noise and profanity in the hallways. That situation was very disrespectful and unacceptable.”

Giudilli said that making students and staff aware of civility will prevent disruption and other unacceptable things from occurring, making the campus a better learning environment.

Job Fair for FM students Wednesday on campus
By Erica Basco
Staff Reporter

Slick back your hair and shine those shoes, folks! The FM Job Fair is coming Wednesday, April 16, with a plethora of opportunities to, well, get employed.

FM is partnering up with Fulton and Montgomery County Chambers of Commerce and FMS Work Solutions to offer students and other job seekers the chance to meet local employers and gather a glimpse of who is hiring in their community.

“This is the biggest we’ve had,” Acting Director of Advising, Counseling & Testing Mary-Jo Ferrarulo says. 58 employers are going to attend the fair, seeking part-time, full-time, or even employees for just the summer.

Fleraslo adds that the event is free of charge for interested applicants and businesses, and warns, “Students should come prepared.” She advises students to dress nicely bring a resume with them.

FM presents new campus logo

By STEFANIE BEEKMAN
Staff Reporter

Fulton Montgomery Community College has revealed a new logo; one that President Dustin Swanger hopes will increase enrollment.

The school wanted to change the old logo; a circle logo with the school’s name, the year it was established and a picture of a torch.

The new logo shows a green F overlapping a blue M. The new logo under this says simply “Futures Made Here.”

Swanger also says the new logo and slogan are current and contemporary and adds a “coolness factor” that he hopes will attract more students to the college.

Jane Kelly, interim vice president of student affairs says that the hired marketing and brand consultant service Fairbrother & Co. LLC advised the college to embrace the shortened version of the school’s name because that is what the community calls FMCC.

Swanger says that the logo, which has been seen by students, alumni and board members, has received positive response.
Water main break closed campus in March
By: SRITTHE PERSICO
Staff Reporter

On the afternoon of March 14, FMCC was forced to operate under a boil water advisory due to a water main break on campus.
The break occurred within a 10-inch line located underground in the South East area of the quad closest to the PE building.

There is no apparent reason why the break had occurred. It caused several thousands of gallons of water to be spilled as well as an emergency evacuation of the water pipe.

Immediately following the news of the break, the department of public safety, buildings and grounds, and the emergency management team met to decide what to do about the problem. Judging from the situation the group decided it was not pertinent to close the school but made sure that there were warnings posted throughout campus and especially on water fountains.

The water main break affected the entire college community. The HFM Bones facility was warned of the problem. Port-a-Potties and water that was safe to drink was transported to the campus view apartments to keep the students from getting sick due to any bacteria that may have entered the water during the break.
The water pipe was excavated and patched by 9 on the evening of the break but the water boil advisory was still intact until clearance from the department of health.

The criteria for such clearance, is that two water tests are required to lift the advisory when a problem like this occurs.
The second water test was conducted on the Wednesday immediately following the break. After this test the water proved to be clear of bacteria and toxins causing the advisory to no longer be in effect.

Academic Quiz Bowl scheduled for April 11, 14, 16

There will be an Academic Quiz Bowl for students with the winner going on to challenge the Faculty team.
The event begins Friday, April 11, and continues on Monday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 16.

Opinion: Kelly Taylor Comedy Bits
By: MICHAEL NAZZARO
Staff Reporter

Comedian Kelly Taylor recently performed a solo show in the FM cafeteria.
Taylor recently did his 50 minute set before 180 people in the FM cafeteria, discussing sex, food, and school.
The style of comedy was story telling that entailed lots of physical and exaggerated acting.

Over all, the show did not get a great response in my opinion. It seemed as if the individuals in attendance were not as enthused to the style of comedy Taylor performed. Many were eating and talking, rather than paying attention to the show.

Most of the jokes were perhaps

The comedy, A Flea in Her Ear, will be performed April 25-27 in Theatre
By: Kristen May
Staff Reporter

In the upcoming spring production of the Foggy Mountain Players, A Flea in Her Ear, a woman tries to catch her husband cheating on her.
The comedy, written by George Feydeau in French and translated by David Ives, premieres in the FMCC Theater at 8 p.m. Friday, April 25. It is also showing on 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.
The wife in the play believes her husband is not being faithful to her, so she comes up with a plan to catch him in the act. Her plan backfires on her big time, however.

"I chose this play because for the last four semesters I've chosen plays that are dark and heavy. But this semester I wanted to choose something different for a change of pace. A classic comedy like this is a challenge for student actors," Jason Radlin, assistant professor Theater Arts/Humanities, said.
The cost is $5 for anyone with an FMCC student I.D. and $8 for the general public.

Financial Aid survey results announced
By: Stefanie Beckman
Staff Reporter

The Financial Aid office announced that the results of their survey show an increased cost in attendance, transportation, and personal expenses.
The last survey conducted was in the fall of 2002.
Director of Financial Aid Rebecca Cozzolena says the 150 surveys that were sent back indicated that money spent on gas prices has doubled.
Cozzolena would like to thank all who participated, and aid will be increased as a result.

In other news, Cozzolena urges everyone to file their FAFSA form for next year.
Last week, most students should have received a form verifying their acceptance of monetary aid or interest they are to pay on a loan.
If you did not receive these things, visit the Financial Aid office in the Administrative building.
Scholarship applications are still being accepted. You can find them in the Financial Aid office or online.

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Stoves reconnected at new Campus View

By: GEOFFREY OROKOS
Staff Reporter

FM Campus View residents returned to campus last Monday to see their residential stoves had been reconnected and are now available for use. The decision to reconnect the stoves was made by administrators following a series of student/faculty negotiations in which residents made aware their displeasure with the administration’s initial decision to turn the stoves off.

Ujima Club reborn as Black Student Union

The Black Student Union was given a $700 budget by the Student Government Association at the SGA’s recent meeting. The budget information provided by the Union states the group has promoted the diversity of the school, which helps to invite to a more diverse population to the college and a welcoming environment for students in transition.

A union spokesperson told the SGA that the transition to a rural college from a city lifestyle isn’t very easy.

According to the budget information, many other colleges offer diversity offices and services to help the diverse student population assimilate to the difference of the environment in which they choose to attend college.

“Our Union would contribute to a positive transitional experience where students would have a portion of the institution where they can express their feelings and issues about their personal transitional experience with students who can relate to the sudden change of environment.”

The Black Student Union would like to hold the Pro’s vs. Joe’s basketball game next year, a Latino town hall meeting, a spring dance/fashion show and a trip to a historically black college and a university.

Important summer school dates

May 23, Fri. - Last Day to Register for “Day Session I” and “8-Week Evening Session and 10-Week Evening Session” (w/o Late Fee of $25).
May 26, Mon. - College Closed - Memorial Day Holiday.
May 27, Tues. - First Day of Classes for “Day Session I”, “8-Week Evening Session” and “10-Week Evening Session”.
June 17, Tues. - Last Day for Individual Course Withdrawals for “Day Session I”.
June 26, Thurs. - Last Day of Classes for “Day Session I”.
June 27, Fri. - Special Friday Make Up Day for “Day Session I” and “8-Week Evening Session”.
June 27, Fri. - Last Day to Register for “Day Session II” without Late Fee August 30, Mon. - Final Grades Due for “Day Session I”.
June 30, Mon. - First Day of Classes for “Day Session II”.

July 2, Wed. - Last Day for Individual Course Withdrawals for “8-Week Evening Session”.
July 4, Fri. - College Closed - Independence Day Holiday.
July 9, Wed. - Last Day for Individual Course Withdrawals for “10-Week Evening Session”.
July 17, Thurs. - Last Day of Classes for “6-Week Evening Session”.
July 25, Fri. - Special Friday Make Up Day for “Day Session II” and “10-Week Evening Session”.
July 21, Mon. - Final Grades Due for “6-Week Evening Session”.
July 31, Thurs. - Last Day of Classes for “7-Week Evening Session”.
August 4, Mon. - Final Grades Due from “10-Week Evening Session”.
August 4, Mon. - Final Grades Due for “Day Session II.”

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Student Government allocates $230,000 for 08-09 student activities

The Student Government Association approved the 2008-09 budget of $230,000 at its recent meeting.

The SGA set aside $52,000 for transportation, cultural affairs and open recreation.

The SGA has a budget of $41,000, FMMA Athletics $57,000; Student Activity Board, $35,000, clubs and organizations, $30,000, and awards for SGA, academics and athletics $5,000.

The following club budgets were approved:
- ABC, $650; ABLE, $750; Aurora Christian, $300; Art Guild, $1,000; Business, $3,000; Communications, $7,800.

It's time to enroll in summer and Fall 2008 courses

More than 2,000 students will be enrolled in the Fall 2008 semester.

Students currently on campus have an opportunity to enroll for Fall classes now. It's also a time for students to be sure they are making progress toward graduation, ensuring they have the correct classes.

PTK recently inducted new members in academic society


PTK inducts Freeman, attends convention, one earns academic honor

PTK members Kelsey Korona and Michell Schilling, along with advisor Laurie Freeman and FM President Dustin Swanger recently attended the 90th Phi Theta Kappa International convention in Philadelphia.

A PTK member said, "This event captures everyone's ideas of how they could imagine a world and then change it with their own ideas."

PTK conducting bottle drive

The campus academic honor society is conducting a bottle and can drive on campus.

The group will be collecting through Friday, April 18. Collection boxes have been placed in the library, weight room, basement and first and third floor hallways.

A public bottle drive will be held from 10 to 1 Saturday, April 19.

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Only one of the Seven Dwarvettes regularly got asked out on dates.
Earth Day is April 22

Earth Day, April 22, each year marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970, according to the Earthday Network web site.

Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, proposed the first nationwide environmental protest "to shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda."

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment.

Post brought new light to struggles of same sex couples at Barto Lecture

Libby Post spoke about gay marriage and the barriers gay couples face in the theatre recently as part of the Barto Lecture Series.

She raised a point by saying, "We can't get married, and then we get punished for not being able to get married." Post highlighted how many gay issues within their states and throughout the country.

Another point made was that over 700 state benefits are denied to gay couples in New York State, and 1,138 federal benefits are denied in the United States.

Libby said, "Some people see us as a threat to their way of life."

She said of humans collectively, "We can all be kind and generous." And just like everyone else, "We put our pants on one leg at a time."

Post also talked about domestic partner laws and civil union laws.

She also asked students to look into their near future when it comes to how they vote. Obama wants to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act, and Clinton only wants to overturn half of DOMA.

Clinton's plan would keep marriage defined as only between a man and a woman. Post took questions after and encouraged people to vote wisely in the upcoming elections.

She also spoke about how gay have the same wants as straight couples when it comes to family. About 65,000 adopted children are being raised by gay parents in the US, that's 4 percent of all adopted children being raised by gay parents.

*42.3% reported some form of public misconduct (fighting, DWI, vandalism) at least once during the past year as a result of drinking or drug use*

**Underage Drinking —Not a Minor Problem**

You don't need a drink to have fun.
Multicultural dinner is big hit with campus

By Nathanael Snyder

The Students of the World club, Black Student Union, Hospitality club, PTK-SA and Student Activities Board held a multicultural dinner last night which fulfilled diversity in not only cuisine, but cultural fashions and musical styles.

The event had a $5 admission fee and started slowly at 4:30 p.m., but continued to rise in vigor until it ended around 7:30.

The first event was a traditional African ceremony called libation, which was followed by a very diverse and intriguing buffet consisting of dishes that were prepared entirely by students. After the food was served there was a night full of events and music.

A standout was the live performance by Byron Cortez and Tomokuni Kubota. Cortez sang and played guitar for a Spanish song called “Te Quiero” with Kubota on violin after the two had played a Japanese instrumental titled “Hamabe No Uta”. Alex Torres replaced Cortez on guitar, but Byron stayed on stage and sang another song entitled “Perdida”.

Cortez, who is 21, said of the performance “I was very comfortable. I am a theatre major.”

He sang in Spanish, which is his first language, but learned English as a kid in his home country of Ecuador.

He said “I loved the event and had looked forward to it.”

Kubota, who is the president of the Students of the World Club, was also comfortable with the performance.

“Kubota wanted to thank everyone for coming and said ‘I think the event was better this year than last year.’”

Montarayu Rabui and friends performed a very funny silent comedy skit about relationships and money.

This year’s fashion show featured clothing styles of many cultures which were worn by Izzy Toure, Gafar Moumouni, Montarayu Rabui, Saran Mankhbaatar, Perla Guerrero, Mona Elahir, Jamal Asanawadi, Karen Canedo, Tico Barthel, and Mamadou Diallo.

The night ended with a drum circle in which all instruments were provided by Alex Torres.
MLB season underway

BY JOHN BORGOLINI
Sports Editor

For the Detroit Tigers, the 2008 MLB season can only get better after their first seven games.

The Tigers, many people’s pick to win the American League pennant, have started out the season 0-7, after plenty of favorable off-season acquisitions.

When asked about the disappointing season, Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski said, “We’re not playing good baseball, but we need to start.”

Dombrowski went on to say, “We didn’t look like this all spring. We never anticipated starting like this. There were no indications.”

Starting pitcher Justin Verlander said, “It’s definitely embarrassing. Maybe we’ve been too casual, thinking things will just come around because we know that we’re a good team, even though we’re playing poorly right now.”

Although they are the only win less team left in the MLB, the Tigers are still expected to make a strong playoff run.

The battle against the Florida Marlins, but aren’t performing as expected, the Cleveland Indians are looking for a great employment opportunity with the Red Sox at 4-4.

For the Tigers, many people’s pick to win the American League pennant, have started out the season 0-7, after plenty of favorable off-season acquisitions.

Although there has only been one week of baseball played, that’s all that was needed to make some teams realize that this won’t be an easy season.

Lady Raiders Softball Schedule

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FM Baseball: Players, Pitchers of the Week

The FM Baseball team’s season is underway, as more than 15 games have been played so far. Because of this, due to the three weeks of games that have been played, the “players of the week” and “pitchers of the week” have been elected.

For the first week of games, “Player of the Week” belonged to Yahya Khatari from Brooklyn, New York. Khatari, the Raiders . . . pitching 7 innings and had an average of .464 for the season’s second “Pitcher of the Week” award this season, Andrew Howlan, from Amsterdam, New York. Howlan, the Raiders . . . pitching 9 innings against Rappahannock C.C., and had an ERA of 1.00.

For the third week of baseball, Yahya Khatari received his second “Player of the Week” award this season, batting .608 while having no errors defensively.

John Molina, freshman pitcher from Brooklyn, New York, performed well enough to receive “Pitcher of the Week,” April 3 against SUNY Cobleskill, pitching 7 innings and giving up no earned runs.

The baseball teams season continues with a double header against Columbia Green Community College, April 9 at Columbia Green.

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