

# The Crier

Fall 2019

Issue 2 sunycccetrier.com

September 24, 2019

## Corning Community College's Honor Society

**By Kaitlyn Orcutt**

SUNY Corning Community College has many clubs available to students over a wide range of interests. Sometimes it can be overwhelming to decide where you might fit in or what you're looking for in a club. If you are in search of a reputable, internationally-recognized honor society that

acknowledges students of academic drive and leadership achievement, Phi Theta Kappa might be for you. If, in addition to these things, you are also looking for a place to form friendships and bond with students who have similar academic ambitions, Phi Theta Kappa is definitely for you!

Perhaps you have

heard of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society through a friend; maybe you are familiar with its presence at campus events, or have even received an invitation to join. PTK is a large part of SUNY CCC's dedication to academic excellence. It offers members a plethora of valuable assets and resources, extending from community college through graduate school and beyond. As Vice President of CCC's chapter of PTK – Beta Beta Zeta – I would like to take this opportunity at the beginning of the academic year to share more information



on the organization and how you can join.

### Who We Are:

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is a Greek society that consists of ...

*Continued on p. 2*

### A Robot writes an article for The Crier

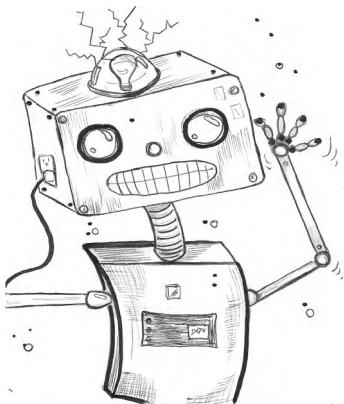


Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling

On p. 3, learn more about how artificial intelligence wrote an article all by itself with some help from Prof. Coble.

### Wegmans' Switch to Reusable & Paper Bags

On Monday, July 29, 2019, two local Wegmans locations: Ithaca, NY and Corning, NY have eliminated plastic bags altogether.

**Read more on p. 4**

### In This Edition

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Campus News                    | 1  |
| Weather                        | 2  |
| Local News                     | 4  |
| National News                  | 5  |
| Columns                        | 6  |
| Student Interests              | 12 |
| Ads                            | 15 |
| Upcoming Events and other info | 16 |

*PTK cont.*  
 members who are attending –or have attended–two-year colleges. The very first version of Phi Theta Kappa started in 1910 at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, having only 6 members. In just over one hundred years, we have grown to **over 3 million members** spread across **1,300 chapters** in **9 different nations**. According to PTK’s website, “The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.” The organization follows through with this by offering membership to students that have achieved demonstrated academic success. The society then continues to support and encourage students throughout their

educational journeys by offering access to **over \$37 million in transfer scholarships**, special benefits from corporate partners, such as GEICO and Bank of America, and opportunities to strengthen leadership skills and community service, just to highlight a few.

**What We Do:**

First and foremost we offer members a supportive group for those seeking academic success and leadership experience. We hold monthly meetings to discuss both organization and chapter agenda items, including scholarship information and service opportunities. In addition, there are also regional and nationwide conferences and events that our chapter may attend, depending on location and timing.

As SUNY CCC’s PTK chapter, Beta Beta Zeta serves the College and the community through service projects throughout the school year. In addition to organizing projects, such as charity drives, members often volunteer with other campus events, such as the Food Bank of the Southern Tier Mobile Food Pantry. These are perfect opportunities for those looking for ways to give back to the college and the community!

**What You Can Give:**

What we mostly ask of our members is for them to share their time, talents, and skills. As the local chapter, we rely on members’ involvement in Beta Beta Zeta to make it as successful as it has been in years past. We believe that each member has unique

personality, talents, and skills that could greatly benefit our chapter and, through our initiatives, CCC and the greater community. By uniting through our monthly meetings, we are able to bond as a group and support each other through our academic and community endeavors.

**What You Can Gain:**

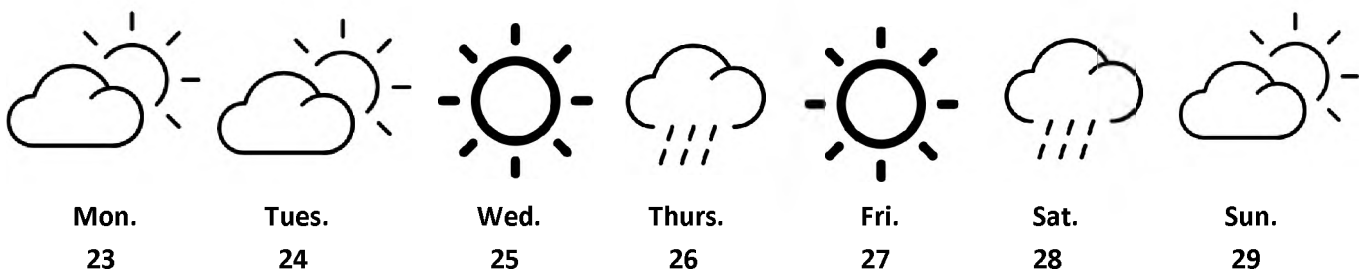
PTK offers you the chance to be a part of the camaradery of Greek life – something difficult to find at two-year colleges – without the hindering worries of social expectations. Being a part of PTK means embracing your talents and skills, academic and otherwise, and joining a group of students who will embrace them alongside you. While each student’s educational journey is unique, we are united under

a shared characteristic – ambition. Every member is motivated to achieve their academic goals, and those goals are encouraged and supported by the chapter and by the society itself.

In addition to friendship, PTK offers members access to millions of dollars in transfer scholarships (ranging from associate’s degrees through graduate degrees), both through national corporate scholarships and from specific transfer institutions that offer scholarship dollars to members.

Events held by the organization will foster your skills as an individual and strengthen those of your chapter, and the society offers many prestigious awards. As a member, you may also access PTK Connect, a free program that assists members in creat-

**The Crier Forecast:**



ing plans for transferring to colleges, finding scholarships, and beginning a career. As you graduate, SUNY CCC PTK members are eligible to wear the PTK stole in honor of their membership in this prestigious organization. (Not to mention, being a part of an honor society can be a perfect enhancement to college transfer applications and resumes!)

#### How to Join:

To be eligible to join PTK, you must attend an accredited two-year institution, have completed at least 12 hours of College-level coursework that will be applied to an associate's degree, and have a minimum GPA of 3.5. If you fulfill these requirements, you will receive an invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa at the beginning of the following semester in which the requirements are first met. There is one-time membership fee of \$80, \$15 of which comes back to the local chapter. After that, you have life-long access to all

PTK has to offer!

We look forward to your joining us!

#### Attention Prospective Members:

If you have received an invitation to join PTK, we invite you to an **open Q&A session** on Thursday, September 26, from 12:15-1:30. It will take place in our PTK Meeting Room (which you will have access to as a member), CHM-210. Feel free to drop in during this time to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you!



## A Robot Writes an Article for The Crier

#### By Prof. Daniel Coble and AI

Anyone who was unfortunate enough to take my English 1010 class knows I love robots. In the coming years, after you graduate, automation will be your greatest competition for jobs regardless of your field. Most people think of robots can only do physical labor, but they are increasingly capable of handling professional and creative work as well like trading stocks, diagnosing illness, or even writing newspaper articles. I thought it might be interesting to see how an artificial intelligence handles writing an article for The Crier. Below is that robot's article; I wrote 3 sentences to help it along, spread evenly throughout the article. The rest is entirely out of my control. Please enjoy!

---

There were some important events going on at SUNY Corning Community College this

week. I was visiting there to talk about how college is changing our world. These aren't minor issues. They are important, and I'm excited on behalf of all of you to go to these talks.

First was the big SUNY Corning Conference on Gender and Technology. In this talk, I talked about the need to make a difference with respect to issues of gender and technology. It seems like there is an expectation that everyone should start with a gender assignment, go through a gender change and expect the outcome to be different. But no, it really isn't that simple.

That said, this talk was very well received. There was some discussion of the social engineering that goes on with many technology companies. It sounds like it's a large problem that people aren't aware of or are even aware of. It seems like there are some real issues that need serious

work and the solution is actually quite simple.

President Mullaney and Provost Fisher had some very interesting comments to add. On U.S. leadership:

**Mullaney:** ...the U.S. must lead in a fashion that is constructive and constructive, so all nations are able to compete in all circumstances.

**Fisher:** What we have achieved, I'm proud of, isn't surprising or extraordinary. I'm equally proud that we have not stopped at the start — all of us in the military, in the intelligence community and in the civilian world — but that we kept driving, working, advancing.

*To read the full article, visit [sunyccthecrier.com](http://sunyccthecrier.com)*



## Saving the Environment One Step At a Time: Wegmans' Switch to Reusable and Paper Bags

**By Kaitlyn Kowalski**

On Monday, July 29, 2019, two local Wegmans locations, Ithaca, NY and Corning, NY, have eliminated plastic bags altogether. In favor of a more reusable means of bagging groceries, Wegmans has begun this transition by charging customers 5 cents per paper bag. In a statement made by Corning Wegmans Store Manager Garret Callahan in response to WENY News, the fee charged for the usage of paper bags "is being donated to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier." Callahan reports Wegmans' desire to "discourage the use of paper bags," for Wegmans doesn't "feel that paper bags are a safe alternative for the environment." In light of their transition to reusable bags occurring prior to the official Wednesday, March 1, 2020, we've gathered both employee and custom-

er testimonial.

Indeed, how successful has the transition been for our local Wegmans locations during the months to follow? Are shoppers purchasing more reusable bags as compared to paper bags? According to Zoe Heath, an employee from the Corning Wegmans, the answer would be yes. Overall, customers have been purchasing more reusable bags instead of paper or plastic for their groceries: "Yes, it is working," responded Heath, "the thought of spending more money makes people more conscious when they decide to get a bag or not." In her time off, and as a customer, she herself has purchased reusable bags from Wegmans to save money. Wegmans shopper Emma Stewart commends their use of reusable bags: "Well it is a good idea because they're trying to help the environment." Another customer, Mariposa Maxim, is also in

favor of the change: "I think it is nice that Wegmans switches over to no bags and if you want to get a bag it is paper." "It is unfortunate though when you forget your bags," Maxim confessed, "but I see why they are doing it." Even so, another customer expressed their concern for the employees and their own lack of reusable bags. While the switch to paper and reusable bags is "nothing nobody cannot handle" and "better for the environment," they said, it is a "nuisance for the cashiers. So yeah I feel bad for cashiers because of it." For the most part, and after a period of training, employees have efficiently adapted to the use of reusable and paper bags in place of plastic. We interviewed another local Wegmans employee to get another fresh perspective. This employee, choosing to remain anonymous, disclosed their anxieties in an inter-



view over the phone: "So personally when I found out we were doing the transition early I got kind of nervous because there was a lot that was going to change, new ways of bagging we had to learn, new IMPS (items per minute), and it was a lot to learn in the time we had." Despite their initial anxiety in light of the change, they believe it is a great idea and support the reason behind it. "We did it to be able to give other stores tips on what to do and what not to do," they said, "so yes we were totally unprepared for the change but now all of the other Wegmans stores will be prepared!" According to - fellow employee

Heath, "They only did the switch in two stores to see what they need to update on their policies and procedures for an easier transition in other New York stores." the end of 2019 and prior to Wednesday, March 1, 2020. Following March 2020, all NY stores are required to eliminate the use of plastic for the sake of the environment. In response to Wegmans' new policies against

plastic bags, both employees and customers have managed to successfully adapt to the change.

Wegmans plans to implement these policies against plastic bags in their other NY locations and eliminate plastic bags altogether both by the end of 2019 and prior to Wednesday, March 1, 2020. Following March 2020, all NY stores are required to eliminate the use of plastic for the sake of the environment. ☞

## LUSH Shutdown Against Climate Change

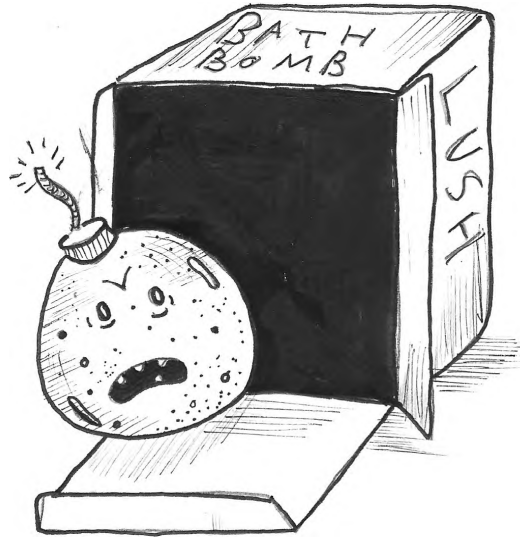


Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling

**By Kora Somma**

On September 20 and 27, LUSH cosmetics stores are closing in the United States and Canada to protest climate change. All

stores, factories, and even headquarters are being shut down on those days to let 5,000+ employees participate in a climate change protest, in-

spired by a 16 year old named Greta Thunberg.

Greta Thunberg is a full-time student, and a full-time climate activist. At the age of 15 she started School Strike for Climate, which is a movement led by school students who take time off of class on Fridays to participate in protests against a lack preventative actions against climate change and global warming. These meetings are also known as Friday for Future. From September 20 to 27, a week long climate protest will occur all over the

world, known as Week for Future, although only two days—the 20 and the 27—will have protests occur.

Not only are school strikers joining together to bring awareness to politicians, but adults are also encouraged to partake in these climate strikes. Adults and kids alike are encouraged to walk out of ...

*Cont. on p. 6*

### Need To Earn Some Extra Cash?

#### Contribute to *The Crier!*

\$20 per published article

\* Email submissions to

\$10 per original artwork

[thecriernewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:thecriernewspaper@gmail.com)

\$5 per published original photo

\* Include your CID # for payment

#### How can you pass this up?

**Draw or write something cool for class? Already in the gym for a game? We're looking for a Sports Reporter!**

*The Crier* staff reserve the right to edit, change or not publish all submissions

*LUSH cont.*  
 school or work these days to protest. The CEO and president of LUSH has recognized that these strikes are important to their staff, and stated, "As a business with deep roots in environmental activism, giving our thousands of staff the time to get out there and demand bold action is a no brainer... we all share this planet, so we need to band together to sound the alarm and show our politicians that 'business as usual' is no longer an option. The climate crisis won't wait, and neither will we."

Lush has always been a step ahead when it comes to creating products that are good for the environment. Their line of package less products has no extra packaging involved, all their products are vegan, and they are even cautious about the by-products they produce from making their ever so famous bath bombs. Currently, LUSH is testing a new process that captures the carbon dioxide produced by bath bomb production

and convert it into a more usable by-product.

For a large, popular company with a large following to close down their stores in order to let their staff's voices be heard over a topic they are passionate about is very important. Not only is this allowing people to get the word out about climate change, but it's creating a new pathway that other companies may begin to follow in their footsteps.

Not only is LUSH internally promoting this upcoming protest, but it is also going to be using their stories and their media platforms to broadcast information about the protests and messages from those attending the protest.

Lush is allowing its staff to partake in this protest against climate change and supporting them fully is possibly going to have a big impact in the consideration of

other companies to do the same. With more people becoming aware of the lack of action happening towards climate change

and global warming, hopefully something may finally be done. Actions that can help slow down global warming

and prolong the amount of time we have left on earth before it goes up in flames in front of our own eyes.

☪

## Tales of Travel: Part 2

**By Christian McGary**

Hey everybody, welcome back to Tales of Travel, an article series about my experiences around the world. Today's article is a somber one. I'm writing about my trip to the Bahamas, but due to Hurricane Dorian it's hard to remember happy memories without thinking of the destruction and casualties. If you want to read more about Hurricane Dorian and its effects, please read Kora Somma's article about said Hurricane.

My trip to the Bahamas was actually a graduation present. We had gone to Florida for a day at first and then we had taken a cruise to the islands. The cruise line was Norwegian Cruise Lines, known as the 3<sup>rd</sup> best cruise line

when it comes to money and popularity. The cruise lived up to its reputation, every floor was the definition of perfection. The middle floors were classy, with expensive art galleries and casinos (I lost so much money it's not even funny). There were multiple bars for the people looking for a good time, and multiple buffets and sports bars with all sorts of good food and drink. I remember furiously looking for buffalo wings without knowing they had a sports bar and you won't believe my satisfaction when I was able to calm my cravings. The upper deck had two pools and 3 hot tubs, and the view of the ocean was breathtaking. The water was a bright blue that calmly reflected the sun's

light, and when the sun started to set, the sky turned a hazy blue and yellowish-pink, and the water turned into a hazy dark blue. I remember just standing at the edge of the boat sometimes, listening to the winds as the ship trailed on.

Since this was a cruise, we were able to explore multiple islands across multiple days. Each island had its own theme to it so to speak, because this was tourism after all. One island was the "beach island" because well, we were on a beach. They served us daiquiris and other fruity drinks as we

relaxed on the warm sands. The sky was cloudy at first, but said clouds were far away and made for good pictures instead of being nuisances. The water was the perfect swimming temperature, and with it being crystal clear there was really no reason for you to be on the beach unless you wanted another drink. There was the shopping island, where there was a mixture of souvenir shops and actual stores. The funniest thing happened to my family and I when we got off the boat -- a man approached us and asked if we were interested in doing some shopping, so we said yes and he told us to follow him. He then made us walk for probably 15 blocks to visit his mother's souvenir store. There was one island we had visited that had

everyone experience the history and culture of the Bahamas, I learned a lot about how the American slave trade had affected these islands so long ago. Reading the memorials really entices you in the gravity and importance of history, which includes America's past mistakes and crimes.

After my family and I got back to Florida, we stayed in a hotel for a few days for some extra rest and relaxation. This was my first time taking a cruise (and hopefully not my last,) and it was good to chill a bit after all the new experiences and running around to see new things. Tune in next time to read about my trip to Hawaii. ☺



## Hurricane Dorian and Her Rains

By Kora Soma

At approximately 4:40 pm on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, hurricane Dorian first struck land in the Bahamas as a category five hurricane. She started to form on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and started off as a **tropical rain**, but quickly underwent **rapid intensification** and became a category five hurricane. A category five hurricane is the most intense hurricane that you can have, meaning that her winds were exceeding a speed of 157mph. Specifically, her winds reached 185mph when she hit the Abaco Islands, tying her with the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane as the strongest Atlantic hurricane to hit land. Hurricane Dorian first hit the Abaco Islands, which lies in the northern part of the Bahamas. When she first hit land, her winds were hitting 185mph. The average speed of a severe thunderstorm is around 20 mph, making Dorian's winds 9.25 times



Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling

more intense than the average storm that would be found in our area. Hurricane Dorian stayed in the Bahamas stationary for 2 days, then continued to move Northwestern on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the storm's power began to dwindle. Dorian dissipated near Greenland on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There was a lot of damage caused by Hurricane Dorian, about \$7 billion in damage, maybe even more. The damage in the Bahamas was especially bad due to having the storm stay stationary for 3 days, causing many homes to be destroyed. In any photo you may see of Dorian's dam-

age, you will see piles of debris, broken houses, and flooding water due to the sustained storm surge, high winds, and very heavy rainfall. On the coastal areas of Florida, there was also some damage done, but it was less intense than the damage done in the Bahamas as Dorian was a category 2 hurricane by the time she was nearing the US. Along with the loss of many homes, there were also unfortunately many losses of ...  
*Cont. on p. 8*

### *Hurricane Dorian Continued...*

people living in the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and parts of the US. There have been around 1,300 people reported as missing, and 60 reported as dead, but in a statement from the Royal Bahamas Police Force, that number could be upwards of 3,000, especially in the parts of the Bahamas that sustained the most damage.

In hard times like these, it is family that can keep people going. Unfortunately, many families may have been separated during the hardest parts of the storms, and many more have lost their homes. During the storm, shelters were provided to those to go to during the storm if they were unable to evacuate, but after the storms, it's hard for storm shelters to keep providing to those who have lost their homes. You can help with the damages of Dorian from your own home by sitting down for a few minutes and donating to trusted places that will put your money to-

wards the relief efforts. If you would like to donate,

you can check out any of the websites listed below to help the people of

the Bahamas reclaim after this tragedy. <https://www.bahamas.com/relief>

[www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-dorian-donations.html](http://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-dorian-donations.html)

☪

## I Tried Skateboarding and This is What Happened

### By Sarah Hill

Deciding on something new to try has become a challenge in itself, but when someone suggested skateboarding I immediately knew I had to try it. Skateboarding is probably one of the least effective forms of locomotion, alongside skipping, but it looks really cool. The difference between the two is that I can skip. I tried teaching myself how to skateboard using my cousin's board quite a few years ago but it did not end up well, so why not try again?

Finding a skateboard was a challenge in itself, but I eventually found a friend that loaned me his old board. One thing that surprised me about this journey was that a lot more people know how to skateboard than I thought. It is an activity that you can't assume some-

one does or doesn't know how to do unless you ask them or see them do it. On one hand, skateboarding takes a lot of patience and balance to start doing; on the other, almost every kid goes through a phase of wanting to skateboard because it looks so cool. I was one of the kids that tried but balance—or a lack thereof—got the best of me.

With my newfound knowledge of people that know how to skateboard, I asked around about how they got started. I was told a few different ways to place my feet, which I had to test and figure out by myself. I was also told that taking it slow was the best idea. The advice was to place the board somewhere fairly flat where it wouldn't move, like grass, and just stand on the board. Balancing in the

middle of the board took a lot of patience and work for me but it was worth it. Starting to move the board after figuring out how to balance on it was a great course of action. Eventually I was able to skate while holding on to a wall and gradually moving further and further away from it. After a couple of days I was able to skate (without falling) and more or less turn.

The biggest lesson I learned while trying to skateboard is quite a cliché one, but it's true: it doesn't matter if you fall as long as you get back up afterwards. Of course I fell while trying to balance on a moving plank of wood, but the fear I had before actually trying was much worse than the actual fall itself. Years ago when I first tried this I was impatient and got fed up with

not being immediately good at it. Now it is clear that it didn't matter how long it took because, although I'm not a pro, I now know how to skateboard—which is more than I could say a week ago. ☪



Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling



# Slow and Steady is the Sloth

By Maria Smith

**Scientific Classification**

**Common Name:**

Hoffman's two-toed sloth

**Kingdom:**

Animalia

**Phylum:** Chordate

**Class:** Mammalia

**Genus Species:**

*Choloepus* (lame or maimed foot) *hoffmanni* (Carl Hoffman of Costa Rica)



This wonderful creature is the Hoffman two toed sloth. He can be found in both Central and South American rainforests. Sloths spend most of their time high in the canopy of trees, where they have both easy access to food and protection from predators. Along with being up in the highest branches of the trees, these sloths can also be found in the rivers below. Sloths are surprisingly good swimmers and will use their long arms to propel themselves through the water.

They have a lighter colored face, and a coat that ranges in color from grey, brown, even green! Sloths have a very

special symbiotic relationship with algae. They have specialized fur that encourages algae to grow within the hair shaft, coloring them green. While it is believed that sloths may eat some of these algae, or absorb some of the nutrients through its skin, the algae's main purpose is to provide the sloth with camouflage in its rainforest home.

The sloth's body is specifically designed for living upside-down. Even their fur is structured in a way that allows rainfall to slide off instead of collecting on their bellies. It is parted in the middle of

their stomachs and grows from belly to back. They eat, sleep, mate, and even give birth all while hanging upside-down. Sloths have a very powerful grip and their long claws help them to keep their hold on tree branches. Their grasp is so strong in fact, that they have been known to hang from their tree even after death.

Because of this, their legs are almost useless on the ground and must drag themselves across the forest floor if they want to move to a new tree. They will also traverse to the rainforest floor when they need to defecate or

urinate. This is the time when they are most vulnerable to predators, and as such, sloths will only relieve themselves about once a week. The natural predators of a sloth are cougars, ocelots, harpy eagles, snakes, and many other carnivores, and if confronted, the sloth will snort, hiss, bite, and slash with its long claws.

The most well-known feature of the sloth is its slow and deliberate nature, but they are known to move faster when excited or frightened. Sloths have an extremely slow metabolism and will often sleep 15 to 20

hours a day. They will only awake at night to eat a diet consisting of leaves, shoots, and berries and since they spend most of their lives in trees, most of their water is gained from juicy plants. Other sloths may also eat insects, but the Hoffman's Two – Toed Sloth is herbivorous and will not usually eat other living creatures.

For my parting words, let us take some inspiration from the sloth. Life tends to make people feel as if they have to rush. To finish a task as quickly as possible and move on to the next. And although it sounds cliché, it is important to stop and smell the roses once and awhile. Now, I encourage you to go out for yourself and find even more facts about this lovely creature! Have fun exploring! ☺

## Subnautica: Below Zero Early Access Review

By Jake Gross

Unknown Worlds Entertainment's hit game *Subnautica* has been out in full for over a year and a half after spending just over three years in early access. The oceanic survival game captivated its player base with its immersive lore and modular gameplay, so it was no wonder that its sequel, *Subnautica: Below Zero*, has been garnering a lot of attention.

Released into early access at the end of January 2019, *Below Zero* takes place one to two years after the events of the original. After *Subnautica*'s protagonist Riley Robinson fled Planet 4546B in his escape rocket, Robinson's employer Alterra has returned to take control over as many of 4546B's resources and alien technology as they can. They're focused on several sectors across the planet, including an equatorial region designated "Sector Zero". And this is where *Below Zero* and the new female

protagonist Robin Goodall find themselves.

Despite the location of the game residing on the ocean world's equator, Sector Zero is a very arctic region. The player will at a later point in the game be able to freeze to death. But for now, all it does is create a very annoying frost perimeter at the edge of the screen. As with its predecessor, the game almost immediately forces the player to get their feet wet after an avalanche destroys the first base. Robin also temporarily finds herself cut off in communication with the space station in orbit, and her sister Sam, after a meteor severely damages the station. The majority of the game's apparent story revolves around Robin running errands trying to get the station back online as well as protecting the alien "Al-An" who has taken up residence in Robin's head.

As with *Subnautica*, the main focus of the game lies in exploring the

vast region, scanning blueprints and interacting with the wildlife in the various biomes. The majority of the blueprints remain the same; the Multipurpose Room, Propulsion Cannon, the prawn suit and countless others. There are other new base components like the large base room which is about the size of three multipurpose rooms and a control room which allows you to manually unpower certain base sections. There's also a Jukebox that has original songs from several YouTube music channels. Since *Below Zero* has a lot more dry land available than the two islands in the original crater, there are also a lot of new more land based devices: a remote penguin drone, hoverbikes and a "Thumper", the last of these has a very specific defensive purpose.

On the wildlife side of things, there are a lot of new and familiar faces. There are boomerangs, bladderfish, sky rays, hoopfish

as well as several Sea Emperor Leviathans. Veterans of the first game will be pleased to hear that there are no Reaper or Ghost Leviathans that will wreck everything you try to build that floats. Unfortunately, this means we have several new leviathan species that are going to make submarine travel very difficult. The Chelicerate resembles the Reaper in facial structure and temperament, chasing after the player whenever they get too close. A new deep water leviathan designated as the Shadow Leviathan will patrol the deepest sections of the sector.

Once on land, the player would assume that they're safe from the things that want to bite their legs off. Not really. There are two terrestrial predators that the player will encounter, one that is only passive aggressive and one that is absolutely \*@&^\$%# terrifying. The Snow Stalker is a cousin of the aquatic Stalker with a lot of structural resemblance. The Ice Worm is a highly aggressive leviathan that will bur-

row through the ground and will attack from any direction without the player having any way to defend themselves. Fortunately, the aforementioned Thumper will decoy the Worm away.

*To read the full article, visit [sunycccthecrier.com](http://sunycccthecrier.com)*

CS



Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling

## The Memes of Production: We Live in a Society

By Donnie Pond

It is a truism that we are shaped by the societies in which we were reared and now live. No one disputes this, but the extent to which this shaping occurs is often underestimated. One's *culture* defines their very psychology, the system of values on which they base their behavior. This is what makes it so difficult to determine an objective set of features inherent to "human nature;" it simply depends on one's social conditioning too much.

German sociologist Erich Fromm, writing on Marx's conception of historical materialism, noted that what separated Marx's view from the old adage that "institutions form men" was that Marx identified the "institutions as being rooted in the mode of production and the productive forces underlying it" just as the psychology of the individual is

rooted in the society they live in. For example, Fromm writes, "certain economic conditions, like those of capitalism, produce as a chief incentive the desire for money and property; other economic conditions can produce exactly the opposite desires, like those of asceticism and contempt for earthly riches, as we find them in many Eastern cultures and in the early stages of capitalism." Our fixation on money and property is not human nature, but rather, it is something we have been conditioned to experience in order to navigate our present economy. This was a cornerstone of Marx's critique of capitalism; it produces societies in which greed becomes the chief human motive.

But economic conditions do not just simply *exist* ex nihilo. They are created by people, by the ways in which people or-

ganize to produce their means of subsistence, which have not always been capitalistic. The feudal mode directly preceded the capitalist mode, which itself was directly preceded by the ancient slave system of antiquity. People changed their economic modes, the ways in which they produced what they needed to live, to suit the changing world they inhabited. It must follow that if human history continues, our economic mode will continue to change alongside it.

In his *Preface to a Contribution to a Critique of Political Economy*, Marx states, "At a certain stage of their development, the material productive forces of society come in conflict with the existing relations of production, ... or with the property relations within which they have been at work hitherto ... Then begins an epoch of



Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling

social revolution." The economic foundations of society have historically been in flux alongside the conflict of social classes. At some point, feudalism stopped working for the peasantry, and large-scale revolution replaced it with the capitalist mode, which replaced the peasantry with a new working class Marx called the proletariat. It can be assumed with relative certainty that at some point, capitalism will cease to work for its working class, and another "epoch of social revolution" will replace it with a new economic mode. Thus

begins Marx's conception of socialism, an economic mode Marx hypothesized would replace capitalism in which the working class have direct ownership over their means of production, as opposed to those being owned by a boss or CEO.

# Tokyo Bound

**By Michaela Thompson**

The Olympic Games are considered the world's foremost sports competition with more than 200 nations participating. The games are held every four years, alternating between the summer and winter games every two years. The hosting country for the 2020 Summer Olympic games will be Tokyo, Japan.

According to Olympic.org, the opening ceremony will be on July 24 and the games will run from then until the closing ceremony on August 9.

In order for somebody to claim a spot on the Olympic team, the athletes have to do several tests within their sport. Four runners, two males and two females, were able to win spots on the Japanese Athletics team. The inaugural Japanese Marathon Grand Championship offered the top two finishers in the men's and women's races qualification places for the Games. It served as a test

event for the marathon at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, and several top Japanese athletes secured places for a shot at gold-medal glory next summer.

The Olympic games has a very large variety of sports that athletes can compete in. There is a total of forty-two sports in the summer games. The sports in the summer games include archery, artistic (synchronized) swimming, athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, boxing, canoe slalom, canoe sprint, cycling bmx, cycling mountain bike, cycling road, cycling track, diving, equestrian dressage, equestrian eventing, fencing, football, golf, gymnastics artistic, gymnastic rhythmic, handball, hockey, judo, marathon swimming, modern pentathlon, rowing, rugby, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, trampoline, triathlon, volleyball, water polo, weightlifting, wrestling freestyle, and

wrestling Greco-Roman.

The Olympic games, both summer and winter, is where athletes get to show the world that they are one of the best in the sport they love doing. The country of Turkey has never won a medal in archery, but Yasemin Anagoz and Mete Gazoz are determined to change that, starting at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The two of them are both just 20 years old, but they have already risen to the top table of their sport and were each named 2018 World Archery Athlete of the Year. While they have yet to qualify for Tokyo, they are aiming for nothing less than a podium finish—preferably the top step—and with it a place in the history books for themselves and Turkey.

Their emergence is what happens when investment of time and money is combined with talent and determination. Add in the essential ingredient that is hard work, which calls

on the pair to train 10 hours a day, and this is what you get.

Every time there is an Olympics, there is a chance that older sports are retired and new sports are added in.

The Tokyo Olympics is adding six new sports—

karate, skateboarding, sport climbing, baseball, and softball.

With the addition of these new sports, the Olympics has the possibility of opening up to a broader perspective. ☪

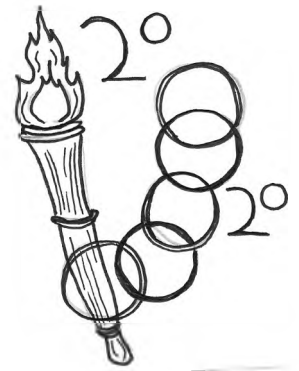


Illustration by Elliot Houghtelling ☪

## Fall Festivities in the Southern Tier



**By Kaitlyn Klaiber**

While it may not look and feel like it yet, autumn is just a falling leaf away. To get into

the festive mood, here are some fall themed activities and events you can take part in right here in the Southern Tier:

— **Add a sense of pumpkin**

This first one is a *bit* basic, but it's popular for a reason. It's a classic. Whether you light a pumpkin scented candle, trade in your iced coffee for a pumpkin spice latte, or go extreme and try pumpkin spice Spam, there's something for everyone. It only takes a pinch of pumpkin to spice up your daily routine this season.

— **Go apple picking**

Reisinger's Apple Country in Watkins Glen is a great apple farm to go to in the area with friends and family, especially if you're looking to create memories and capture photographs. It's a family run farm with over twenty types of apples to choose, as well as a small store where you can buy apple doughnuts, apple cider, apple butter, and more. If you'd like to see which apples are in season before you go, or you've never been before, their website is [eisinger-sapplecounrty.com](http://eisinger-sapplecounrty.com)

— **Watch scary or Halloween themed movies**

With Halloween just around the corner, step into the fear factor by tuning in to watch some of your favorite or never before seen horror films. Invite some friends over to join you before turning out the lights and pressing play to turn it into a scare marathon. If scary movies aren't your thing, you can opt for friendlier pop classics, like *Hocus Pocus*. The Elmira Drive-In is also still open on Fridays and weekends. Catch a double feature or watch IT Chapter Two in the trunk of your car with a bundle of blankets and movie theatre treats before it closes at the end of September.

— **Tagsylvania**

If scary movies aren't enough to frighten you, check out Tagsylvania, a haunted attraction in Big Flats that's open during the Halloween season. There's also an event being held on October 4 called College Slasher Night, which gives students with their ID

a \$10 off discount. Tickets for Tagsylvania will be going on sale September 28.

— **Drive to Ross Park Zoo in Binghamton**

For more frightening fear fests, check out Boo at the Zoo at Ross Park Zoo in Binghamton. This event is held during the last two weekends in October, and according to Ross Park Zoo, "You'll be able to tour the zoo in a whole new light, or no lights at all." Boo at the Zoo is also catered to older, mature audiences, but if you're looking for something for all ages or more geared towards families, Ross Park Zoo is also hosting an event called Howloween at the Zoo. Howloween at the Zoo is an event held during the day that shows off the not-so-scary parts of Halloween.

— **Go to a pumpkin patch**

Most pumpkin patches feature more than just picking out a pumpkin, so a trip to one may be worth your while. There's corn maz-

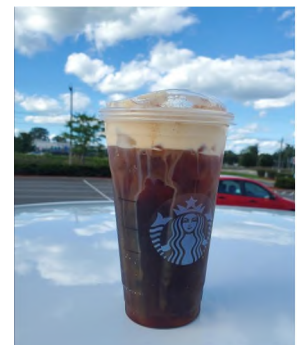
es, hayrides, other fall inspired activities, and of course, the activity of picking out the perfect pumpkin to carve or paint. If you're looking for one to go to in the area, check out Bradley Farms in Elmira. Bradley Farms is also known for Phantom Phrightnights, another October event geared towards getting spooked and frightened.

— **Drink a fall inspired drink**

This was briefly mentioned in the first part of the article, but this activity of drinking a fall inspired drink gives a soft touch of coziness to the season. This drink can be anything; coffee, tea, hot chocolate. But if you're looking for something new to try, check out Starbucks' new Pumpkin Cream Cold Brew while the weather is still warm before transitioning into a PSL. Maybe go for a chai tea latte instead if you think PSLs are overrated. To mix up your hot cocoa, add a dash or two of cinnamon. Perhaps a top of whipped

cream, too. You could even experiment with the Cinderella Latte or Frappuccino, a Starbucks secret menu item that substitutes half the Pumpkin Sauce pumps with White Chocolate Mocha Sauce. Whichever you choose to do, hot or cold, remember to dress your drink up in a reusable mug.

☪



## Legacy, Legislation, and Acetate Vitamin E

**By Billy Sexton**

*“This fear of e-cigarette use as a negative entity comes from a classification...”*

In the midst of an overwhelmingly present Opiate and Benzo “crisis”, and during a time of rampant public shootings the Trump administration has moved forward on a presented legislative move to enforce harsher restrictions on the newly-blooming vape market. This comes at a time in which first lady, Melania Trump, is attempting to roll out her own “Michelle-Obama-esque” mission for public health specifically within young children.

What we’re seeing here comes from a rise in “Vape-related” illness, injury, and fatalities but the simple fact is that all of this is completely baseless and, frankly, bullsh\*t. It’s an all too convenient legislation to be passed as we find ourselves as a nation faced with the fear stricken boomers of our masses crowing around vaping technology

and advancements as purely evil; when the fact of the matter is the simple that these startups and innovations are bringing forward an era of pure positive progress in the way of nicotine consumption and public health.

This fear of e-cigarette use as a negative entity comes from a classification technically known as “vaping;” not the word itself but what that means, a substance being provided to the human body through the vaporization of said substance. While we as consumers and the ignorant public assume that vaping is exclusively that of a nicotine cessation product the simple fact is that the classification covers a plethora of substances. The problem we’re facing here is the usage of Tetrahydrocannabinol concentrate, more simply known as THC extract, dabs, carties, whatever. Some manufacturers, both legal and illegal, utilize a substance known as Vitamin E Acetate as a form of filler

within the cartridge to better provide an intoxicating sensation to the user as well as flavoring. The issue however is the fact that Vitamin E Acetate leaves behind a residue that overtime builds within the lungs and can cause all sorts of problems. This isn’t new science this is just a general fact. I really need not cite any press or publication because Vitamin E Acetate is used a conglomeration product within skin creams and makeup, creating a thicker solution to be used within consumer products; it goes without saying that the by-product of direct inhalation of Vitamin E Acetate would cause a similar effect in the lungs. Basically, it’s like coating your lungs in heavy whipping cream and being surprised when they don’t work as they normally should.

Yes, this seems like a really big deal so why are you hearing this from me? To answer simply, it’s a variety of factors. Philip Morris int. Stock has been at

an all time low while a private start-up company has completely smashed their own profit margins as well as the margins of a publicly head conglomerate like Philip Morris. That alone is conveniently timed enough for suspicion but why wouldn’t this “Cartridge-Crisis” be more widely reported?

Clearly, we all understand the idea that the federal government is in charge of the FDA. Therefore, their power is essentially limited in a newly fiscally Republican market. Bringing us to this point,; one would not dare speak ill will of the great THC business, for its profit is endless.

Following the legalization of commercial and recreational cannabis consumption many investor and stock market lackeys went into what is now being called “The Green Rush”. As more and more cannabis-related companies starting to go public and release IPO’s the investment rate and value upon some-

thing as lucrative and clearly UN-REGULATED as THC extract is astronomical. Billions would be lost if these products became FDA regulated and the only reason they scathe by said regulation is due to the fact that current legalization and decriminalization is held to a state-government decision which doesn’t allow federal interference.

In conclusion, read what you read and don’t believe everything, vote against it. It’s complete un-informed garbage and if you play into it you’ve just been played by corporate America for what’s probably the fifth time today alone.

CS

# SCOP

## Writing Competition

SCOP is a literature magazine created and run by the CCC community.

Anyone who is part of the CCC community may enter!

### Accepted submissions:

Flash Fiction (Max:250 words),  
Creative Fiction(Max:4,000 words),  
Poems (Max: 30 lines),  
Short Plays (Max: 1 act; 10 min.),  
Creative Nonfiction (Max: 2,500 words)  
6-word Stories

### Prizes:

Grand Prize winner- \$100  
1st place winner for each group- \$40  
All Submissions Due: 10/21/2019  
Submit to: [scoplitmag@gmail.com](mailto:scoplitmag@gmail.com)  
Please be sure to let us know what genre your writing is!

## Want to See More Exclusive Content?

Visit our website [sunycccthecrier.com](http://sunycccthecrier.com) for:

- Extended versions of articles
    - Digital media
    - Artwork
  - Access to old articles
  - Submission deadlines
- ...and more!

# TRANSFER COLLEGE FAIR

Friday, November 8, 2019

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - CCC Gymnasium

*Meet with college transfer admissions representatives and discuss your questions.*

# Upcoming Events

|  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| <p><b>Sept 24th</b><br/>Blood Drive<br/>8:30am- TL</p> <p>Self-Defense Lesson<br/>7pm- 1st Floor Perry</p> | <p><b>25th</b><br/>Blood Drive<br/>8:30am- TL</p> <p>AA Meeting- Elmira Collegiate Recovery Center</p>                    | <p><b>26th</b><br/>Johnny Appleseed- Apple Giveaway<br/>10am- SL</p> <p>Multicultural Spelling Bee 12:15pm- KL</p> | <p><b>27th</b><br/>AA Meeting- Collegiate Recovery Center<br/>6:30pm-Commons 136</p>                 | <p><b>28th</b><br/>Perry Hall Cinema "Harry Potter"<br/>8pm- 3rd Floor</p>                                    |
| <p><b>29th</b></p>   | <p><b>30th</b><br/>Mobile Food Pantry<br/>12pm- Commons<br/>Hispanic Heritage Month: Salsa Dancing<br/>7pm- 1st Floor</p> | <p><b>Oct 1st</b><br/>SAGA 12:30pm-TL</p> <p>Night Walk w/ Jennifer Sellers<br/>7pm- Meet in Perry Lobby</p>       | <p><b>2nd</b><br/>Men's Soccer Vs. TompkinsCCC<br/>2pm- Turf Field</p> <p>Women's Soccer<br/>4pm</p> | <p><b>3rd</b><br/>Spikeball<br/>8pm- Gym</p>  |
| <p><b>4th</b><br/>National Taco Day - Give Away<br/>11am- SL</p>   | <p><b>5th</b><br/>Open Gym<br/>10am- Gym<br/>Perry Hall Cinema "Harry Potter" 8pm - 3rd Floor Perry</p>                   | <p><b>6th</b><br/>Men's Soccer vs. Fulton Montgomery CC 1pm- Turf Field<br/>Open Gym 6pm- Gym</p>                  | <p><b>7th</b><br/>Fix Your Phone Screen Program w/ Kiflom<br/>5pm- 3rd Floor Perry</p>               | <p><b>8th</b><br/>Test Anxiety Table 12pm- Commons<br/>Academic Skills: Study Habits 4pm- 3rd Floor Perry</p> |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p><b>9th</b><br/>Women's Soccer vs. NCCC<br/>2pm, Men's 4pm</p> <p>Volleyball vs. Cayuga<br/>6pm- Gym</p>    | <p><b>10th</b><br/>Musician Dez Duron<br/>12:30pm- KL</p> <p>National Coming Out Day Celebration 12:30pm- Commons</p> |
| <p><b>11th</b><br/>Perry Hall closes at 5pm<br/>AA Meeting-Collegiate Recovery Center 6:30pm- Commons 136</p> | <p><b>12th</b><br/>BREAK</p>  |

SL: Student Life      TL: Triangle Lounge  
KL: Kelly Lounge

## The Crier Corner

**Editor-in-Chief: Vianna Koegel**  
**Assistant Editor: Kaitlyn Klaiber**  
**Treasurer: Nicholas Drake**  
**Faculty Advisor: Emma Draper-Reich**  
**Reporters: Kaitlyn Klaiber**  
**Columnists: Jake Gross, Christian McGary, Sarah Hill, Kora Somma, Maria Smith, Noah Alexander, Donnie Pond**

Deadline for submissions for the next edition is Oct 1st

Next issue will be out Oct 8th

Find us at [sunyccthecrier.com](http://sunyccthecrier.com)!

The views and opinions presented in *The Crier* do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the SUNY CCC Student Association, SUNY CCC Student Life or SUNY Corning Community College