Shutdown means furloughs, fewer services and closed museums, parks

Days before Tuesday's deadline, Congress and the White House had yet to begin serious negotiations over next year's budget, threatening a government shutdown that could delay Social Security payments, shutter national parks, museums and monuments and furlough hundreds of thousands of employees, Sept. 30, 2013. The Senate flatly rejected a House of Representatives proposal to keep the government funded through Dec. 15 but delay implementation of the contentious federal health care law.

By Kevin G. Hall
( McClatchy Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON _ A broad swath of the public might not even notice the partial shutdown of the federal government Tuesday, but many federal employees, government contractors and users of government services are likely to feel the pain.

The wallets of at least 800,000 federal workers furloughed in a shutdown will be thinner, at least temporarily. Those workers will be paid until there's an agreement to fund the government anew. Unable to reach an agreement last night as the House and Senate played political tennis over a plan to temporarily fund the government, the nation will wake up to an altered government landscape. Some of the services immediately affected are largely invisible, but important, nonetheless.

The State Department, for example, will allow some of the Treasury Department's law enforcement support functions tied to the Bank Secrecy Act will be halted, interrupting efforts to stop money laundering and other financial crimes.

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But the Department of Transportation said all air traffic control services will continue without interruption, which is good news for the flying public. Amtrak doesn't expect disruption of passenger railroad service, either.

Still, nearly a third of the Transportation Department's workforce will be furloughed, 18,481 of the agency's 55,468 employees, according to the department's 32-page contingency plan. On-call accident investigations, hazardous materials safety inspections and airport planning will continue, but audits, security background checks and employee drug testing will halt.

A shutdown will bring a mixed bag for the military and its contractors. Soldiers at home and abroad will get paid, but they might face delays in receiving that pay if the shutdown proves protracted.

The Defense Department is also allowed to maintain emergency police, fire and medical services during a government closure. But about half of the Pentagon's 718,000 civilian employees will be barred from working. All travel and training of both military and civilian personnel will stop, as well, except for activities needed to support exempt military operations and emergency services.

"We wouldn't be able to do most training, we couldn't enter into most new contracts, routine maintenance would have to stop," Defense Department Comptroller Robert F. Hale said at a news conference last week. "It has or will consume a lot of senior management attention, probably thousands of hours in employee time better spent on national security."

Veterans still will receive medical help at hospitals and clinics run by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the processing of claims, pensions and other benefits also will be unaffected. But some support networks in place for the veterans may be out of reach, including VA hotlines and call centers, which will be inactive, such as the inspector general's hotline and another for consumer affairs.

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Sept. 3 seemed like a normal Tuesday morning for many students coming back to class at DCCC. Books were being bought, classrooms found, and many students and professors alike collectively sighed as they returned to the grind of the classroom after summer break.

But something was missing from the normal chaos of that first day. That missing “thing” was cigarette smoke.

All campuses of Delaware County Community College have gone tobacco-free effective July 1. The policy has been implemented in an effort to minimize second-hand smoke and reduce congestion at entrance ways, according to DCCC President Jerry Parker.

The policy effectively bans all cigarettes, cigars, pipes or any tobacco products from all DCCC campuses, inside and out, including personal vehicles.

Parker said the tobacco-free policy was a Student Government Association initiative that was brought before the administration through the College Advisory System.

“‘This bubbled up from the campus community, students, and staff,’” Parker said. “‘It was really a bottom up policy from the student government.’”

The College is not the first to have implemented a tobacco-free policy in Pennsylvania. Widener and Eastern Universities, along with Montgomery County Community College, have also implemented such policies.

Still, not everyone is happy with it. Carrie Pickering, 21, an electrical engineering major at the Marple campus, is circulating a petition to create a smoking zone on campus. Pickering needs 1,300 signatures (10 percent of DCCC’s enrollment) for the petition to be considered by the SGA.

“The policy was made to reduce second-hand smoke around the campus and reduce litter,” Parker said. He added he would like faculty and students to understand that the motivation behind this is “in their best interest” and the administration is trying to remain as humane as possible.

Parker explained that eventually “you have to say a ban is a ban and start taking names.”

He also said this would not be the first time the College has tried to implement smoking zones if Pickering’s petition gets through to a vote.

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In a recent poll conducted by this reporter, only three out of 15 students could name more than one club or sports team available for student participation at Delaware County Community College.

"There is nowhere you can go to find out what we even have," said a psychology major at DCCC who preferred to be known only as "Ben".

Other students at DCCC may be in the same boat with no idea how to fill the time between classes or round out their resume this fall, but those students need look no further than the school's vast array of clubs and athletics.

In fact, DCCC offers seven sports: co-ed tennis and golf, men's soccer and baseball, women's volleyball and track and men and women's basketball. Each sport is seasonal and students are able to join any sport at any time during the spring and fall semesters.

Luigi Raimondo, a life-long soccer player who decided sports were the way to go, is serving as the soccer team's captain this year.

Raimondo discovered DCCC’s soccer team when a friend mentioned in the fall of 2012 that the team needed more players. Raimondo attended two weeks of practice before coach Steve Weatherby allowed him to join.

Raimondo, as captain and the team's only returning player, helps Weatherby run practices and sets the tempo for fellow players while helping them learn what he called Weatherby's "unique" systems.

"We are a good, hard-working team," Raimondo said. "We had a rough start but hopefully we will get on a winning streak and [end up] in playoffs."

Students who are not interested in athletics have the option to follow Hallinan's lead and begin attending practices or contact Andrew Johnson, DCCC's director of Wellness, Athletics, and Recreation.

Johnson works with every team's captain and members and said he encourages students to support the DCCC Phantoms, even if they do not join a team.

Tiffany Stockton joined DCCC's volleyball team after speaking to Johnson. Stockton got involved in volleyball early in her life and said she loves the sport.

Stockton started out as an outside hitter, but volleyball coach Christina Johnson recognized her potential as a middle player.

"[Middle players] are so fast," Stockton said. "The transition from being outside hitter is hard because it's just so fast, but learning the new position has been fun."

Raimondo and Stockton agreed that the benefits are among the best aspects of being on a college sports team.

Some of the perks include traveling (transportation is provided by the school), representing the school, the possibility of scholarships, learning the sport on a new level, meeting new people and making friendships.

Michelle Hallinan, another member of the volleyball team, said she was unaware that DCCC had athletics until she saw flyers around the campus. She visited Johnson's office and was disappointed that the school did not have a swim team, so she decided to develop a swim club.

Students who are not interested in athletics have the option to follow Hallinan's lead and join one of DCCC's various clubs, including the Art and Design Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Performing Arts Club, and Student Government Association.

A full list of currently active clubs is available on delaGate under the student services tab. Students may also visit Amy Williams Gaudioso, director of Campus Life at DCCC's Marple campus, in her office in Room 316 for a full list of all clubs and organizations at the College.

Another resource offered to students is the ability to create new student clubs if they do not see a club that interests them. They are required to fill out a New Student Group registration packet available in the campus.
Beating the high price of textbooks with a co-op bookstore

By Rob Buffum


Harvard University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, University of California Berkeley, University of Connecticut, and West Chester University also have something in common. Book co-ops.

“The cost of books for a year of college can easily top $1,000,” wrote Allan Grove, professor of English at Alfred University. “This is true whether you attend a pricey private university or an inexpensive community college.”

The National Association of College Stores estimates the average cost of required course materials to be $862 per semester. “It is beyond insane when the combined cost of a student’s textbooks is greater than their individual classes,” said Jimmy Craig, an accounting major at Delaware County Community College.

To lessen the burden of the costs of required texts at school, some colleges and universities have implemented co-op bookstores. A co-op bookstore is overseen by a board of directors, usually consisting of students, faculty and alumni. Instead of having to generate profit for stockholders and investors like a regular corporation, a not-for-profit co-op gives its profits back to the students. According to their website, West Chester University’s Student Services Bookstore is overseen by a board of three undergraduate students elected by the Student Government Association; three from the local community appointed by the president; three alumni of WCU appointed by the Alumni Association president and three non-voting members from the faculty.

The board of directors serves to represent the WCU campus community and govern the operation of the store. The board also disperses the profits to the school who then decides what to use them for. Student Services Bookstore’s profits go into activities, concerts, speakers, and events for the students, according to Stephen Mannella, the director of the bookstore.

The University of Connecticut negotiates with the publishers directly to get the lowest prices for their students. According to their website, The UConn Co-op strives to keep their profit low on any required books, so the average cost of a book for a UConn student is around $60, according to the website.

For Harvard University’s bookstore, The Coop, students pay an annual fee of $81 to join the co-op, their website states. Co-op membership gives students the chance to be eligible for possible rebates of any bookstore purchases based on store profits.

For a new textbook, the prices range between $119.95 at UConn to $166 at Harvard. The comparison found used textbook prices ranged from $90 at UConn to $147.05 at Harvard. For a new textbook, the prices range between $119.95 at UConn to $166 at Harvard. DCCC sells theirs for $133.75.

The College does not sell that book used. “It’s ridiculous to even consider buying books from a college bookstore when I can easily get them for a fraction of the price by doing a Google search,” said Zane Poors, a liberal arts major at DCCC.

Amazon offers Introduction to Spanish, new at $175.60, used at $4.52 and a rental for $16.07.

Chegg.com offers a similar textbook, which ran out of stock. Some believe changing the bookstore at DCCC to a co-op could potentially give our students more affordable options for books and provide funds for more student activities.

“The thing of the matter is trying to keep college costs down,” said Glen Williams, associate professor of piano at DCCC. “Finding a balance between the needs of the students and the needs of the school.”

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Transfer Check and Transfer Week help students succeed

By Stephanie Kadingo

According to Delaware County Community College, an estimated 3,396 students will transfer this academic year. The transfer process can be confusing and quite frustrating. But the DCCC Transfer Office, located in the Academic Building in Room 1325 on the Marple Campus, offers counselors equipped with plenteous information that can help make the transfer process easy and painless.

“The first step in the transfer process is selecting a major,” said Ryan Jeral, a counselor in the Career and Counseling Center. “Without a declared major, students will not be able to see if they meet transfer requirements or pick a transfer school.”

Once they select a major, students must contact the transfer office to schedule an appointment with a transfer counselor. These appointments are about 30 minutes and can provide feedback for two schools per appointment.

Transfer services can help students find a school that offer the major of their choosing, answer questions about the application process, help enroll students into the transfer agreement and determine which classes are needed to transfer.

Transfer Check shows students a real time view of completed classes, as well as classes in progress. This allows students to keep track of how they are progressing towards meeting academic requirements for both DCCC and the four year college the student is interested in attending.

“Transfer Check is only offered to current students; however, it will be available to prospective students in the future,” said Nora Manz, a transfer specialist in the Career and Counseling Center.

Different schools require applicants to write an essay or a written letter of recommendation, while others want high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores.

“The very first thing schools will look at is your GPA,” Jeral said. “All schools have a minimum, but it is just enough to get your application reviewed.”

Therefore, it is best for students to be aware of specific application requirements at the four-year college of their choice. Jeral added.

Certain majors, like education, nursing, and pharmacy technician, have very competitive GPA requirements.

According to Jeral, schools also look at the applicant’s transcripts to evaluate the difficulty level of classes, grades received, and more.

They will also be able to see if students received any failing grades, incompletes or withdrawals.

Some colleges have transfer partnerships with DCCC known as Dual Admission or Core-to-Core transfer agreements, which are two ways that can also help ease the process.

Jeral explained that with Core-to-Core agreement, students who graduate with an associate of arts or associate of science degrees will be able to transfer their general education credits to a four-year college.

“Dual Admissions is different in that students are guaranteed admittance to one of the partnership schools, provided they earn a previous degree from DCCC and meet the minimum GPA requirements. Students interested in Dual Admission must sign a letter of intent to transfer before receiving thirty credits, Jeral said.

The Dual Admissions program also offers advantages, such as having the application fee waived and being awarded scholarship money. Some schools, such as Arcadia, La Salle, Temple and West Chester Universities, offer both Core-to-Core and Dual Admissions.

Typically, 15 to 30 credits are required to transfer before graduation, but if a student chooses to transfer early, he or she needs to act quickly as he or she will not have as much time as a student that stays in one school to receive their degree, according to Jeral.

The cost of tuition is another important factor and students must decide if they will live on campus or commute. Living on campus includes room and board which will add to the cost of tuition.

Different schools require applicants to join extracurricular activities they should look into which schools offer what activities. Extracurricular activities are important because it shows potential schools that transfer students will be an active part of the student body.

If students have a full schedule they should let potential transfer schools know that they have a job, children or other commitments such as volunteering.

“Colleges want to hear about things students are involved in,” Jeral said. “I like to tell my students that the best thing to do is visit the campus. You can’t just look at a website or take the word of a friend. To know that a school is right for you, you have to physically go there.”

Jeral believes this allows students to see if they feel safe on campus. Students are also better able to tell if the school fits their interests. Likewise, students with disabilities can see how accessible the campus is.

Transfer Information Week is Oct. 14 through the 18, including a transfer fair held in the cafeteria on Oct. 15. Students will have the opportunity to meet with advisors from four year colleges of their interests as well as any schools they may not have thought about.

There will be seminars held at Marple campus throughout the week that will provide information on topics, such as searching for scholarships, writing an excellent application, and dealing with transfer shock. During the transfer fair, 55 to 60 representatives from different colleges will be featured.

The fair will offer representatives from colleges that have selective and limited admissions. Campus tours to Temple and West Chester Universities, along with others will be offered.

There will be a Selective Admissions Transfer Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. in the STEM Center at Marple Campus on Oct. 16.

“This is a very exciting transfer week because it will feature schools such as NYU,” Manz said.

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Hey smokers, you mad? Or nah?

By Ashley Caldwell

Many students are in quite an uproar over the recent implementation of the Tobacco-free Campus policy here at Delaware County Community College. The policy prohibits students, staff, visitors and even more from consuming any tobacco-based products on any college-owned or leased property.

It began July 1 and includes the bus stop all entrances on campus, parking lots and even personal vehicles.

Since the beginning of the semester, there have been plenty of complaints from students in response to the policy. In fact, some still find areas to sneak in a puff or two.

Now, some might say, “That’s not something you have the right to do,” or “You can’t tell me I can’t smoke. I’m grown.” Some may even go as far to say, “You ain’t my daddy. I don’t have to listen to you.”

But technically, they can. It’s like a job; there are certain policies and procedures put in place for “bettering” the majority of the company and as an employee, you must comply or face termination, except with this policy, you’ll only face termination if you have more than three offenses on your record for violating policy rules.

I am not a smoker and many of my fellow student body members are not as well, so for us, this is good. I believe it is also good for those who do smoke, because it may help reduce their nicotine intake. For instance, one student, who shall remain nameless, said that she smokes at least three cigarettes a day versus when she used to smoke at least an entire pack a day.

So I agree with the policy, to a certain extent, that is. I believe that the policy is a great way to start off a new year, because it will create a much healthier breathing atmosphere.

I also think it was a good move to help us nonsmokers remain healthy and not be as easily affected by the chance of second-hand smoke health issues.

Many people here at the College believe that it was the administration that created this policy. It wasn’t.

As a response to the many complaints given to them by students not being able to walk through the courtyard, stand at the bus stop or even stand at the entrance doors without smelling the stench of those cancer-prone products called cigarettes and pipes, the 2008 Student Government Association president and members began working hard to fight for change.

That SGA was in charge and in full control of everything, including making this policy, along with some help from higher authorities, lends the policy credibility.

But I disagree with completely abolishing it, cold turkey.

When people have addictions, a majority of the time, they aren’t always able to quit cold turkey. It takes a lot of time and it’s more like a process. I think, as many students have mentioned, that designated areas should have been a part of the policy. Why? Because you’re appealing to both sides.

Nonsmokers are able to walk through various areas of the college and not have to face their major concerns about being exposed to the possibility of second-hand smoke inhalation, and the smokers are able to smoke on their cancer sticks in an area that’s not affecting anyone else but them.

At the end of it all, this policy is very understandable and is a great way to help promote better health, but I believe if there was a little leeway or loophole for the students of DCCC who smoke, then everything would be ok.

Think about it this way: Why should we tell someone else they cannot do something because it is not good for them?

All of the smokers at the College are fully aware of the health problems tobacco-based products cost. They are all over the age of 18 and fully understand the difference between right and wrong, good and bad, healthy and unhealthy.

If they choose to slowly kill themselves by smoking tobacco products more than two to three times a day, then the repercussions will fall solely on them.

But then again, I’m just another nonsmoker at DCCC who knows nothing about how addictive cigarettes can be, from first-hand experience anyway.

It’s only the beginning of the semester, so we’ll just have to wait and see.

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Since the 1970s, the United States has had no strong relationship with the nations in the Middle East that, some say, have caused more harm than good. Now a new conflict threatens U.S. interests.

After two years, 2.5 million refugees, and over 100,000 casualties, the Syrian civil war remains a deep source of instability in the Middle East. This brutal and inhumane war will not only change Syria forever, but will continue to affect Syria’s neighbors, allies, and enemies.

Despite America’s shaky record in the Middle East, President Barack Obama stood by his warning about chemical weapons, and threatened military action in Syria, briefly portraying the United States as “world police” once again. 

"Many of you have asked, "Why not leave this up to the international community, or seek solutions short of force?"” Obama said in an announcement on Sept. 10. “As several people wrote to me, "We should not be the world’s policeman.' I agree, and I have a deeply held preference for peaceful solutions.”

But American involvement in Syria so far has shown an American public that it is wary of conflict in the Middle East. And for good reason: the conflicts are often intricate endeavors with no clear sides, many unforeseen consequences, and hidden power players. There is no guarantee of success.

The good news is that the Obama administration’s careful retreat from military action may be a good thing for the Syrian conflict itself. The United States is too often all too familiar with intervention in the Arab world.

In 2012, the Syrian regime’s closest allies, Iran and Russia, have continued to support Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad in its efforts against the opposition. Iran remained a close ally of Assad after the uprisings, and provides large shipments of weapons despite United Nation sanctions, according to a UN Security Council Committee report.

Russia maintains its naval base in Tartus and recently sold an undisclosed number of MiG fighter jets to the Syrian regime, according to the Russian Aircraft Corporation Director General Sergey Kogotkov.

Turkey shares its southern border with Syria and has declared its shared interests with the Syrian rebels. In June 2012 Syrian forces shot down a Turkish fighter jet. According to an article by The Telegraph, the Free Syrian Army has been highly reclusive, rebels have claimed they have been sheltered and trained by Turkish intelligence. The fighting has been particularly fierce in Al-Qaeda-affiliated groups, called Jabhat Al-Nusra, support the FSA. A nonpartisan group, The Center for American Progress, puts the number of Al-Nusra members in the Syria opposition at around 6,000 or less than 6 percent.

On the other side, a FSA spokesperson claimed, Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah fights against the FSA with the Syrian regime’s air support.

Needless to say, you can’t tie with the arrows to one side winning the war, whether they admit it or not. In fact, some even use Syria as a proxy war against other nations with opposing agendas, especially since any nation that gets involved militarily in Syria seems to have more interest than the country’s stability in mind.

The United States is no exception. With enough chemical weapons evidence to justify an invasion akin to Operation Iraqi Freedom, and with allies in the area, many analysts expected an executive order similar to Libya come out of the White House.

But then, almost out of the blue, Obama sought congressional approval for military action late August.

A Gallup poll from early September that showed only 36 percent of Americans supported military action, 51 percent opposed, and 13 percent yielded no opinion. In contrast, a 2003 poll regarding Iraq showed 59 percent supported military action, 37 percent opposed, and four percent yielded no opinion.

Clearly, an executive order wouldn’t have been a crowd pleaser.

I worked for a mouse

By Brian Nestel

The aroma of cotton candy, cookies, and funnel cake from the Confectionary fill the air. Men and women dressed in 1900s styled tuxedos and dresses walk Main Street U.S.A. around just the corner is Cinderella’s Castle.

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I was fortunate enough to get an insider’s look at Disney World as a “cast member” in the Disney College Program from August 2012 until January 2013.

The program is extremely beneficial if you want to study hospitality (hotel) management or restaurant. Culinary students can learn from renowned chefs in management or restaurant. Culinary management or restaurant. Culinary

The program was not all work as there was free time and a plethora of activities. I enjoyed other perks such as free admission to each park in Disney. I used that privilege many times.

Some days I hopped around each of their favorite theme parks and spent the whole day riding attractions. Other days, I would just get something to eat with a friend, spending no more than a half hour inside the park.

Outside of Disney was also a world of opportunities. The beach at Daytona Beach and Clearwater were only an hour away and at night, my friends and I would go to downtown Orlando to one of the many nightclubs.

Times when we weren’t in the mood to go out, we always had a gathering at one of our apartments.

Most importantly, the lessons I learned while participating in the College Program I have used while working with people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities.

During my experience, I met a host of different people from all over the world, including Puerto Rico, Chicago, Brazil, and Japan. One of my roommates was from Texas.

I became really close with many of them and keep in touch almost a year after my program ended. I met my girlfriend in the program, who also happened to be an outdoor food vendor at Animal Kingdom.

I learned the only way to accomplish my goals is to work as hard as I possibly can, and take no short cuts. Short cuts only end up making things harder than they have to be.

I want others to have the opportunity to experience what I did. Applications are now being accepted for the spring 2014 program.

To start the application, go to cp.disneycareers.com, where you can find more information about cast member roles, the infamous “Disney Look,” the apartments, and other important information.

The three-step process includes the application, an online interview, and if you pass both, a telephone interview.

Two weeks later you will be notified if you were accepted.

Most internships are offered only during the fall and spring. If you prefer not to miss any time from school, students can participate up to one semester after they graduate from a four-year institution.

I could have never imagined how beneficial this program has been. Being able to put Disney on a resume is extremely helpful for jobseekers. It impresses employers, so if you can put Disney on your own resume, you’ll have a leg up on many other hopeful candidates.

After my program ended, I applied for a job and was hired over another person because I worked for The Mouse.

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(Right) International students Sodiq Banks and Oyinda Banire stop to pose for a photograph during the Fall Fest Sept. 28.

(Below) Leland Yackobovitz, an engineering student at DCCC, demonstrates juggling three basketballs in the courtyard.

(Above) Shannon Herman, a liberal arts student at DCCC, is seated with Lexi Hartas, who majors in speech therapy.

(Left) DCCC students wait in line for free pretzels.

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SGA members Stephanie Howard and Katya Richie assist Campus Life by handing out pretzels.

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A group of students relax in the courtyard.

Photo by David Mulbah

(Right to left) Jennifer Orazi, assistant director of the Student Employment and Co-op Center, Dana Fizzano, a graduate student intern, and Gloria Fizzano, the assistant at the Center, are seated at their table.

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(Left to right) Mike Asatsiotis, a nursing student, poses for a picture with fellow students Nacine Leeper, Kim Phipps, and Steve Jefferies on the inflatable big red chair.

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Since DCCC is a commuter school, students often arrange their own way of getting back and forth from school to home. Depending on where they live, their schedules, or the cost of car maintenance, gas, and insurance, the commute can be problematic.

This begs the question: What mode of transportation do students use more, car or bus? And, why?

"Without a doubt the bus," said Mike Deuber, a criminal justice major from Drexel Hill who takes the bus four or five times a week. "It saves money, has less people driving on the road, and doesn't pollute the air as much."

Although Deuber seems pretty set on sticking with public transportation, others prefer to drive.

"I would take the car to school," said Derrick Casey, a student from West Philadelphia who takes the bus to and from school. "It's a lot faster, even though it's probably cheaper to take SEPTA."

FuelEconomy.gov, a website dedicated to the costs and concerns for gas and insurance for any automobile, calculated that a 2005 Scion xB yearly insurance would cost around $1,200. Consequently, the annual gas cost would range between $1,800 and $1,900.

Although many students may believe SEPTA is more cost effective, the prices have been going up slowly as SEPTA increased their fares on July 1st.

Trolleys and subways went from $2 to $2.25, while an adult token went from $1.55 to $1.80.

But the price for a token won’t matter much anymore come July 2014 when SEPTA decides to do away with them in exchange for computer chips, also known as “smart cards.”

In a statement released by SEPTA's press officer Andrew Busch, "Credit cards, cell phones and other devices equipped with smart technology will be able to be used to pay for rides."

"In addition," said Busch. "Customers will be able to use their own devices - such as compliant credit and debit cards that offer contact-less payment, near field communication-enabled smartphones and smart-chip equipped identification cards, just to name a few - as part of the open fare system."

In laymen’s terms, riders will pay their fare with SEPTA-issued smartcards, or their own bank cards, if they are equipped with a special chip.

Drivers on trolleys and buses will still accept cash, but the smartcard will be the only way to get onto the subway. SEPTA plans to have this project live on all buses and trolleys by April 2014.

Even though SEPTA released this information to the public, many students who take public transportation had no prior knowledge about the forthcoming removal of tokens.

"That's terrible," said Casey when he learned the news. "But it wouldn't really affect me because I usually have a transpass."

The cost of transpasses has also risen. Six months ago, weekly transpasses went for $22 to $24.50, while the monthly transpasses increased from $83 to $92.

"I don’t like it,” Deuber said. "And the transfer doesn’t even work on the North Bound Express, so you have to spend an extra 50 cents.”

While the change in prices for public transportation seems to negatively affect the students who do take it, the ones who drive don't really seem to have a problem at all, especially with gas prices slightly going down recently.

"I don't have my license, but I do carpool," said Dominic Dioso, a nursing major from Kennett Square. "[The driver] lives really close to me too, so I don't have to pay any gas money."

Even students who don’t have their licenses yet say they will eventually switch to driving.

"I would drive," said Katy Naylor, a student from Norwood who was going for her license test on Sept. 11. "I'm an awkward person, so I'd like to drive by myself."

Although money seems to be an issue for many commuters, some don't care too much about that at all. They just want to get to school, and don't really care how much it costs.

"The money doesn't matter to me," said Naylor. "It would be fine just driving to school."

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Intercultural business titan addresses students

Terri Morrison, co-author of “Kiss, Bow or Shake Hands.”
Photo courtesy of www.terrimorrison.com

Next, Morrison asked for “two people who want a book!” Volunteers demonstrated correct greetings in Japan, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Russia. Other editions of her book went to audience members who correctly answered a few of her true or false questions, including, “You should never send white flowers to an Asian client.” This is true, since white flowers are associated with funerals.

Later, Morrison demonstrated that no one, no matter how rich or powerful, is immune to business slip-ups. Several slides depicted blunders by Richard Gere in Mumbai, Bill Gates in South Korea, and a large manufacturing company based in Texas while hosting the former president of China. In South Korea, Gates kept his other hand in his pocket while shaking President Park’s hand. This incited a national uproar since Korean culture views such a casual handshake as disrespectful, Morrison said.

Morrison theorized that Gates likely did not mean to be disrespectful since there are many photographs of him shaking hands with many world leaders, including French President Nicolas Sarkozy and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

Toward the end of her presentation, Morrison spoke briefly about research done by Dr. Amy Cuddy on “Power Poses.” Morrison demonstrated a particular pose that lowers levels of cortisol in the body — a hormone that makes it harder to handle stress — while raising testosterone levels. Morrison suggested that students stand with both feet shoulder width apart and place their hand on their hips before entering a meeting or giving a presentation. Holding this “Wonder Woman” pose for two minutes will alter the body’s hormone levels and raise self-confidence, Morrison said.

In closing, Morrison quoted an article that ran in the New York Times May 17, 2012. The headline was “Whites Account for Under Half of Births in U.S.” Because of this trend, Morrison said, understanding the differences between cultures is now more important than it has ever been in the history of our country.
REMEMBERING...  

"For Sandy, once more..."

A photograph of Sandra Connelly during a lunch break, lower left, overlaps a postcard of Edgar Allan Poe given to Shane Toogood by Connelly during his senior year in high school.  
Photo courtesy of Shane Toogood

Sandra Connelly

When I started high school, I had been writing for over a year. Instead of playing sports or chasing girls, neither of which was my forte, I’d type out macabre tales a la Edgar Allan Poe. My parents and aunt loved them, but my freshman reading teacher, Sandy Connelly, was my biggest fan.

I knew this because not only was she thrilled when she received a new story from me, but also because once, in the middle of a class assignment, she walked over to me with a pen in one hand and the school’s literary mag in the other, beaming. My short story had just been published.

Kneeling down, Sandy placed the open magazine next to my composition book and asked for my autograph. She said she wanted to tell everyone she knew me once.

“Do you read a lot of Poe?” I said, trying to sound like a writer — which I was not.

“Of course I can. I have, because I am a writer. Sandy told me so.”

It was something I always called myself — a writer — but to be recognized as one was a new revelation. To be a writer, I thought you had to be given an assignment, interview someone, and get paid well. A writer wasn’t a timid boy with a Ralphie bowl-cut and glasses that found literary gore cathartic.

Throughout high school Sandy continued to mentor me, always making time to talk or edit stories. She’d even make an effort to see me in the school concerts.

Above my television, 10 years after she had given it to me, is a poster of Poe.

“Look,” she’d say, “he created the first modern horror story.”

That fall we were both heading to Delaware Community College — she to teach, I to study journalism — “…so be sure to look me up!” she told me.

I hope you didn’t already have one…” she wrote in the attached graduation note. ‘I couldn’t remember if you said you had been to the Poe House or not.’

When I graduated from Delaware County, a few of Sandy’s colleagues would joke: “You following Shane to Goddard, too?” She’d laugh, say she was looking for a position. And, of course, I wouldn’t have minded; at least I’d always have an office to visit.

At her funeral, I loomed over the guest book, suddenly back in my reading class, signing my name. “For Sandy, once more…”

Working in the funeral industry, I learned that the hardest part of death is moving on. I made this mistake.

I couldn’t help but wonder: Can I still do this without her?

Of course I can. I have, because I am a writer. Sandy told me so.

Submitted by Shane R. Toogood

Thewinco Leela “T-Win” Caesar

Thewinco Leela “T-Win” Caesar, of Darby, Pa. and a student of Delaware County Community College died, along with her boyfriend, Samuel D. “SJ” Jackson, Jr., a resident of Lowell, Mass., at a beach in Atlantic City, NJ July 27.

They were both 21.

Caesar was an honor student at the College and the president of the African Students Association. She was born in Liberia, West Africa on June 14, 1991 to Mr. Emmanuel Caesar and Mrs. Korlu Gbegbe Cooper. Shortly after, she welcomed a little brother, Emmanuel Caesar-Cooper, Jr, or E-Man.

Jackson was also born in Liberia, West Africa on July 8, 1992 to Mr. Samuel D. Jackson, Sr. and Mrs. Beatrice Wesley Kesley. He moved to the United States in 2011 to be with his father and resided in Lowell, Mass.

Caesar lived in Liberia for most of life. During her teenage years, she accepted Christ in 2003 and her education from Shirley Kolmer High, St. Michael Catholic High and the Don Bosco Technical High School where she played basketball and graduated with honors in 2010. She was an avid player of the sport and played for a professional club called the Dessert Ladies.

She moved to the United States with her mother shortly after graduating and lived with her aunt and uncle until being reunited with her parents. Some time later, she enrolled at DCCC where she chose psychology as her major.

A year after Leela began her studies at DCCC, she entered a work-study job opportunity in the communications department of the College.

Leela or “T-Win”, as most would refer to her, loved the outdoors, her friends, her home in Liberia, but most important, God. She was a devoted Christian and wasn’t afraid to let others know it, her family said.

Caesar spent most of her time dedicated to her studies, which landed her a spot on the President’s List for maintaining over a 3.5 GPA during the semester she received it.

She was the “sweetest person anyone could ever know,” many of her friends said. She was a freshman at the College and always willing to be involved in what she could, which prompted her to create the ASA. The student club started in January earlier this year.

Her funeral took place in Darby, Pa. at Christ Temple Outreach Center, Aug. 17. Many people who loved her were in attendance. Many of her friends and family choked up as they began to reflect on her life.

She made many friends at the College through her warm-spirited personality and willingness to unite and help people, according to her obituary.

She leaves to mourn her death a host of family members and friends, including her mother, Korlu Gbegbe Cooper (Charles Cooper), her father, Emmanuel Caesar and her brother, Emmanuel Caesar-Cooper, Jr. (E-Man).

Thewinco Leela “T-Win” Caesar, Jr, a resident of Lowell, Mass., at a beach in Atlantic City, NJ July 27.

Submitted by Thewinco Leela’s family
Philadelphia Museum of Art Offers Free Admission to College Students for College Day 2013

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is offering several programs and discounts to students (with valid college ID) to explore the Museum’s Main Building with more than 200 galleries of permanent collections and special exhibitions, as well as the Ruth and Raymond G. Perelman Building across the street and the nearby Rodin Museum.

Inside the Museum, The Great Stair Hall will be transformed into a “student lounge,” where students can mix and mingle and pause between masterpieces. Students visiting the museum can also win a variety of prizes, including a set of art books, free admission tickets and more by filling out a raffle ticket. In addition to the raffle tickets, every picture tagged #PMACollegeDay is a second chance to win and students are encouraged to share images on philamuseum.

“We are delighted to welcome the Philadelphia region’s new and returning students to College Day, which has been a proud tradition for the Museum for 27 years,” said Marla Shoemaker, the Kathleen C. Sherrerd Senior Curator of Education. “And, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to give these students the chance to discover our galleries and learn about our special exhibitions and year round programming, including Pay What You Wish Wednesday Nights and Art After 5 Friday evening performances.”

The Philadelphia Art Museum has planned numerous exhibitions, events, special programs and memberships, including a special introductory Six-Month Student Membership for $20, valid from Oct. 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

Current and Upcoming Exhibitions:

Barbara Chase-Riboud: The Malcolm X Steles, focuses on the career of this gifted artist and her important Malcolm X sculptures. (September 14, 2013 – January 20, 2014)

The Enchanted World of German Romantic Prints comprises 125 of the finest rare prints and illustrations reflecting cultural changes that swept across the German-speaking regions of Europe including elaborately detailed early prints of the famous Grimm Brothers fairy tales Sleeping Beauty and Cinderella. (September 21 – December 29, 2013)

Léger: Modern Art and the Metropolis unites important paintings by the French painter Fernand Léger, including the monumental painting, The City (1919), with key works in film, theater design and architecture by the artist and his avant-garde colleagues. (October 14, 2013 – January 5, 2014)

The Surrealists: Works from the Collection, provides a selection of exceptional works that represent one of the most influential art movements of the 20th century. (November 3, 2013 – March 2, 2014)

Marc Newson: At Home, presents the first solo museum exhibition in the United States by one of the world’s most acclaimed contemporary designers in a display of his furnishing and home creations in an installation set up to look like a six-room home. (November 23, 2013 – April 20, 2014)

Evening programs:

Pay What You Wish Wednesdays, offers weekly interactive programs such as yoga, games and art workshops, mini-film festivals showcasing indie films, and appearances by regional artists, musicians and local cultural organizations.

Art After 5 transforms the Grand Stair on Friday evenings into an intimate cabaret showcasing an eclectic mix of international music and dance performances and delectable snacks as well as themed guided tours and talks.

For more information on museum events, visit: http://www.philamuseum.org.

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Men and women’s basketball practices are in effect as of Oct. 1. Games will not begin until Nov. 2 at Onondaga Classic and Syracuse NY.

Flag Football will begin in late October.

Any and all students are more than welcome to join any team at any time.

For more information on sports teams, visit Andrew Johnson, Jr., Director of Athletics, Wellness and Recreation in Room 2507 of the Founder’s Hall on Marple campus or call (610) 359-5354.

DCCC SPORTS
Ken Cage owns International Recovery Group (IRG), a company that repossesses and remarkets boats, airplanes, and other contacted vehicles. The company also acts as private investigators that do insurance and asset investigations.

Cage has made guest appearances on Fox Business Channel, Bloomberg TV, Canada’s National Business Network (BNN), and many other television and broadcast shows for his expertise in the repo business. IRG has recently been featured in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The Street, and Entrepreneur Magazine.

After graduating from DCCC in 1996, Cage went on to become the owner of IRG in 2005. IRG won the Top Repossition and Remarking Company award from the Small Business Association, and continued to win again in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Cage currently co-stars on the Discovery TV show, Airplane Repo, which airs Thursdays at 10 p.m.

Cage will be visiting Delaware County Community College’s Marple campus Oct. 29 during Q-time (11:05 a.m. - noon) in the Large Auditorium of the Academic Building. The event is open to both students and alumni.
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