

The Owl

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Summer's over; now it's time to get ready for studies

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First of all, I would like to welcome everyone back from his or her summer vacations. I certainly hope that you had a restful summer whether it was going on vacation or working or attending classes, I am quite sure you had a good time doing so. I certainly had a wonderful summer vacation, which was spent visiting relatives in Tennessee and Kentucky both. I was really surprised how quickly the time went by while I



Must be fall -- lines at the bookstore were long again.

was gone. I am sure that many of you are somewhat dreading taking your classes and your upcoming teachers but rest assured that I am certain that we can all do well this upcoming semester if we just apply ourselves.

Some of you may be experiencing cancelled classes but rest assured you are not alone in this because this writer is personally affected by a cancelled class but at least we should be refunded our money for this in the not too distant future. Second of all, some of you may have to let some of your social activities be

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PGCC Students on Tour at Gaylord National Harbor and Westin Hotel



Gaylord Manager Emily Ellis welcoming PGCC students at the Gaylord's signature restaurant, Old Hickory.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Rawlings

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The Hillman Entrepreneurs Program in conjunction with the Bernard Collegian Center and the Hospitality and Tourism Institute went on a tour of the new Gaylord National Harbor Hotel and Convention Center on August 13. The tours were led by Gaylord managers, included a behind-the-scenes look at the kitchen of the Gaylord

Hotel's most popular restaurant, *National Past Time Bar & Grill* and a preview of the *Pose* nightclub. We were also treated to a tour and reception at the Westin National Harbor. The National Harbor is one of the largest economic development projects on the East Coast. Adding a 10,000-person convention space, the 470,000-square-foot flexible convention, exhibition, and meeting space makes the Gaylord National the

largest combined hotel and convention center on the Eastern Coast.

The purpose of the tour was to provide an opportunity for students who are enrolled in new Hospitality and Tourism Program at Prince George's Community College to see a high-quality, top-notch hos-

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The 16th Annual Bluebird Blues Festival is Coming up Sept. 28

Tradition continues at the 16th Annual Bluebird Blues Festival. Prince George's Community College's Largo campus hosts it on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 1-6 p.m. in front of Novak Field House and in the Hallam Theatre of the Queen Anne Fine Arts building. Free admission to the event provides attendees access to live entertainment, children's activities, food, giveaways and a variety of vendors.

Bettye LaVette, the headliner act, will appear on the main stage in front of the Novak Field House. Other performers on the main stage include alumni Michael James "Blues" Baker and the Blue Smoke Blues Band, Memphis Gold and the Holmes Brothers.

The blues workshop, a crowd favorite, provides visitors with a history of the blues led by Barry Pearson in the Queen Anne Fine Arts building. Michael Baytop & Rick Franklin, Warner and Jay and Larry Johnson are featured musicians during the workshop.

For more information about the Bluebird Blues Festival, please call (301) 322-0851 or visit the college's Web site at www.pgcc.edu.

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pitality and tourism landmark. The unique opportunity was also made available to Hillman Entrepreneurs and Bernard Collegians as they move toward achieving their professional and personal goals. For Hillman Entrepreneurs, the exploration of the multiple entrepreneurial planning and implementation involved in the development of a magnanimous vision proved to be an enlightening and rewarding experience. For Bernard Collegians, the opportunity to explore the hotel management industry and all of its components, including tourism and fine dining, as future business management and accounting majors. The collaboration of the three departments, the Hospitality and Tourism Program, the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program and the Bernard Collegian Center provided all participating students with a great opportunity to interact with one another and talk about their pro-

grams, goals and current projects. This interchange of information regarding the programs proved to be "bonus" resource to some of the participating students.

As you may know, the Hospitality and Tourism Institute of Prince Georges Community College is a new program. In partnership and collaboration with businesses, government and educational organizations the program offer a comprehensive education and training course that empower HTI participants and graduates to competitively enter the industry and quickly advance their careers as lodging managers, food and beverage managers, convention and meeting managers, chefs, food service providers, hotel administrators, hospitality supervisors, meeting planners, customer service specialists and hospitality and tourism entrepreneurs. Hospitality and tourism is the fastest-growing industry globally. Most of the jobs at Gaylord National are service.

Reflections Literary and Arts magazine from page 6

Editor-in-Chief. If you think you are ready to lead this literary and arts community as the Reflections Editor-in-Chief, we strongly encourage you to apply immediately. We are also inviting aspiring associate editors and graphics designers. Associate editors evaluate literary submissions while graphics designers evaluate the arts submissions and work on the magazine layout and cover design. If you are interested, you can visit the Reflections office and look for Reflections faculty advisor Professor Deidre Gantt at room LSC 245 or you can call at 301-322-0121.

Lastly, but most importantly, for those who wish their works to get published, all submissions from students and faculty alike are welcomed. We only accept e-mailed submissions with the works attached as a Microsoft Word file or a jpg (high-resolution is preferred). You can send your works to reflections_pgcc@hotmail.com.

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Humanities Collegian Center events

September

Voter Registration Drive (see above for schedule)

Change your world-Register to vote!

WHEN: Sept. 8th through October 9th, Monday through Thursday, 12:00-2:00 and 5:00-6:00

WHERE: The Largo Student Center and Bladen Hall breezeway between the Police sub-station and the Cashiers

Grammar Brush-up Workshop

Sept. 17 at 2:30, M3081

Sick of getting papers back that are covered with red marks? Confused about the difference between a fragment and a comma splice? We have a workshop for you. Please join us for an interactive workshop to learn how to conquer some of the most common grammar mistakes students make: fragments, comma splices, and fused sentences. This work-

not even sure where to begin?

Come get ready for midterms with a workshop that will help you strengthen your study skills and make taking tests easier. Date, time and location TBA.

Student Involvement Club Fair

on Wednesday, Sept. 17 in the Largo Student Center between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Representatives from our student organizations will be available to answer your questions.

Fall Transfer Day is on Sept. 22 in Largo Student

The Book of Days

Center, Community Rooms A, B, and C. from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. All state universities and many area colleges and universities will be available

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There will be a staged reading of the play "Katrina: the K Word" on Sept. 25 26 and 27 in the Hallam Theatre in the Queen Anne Fine Arts Building. It's an original play inspired by true stories of individuals facing one of America's most challenging crises. The script was created by Lisa Brenner and Suzanne Trauth based on transcripts of interviews they conducted with New Orleans' residents in 2007. For more information call 301-322-0920.

The 16th Annual Bluebird Festival

is Sunday, Sept. 28, noon to 6 p.m., in front of Novak Field House and the High Technology Center and in Queen Anne Fine Arts building, Hallam Theatre. The festival features live entertainment, food and fun for the entire family. See the article on page 1 for more details. On Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rennie Forum, Book Bridge Project presents "Writing the Self: Barack

University; and, E. Ethelbert Miller, poet, writer, and director of the Afro American Studies Resource Center, Howard University.

The One Brick at a Time Dedication Ceremony will be held on Sept. 30, 4-6 p.m. in the Marlboro Hall courtyard. Students alumni, employees and members of the community have become a part of history by purchasing personalized commemorative bricks. The engraved bricks will be laid around the Marlboro Hall courtyard, which is surrounded by landscaping, benches, water fountain and walkways. A reception will follow the dedication ceremony in Marlboro Gallery.

Inauguration of President Charlene M. Dukes October 1 through 3

Conversations with Dr. Dukes, a student reception, is Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in Marlboro Gallery. The Inaugural Gospel Concert is Thursday, Oct.