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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Here at The Saber we have a running joke: "Finals are coming." And it's true that they always seem to be just around the corner. So while we may be wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving today, here's to hoping that you enjoy the break while it lasts. Turkey, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole – delight in the food, the family, and the fun, and regain some of that momentum you'll need to tackle the tests after break.

In this issue we discuss the rise in conservatism so lately trending in our community. Student organizations such as the CSU Advocates for Life and the Students for Concealed Carry on Campus have both been vocal this semester. Similarly, to learn more about the victory of the Republican Party in Congress during the recent elections check out the relevant article on page 11.

Furthermore, with the holidays approaching The Saber has gotten into the spirit of the season. For perspectives on student finances, look for the article "Motorists Astonished by New Gas Prices," and also for an opinion piece on why it is important to be grateful for both the gifts and challenges you may be facing, entitled "Keep It All in Perspective," page 8. Also just in time for Thanksgiving we have other fun stories including "Whose House for the Holidays?" and a glance at the real history of Thanksgiving.

So have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Be on the lookout for our final issue of the semester, the Holiday issue, on stands December 3rd.

-Catherine Saavedra
Editor-in-Chief

Apologies and Retractions

Misinformation corrected in Issue 7's Howard Hall article

The Saber would like to apologize to the administrators of Columbus State University for the unintentional portrayal of the university in regard to information on the Howard Hall renovations. While steps were taken to get in contact with university directors from Plant Operations about the progress of construction, others involved in the project with the information were not contacted. This was a mistake on the part of the writer, who only contacted those from logistics and was not informed as to the other university officials' level of involvement in the Howard Hall renovations.

-Sam Sachs
Campus Life Editor

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Howard Hall Progress Update

Interview with Eric Pittman

Sam Sachs

Campus Life Editor

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Howard Hall reconstruction continues

Eric Pittman, the Director of Campus Planning and Development of Plant Operations, met with The Saber for an interview since his return from a conference. He has clarified that the Howard Hall renovations are “on time, no issues are expected.” The work on the interior of the building has continued on schedule despite “additional work to remove asbestos materials” from Howard Hall to ensure the safety of the student body, faculty, staff, and developers on campus.

While the school building will not be open for scheduled classes until the fall semester of 2015, Mr. Pittman stated that the renovations should be completed by June 30, 2015.

Following the end of the reconstruction, the building will be open to professors by July 1, when instruction will be provided for them

about how to use the new technology that will be available in the classrooms once the fall semester begins.

Some of the new technologies that will be in the classroom for teachers and students to use will be touch screen monitors that can link with other devices such as phones or laptops. As of the interview, it is uncertain if all of the classrooms will be receiving these touch screens, but all of the systems in the building will be upgraded for the benefit of the students and faculty.

Changes in technology are not the only adjustments to the older building. There will be fewer classes offered in Howard Hall following renovations due to the addition of multiple lounge areas throughout the building; additionally, there will be upgraded access for disabled students. The hope here is for an “increase in quality of classroom space over the quantity of classes.”

Architecturally speaking, Mr. Pittman also mentioned that there is an intention to add outside lighting and a new entrance in order to “embrace the old architecture while updating the overall look.” The construction and renovations are being planned and carried out by 2WR + Partners, a local architecture firm. The new entryway will include a similar entrance to the Cunningham Center, which was built by 2WR as well.

For more information, Dr. John Lester, the Assistant Vice President for University Relations can be reached at lester_john@columbusstate.edu or in Richards Hall. You can also get in contact with Plant Operations through Eric Pittman at pittman_eric@columbusstate.edu.

Get to Know: Students for Concealed Carry on Campus

The Saber sits down with president, Andrew Fisher

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Concealed carry is “the practice of carrying a concealed firearm on one’s person in public.” According to the National Conference of State Legislatures’ website, seven states have made provisions for concealed carry on their public post-secondary campuses. They are as follows: Colorado, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah, Wisconsin, and Idaho. Despite Georgia not being one of these states, Columbus State University’s Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC) supports the idea.

SCCC isn’t just local, however. It is a “national, non-partisan organization which advocates for legal concealed carry on college campuses in the United States as an effective means of self-defense.” CSU’s brand was founded in 2010 by former CSU student, Jason Stubbs. He is now the Georgia State Director for Students for Concealed Carry on Campus.

“As a gun owner I was interested in this organization. When I found out that SCCC had become inactive because the

former leader left the university, I worked with our current advisor, Casey Hergett, to reboot Students for Concealed Carry,” said Andrew Fisher on becoming president. Fisher is currently studying post Master Biology at CSU.

On a national level, SCCC has two primary functions. Their website states that the first is “to dispel the common myths and misconceptions about concealed carry on college campuses, by making the public aware of the facts,” while the second is “to push state legislators and school administrators to grant concealed handgun license holders the same rights on college campuses that those licensees currently enjoy in most other unsecured locations.” CSU’s branch aligns itself with those functions as well.

“Because SCCC fully supports states’ rights, its policy is to push for change at the state level, rather than at the federal level. The first step is to see the laws in many states amended to remove statutory prohibitions against concealed carry on

college campuses. The next step is to see other states follow Utah’s lead in prohibiting state-funded colleges from refusing to honor state-issued licenses,” Fisher explained.

SCCC believes that concealed carry should be permitted on campus for the sake of an individual’s personal protection. “I’m not here to do police work. As someone who’s been deemed worthy by the state to conceal carry, I just want to be authorized while on campus,” Fisher said.

CSU’s SCCC is open to everyone. “We encourage opposing views. We want to have a diverse group of people on board,”



Tom Hackett Named Interim President of CSU

Vice President of Academic Affairs fills Mescon's chair

Sam Sachs

Campus Life Editor

Photo: Columbus State University



Interim President, Tom Hackett

On Sept. 4, 2014 Dr. Timothy Mescon announced his retirement from the presidency of Columbus State University. Since that time, the

University System of Georgia's Board of Regents has searched for a replacement. USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby named Tom Hackett, the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at CSU, as the Interim President on Nov. 6, 2014, effective Jan. 1, 2015.

With the announcement came a positive endorsement from Huckaby: "Serving in the role of CSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tom has clearly demonstrated his leadership capabilities and readiness to take on this responsibility. Tom also brings the distinct and unique perspective as a graduate of Columbus State. Having a proven leader such as Tom ready to step in as interim president is a credit to the deep bench strength and professional development President Mescon fostered during his tenure at CSU."

Also included in the announcement was

a list of Dr. Hackett's accomplishments since his graduation from Columbus College, which became what is now CSU.

In chronological order, Dr. Hackett joined the faculty at CSU as a professor of Counseling and served as department chair in 2004. He was named to the College of Education Hall of Fame in 2006. In 2008, Dr. Hackett received the award of Outstanding in Writing, followed by his promotion to first interim provost, and then Vice President of Academic Affairs in 2010. Following this, Dr. Hackett was appointed as the provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in 2012.

While Dr. Mescon's initial announcement of retirement left many students and faculty wondering who would be the next president, the Board of Regents has appointed a dependable replacement in the interim, following Dr. Mescon's retirement on Dec. 31, 2014.



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Pro-Life Posters Seen Around Campus

CSU Advocates for Life begin their pro-life poster campaign

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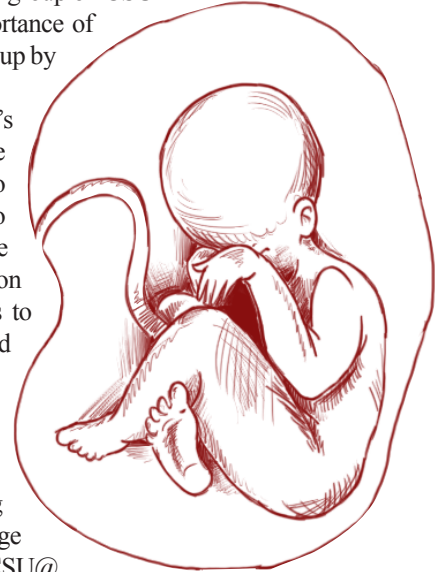
Recently posters promoting a pro-life message have been seen all around Main Campus. The posters depict an unborn baby alongside a message reading “3,000 babies are aborted each day.” These posters are part of a pro-life campaign by CSU Advocates for Life, a new organization headed by nontraditional freshman and business administration major, Kalan Walker. Not only is he the president of this organization, but also the co-founder of Seneca, Choices for Life, a non-profit organization located in the Chattahoochee Valley Area.

When asked about the reasoning behind the posters, Walker explained that it was an effective way of reaching people about abortion victims. He also added that: “People respond to images and are more offended at them than the actual act [of abortion] itself.” The appearance of the posters has certainly caused a stir on campus. Not everyone at Columbus State University has been pleased with the presence of the posters. Sentiments have ranged from minor annoyance to all-out disgust. Walker reported the posters being torn down and declared that for every poster that was taken down, two more would be added. He also noted that

if people disagree with CSU Advocates for Life’s message then they are welcome to email the group on CSU Involve. Walker stressed the importance of debate rather than silencing the group by tearing down the posters.

CSU Advocates for Life’s Constitution explains that the organization’s goal isn’t to shame or intimidate women who have had abortions. Instead, the organization’s goal, as stated on their CSU Involve home page, is to educate people about abortions and stand up for the unborn. The pro-life organization plans to continue promoting their message on campus.

For more information regarding the club, visit their CSU Involve page or email them at advocatesforlifeCSU@gmail.com.



Nerdacon

CSU’s own multi-fandom convention

Catrina Dygert

Staff Writer

Photos: Tionna Howard



Nerdaccon v9 Artist Alley

This past weekend marked the ninth annual Nerdaccon, a convention hosted by the Campus Nerds which featured a multitude of fandoms. The convention took place on Friday and Saturday and included vendors, a gaming tournament, a costume contest, and a rave.

Sam Sachs, who handled public relations for Nerdaccon, stated that with an estimated attendance of 2500 people this year’s convention was bigger than any other. Sachs also said the Campus Nerds rented out the Multi-Purpose Room in the Student Recreation Center because they had twice as many vendors sign up. One of the vendors, Kris Wright, expressed her feelings about the move, saying she was “not happy [the vendors] had to move, but the crowd

is really good.” She and her partner, Tacarra Miller, ran a booth called Candy Parade. They sold handmade jewelry, bows, and custom designs made from perler beads. The duo said they expected to make anywhere from \$600 to \$700 over the course of the convention.

This year the convention also began charging a \$5 entrance fee. However, the cost covered entrance for both days, as well as entrance to all Nerdaccon events, including the League of Legends tournament and the Honors College Comedy Show. The entrance fees are going to be used to fund next year’s convention where the Campus Nerds are hoping to book a live band and the internet star LittleKuriboh.

Even without extra funding, Nerdaccon was a huge success this year. Aliyah Anglin, a CSU student and first time convention attendee, was shocked at how many people were there on Friday. Anglin said her top fandoms were Naruto and Sonic, a pleasant departure from the most common fandoms of the event: Doctor Who, Supernatural, and Sherlock.



Cassidy Richards, a member of the Campus Nerds Organization

Fast Five with a Professor: Dr. Cheryl Smith

Danielle Davis

Layout Editor

Photo: Cheryl Smith



Prof. Cheryl Smith (front row, middle) after winning a tennis tournament

Scrubs, stethoscopes, clipboards, and patient files. Each one can be considered a nurse's best friend, something which Columbus State University's nursing director, Professor Cheryl Smith, no doubt understands. She's been working as a nurse for 43 years and she got her start at Columbus' own Medical Center, which is now referred to as the Midtown Medical Center. Recently The Saber sat down with her to discuss what it's like educating students within CSU's nursing program.

Where are you from?

CS: I'm from here in Columbus. I graduated from Columbus High School. Then I went on to graduate from Columbus College in 1971.

How many years have you been at CSU?

CS: This is my seventh year at CSU. I came here in August 2007. Before I came to CSU to teach I was working at the Medical Center. I then went on to work at Auburn University.

What would you be doing if you weren't a professor?

CS: I would return to pediatric nursing. I loved working with children. They're just so resilient. They can be in critical condition and still make a remarkable recovery. I rarely lost a patient when working with them.

What do you want your students to take away from your class?

CS: With constant changes in healthcare, education never stops. I want my students to continue bettering themselves so that they may become life-long learners. In order to have positive patient outcomes, one must never stop gaining additional knowledge.

What's an interesting thing about you that your students don't know?

CS: I love to play tennis and I hate to lose. Despite not being the best, I'm highly competitive.



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CSU Theatre to perform “Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play”

The Saber discusses the upcoming production with those involved

Danielle Davis

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Photo: Carly McMinn



Kirin Wilson (Performance, Junior), Allysia Johns (Performance, Freshman), Kasie Slay (Performance, Junior), and Devin Johnson (Performance, Sophomore)

Written by Anne Washburn, “Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play” is an American dark comedy. It premiered in May of 2012 at the Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company in Washington, D.C., followed by a premiere at Playwright Horizons in New York City

on Sept. 15, 2013. The story centers on a group of people who have survived the disastrous failure of all nuclear plants. Throughout the play they recollect and repeatedly talk about “The Simpsons” episode “Cape Feare.” The first time is done in the present, the next time seven years later, and the last time 75 years later.

CSU’s Theatre Department will be bringing the play to the stage this week. “This has been a longer process than usual because we had to ‘create’ so much. But it’s also unlike any process I’ve been involved with before because it’s so challenging. At the same time, it has been incredibly fulfilling,” said the director, Professor Becky Becker. In addition to working for CSU’s Theatre Department, she is also an International Studies Certificate Coordinator.

Prof. Becker hopes that the audience will enjoy the play. “I can’t wait for them to see the entire journey this play represents. The script may seem shallow at first since it uses popular culture like “The Simpsons” as a jumping off point. However, there is so much depth in the characters’ journey from survival to rebuilding a new culture and mythology,” she said.

Stage manager, Molly Burch, shared what worries her most about the upcoming show. “I am nervous to call the show. Calling is basically telling each piece (sound, lights, actors, etc.) to go. This will be my first time calling a show, so I’ll most likely be shaking in my converses,” she said. Burch is a sophomore Theatre Design/Technology major.

Mickey Cole, a junior Theatre Performance major, is excited to perform. “The entire process has been both exhilarating and tiring. We’ve made so many fun discoveries as a cast so that made it all worthwhile,” he said. Cole will play the character Matt in the show. “He’s one of the story tellers in act one and tries to keep everyone distracted from the chaos and destruction all around the group,” Cole explained.

CSU Theatre’s production of “Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play” begins November 19 at 7:30 PM

Showtimes

**November 19-22 at 7:30 PM
November 23 at 2:00 PM**

Goodbye June

A band with Loft-y goals

Goodbye June, an alternative-rock band from Nashville, Tenn., will be in Columbus to play a show at The Loft on Nov. 22 at 9 p.m. The band includes cousins Landon Milbourn, Brandon Qualkenbush, and Tyler Baker. The trio call Indiana home. Though both Landon and Brandon lived most of their life in Tennessee, it was in Indiana that the band first formed. All three grew up playing and singing in church, but in June 2005, when Tyler’s brother, Pfc. Shane Baker, died the cousins took their musical talents and used them as a way to cope with the grief. Eventually, this form of therapy became Goodbye June. The band jokes that “Jesus Christ and Nickelback” were the main influences for their sound, along with serious influence from The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

While the band was formed in 2005, Goodbye June didn’t get serious until around 2011. Shortly thereafter, the band was signed to an Indie label and released their debut album, “Nor the Wild Music Flow,” in the summer of 2012. The band also wrapped up an extensive European tour, as well as several festival stops, including Forecastle in Louisville, Ky. and Live on the Green in Nashville. It was the show in Nashville that the band cites as their best show. Playing on the green was a huge goal for the cousins and made them feel like the “band to watch in [Nashville’s] eye.” Their worst show, on the other hand, was at a small bar in Alabama. There

were three guests, two of whom were employees. The other was a man in full face paint, much like that of hip-hop duo Insane Clown Posse.

Goodbye June is now focusing less on these small shows and more on the big plans they have for the future. The band is currently working with Grammy-nominated producer, Paul Moak, on a new album. The bandmates are still excited to “get sweaty and rowdy” at The Loft next Saturday, and encourage everyone to “bring your party pants” and check out their music. Their CD is available on iTunes, and the band will have a merchandise table at the show.



The band members of Goodbye June

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Photo: Goodbye June Management

Keep It All in Perspective

Balancing college, money, and gratitude

Scott Berson

Staff Writer

Illustration: Elaine Hoffmeister

How can I pay my tuition? My rent? Where can I buy cheap groceries? Wait, how much is this fitness armband going to cost me? Are you kidding...?

Money is always on our minds- for us college students, it has to be. It is the necessary evil of the system; we throw money at the university and try to live on what meager savings or part time wages we can scrape up in the hope that, eventually, we will graduate and make it all back through a successful career. But that goal can be hard to keep in sight when you're out of meal plan credits and on your third night of noodles. It's hard to keep motivated when you're struggling to find a job and then see another student with a brand new car complain about not having enough beer money from mom and dad.

So this Thanksgiving I'd like to say some things about being thankful; but more than that, I'd like to say some things about having perspective. It is true that some people have an easier time financing college than others- people whose parents have been able to pay for their whole time here, people who won't have to take out loans, people who have earned scholarships. You may well be one of these people. And if you are, I am certain that you are at least aware that there are other students here who have a greater problem finding



funding than you do. I've seen students work full-time while maintaining a full-time course load. I've seen students set up GoFundMe pages to raise tuition money. I've seen plenty

of people who take years off school to work and can never find their way back. But know this: whatever your trials are, whatever your financial struggles may be, remember to always keep them in perspective.

Now, that's kind of a tough thing to say. I don't mean for you to beat yourself up with guilt because you have wealthier parents and aren't living in a ditch to save rent money. Other people's problems do not invalidate your own. If you are one of those who has been lucky enough to have parents able to pay for their college expenses, that's wonderful! But please, take the time this season and beyond to remember that there are others all around you who are less fortunate. Be thankful for what you have been given and what you have achieved. Always try to help others along the way- they will be grateful. Nobody can get through this alone.

And lastly, odd as it may sound, be thankful not only for your successes, but for your challenges as well, because they are truly the things that build you. If you are struggling right now, and not just necessarily with money, with school work, relationships, whatever it may be, push through it. Keep going, because in the end, you will come out so much stronger than you were. That is definitely something to be thankful for.

College, Love and a Pen

Whose house for the holidays?

Franchesca Renfroe

Arts and Entertainment Editor

Illustration: Elaine Hoffmeister



With Thanksgiving and Christmas on the horizon, the thought of going home and spending quality time with friends and family is on almost every college student's mind. What happens if a student is in a relationship? Do they go home to their family and see each other after the holidays? What happens if they would both like to stay together for the

holidays? Whose house do they visit?

"I have a fiancé," said Gerald Williams, a Professional Writing major. "I'm going to her house for the holidays this year. And the reason why is because we decided that each year we will switch each other's household to go to. So, this year I'll go to hers and next year she'll go to mine. That way we can keep both the parents happy and they won't have to yell at us and be like, 'Oh well why do you like their family more?' We try to keep things balanced. That's pretty much how we decide to do things."

"We bring our families together," said senior Finance major, Adriana Jackson. "People get pulled thin trying to figure out which house is best for Christmas. We let our families come to us. It's actually a wonderful experience. I enjoy it."

Whether you stay together, or separate for the holidays, the biggest thing to remember is that this is a time for happiness and relaxation. Don't stress yourselves out trying to make



plans. If it gets too difficult, coin toss the decision. You all can go to one family's house for Thanksgiving and the other family's house for Christmas. Alternating between the two houses every year would help keep the tension at bay. Have fun, pig out and enjoy the much needed break from school. Happy Holidays!

Not That Kind of Sex Offender

Lena Dunham under fire for autobiographical accounts of molestation

Lindsay Marchello

Staff Writer

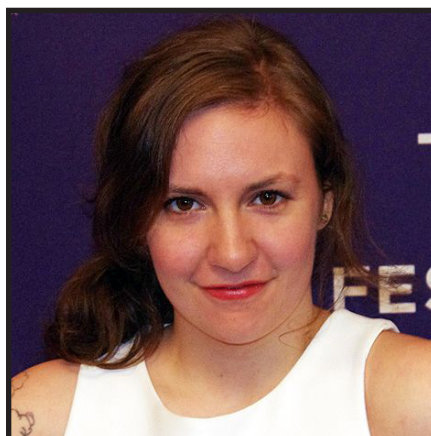
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By now, Hollywood is no stranger to scandals. From the rape of 13-year-old Samantha Gailey by film director Roman Polanski, to the solicitation of an underage girl by actor James Franco, Hollywood has a sordid history of sexual depravity and an even worse track record of punishing offenders.

The most recent addition to the list is Lena Dunham, lead actress and writer of the HBO series "Girls." She has come under fire for her descriptions of her childhood sexual exploration of her younger sister, Grace.

This is not the first time Dunham has been involved in a controversy. In 2012 she appeared in a political advertisement relating voting to having sex for the first time, and for several years now she has been a proud supporter of Planned Parenthood.

Now she faces heavy criticism for several disturbing passages in her autobiography entitled "Not that Kind of Girl." In her book, Dunham recounts instances of prying open her toddler sister's vagina as well as situations where she bribed Grace with candy in exchange for kisses. In her high school years, Dunham admits to masturbating in bed alongside her sister.



Actress Lena Dunham

All of these accounts are disconcerting, but what makes matters worse is Dunham's comparison of her own actions to that of a sexual predator. Dunham writes, "As she grew, I took to bribing her for her time and affection...Three pieces of candy if I could kiss her on the lips for five seconds. Whatever she wanted to watch on TV if she would just 'relax on me.' Basically, anything a sexual predator might do to woo a small suburban girl I was trying." Critics of Dunham have

been vocal of their disgust at Dunham's sexual exploration of her younger sister. Many, including Kevin D. Williamson, a roving correspondent for the "National Review," have accused Lena Dunham of sexual abuse.

Instead of addressing these accusations in a calm and reasonable manner, Dunham went into a self-described "rage spiral". Taking to Twitter, Dunham lashed out at her critics in what can only be described as an adult temper tantrum. One tweet reads, "The right-wing news story that I molested my little sister isn't just LOL- it's really f***ing disgusting."

What Dunham fails to realize is that not many people are laughing at these allegations. Sexual abuse is not a funny topic, and Dunham's self-comparison to a sexual predator should not be shrugged off as a light-hearted joke. Dunham does not get a free pass because she is a semi-successful actress with a penchant for being quirky. Her political activism and crusade against whatever she deems as sexism is no reason to overlook her sexual exploitation of her younger sister. It is time that all celebrities like Dunham, Franco, and Polanski be held accountable for their sexual depravity.

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Motorists Astonished by New Gas Prices

The concerns and positive outcomes of the gas price plunge

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The drastic trend of falling gas prices has spread across the nation, causing drivers to rejoice at the pump. In 2011, the national average for gas went above three dollars per gallon and remained there until this fall, when the average dropped over 70 cents in a matter of months. Nationally, prices were slowly decreasing since the peak over the summer, but the month of October saw more than a 30 cent drop. While November has already brought the price of gas down an additional 20 cents, the prices continues to decrease every day, save for the typical fluctuation of prices at certain points during the week.

While many are thrilled about the new cost of the common necessity, the trend has also raised questions for others. One concern among many is that the cheaper gas prices will encourage more driving, which would ultimately be bad for the environment. Within the last few years during the gas crisis, it was not uncommon for US citizens to take advantage of local transport, carpooling, or even bike riding. But now that gas is becoming affordable again, environmentalists are worried that people will revert back to driving individually every day.

However on Nov. 12, President Obama and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the US and China significantly by 2025, by increasing the use of clean energy. While this will be good for the environment, it can be bad news for the US middle class, as the cost of energy will increase. The use of energy derived from fossil fuels allows for electricity bills to remain lower, but the



use of clean energy could potentially raise this expense. However, for now the US is increasing the amount of oil produced domestically, as opposed to importing it, which could be why gas prices have seen a decrease in cost, as gas is made from this crude oil.

While the decrease of oil importation in the US may seem like good news, many worry that this will cause the new prices to not last long. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will be meeting on Nov. 27 of this year to discuss slowing the production of oil, which could increase the price of gas once more. However Saudi Arabia, the leading country in oil production, has decided that oil prices should remain low in order to slow production of oil in the US. If the US continues to supply its own oil because it is cheaper than importing it, there will not be a need to purchase oil from countries

like Saudi Arabia, which would hurt their economy. However, no matter what OPEC decides, oil-producing countries can still choose to slow production, in order to raise prices. This would have a domino effect on the entire industry, which could raise the cost of gas in the US once more.

Though these concerns of sudden price drops are valid, one has to consider the fact that, no matter what, lower gas prices can have a positive ripple effect on the rest of the economy. Because citizens are spending less money at the pump, more money can be spent elsewhere, like at stores and restaurants, which is good for local and national economies. The dramatic decrease in gas prices came just before the holidays too, which means it is possible that more money will be spent on gifts and travelling, pumping even more money back into the economy.

A Tall Order

Starbucks to deliver in 2015

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Starbucks has announced plans to start delivering at the end of 2015. The delivery option will be implemented through Starbucks' mobile app, which will also allow customers to pre-order food and pick it up with no wait. Professor Christopher Muller of Boston University says that, while delivery might be worth it, Starbucks would need to have a "relatively high minimum order" for delivery to be a feasible option.

Bob Goldin, executive vice president at Technomic, estimates that an order would have to cost around 25 dollars to turn a profit for the company. Even then, delivery would primarily be limited to offices. Starbucks does not have details about the delivery option or fees for the service yet. However, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz is determined to go through with the delivery plan in select cities by the end of next year.

The World Trade Center Reopens

Thirteen years after 9/11

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The newly built One World Trade Center

On Nov. 3, One World Trade Center (1WTC) opened to the public. Now the tallest skyscraper in the United States, 1WTC stands 1,265 feet tall and has a total of 104 stories with an enormous lobby, 70 office floors, 50-foot high ceilings, and an observation deck, all at a cost of 3.9 billion dollars. With the spire, the height becomes 1,776 feet tall, symbolic of our nation's Declaration of Independence.

1WTC is the main building of New York's World Trade Center complex and has a wide array of shopping centers. The first lease, with a term of 20 years and nine months, was signed by The China Center, a diplomatic hub representing Chinese firms and cultural communities. Publisher Conde Nast has also taken up residence.

During the earliest days of reconstruction, 1WTC was dubbed 'Freedom Tower' in honor of those who lost their lives because of the Sept. 11 attacks. However, the patriotic moniker was dropped by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, in favor of the more practical and legal name One World Trade Center.

Republicans Emerge Victorious in Midterm Elections

Despite a heated campaign, Georgia's red blood holds true

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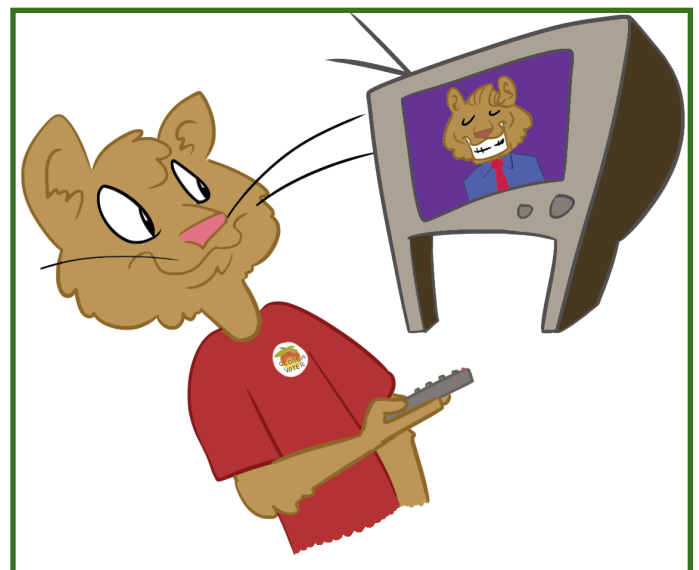
The midterm elections on Nov. 4 handed control of Congress firmly to the Republican Party, trouncing hopes for a Democrat victory in several key states, Georgia among them. Independent voters, frustrated by Barack Obama's policies, turned out in droves to vote despite an intense campaign by Democrats to register minority voters before Election Day. Republicans are now expected to hold more seats in the House than they have since World War II, a majority in the Senate, and strong optimism at an eventual 2016 presidential victory.

In a state traditionally viewed as strictly Republican territory, the race in Georgia was uncharacteristically lively, particularly in the races for senator and governor. Democrat Michelle Nunn and Republican David Perdue faced off for a vacant Senate seat left by a retiring Saxby Chambliss. Nunn campaigned as a moderate, backing her platform by working across the aisle with Republicans and on expanding funding for state education programs. Perdue countered that Nunn was, effectively, only a rubber stamp for President Obama, and would likely have no ideas of her own for the State. Both Perdue and Nunn campaigned heavily and, in the preceding months, were neck and neck in the polls. Perdue won the position with 53 percent of the vote.

Another hotly contested race was for the position of governor. Incumbent Republican Nathan Deal was challenged by Democrat Jason Carter, grandson of former President Jimmy Carter. Deal boasted an increase in business development under his leadership and decried Carter for his lack of lawmaking experience. Carter responded by bringing up Georgia's abysmal unemployment rate and Deal's humdrum policy on higher education. For much of the campaign, Carter seemed to lead by several points, but he was ultimately beat by Deal, who took 53 percent of the vote, compared to his 45 percent, while Libertarian candidate Andrew Hunt held the remainder.

Several referenda and proposals were also on Tuesday's ballot. For Columbus, one proposal was to allow for the creation of Tax Allocation Districts (TADs). This allows the city to funnel tax money into blighted or abandoned properties, renovate them, and then make them available for development by outside businesses. The tax money is then paid back over time, usually several decades. One of the most famous examples of what a TAD can look like is the famed Atlantic Station in Atlanta, which developed out of an abandoned steel mill.

Voters also elected to: cap the maximum state income tax at six percent, allow reckless driving fines to go towards helping victims of brain and spine injuries, and let public universities like CSU extend their exemption from property taxes to private companies hired to operate campus dorms.



Let the Stuffing Begin

A history of the Thanksgiving holiday

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This year, Nov. 27 is the day that many people will sit around their tables, reflect on what they are thankful for, and remember the history of the holiday. However, year after year young children are taught about the history of Thanksgiving through the story of “the Indians and the Pilgrims,” and while there is some truth to this story, some facts have been misconstrued over time.

The Plymouth Colony consisted of a group of English Protestants that wanted to break away from the Church of England. First they tried to settle in Holland, but due to financial issues, they decided to receive funding from the English merchants in order to find a new life in the “New World.” There were 101 men, women, and children that spent 66 days out on a boat on the way to their new lives. Their journey should have led them to New York, but instead unfavorable winds delivered them to Cape Cod.

But before any European settlers arrived in America, Native American tribes had already occupied the lands. The site of the first Thanksgiving took place in the area now known as southern Massachusetts and eastern Rhode Island. More than 2,000 years ago, the Wampanoag Tribe claimed home to this land, where they survived by fishing, hunting, and harvesting.

Winter was on its way and the European settlers needed food and supplies to survive. They gathered anything they could find, and went as far as as stealing Wampanoag supplies. Samoset, a Wampanoag and a leader of the Abenaki and Tisquantum tribes,

decided to visit the new European settlers. When he saw how they were struggling, he took it upon himself to show them how to fish and harvest, and in 1621, both the settlers and Native Americans made a pact to join together in protecting one another.

It was fall when four of the European settlers went hunting to provide food for a harvest celebration. The Wampanoag heard the gunshots and alerted their leader Massasoit. This alarm brought 90 Native Americans to the settlers, afraid they were preparing for war against them. Soon, the Native Americans realized the truth behind the gunshots, and their fears were put to rest. Men from the Wampanoag were then sent out to hunt for the harvest celebration as well. Deer, corn, shellfish, and roasted meat were what the settlers and Wampanoag ate for the harvest celebration.



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Students vs. Faculty Football

History students challenge their professors to flag football

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On Nov. 21, students from the Department of History will square off against a group of professors in a game of flag football. The History and Geography club sponsors the game, and the event is designed to help promote the club.

Dr. Crosswell of the history department at CSU first introduced the idea. "The idea germinated with me," said Crosswell. "Then I bounced it off of [Brandon] Hatcher [President of the History and Geography club], and it gained some momentum."

"I thought it was a great idea," said Hatcher. "It helps to promote the club, and it goes with my love of the sport."

The club felt that it was a great way to relieve stress, and to have fun at the expense of their teachers.

"Yeah, it would have been nice to be able to play with some contact," said Ryan Boyette, a member of the club. "But I guess

we can play fair with the old-timers."

On the teacher side, they are hoping that it will help to bring togetherness between the teachers and the students.

"One of my goals is to build team spirit between both the faculty and the students," said Crosswell.

Even though the game is considered friendly, the two sides certainly did not hold back the trash talk.

"I hope they are allowed to get the parking beside the stadium because I don't want them hurting themselves on the walk to the stadium," said Boyette. "Also, I hope that they remember that it's 2014 and not 1973. The rules are different, and so are the athletes."

"The more smack they talk, the more it is going to hurt," said Crosswell. "See the beauty of this: we don't have to win to embarrass them."

The location of the football game is still to be decided, but for more information contact President Brandon Hatcher at hatcher_brandon@columbusstate.edu.



Under Pressure

CSU's new massage program

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CSU's Student Recreation Center now offers massages from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Students can make appointments at the front desk of the Rec Center and can choose between a Swedish, Deep Tissue, or Therapeutic massage for increments of 30, 60, or 90 minutes.



All massages are conducted by Dawn Burnett, a CSU graduate with a Bachelor of Exercise Science and a minor in Health Science. Burnett is also trained in trigger-point therapy and sports massage. Customers can choose different scents or music based on preference. All massages are conducted using a hypoallergenic massage cream and are available to all faculty, staff, and students.

The prices, however, are less accessible to students. The most expensive massage, a 90-minute Therapeutic Massage, costs \$115 each session. The cheapest massage costs \$30 for 30 minutes.

The Saber spoke with Krista Gooris, the Rec Center's Fitness Coordinator about prices. Gooris explained that CSU set charges according to prices of other local massage therapists, because CSU cannot "undercut other business" or steal their customers. When asked about the possibility of student-run massages, like those at Miller-Motte Technical College, Gooris explained that it was a possibility, but would present liability issues for the school, since the massages would be conducted by students not professionals. Gooris went on to say that the Wellness Program hopes to offer a student discount on all massages starting spring 2015.



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