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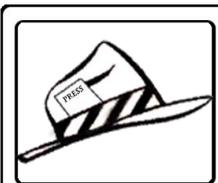
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“There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.”

– Aristotle

MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON 411

If you would like to make announcements via the 411 Campus Newsletter, please see Katrina Garcia at the S.L.A. Center, or you can email: k.garcia@amsamoa.edu or ascc411newsletter@gmail.com. Or you can call 699-9155 ext. 363.



FRESH PRINT

Fresh Print is ASCC’s journalism club. They are in charge of putting together the 411 Newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to join the club, email k.garcia@amsamoa.edu

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

- 4/11 – 5/5 Priority Registration for Summer & Fall Session
- 4/29 Last Day to Completely withdrawal from ASCC
- 4/29 Instruction Ends
- 5/2 – 5/5 Finals Week
- 5/9 Spring Semester Graduates Grades Due
- 5/13 Graduation Commencement
- 5/20 All Spring Semester Grades Due



End of Semester Issue

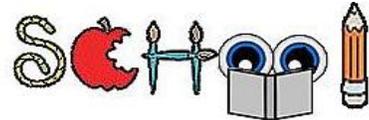
Division of Student Services

"We here at Student Services are dedicated to providing each student with high quality services and assistance in all of our respective areas."

Come visit an Academic, Personal, Career, Outreach, Veterans Affairs or Transfer/Transition Counselor. Student Service counselors have their offices located by the cafeteria.



Need some guidance? Go see a



Counselor Contact

Feel free to stop by and get help from your Counselors

Contact Annie Panama 699-9155, ext. 326 or email a.panama@amsamoa.edu for your counselor questions.

Veterans Student Services Corner



For information concerning students with VA benefits. Please see or contact Lydian Tinitali, 699-9155 ext. 426 or email asccvastudentservices@amsamoa.edu

FAFSA TROUBLES?

If you need help filling out your FAFSA application visit the SLA Center – Annex for help from the CACG Financial Aid Counselor. Call 699-9155 ext. 363 or email k.garcia@amsamoa.edu for more information.

S.L.A⁺ Center

If you need tutorial sessions, stop by the Student Learning Assistance Center for English & the SLA Center – Annex for Math.

Call us at 699-9155 ext. 479, to set an appointment or just walk in. Email us at slastaff@amsamoa.edu. We have one-on-one and group tutoring.

If a teacher refers you to the Center, you must have a referral form.

For staff and peer tutor schedules, inquire at the SLA Center.



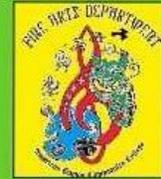
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Announcements



American Samoa Community College

Fine Arts Department



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A REVIVAL OF A MUSICAL

April 27th & 28th, 2016

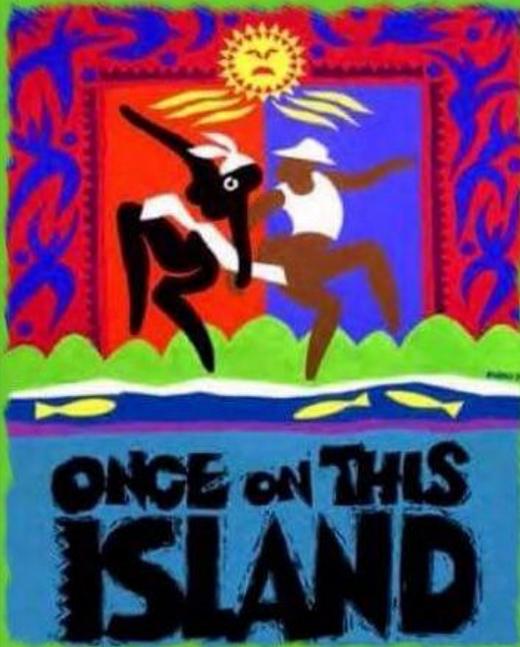
Lee Auditorium

\$10 General Admission

Door Opens At 6:00 p.m.

Show Begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are sold at ASCC Business Office



PosterMyWall.com

**Reminder from
the Business
Office**

**CASH STUDENTS
PAYMENT
DATES**

APRIL 29

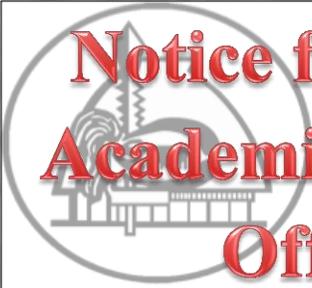
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ASG Scholarship Opportunity

*Applications are available from
April 1, 2016.*

Deadline: April 30, 2016.

*Find out more information at the
Dean of Student Services Office.*



Notice from the Academic Affairs Office

Master Schedule for Final Examinations for Spring Semester 2016

Final Examination period for CAPP
ELI English and CAPP
Developmental Math (Math courses
below 100) Testing Dates: April 25
– 27, 2016. CAPP ELI English and
CAPP Developmental Math students
are strongly required to see your
instructor(s) regarding the testing
times/dates and/or testing updates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2016

(April 11th to May 5th 2016)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

- **FOR FINANCIAL AID STUDENTS**

- **SUMMER 2016** - Make sure your Financial Aid is cleared
- **FALL 2016** - Renew your FAFSA application online. (*Please see Financial Aid Office*)

- **FOR ALL OTHER STUDENTS**

- (Non-Pell , maxed Financial Aid, Suspension/Probation on Financial Aid) Please set up your First Payment amount with Business Office (*See Collection Specialist*)

- **DEREGISTRATION**

YOUR CLASSES WILL BE DELETED FOR:

- **NOT MAKING YOUR 1ST PAYMENT**
- **YOUR FINANCIAL AID HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED**

DEREGISTRATION DATES:

Summer 2016 - May 25th 2016

Fall 2016 - August 10th 2016

(Please see Business Office for more information)

FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR REGULAR ASCC SPRING SEMESTER 2016 COURSES

(Courses Level 100 and above)

May 02-05, 2016

COURSES OFFERED ON TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS

08:00 a.m. – 09:20 a.m.
09:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
02:00 p.m. – 03:20 p.m.
03:30 p.m. – 04:50 p.m.

FINAL EXAMINATION TIME

Monday, May 02, 2016

08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
12:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.
02:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m.
04:00 p.m. – 05:50 p.m.

COURSES OFFERED ON MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS

08:00 a.m. – 08:50 a.m.
09:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

FINAL EXAMINATION TIME

Tuesday, May 03, 2016

08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
12:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.
02:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m.
04:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.

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**COURSES OFFERED ON
MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS**

01:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.
02:00 p.m. – 02:50 p.m.
03:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m.
04:00 p.m. – 04:50 p.m.
05:00 p.m. – 05:50 p.m.

**FINAL EXAMINATION TIME
Wednesday, May 04, 2016**

08:00 a.m. – 09:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
12:00 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.
02:00 p.m. – 03:50 p.m.
04:00 p.m. – 05:50 p.m.

**COURSES OFFERED ON
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS**

12:30 p.m. – 01:50 p.m.

**FINAL EXAMINATION TIME
Thursday, May 05, 2016**

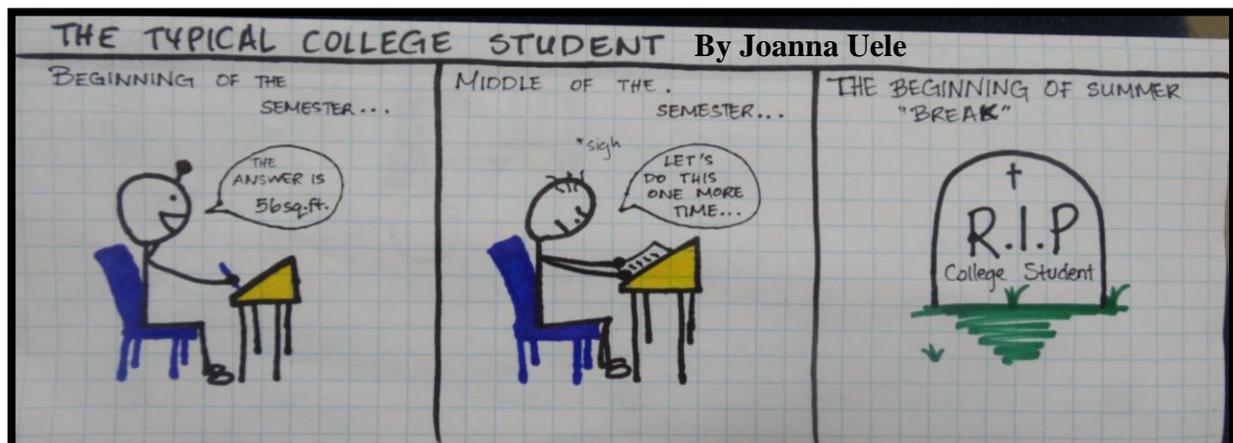
08:00 a.m. - -09:50 p.m.

Make Up Final Examination Period

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Students with more than three (3) exams per day or have final examination schedule conflict **MUST** consult/confirm with instructors for the correct test dates/times. For such cases, instructors may schedule exams on Thursday, May 05, 2016 after 10 a.m. to accommodate/assist the students. **ABSOLUTELY NO COURSES** will schedule final examinations before **MAY 02, 2016** EXCEPT for CAPP ELI English and CAPP Developmental Math as scheduled for April 25-27, 2016.

All exams are to be proctored in the same classroom in which the course has been taught throughout the semester. All exams must follow the designated schedule as submitted by the Dean of Academic Affairs Division and approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Services Division.

Remember your students will be required to complete student evaluation forms – **NO EXCEPTIONS** – assign one student to return the forms to the Academic Affairs Office or the ASCC Security Office.





“Unappreciated Opportunities, SGA’s Career Fair”

By Dezmond Applin

On Tuesday, April 12, ASCC’s Student Government Association and the counselors of the Student Services Division hosted a Career Fair in the gymnasium. It was an amazing opportunity for college students to talk to and listen to all the vendors that came out to give important information on available careers.



Each vendor had a table with information about their respective entity. Each vendor also took the opportunity to speak before the crowd about their jobs and duties, etc. We even had the Marine Corps band play in between presentations, which was highly appreciated; props to them for a spectacular performance.

There were a number of government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Transport Security Administration, the US Army and Marine Corps. Private sector businesses, like Hawaiian Air, also came to the fair as well.

Despite all the festivities, this amazing event was not highly appreciated by the ASCC student body as the turnout was quite bad. Only a handful of students came out to support or look at the opportunities available at the gathering.

“Will there be food?” and “No, it sounds boring,” were some of the replies that students gave to SGA members and others that were trying to herd them towards the gymnasium.

“College isn’t where your hand is held, it’s where you reach out and take hold of any opportunity that comes by. These students have to get into that mindset or spend the rest of their lives asking for free lunch,” Vaimalu Vaiau, SGA President said in a Facebook post in response to some of the students’ criticisms of the event.

Wise words indeed.

It takes a lot of teamwork and coordination to put together these events, not to mention a specific amount of money to accommodate the vendors. This comes from students’ registration fees. To see about 25 to 35 students at any given time at the event, who were not SGA members or helping vendors, was very disappointing.



“You know what? They were just lazy. They really showed that they didn’t care about an opportunity like this,” said Tamara Baily, President of ASCC’s

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HOSA chapter and attendee of the SGA Career Fair.

This actually relates to any SGA activity that students don't participate in. Students don't realize that their money is being put towards events and activities for them to participate in. A case in point is April 13th's Open Mic, where I won \$50 for 1st place (which is practically ten other students registration fees). o I got my money back from ASCC, and to take it even further, I took your money as well.

If there is anything we can learn from this experience and behavior, it is: if you don't make an effort to make use of your investment in SGA, someone else will.



1Day Stand Against Tobacco

By Joanna Uele

ASCC's Lions Club partners with Cancer Coalition for the '1 Day Stand' Campaign

On the 16th of March, the Cancer Coalition teamed up with ASCC's Lions Club in a '1 Day Stand' at the school's campus. The '1 Day Stand' is a national campaign that promotes having college campuses smoke and tobacco-free. Over 1,400 colleges agreed to the cause. The Department of Health was also present. They provided information on the effects tobacco has on your health and conducted a survey that asked questions related to smoking. The Cancer Coalition, also present, is a non-profit, community-based organization that was established around 2004. These organizations help out with services to the public that relate to cancer prevention.

During the '1 Day Stand' surveys were passed out from both the DOH and Cancer Coalition to collect health related data. They also this method in churches. It is with the results that they hope to familiarize themselves with the outcome of hosting similar activities.



"Here at ASCC, there are a lot of people that like to smoke. They don't know the consequences of what tobacco does you," one of the members of the Lions Club stated.

The Cancer Coalition, DOH and the Lions Club expect to run another campaign next year. A representative of the Department of Health provided abundant brochures and visual aids for interested parties to take. Va'a Tofaiaga, a member of the Cancer Coalition and its vice president supported the Lions Club as they were the main host of the one-day event.

“HOSA Meeting”

By Dezmond Applin

On March 17, ASCC’s Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) was graced with the presence of Katie Desobry. The purpose of Desobry’s visit was to share her experience and the benefits of being a HOSA member that ultimately lead her to become a Clinical Microbiologist at our very own LBJ Tropical Medical Center.

Desobry, who hails from Texas, expressed her gratitude and happiness with being a part of a HOSA chapter when she was in high school. Other than participating in local and state competitions (which consisted of case studies and medical terminologies), she was able to meet people in various medical professions.

While being in HOSA, Desobry learned useful skills to help her determine what field she wanted to study in. At the meeting she said this to her listeners; “If you love what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life”. For those passionate about the medical field, she encourages the use HOSA as a way to discover all the different employment opportunities.

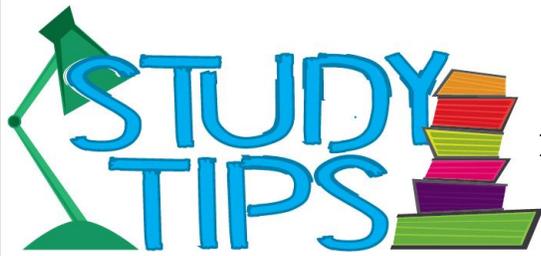
What really piqued Desobry’s interest was a career in medical research. So after graduating from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, she went to work in an Alzheimer’s Disease research facility. While there, she helped conduct tests that would help those with Alzheimer’s Disease. However, it was not everything she expected. For the most part she recalled putting rats in and out of pools to test drugs for Alzheimer’s Disease treatment.

Desobry was glad to help combat Alzheimer’s Disease, but she did not want to be dealing with rats all her career. That is where the benefit of being a HOSA member in high school and also having a background in the medical field came into play. She expressed that having a medical background made it easier for her to switch fields from being a researcher to a microbiologist because the terminologies were the same. All she needed was to get new certification.

“Hosting guest speakers in our organization is a valuable experience for members because it’s a break from normal club meetings. Members have the opportunity to learn lessons and new things, such as careers they never considered before. Lastly, it connects students with professionals,” said Tamara-Irene Niupulusu, President of HOSA.

The visit by Desobry gifted current HOSA members with invaluable information for their future plans in a medical career. So if you are interested, please be sure to visit hosa.org online for more information on how you can build a career in medicine.





for the Struggling College Student

By Jude Supapo

Whether you are new to college or not, you are probably aware of the struggle there is to study and retain information for standardized tests. With final exams coming up, the Fresh Print crew would like to give you five helpful study tips for the dreaded finals week.

1. Listen to music while studying:

For a regular young adult, music is a huge inspiration and motivator. However the catch for this tip is to listen to music without lyrics. Lyrics can be distracting especially when you are writing essays. You just might slip in a couple of the lyrics to your work and that is a ‘SMH’ moment. Classical music is actually the best type of music to listen to while studying.

2. Loosen up:

If the music hasn’t loosened you up, then do it yourself. You can just relax and be in control. Find a way to keep yourself from being folded under pressure and this would be a good way to not over-think irrelevant ideas other than your work. HOWEVER, you must not confuse loosening up with procrastination. Yes, you can find a way to relax, but to the point where you can still operate and get your work done and retain the information.

3. Chewing gum:

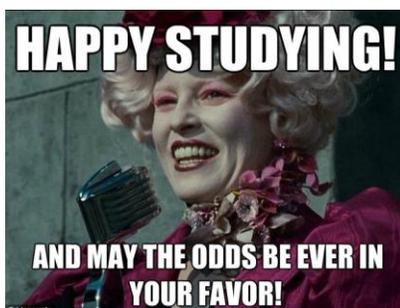
This is by far one of the most outrageous study tips. Apparently, chewing gum while learning or studying can help you retain the information better if you chew the same type of gum while taking your test or quiz.

4. Make sure you have a good meal:

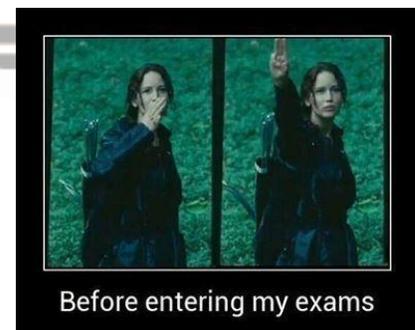
This one may always be iffy depending on one’s bowel movements, but a high school principal of mine always said that students work better during tests when they have a full stomach. Students who are hungry tend to lose focus due to stomach pains and their reoccurring growls. So it’s less of a risk to eat before studying or taking a test.

5. Be Positive:

For those who have taken Mr. Goodwin’s class and passed, you would know that he might have spoken about success. However, he speaks about it in terms of what your plan is. “Failure to plan is planning to fail.” Be positive and not negative. The negative vibe can easily lead to doubt and cause a hindrance in how you will plan.



Now with these tips on studying and keeping your sanity, “may the odds be ever you favor.”





The Graduation Cap

By Joanna Uele

Graduation. The day when students, family and friends, come together to witness the conferring of their academic degrees or diplomas. And then there's the usual, formal cap and gown that is worn by teachers and students. But is it formal anymore? A general question that's been asked by many people involved in a graduation day.

Over time, students all over the country and in our own American Samoa Community College are becoming more creative with their caps. Some are bedazzled or printed with some funny saying. Over the years, countless high schools and colleges have allowed their graduating classes to put their creativity to use. While for most students this seems cool and original, some think otherwise.

Some school leaders nationwide consider it unorganized and inappropriate for students to show up to graduation with striking grad-caps. They believe that it reveals a sign of disobedience or lack of discipline. Schools reported that students wearing caps without modification felt excluded.

Nowadays, it's a great and fun way for many students to express themselves, give thanks to their parents or even say farewell to their school. Although others who disagree with decorating grad-caps point out some good reasons, it doesn't seem to balance with the factors pointed out by those who agree.

Many fashion trends come and go, but this might stay around for awhile. Graduating this semester? Try out a grad-cap decoration, like the ones below, or surf the web for more ideas.

“Don’t Tell” Screen Play

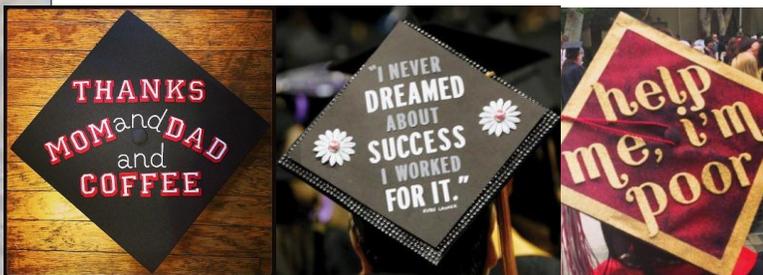


By Jude Supapo

Pride is a foolish attribute, but we all seem to keep it intact no matter the circumstance. However, to what extent? Is it at the expense of losing your morals, trust, and loved ones?

On Thursday, April 21, the English 250 classes of Mrs. Marissa Ta’amu, performed a play derived from the story “Don’t Tell” by Lani Wendt Young for the Literary Night. By creating a script and casting characters, the class portrayed a series of situations, many of which would be familiar to anyone with a Samoan background. The tale is about a victim who experiences the wrong exposure to love by a man, and becomes ruined because she decides to be vocal about her encounters.

This story of caution provides an important lesson because in our everyday lives, there is someone - or as a matter of fact, there are many - struggling with having been sexually and emotionally abused by others. This story has to do with how sexual assault is experienced by a Samoan girl who fears that if she speaks out, everything will effect how she is viewed. This includes how her mother will view her, and how her family will be shamed. Sadly, the story is full of disappointments, amounting to a problematic sequence of events due to family pride.





FRESH PRINT

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Honesty Goes a Long Way

Anonymous

I remember my parents' very first lecture to me about how I shouldn't lie. I was 12 and I obviously didn't listen; as a matter of fact, I might not have cared at all. Over time, I was a responsible kid; I was the oldest, and I did what I was obligated to do, though that didn't mean I was an HONEST kid. So sadly, I took advantage of my parents' trust and did things I wasn't supposed to do at such a young age like sleep over at a friend's house that they had never even met, and lying, saying it was for school purposes. Now, for a 12 year old, you would've thought that this wasn't so bad. But it was – it was not the right thing to do. If I were to be honest with myself now, I'd say I deeply regretted it. Lying doesn't have levels; it's just plain wrong, and at such a young age I was doing it. I ate the cookies in the fridge, I drew on the wall, and I went for a sleep-over, not to study – but that's not what I told my parents. Maybe this may not seem like a big deal to most of us, but it was to me. When my parents found out about all the lies I'd been telling them, they weren't mad, they were disappointed. They were disappointed because they thought I was the one person they could rely on, and could be honest with them about everything going on in her life. Because it took

me so long to finally realize their disappointment, when I did, I didn't want to show my face anymore. Ever since then, I've never told a single lie to my parents - except if it was an opinion on the music they liked or the clothes they wore to social events. Was it easy? No. The process of telling my parents how I felt, what I was going through, and what I thought about the choices they make for the family but it wasn't easy; but it WAS easy watching them slowly make their way back to trusting me. I know we've all been told that lie after lie after lie only gets us in more and more trouble. But do we know where truth after truth after truth gets us? Freedom. At least that's what I think. I've never been so open about what's going on in my mind to my parents. I also realized that all parents could ever ask for, is for their kids to open up to them for help or comfort. So yeah, a lie gets you somewhere very, very dark. But being honest takes you brighter places. It puts less weight on your shoulders, and builds a better connection between you and the people around you. Maybe this does sound kind of cheesy and emotional or whatever you consider it. But I won't lie and say it's not true.

WHAT IS IN THAT BUILDING?

By Malu Moliga

The Office of the Vice Presidents is for the two the Vice President of Administration and Finances and the Vice President of Academics in Student Affairs. The building was still under renovation last semester, and opened this semester. In the building, the two vice presidents' each have their own section. They share the building, with the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEED). The Office of the Vice Presidents is located on upper campus across from the Institution of Effectiveness building.





eBOOK REVIEW

By Chesiah Javier

“The Twelfth Kiss” by Tallara

What would you do if your husband or your wife told you that they do not love you anymore? Would you fight for it or would you just let it go? “The Twelfth Kiss” is about Metilda and John, whose marriage used to be the epitome of a perfect union. They were happy. They loved each other. However, after five years of marriage they eventually lost what marriage should have. . . Communication, Trust, and Love. “The Twelfth Kiss” is not just another Wattpad story about young love, it's the story of a marriage gone awry.

This book broke my heart into pieces because both characters have a lot of things that they want to tell each other, but they just can't because they are both afraid that it will cause more pain in their marriage. It pains me every time they look in each other's eyes and all they can see is the darkness of being together instead of the happiness that their marriage caused. The storyline of the book is so good because every chapter has a revelation that makes you read more and more until you find what happens to Metilda and John after “The Twelfth Kiss.”

To be honest, marriage scares the heck out of me, especially nowadays. It seems like people do not respect the sacredness of marriage. For them, marriage is just another ceremony that they can easily forget. One moment they are deeply in love with each other, then next thing you know they hate each other's guts. I grew up believing in happy endings, yet with what is going on in our society, it seems like happy endings are impossible to find.

The author, Tallara, gives amazing insight into what will happen if both sides do not have a reason to fight for what they have. Tallara said in one of her author's notes that “as time progresses, I feel as though relationships are losing their value. It's all about the quick rush, instant satisfaction. The world we live in, the value of an everlasting relationships, like marriage, has diminished.”



SHORT STORY REVIEW

By Dezmond Applin

“MR J” by gaby reckless

Here in the 411 Newsletter, all of our reviews are done because we want to share with you content or a service that you might possibly enjoy. This review will be like that, but not for the same reason.

In this section of a Wattpad review, I'll be introducing you to "MR J" by user gaby reckless. Now the point of this review isn't to poke fun at her as a person, but ummm... girlfriend's writing could use a bit of help.

This fan-fiction-plot basically follows the Joker in Arkham Asylum to his escape and to his encounter with Batman later on. Now there are a few instances where the Joker interacts with other notable DC Comics characters. What's interesting is that the author chose to allow Jerod Leto (the actor portraying the Joker in the upcoming movie “Suicide Squad”) to be the actual identity of the Joker in this eBook. This is quite common when it comes to fan fiction, and trust me, there is a Jerod Leto cult all over Tumblr and Wattpad. Her pairing with the actor as the fictional character and photos which are screenshots

from the “Suicide Squad” trailers give you a clear picture for the imagining of characters. Not all Wattpad authors do this, but it is appreciated.

Now the book is listed in the Horror category, but the only thing horrific here is the grammar. It's quite awful, however that's practically the best part of it. You can tell that the author was being serious when writing, but her shortcomings in writing are what makes it gold. You can read and see that she was actually putting effort into the story, but the effect didn't quite turn out the way she wanted.

This eBook was the most entertaining one out of all the other eBooks I've read on Wattpad and as a Batman fan, it was thoroughly riveting. It is the randomness of the plot and the lack of coherency with the sentence structure that makes this book a top recommendation of mine.

The author's writing skills have improved exponentially in her recent works and I do recommend you give them a read too if you like. So if you like comedy, without it being the initial intention, I highly recommend this eBook to you.



APP REVIEW

By Dezmond Applin

WATTPAD REVIEW

If you enjoy reading then this is the app for you; let me introduce you to Wattpad. By now some of you may have already been aware of Wattpad in a previous review for the e-Book “*Kissing is the Easy Part*” and “*The Twelfth Kiss*” by Chesiah Javier, but allow me to show you more details in depth.

Essentially, Wattpad is an app where users can write and submit their own authored stories. Whether it is fiction, non-fiction, or just fan-fiction, you can practically write anything you want (provided you follow community guidelines, etc.).

The great part about Wattpad is that you do not need to spend any money on the e-Books they have to offer. For those of us who are picky readers, like myself, I hate paying for a book that I’ll hate after the fifth chapter.

If you’re unsatisfied with the story you’re reading, just simply delete it from your library and continue searching! It is that easy. There are hundreds of thousands of titles out there that you can read on Wattpad, ranging from horror, to religion, romance, and much more.

Another awesome feature of the app is that all the e-Books are downloaded onto your smart device. That way you won’t have to depend on Wi-Fi to read some of your favorite e-Books. You’ll have books to read while on the bus or waiting for a class.

I myself even authored a book on Wattpad entitled “*Otherside*.” It isn’t complete yet due to how busy the semester has been for me, but it’ll be complete eventually.

There is also “Covers by Wattpad,” which also allows you to design your own book cover for your e-Book.

So please take advantage of this free reading service and possibly author your own e-Book as well. Who knows, maybe you’ll get asked to publish your e-Book in real life like how some users already have been.



TV SHOW REVIEW

By Uperesa Fakava

Angie Tribeca

Now, this time around, I never thought a comedy series would make me spill milk out of my very nostrils throughout its slot. *Modern Family*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *Black-ish*, hell, all comedies, can make you laugh at one moment and stop at the next. For *Angie Tribeca*, this is so not the case.

The writing is very peculiar. It is one of those shows that is very unlike real life. But, the writing is so mystic, so lunatic, so comedic, I wet myself every time, from start ‘till end, of the entire series. The shows star Rashida Jones of *Parks and Rec* and Hayes

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MacArthur of *Life as We Know It*, who are the two teeters of one of the funniest shows I've ever watched on television since the astonishing *I Love Lucy*. The scene-stealers and the funniest of them all are Jere Burns and Deon Coles.

This show is not your normal cop show. That goes without saying. *Brooklyn Nine-Nine* is already a great show, but *Angie Tribeca* turns heads and wets my eyes with the joy of laughter scene after scene.

It is kind of like the comedic slapstick comedy that is *The Naked Gun*, but much more modern and anticipating for laughs. Sometimes, the jokes can be titular, but if one were to understand the subtleness of the script, you would be in for a ride.

Of course, this show would be a top 5 for me at my calendar year-end ranks. Season one of *Angie Tribeca* is a must watch as it's only goal is to give you a cause to lay down laughing at the never ending jokes. I think this will be my number one. But don't take my word for it, download or purchase it and you will find yourself enjoying the heaven of comedy that most shows have tried so hard to be.

GRADE: A+



TV SHOW REVIEW

By Jude Supapo

Empire Season 2 Review

“Built from Sticks, and Stones, and Fire. We made our world, our own Empire.”

“Empire” from the beginning was a hit TV show. Judging from the insane amount of nominations for this television show, it proves that this show stood out. For those who do not know of the show “Empire,” here is the gist of the plot.

A woman who sacrificed 17 years in prison while her ex-husband and children grew up and built an empire in the music industry, has come out. Wanting her share, she fights tooth and nail to get what is owed to her while rekindling her relationships with her children and former lover.

Now, much like every show on TV today, there is always an insane type of drama in a love story, but despite the cliché plot, there are always twists and genuine themes that make this show admirable.

The fact that this show evidences much more diversity towards aspects of sexuality, religion, and race, further proves that the show doesn't need an all-Caucasian type of cast to make a big hit on TV. The cast in Season 2, however, may be a bit too talented. The problem with the second season, for me personally, is there are too many guest stars who are already great musicians and actors. I for one believe that some musicians should just stick to music. There will always be a weird power struggle when you have a cast with too much clashing star power.

So as I stand with this review, I can give season 2 of “Empire” a 7 out of a 10. The plot is still interesting, but then it's like a first breakthrough album by an artist, that's followed by a sophomore release that isn't as strong.



BOOK REVIEW

By Malu Moliga

“I Kissed Dating Goodbye” by Joshua Harris

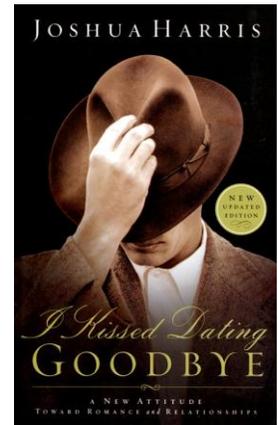
“Stop being controlled by what feels good, but to be controlled by God’s love.”

“I Kissed Dating Goodbye” is not your everyday novel that you can pick up and just dive into. It is one of those books that people judge just because of the title. Rest assured lovebirds, it does not tell you to kiss your dating life goodbye. Rather, it shows how to understand your actions and decisions within your relationship.

The book is a Christian text that varies from one perspective to another while focusing on the main point; making God’s word, not feelings, your guide. *“The right thing at the wrong time is the wrong thing.”* This beautiful quote clarifies that just because something is good, doesn’t mean we should pursue it right now. Joshua Harris talks and explains, love in a whole other level with God. He even created a “Little Relationship Principle” as a note we could use to think about what we are doing. *“The joy of intimacy is the reward of commitment.”*

The unique thing about the story are the examples the author uses; unbiased and from actual people. He doesn’t just get his examples from people; his number one source is the Holy Bible. Not only that, he even brought in some good points from other Christian authors with published books as one of his sources to voice his message.

In his book, he has so many different categories. Some categories have steps on what you should follow if you decide to go about spiritual His change. The author is not trying to get you to stop dating like he did, but to rethink and put ourselves back on the right track. Even if it means ending your current relationship and starting with a clean slate.



ALBUM REVIEW

By Malu Moliga

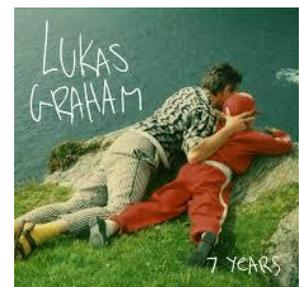
“Blue Album” by Lukas Graham

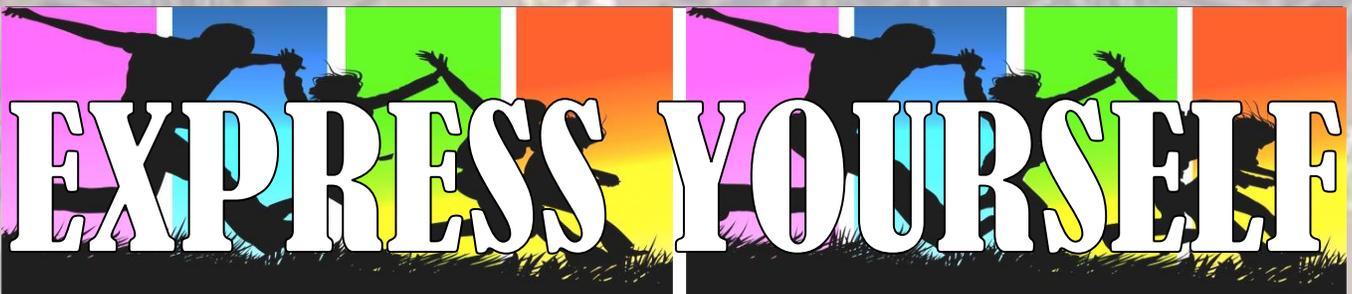
“Blue Album” is one of the most heartbreaking albums ever created by Lukas Graham. All of the songs on the album are life lessons or consequences he has been through. He expresses how much he has had to deal with, saying life is not as easy as it seems.

His new song released last month, “7 Years,” basically summarizes all the songs within the album. It starts out smoothly like, *“Once I was seven years old, my mama told me go get yourself some friends or you’ll be lonely...”* mashing up with one of the songs in the album, “Mama Said,” and slowly moves on to the following age, *“Once I was eleven years old, my daddy told me go get yourself a wife or you’ll be lonely...”* Basically all the ages within the song “7 Years” were his turning points in life. The song continues on until he finally reaches the age of sixty and what he imagines his life will play out.

“Blue Album” is lovely, unique, remarkable, and heartfelt. But of course that is just my opinion. *“I have heard the album four times on repeat now – and I already love it. Really strong and powerful songs, amazing voice and wonderful music,”* stated stiiinejeensen in the Customers Review on the Apple website.

Honestly, I did not expect this type of heartfelt music about life coming from a guy, but Lukas Graham has proved me wrong. Download, browse, or search out the album and listen to all twelve songs; see if this album fits your taste in music. Then, you can finally come out of your hiding hole and judge my opinion.





EXPRESS YOURSELF

Life Is Tough

© Ellie Finch

Life is tough--that's what they say,
But they don't know what it's like every day,
To wake up in the morning and go to school,
Just so people can test you and prove you're a fool.

The teacher says you obviously didn't try,
But they don't know you go to your room and cry.
You did put in effort, you did your part,
They just don't understand you're not that smart.

Then comes the pressure from your mum and dad,
Who are so clearly disappointed that your grades are bad.
You are punished and picked on for the rest of the year,
Because you finally gave up on the future career
That was once so close, but is now so distant,
However, your teachers and parents are still insistent.

It's hard enough getting up and going to class,
Without the pressure and expectation that you have to pass.
The worst part, however, is not that you're a disappointment,
It's the permanent, never ending embarrassment
Of always failing and coming last,
Of never being good enough, your confidence dropping fast.

Everyone else seems to be doing just fine,
Their parents are all proud, unlike mine.
Honestly, I can't think of a worse place than this,
When in reality it's made out to be somewhere we should miss.
I won't miss it, I'll be glad to leave,
Five years wasted because failure is all I ever received.

I know it's my fault and that I'm the one to blame.
I gave up so early on because I was ashamed.
To my family I'm a failure, and I'm a failure to myself,

Everyone's high expectations only damaged my metal health.

If I ever have kids I will always try
To make sure the fear of failure is not the reason they ever cry.

People need to understand school's no longer fun or good,
'Cause some of us don't fit in, although we wish we could.

The Eyes That Met

By Anonymous

Smell. Hear. Taste. Touch. The four senses I can live relieve.

But see. You see. The great sense so tall.
When without or limited, can be a danger for all.

Blind. Colourless. Why see when you can't see.

I met. I never saw. The colours. The fall.
The artiste. The man. No one can see what I see.

To see is to think. The red is blue, or is it green?

Put together. Can you see it all?

My eyes are brown, but they call it black.
I lived a life to see, but gone nuts when met.
With the Saviour that failed to collect.
My skin is tan, but eyes keep track.

I tried to see but all my eyes can.
Are voices. Are smells. Are tastes. Are quality.
I can do nothing but be one and infinity.
Why, dear Creator? Have I a ban?

From the image this world.
Find help for me.
For I can't see.
The entirety, that is, the world.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

No Tulou - Dezmond Applin

Our silence is the cultural norm
Because the shame and rumors looming over our last names
Is somehow greater than the ramifications we could face from our Heavenly Father

Where image means more than the truth
At the expense of obstructing justice for those who cry out for it
Because "He's my aiga"

I will not follow decrepit rituals of my culture because others do so out of fear

A faifeau who does NOT preach at my church will NOT get a lafo because he's filling in a seat at my mother or father's funeral

no tulous here

I cannot fathom the reasoning behind senators and representatives that righteously believe they deserve a pay raise when they don't

These men who forget what living at the bottom of the totem pole is like will not receive my respect because the last time I checked janitors don't wear suits and ties to their workplace

How did we become slaves and victims of our own culture? When did our culture of love, family, & God metamorphosis into shackles of shameless, selfish, wicked, pervasive, arrogant, ignorance?

not a single tulou

I don't meekly plead for your permission to excuse me (like I needed it) as some people do in our culture

because excuses are a dried up well that have been abused by those we call matais, and even much so by people we dare call our own family

Because my relatives are relative

Because I don't look down on my Stateside cousins who didn't know how to sulu an ie at my great grandmother's faalavelaves

But to uncles who bend the will of our culture and the knees of his family to line his pockets before he dies

Elders say we're losing our beautiful culture, but continue to preserve all the things that make it ugly

I do not say tulou
Because I do not give a tulou

Because in this poem tulou is an expletive, the same way the f word ia
Because in Samoa the f word is faalavelave

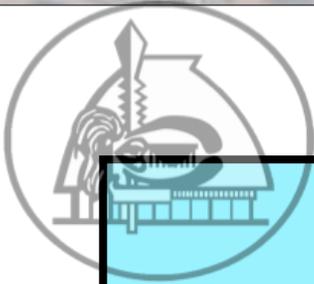
I bring shame to my ancestors because the spoken truth is frowned upon. When did right become wrong and wrong become right?

These were not the faifeaus I was told to listen to, These were not the matais I was told to respect. This was not the faasamoa I grew up to learn about.

But let me be thankful for the Lord's all sufficient Grace. For when we ourselves decide to save face. For we should not seek the satisfaction of man, because Hell through culture was never His plan

Count Your Days By Jude Supapo

Its that time in the semester
When we are put under pressure.
With deadlines close at hand
And lectures to further understand
We are left to hurry and make do
Of submissions we must put through.
Ignore the ache from lack of sleep
Count your days instead of sheep
Don't worry, you can always rest after
The sooner you submit, you can sleep faster
Remember the good if you excel
And do your work exceptionally well
Cause C's don't always get degrees-
Well the kind of credits you really need.



BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

Word Search – School Supplies

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Word of the day:
Truculent *adj.* Eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant. "Truculent children."