

**"I love Halloween, and I love that feeling: the cold air, the spooky dangers lurking around the corner."**

**- Evan Peters**



**Horror fans unite!  
Stockton's new club  
will be sure to "horrify"  
you!**

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## Eastern Service Workers Association Holds Halloween Party For Children

**Kat H. Wentzell**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER



(Photo courtesy of Kat H. Wentzell)

On Friday, Oct. 20, Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) threw a "Safe and Sane Halloween Party For Children" at the Salem United Methodist Church in Pleasantville. The festivities began at 4 p.m. and ended around 7 p.m.

ESWA is an all-volunteer, non-government funded membership organization of low-income workers and their families dedicated to ensuring that all workers can obtain living wages. ESWA offers many benefits to its members: medical services to those without healthcare, legal advice to those that cannot afford lawyers, and emergency meals to the food insecure, to name a few. ESWA also fights policies that cause poverty.

"For example, right now, our members are leading a campaign to defend the water system of Atlantic City from privatization," said Andy Cowgill, ESWA's Operations Manager.

The "Safe and Sane" Halloween Party is an ESWA yearly tradition, and this year's party was another one for the books. Dozens of families with children came and enjoyed the many activities offered. Children had the opportunity to make bracelets, color, get their faces painted, and play musical chairs. The adults had a chance to have fun as well; there

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## S.A.V.E. Presents Annual "Harvest Fest"

**Michael Grossguth**  
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On Oct. 24, Stockton had a community engagement event held in the Coffee House for most of the afternoon, Harvest Fest, which is an annual event held by S.A.V.E. (Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment). The rain didn't stop this club from putting on a great event.

Harvest Fest created quite the autumn atmosphere for the students at Stockton University. S.A.V.E held this event with an intention to get petitions signed. The "Green for '17" petitions are the people's votes to declare their desire for a cleaner New Jersey. These petitions will be given to the newly elected governor of New Jersey, and the goal is to receive 10,000 signatures. It was heartwarming to see the eagerness of the students here for the want of a greener New Jersey.

The event had a great amount of activities for the students who attended. When walking into the Campus Center, one was greeted with live music that couldn't fail to get people to listen and enjoy, as there were several genres everyone could love. The walk continued with vegetarian foods that were given out for free. There was even pumpkin pie made! Shortly after that, students were able to paint little pumpkins that could be put in a contest during the event. The contest showcased beautiful creativity from students, and expressed the embracement of the season.

Harvest Fest provided games, activities, and giveaways to create a unique experience here at Stockton University. This event depicted the love and personality of S.A.V.E. as always trying their best to support and give students a diverse event to enjoy.

The event had the hallway in the Campus Center filled with tables concerning the environment. Organizations such as Water Watch, Marine Science Club, and of course S.A.V.E., had tables to support their causes. Tables had members talk about their goals and things they had to offer in See **HARVEST PAGE 2**

## Perspective on College Dems and Reps Debate

**Colton Van Cleave**  
FOR THE ARGO

On Oct. 19, the Student Senate held an open debate between the student Democrats and Republicans. The event itself came at a good time, with Democrat Phil Murphy and Republican, and Lieutenant Governor under the Christie Administration, Kim Guadagno, running to be New Jersey's 56th governor. The student debaters were (D) James Vicari, (D) Jessica Cathcart, (D) Lexi Franklin, (R) David Nevil, (R) Brandon Bess, and (R) Santino Barbara.

The two parties debated over various topics facing our country, including the topic of gun control. The Republicans argued that the 2nd Amendment should not be infringed upon, because of what it was intended for: hunting, self-defense, and a well-regulated militia. The Democrats pushed back on the Republicans by bringing the time period in which the 2nd amendment was written, when guns had only single shots. The Democrats insisted a ban on assault rifles, which are already illegal for purchase in the state of New Jersey. New Jersey is one of the top regulated states in the nation for gun control.

Phil Murphy, during the first gubernatorial debate on Oct. 10, stated that he would gladly sign even more restrictions that the Christie Administration vetoed, putting more regulation in a state that is already heavily regulated.

When looking at the topic of stricter gun laws, I always point the finger to the city of Chicago, which has one of the strictest gun laws of any city in our country, yet these laws seem to have no impact for the better at all. Last year was one See **DEBATE PAGE 3**

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was a door prize drawing later that evening.

What made the event such a success was the fact that it was a product of the community working together. Over 30 volunteers contributed their time and skills.

“Chris Clayton from Margate Dairy Bar donated much of the food, [and] Ramiro Ceron, Sergio Soto, Victor Juarez, and Josefa Carrasco prepared the food,” said Cowgill. “Valerie Hopkins led a group of volunteers providing arts, crafts, and games for the children. [Stockton’s] Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) [was also] very active.”

The party was the first segment of ESWA’s Holiday Campaign. On Monday, Nov. 20, ESWA will hold its annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution. Then, on Monday, Dec. 18, ESWA will have its annual Holiday Food Basket Distribution. Finally, on Saturday, Dec. 23, ESWA will hold its annual Family Holiday Party and Toy Distribution to Parents For Their Children. Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Food and toy donations are needed as well.

For more information about ESWA or how to volunteer, call the organization at (609) 646-9814, or stop by the office at 53 East Washington Ave in Pleasantville, NJ.

“Above everything else, we at ESWA are looking for people who want to make a difference in the world,” said Cowgill. “We provide full-time and part-time organizer training opportunities. We have a lot to teach, and many lives to save.”

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that club. Some even had fun games like connect four.

It was truly a joyful experience seeing students and faculty come walk by and seeing the exciting activities S.A.V.E. had to offer. As a clean environment activist and lover of autumn, this was the perfect event for me! S.A.V.E. has done it again, for 2017 was home to a fantastic Harvest Fest that everyone seemed to love.

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of the deadliest years in the city's history with 762 reported deaths, and not to mention Chicago's commitment to remain a sanctuary city. This ignores the crime being committed, rather than putting politics aside by working with the Trump Administration to make Chicago safer. This is a real problem that is in desperate need of a real solution.

At the end of the discussion, both parties found common ground on the regulation of bump stocks, which was used during the Oct. 1 Las Vegas shooting.

The debate also focused on foreign policy issues, such as North Korea, where the two parties found themselves in disagreement with how to approach the issue. The Democrats suggested a diplomatic solution to the issue, also bringing up how they feel that President Trump's recent decision to decertify the Iranian Nuclear Deal was a "big mistake." The Democrats mentioned that if there were to be regime change within the rogue country, it would "come from within, not from external force or military operations." The Republicans responded by asking the audience to "paint a picture" for themselves of a rogue dictator, referring to Kim Jung Un, who violates the human rights of the people he leads, has nuclear capability, and doesn't listen to reason, suggesting that the only reasonable solution to the North Korea situation is "military action." The situation in North Korea is a very fragile one. It is important to be swift, smart, and strong.

A huge disagreement within the debate sparked as the topic of a proposed minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour was brought up by the moderators. The Republicans kicked off the discussion by making the argument that a minimum wage increase would reduce the competition in small businesses, stating the wage increase would be "harmful," and adding that, "If you're trying to reduce inequality, use the correct metric of consumption rather than revenue before taxes." The Democrats responded with how they feel that an increase in minimum wage would actually increase spending by putting more money in people's pockets, and a reduction in Americans living below the poverty line, also adding to their support for the wage increase by saying, "If you have a job, you deserve a living wage."

Both parties sided with their party's candidates for being the next governor of the Garden State, but it didn't come with real enthusiasm.

During the debate, Democratic student debater, James Vicari, made his support of Phil Murphy clear, because of the former US Ambassador's progressive ideas, such as a clean energy economy, minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour, and marijuana legalization, but he didn't hesitate to disavow Phil Murphy for his past with Goldman Sachs. The Republicans were in full support for their party's candidate, Kim Guadagno, because of her support of military and veterans, cutting taxes, and the Lieutenant Governor's stance on marijuana, where she is in favor of decriminalizing it. But, just like the Democrats, their appreciation for their candidate is low. During a post-debate interview with the Student Republican President, Reid Truett, I asked if Kim Guadagno's profile of being more of an "establishment" candidate would hurt her come Election Day, and Reid Truett responded by saying, "We believe in the strength of the party," but still made clear that the Student Republicans and himself are not big fans of Guadagno. He went on to highlight his agreement with Guadagno on the issue of property taxes, and how that is the biggest issue New Jersey faces in this election. Truett stated in the post-debate interview, "Taxes are insanely high in the state of New Jersey and it is a huge burden on homeowners and everyone who lives here."

It is clear that both parties are not huge fans of their presented candidates for governor, but both sides are clearly casting their own clothespin vote for their party's candidate come Election Day.

Before the debate started, I watched as the two parties enjoyably joked with each other and laughed with good camaraderie. Right at that moment, I began to think to myself that if only representatives from Washington had this much respect for each other, we would actually get legislation passed, which would be a big win for the American people. The fact of the matter is, Washington is broken, and this is a bipartisan issue that we can all agree on. After the debate, I also talked to Student Democrat Jessica Cathcart, who told me that she would want to "see our government be more cohesive, and be more willing to work together." A civil and productive debate like the one I attended here shines as a glowing example of what we as Americans need to get back to, and that is the ability to have political discussion without harm or discourse; bringing it back to the American way.

## Ospreys of the Week

**Christopher Rollman**  
FOR THE ARGO

**FIELD HOCKEY:** Alexa Massa (Moorestown/Moorestown) scored both of Stockton's goals last week. The tallies came in a 3-2 setback to Ramapo. Massa is tied for third in the NJAC in assists (7) plus fourth in points (33) and fifth in goals (13)

**MEN'S SOCCER:** Ervin Gjeli (Hasbrouck Hts./Hasbrouck Hts.) led Stockton with a team-high five points on two goals and an assist in a pair of victories. Gjeli scored twice in a 7-0 win over St. Joseph's-LI and dished an assist in a 4-0 triumph over New Jersey City.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER:** Michelle Sander (Ewing/Notre Dame) scored the

game-winning goal in a 1-0 overtime victory over New Jersey City. Sander netted a free kick from just outside the top of the box to lift the Ospreys to the win. The goal was her second of the season.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:** Summer Conover (Mays Landing/Oakcrest) was named NJAC Player of the Week for the second time this season. Conover went 2-0 at No. 1 singles with 6-0, 6-4 and 6-4, 2-6, 10-2 wins. The senior also was victorious 9-8 and 8-5 in her two matches at No. 1 doubles with partner Kristen McCormick.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Kara Glynn (Severna Park, MD/Severna Park) led Stockton in hitting percentage (.339) and blocks (6) in three matches last week. Glynn also was second on the team with 25 kills and totaled 13 digs, two aces and two assists.

## Stockton Field Hockey Overcomes 4 Game Deficit with Win Over Goucher on Senior Night

**Niya Calloway**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

The Stockton University field hockey team overcame their 4 game losing streak with a win against Goucher College (4-10) on Tuesday night. The Ospreys scored early securing a one point lead over the Gophers. Goucher did not give up easily as they stayed with the Ospreys trying to bank a shot in the net but came up unsuccessful. Stockton managed to score another goal late in the second half leading Goucher 2-0.

After the half Goucher stepped onto the field as a force to be reckoned with and gave Stockton a fight. The Gophers capitalized on a scoring opportunity early in the first half and netted a shot trailing the Ospreys 2-1. Stockton defense put up a valiant fight and held off Goucher and secured the win.

This puts Stockton Field hockey at a record of 10-7, which is the second time that the program has reached double digits in its history. The Ospreys have one more regular season game on Saturday where they will face Rowan University (11-5).

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# Current News

## “Geocaching” Becoming New Popular Pastime

**Veronica Fallas**  
FOR THE ARGO

Hunting for hidden objects. Searching for the prize. Exploring new places. Geocaching has created an entirely new world of recreation for people who love the great outdoors. Geocaching is an activity that has been getting more and more people exploring places they would not have gone to without this invention.

According to geocaching.com, this outdoor sporting activity was created in celebration of a history-making upgrade of the GPS technology, which took place on May 2, 2000. On May 3, Dave Ulmer, a GPS enthusiast, wanted to test the accuracy of the upgraded GPS by hiding a navigational target in the woods. Ulmer, a computer consultant, called the idea the “Great American GPS Stash Hunt” and posted it in an internet GPS users’ group. The idea was to hide a container out in the woods and note the coordinates with a GPS unit.

At its experimental stage, there were only a few caches hidden. However, The New York Times released a story on geocaching in 2005, instantly sparking people’s interest in this high-tech treasure hunting game.

Julia Stavalo, a freshman at Stockton University, is quite excited to hear that her campus has some hidden treasures. “I am now excited to see what I will find,” she said. “I will definitely be taking friends along so that they can experience the adventure.”

The first step for all beginners is to open a free account on geocaching.com, which provides nearly two million cache coordinates. Mobile device users can download the official Geocaching® app for easy access to the geocaching data.

According to the official blog of Geocaching, as of April 2017, there are 3 million geocaches around the world. In the past year, geocachers hid a geocache every minute of every day. Currently 360,774 geocachers are also cache owners. On average, they own about 8 geocaches; 37 percent of these cache owners have been playing the game for over 5

years.

Geocaches come in various sizes and the sites range from easy to challenging. There is a logbook in every cache for the players to write down their names and the date they found the cache.

The app on the smartphone also checks off geocaches that have been visited. The geocachers can take pictures of the newly discovered caches as a way to give hints to other players.

Stockton University has eight geocaches located around campus. Geocaching fans among Stockton students, faculty members, and staff members can start their campus-wide search for the small waterproof containers hidden at these locations.

In the larger geocaches there are “treasures” that other players have left. These might include anything from photographs, business cards and/or bullets. One rule of geocaching, “you take one, you leave one,” infers that if a player takes an item from the cache, that player must leave something of the same or greater value. “One of the first geocaches I found was hidden in a tree,” said Mathew Silva, a student at Rutgers University. “I discovered a bullet in the small container. I was confused, it was a quite unique item to leave behind in a cache.”

Depending on a person’s interest, geocaching may or may not be an activity that is fit for everyone. It involves going outdoors and searching for the hidden cache. It will not always be in plain sight, some may be camouflaged. “I may grow impatient with searching so long for an item,” said Gina Saliola, a freshman at Stockton University. “I am not so sure I will find [it].” However, she feels that geocaching may fit into her interest in hiking.

Since its inception at the turn of the new millennium, the geocache community has been expanding rapidly. It has become popular amongst all age groups; and it can be a fun activity that the entire family enjoys together. “I heard of geocaching from a friend who had been doing the activity for a few years, I would have never known it had existed if it wasn’t for her,” said Stavalo.

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## Stockton Unveils New Club For Horror Fanatics

**Kat H. Wentzell**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

For those enamored by all things creepy and crawly, Stockton just launched a new club: The Stockton Horror Society.

The group was founded by senior Andrew Anderson, who is also the club’s President. The idea to form the society came to him after he was disappointed by the Get Involved Fair. “I was looking for a scary movie club or something, and apparently there isn’t one,” said Anderson. “I talked to my friend Ray [Mulvaney] and he said, ‘Yeah, if there was a

club like that, I would definitely join,’ so I created the Horror Society.”

The Stockton Horror Society’s purpose is to give students a place where they can gather, share ideas, and make new friends based off of a common interest: horror. The primary focuses of the club include: watching and discussing horror movies, shows, and literature, talking about horror bands, and going to horror-related events. Members ensure that this club will be a chilling good time.

The Horror Society will meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in C009. “To join, come out to a meeting, or find us on Ospreyhub or Facebook,” said Anderson. “It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

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## Stockton Clubs Visit Local Therapeutic Riding Center

**Harlee York**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER



(Photo courtesy of Harlee York)

On Sunday, Oct. 22, Stockton’s Pre-Physical Therapy and Equestrian clubs visited The Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center. The group volunteered for a few hours to paint barrels and poles to give them a makeover for the riders who use them during their sessions.

Hearts is an organization that uses horses as a form of therapy for people. Through riding or other activities, the horses help those with varying abilities and disabilities.

While we were at the farm, we learned about the horses and about

Hearts. As students who are not a part of the Equestrian club, it was a great experience to learn something new about horses. We learned about how they act, how they are groomed, and most importantly how they can be used for therapy. It was exciting to be able to actually brush the horses and care for them, which is certainly not something that most people get to do every day.

Since I do not have much experience with horses, this visit sparked an interest for me in horses and hippo therapy. Despite the horses being so massive and some people seeing them as frightening, I find them to be beautiful and amazing animals. I was able to really connect with them by brushing and petting them and then by seeing their responses. It showed me that they really do appreciate being cared for and they can form relationships with us. Just from an hour of petting and grooming, I could already feel the therapeutic effects from being with the horses.

Hearts has riders from a range of ages and from all disciplines of life. Everyone has a different experience and gets a unique outcome from riding, but anyone can reap benefits from riding and getting in tune with nature. Whether a rider has some sort of disability or not, anyone can be a part of Hearts and find a way to be involved and feel happy!

The farm is about 20 minutes from campus and they are always looking for volunteers. Students can visit the Hearts website for more information where they can also sign up to volunteer or to take lessons.

## The Osprey's Political Corner



### Travel Ban Blocked Again

**Brittney Welch**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

It took less than a month for President Donald J. Trump's third attempt at a travel ban to find its way into court, and as a result of those proceedings, two federal-district court judges have blocked the ban once again.

The first block came out of the state of Hawaii on Oct. 17, when U.S. District Judge Derrick K. Watson issued a temporary restraining order.

This block was issued just a day before the travel restrictions on people from seven countries (Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen) would have gone into effect on Oct. 18. In the decision, Watson writes that this newest travel ban "suffers from precisely the same maladies as its predecessor," in that it has not shown sufficient evidence that the entry of people from these countries would be detrimental to the United States.

Watson continues, stating that it "plainly discriminates based on nationality," which is antithetical to the "founding principles of this Na-

tion."

A statement was released on Oct. 17 from the White House Office of the Press Secretary, which called the Hawaii order "dangerously flawed," and stated that it undercut the President's efforts to keep the American people safe.

The release went on, stating, "These restrictions are vital to ensuring that foreign nations comply with the minimum security standards required for the integrity of our immigration system and the security of our Nation. We are therefore confident that the Judiciary will ultimately uphold the President's lawful and necessary action and swiftly restore its vital protections for the safety of the American people."

Another judge, in Maryland, granted a preliminary injunction on the same day as Hawaii did. U.S. District Court Judge Theodore Chuang also found that there was a lack of evidence that this ban was in place for national security reasons.

Trump's last travel ban made it all the way up to the Supreme Court before it was dismissed for mootness, due to the imposition of the new ban, and the fact that the time period specified in the first ban had passed. The next step will be the U.S. government appealing these decisions.

### Senate Makes a Deal on the Bipartisan Healthcare Bill

**Brittney Welch**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

A deal has been reached between Republican and Democratic Senators on a bill to stabilize the Obamacare insurance markets, but it currently hangs in the balance, as President Donald J. Trump has gone back and forth with his support.

"The Bipartisan Health Care Stabilization Act of 2017" was crafted over the last few months by Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Patty Murray (D-WA). In a speech on the Senate floor on Oct. 19, as the first cosponsors were announced, Murray said, "We're able today to put forward an answer: a bipartisan solution that prevents families from paying the price for sabotage and uncertainty."

This bill, according to Phil Mattingly of CNN, is a "measure to fund the cost-sharing reduction payments to insurers for two years and increase state regulatory waiver speed and flexibility," which satisfies both sides of the aisle. Democrats keep Obamacare funded, and Republicans get more state choice inserted into the matter.

There are 12 announced Republican supporters of the bill and 12

announced Democrats, and overall, it is said to have enough votes to pass. On Oct. 22, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that, "This is a good compromise. It took months to work out. It has a majority. It has 60 senators supporting it. We have all 48 Democrats, 12 Republicans." Schumer also urged his Republican counterpart, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to bring the bill to the floor "immediately" for a vote.

The problem lies in garnering the support of Trump. On Oct. 17, Trump called this short-term solution "very good," in a news conference, appearing to be behind the plan.

Trump later stepped away from the support, tweeting on Oct. 18, "I am supportive of Lamar [Alexander] as a person & also of the process, but I can never support bailing out ins co's [insurance companies] who have made a fortune w/ O'Care."

McConnell said bringing the bill to the floor was contingent on Trump agreeing that he would sign it, telling Jake Tapper on CNN's "State of the Union" that he'd be "happy" to bring it to the floor if Trump's support and signature was confirmed.

### McCain Makes Veiled Reference to Trump in Speech

**Brittney Welch**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 16, Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) received the Liberty Medal in Philadelphia for his career in public service and personal sacrifices for liberty, and in his remarks after receiving the award, McCain had some choice words to say about the direction of the country.

The website of the Constitution Center states that the award is given, "to men and women of courage and conviction who have strived to secure the blessings of liberty to people the world over."

Vice President Joe Biden presented McCain the award, and then McCain made some remarks, calling himself "The luckiest guy on earth," for being able to serve his country, but this was not what perked the ears of most listeners.

In a very pointed part of the speech, McCain said, "To fear the world we have organized and led for three-quarters of a century, to abandon the ideals we have advanced around the globe, to refuse the obligations of international leadership and our duty to remain 'the last best hope of earth' for the sake of some half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked

up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems is as unpatriotic as an attachment to any other tired dogma of the past that Americans consigned to the ash heap of history."

This is a near direct response to the way Donald Trump campaigned and how he has led his presidency so far, under the banner of "America First."

Trump was aware of these remarks and told Chris Plante of "The Chris Plante Show" (a radio talk show), "People have to be careful because at some point I fight back." Trump continued, "I'm being very nice. I'm being very, very nice. But at some point I fight back and it won't be pretty."

Dan Merica of CNN, reported that in response to what the President said, McCain told him and other reporters, "I've faced far greater challenges than this."

The negative history between Trump and McCain spans all the way back to the campaign, when Trump said that he liked "people that weren't captured," in reference to McCain's capture and torture during the Vietnam War. There is still a great deal of ill will between the two.

# Creative Highlight

## Yellow to Blue: Part Three

Michael Grossguth  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

Mac read the message with an almost angry look, as most of his focus remained on the fact that the door was unlocked. Like the scene in *The Breakfast Club*, Mac ran around the school looking for the front door. After a couple minutes, he found it, again out of breath.

He took the next trip to the next stop as slow as possible. He wanted to regain his train of thought and think about this adventure. Mac had already lost his sense of time, as he previously lost consciousness. He kept looking around the environment like a little kid in a candy store, in awe. Mac kept returning from seeing these almost white colored labradors to the similar colored sun. Incomparable to school, the people out at this hour waved with smiles and asked how Mac was, showing a lot of sympathy. Mac did not really take any of this into account, as he kept progressing forward. His memory was bringing Venus home very late after their first date, since her parents were asleep, she had to be brought back inside through the backdoor, to not wake anybody up. Mac remembers this as his first kiss with a girl, and it was with Venus, the girl of his dreams. Just like the first time they spoke, it had a lot of awkward tension between the two, as their date was full of prolonged silences and eye contact with giggles in between. Mac never wanted to be that guy to be that boring and not able to hold a conversation with the girl that he had feelings for. Venus always had to break the ice with typical questions like “what do you want to be when you grow up?” or “if you had three wishes, what would you wish for?” Mac always had smooth responses, showing his flirtatious side, like “I would wish to be with you” just to get a quick blush and smile. Their conversations were never drawn out or long in general; they kept them informational, but blunt. Mac being slick with his words, always kept Venus on the edge of her seat, almost feeding him opportunities to say these sweet comments to her. They boosted her self-esteem a lot, showing her importance and his genuine feelings for her. One date in, and it was obvious that he had some feelings for Venus. Venus knew this too, when going

back home from the drive-in movie. Mac had a time to meet, as he promised Venus’s parents that he would bring her home at 11 o’clock. Since the movie ended at 10 minutes till 11 o’clock, it was a race to get Venus back home in time.

The next stop for Mac was initially Venus’s backdoor, as where they went to get her inside because her parents were asleep on this Friday night. Mac knew exactly where to go, once again, walking boastfully down the street, thinking he was going as fast as a cheetah with this surprise for him. Mac felt his stomach rumble; however, so instead of following through with the quest, he took one wrong turn, to get some pizza. Mac thought he deserved it from doing so well so far, only a few hours in it seems. This was one of Mac’s bad flaws, as he was very lazy when it came to mandatory things to do. This made Venus upset sometimes, when she wanted to go out and travel in the city, Mac wanted to stay inside and play little games or just watch television. Mac attempted to make Venus happy as much as he could, but sometimes he felt he was righteous enough to get what he wanted, or what he thought he “deserved” for being a boyfriend to Venus. However, it happened more frequently than he believed, as he took beautiful days and altered them into rainy days. The funny part is, he does not even know that he did this occasionally, as Mac thought this was all okay.

Step by step, Mac got hungrier as he was making his way to his favorite pizza place he attempted to go to at least once a week. This arrival marked his third of the week, as Mac had been alone for the past week, so this was his dinner almost everyday. Mac walked in through the door with a little bell, notifying the employees that a customer has entered. Mac walked up to the counter, cash in his hand, asking for his regular two slices of pepperoni pizza. The cashier took the order and his money, but turned to the kitchen, whispering to the employees, with a very concerned face. Mac did not think of it. The sun was still rising, with that bright yellow color still shining through every window in the city. This color yellow has never been visible for so long in a day, as this has been the craziest prolonging of such a color, seeming like it would never go away.

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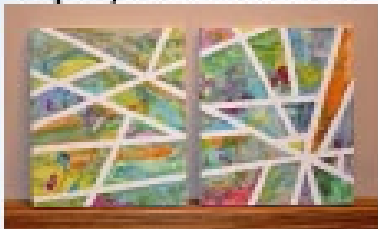
**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Funday Monday**

DIY Canvas Tape Art

Canvas, tape, paint...Take a break from homework and let the creative times roll!

8pm, Coffeehouse



**Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sweet Toothday**

No tricks, just treats!

Free Candy!

2pm, Grand Hall

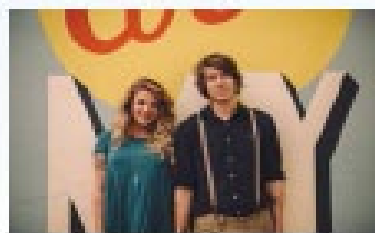
**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Tunes at Noon**

featuring Shane & Emily

Great music while you eat!

12pm, Coffeehouse



**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Movie Night**

featuring Atomic Blonde

Free movie, snacks, and prizes!

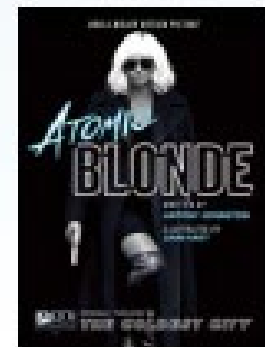
8:30pm, Theatre

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**First Friday**

Archery Battle

8pm, I-Wing



**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Movie Night**

featuring Atomic Blonde

Free movie, snacks, and prizes!

8:30pm, Theatre

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# Creative Highlight

## Moe Goes Shopping: A Short Story

Jean Hodges

ARGO STAFF WRITER

Moe could never really tell why the grocery store freaked her out so much. Maybe it was the colors and the sounds and the bright lights and the people, but something about the whole thing just put her off in a way she could never really tell anybody. Like fire ants gnawing at her belly.

Still, Issa was at work sick, struggling through a sh\*tty city cold til she could at least cash her paycheck later that afternoon, so it was Moe's job to bring home the bacon-- and whatever else was on their shopping list for the week.

All that cold medicine Issa needed had taken a dent out of their budget already, and Moe spent half her time in the store debating what thing on her list she could cut out so they'd have a little heat money for the month.

Moe guessed the candy could go...do those sandwich cookies count as candy...honestly Moe could live off them sh\*ts and a couple packs of ramen for a week if she had too, and with Issa's medicine money on the line, she probably had to...

Why the f\*ck did they even have to come into the city? Sure, their cottage had been on land some white folks bought up and there's was the only patch of green left that they needed to shave off, but couldn't they have found another forest? Another city?

Moe had grown up on the islands before she came back into the States, and her memories of her home were full of beautiful beaches and plush green and sweet fruit, and hot food that could burn your mouth off if you weren't raised with it. Moe had suggested that she and Issa move back onto her old island, start a new life there, make up another cottage and another little home for themselves, somewhere by the water. Somewhere by the sea.

But Issa was a city girl at heart, and Moe knew that. And Moe knew how sick Issa got all the time, and while it was never her fault, Moe knew that the care Issa needed was right here in this sh\*tty country and this sh\*tty city with the only hospital that would let both Moe and their insurance in as valid partners. And anyway, Moe wasn't sure if her island would welcome her and her wife in with open arms so much as a white man's fetish to help them pay the bills.

But Moe didn't know...she did have some pretty lenient relatives... and even if they just referred to Issa as Moe's "friend," maybe they'd let

them in as squatters until they found a place of their own. And then...

"Ma'am, do you need any help?" a voice piped up from behind her. Moe almost jumped out of her skin, she was so stuck in her own head. Turning her head to face the person who'd addressed her, Moe felt her beaded braids smack her face like a mother trying to get their kid out of bed. Time to wake up. Time to start now. You can't be dreaming all day long, there's stuff to do.

"Y-yeah..." Moe answered, clearing her throat, turning to the salesperson with one hand in her cart and another in her jeans' pocket, pulling out a crumpled list scrawled over in cheap ink. "Do y'all have heating pads, headache pills, cold pills, and cough medicine? I have someone sick at home, and she really needs my help."

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"Hey, baby..." Moe said softly, tiptoeing into the room to see Issa playing with her phone, still hunched over in bed.

"Hey, baby..." Issa replied, sitting up to give her wife a weak smile. Moe kissed the little bit of forehead sticking out of Issa's headwrap, and found her skin was still warm against her lips.

"I...I-I got your medicine!" Moe said, swinging a big bag of medicine onto Issa's lap on top of the bed covers. "The salesperson said this helped their own boyfriend out a lot when he got sick, so I'm guessing some of this sh\*t works, right?"

Issa laughed, which turned into a heavy, rattling cough. "It's perfect, baby. Thanks. Can you make up a pot of noodles. I need to eat something before I take anything else today."

Moe smiled. "I just bought a pack. I'll see what I can mix up for ya, milady."

Issa laughed and coughed again. "My hero. I'm just gonna lie down for a bit. Let me know when the food is done, ok? And oh!" Issa said, laying an elbow on her pillow and her head in her hand. "Did shopping go ok? I know you were worried, but don't worry so much about the money, ok? I get paid Friday, and I worked a double shift, so that would make up for me having to leave early today, too..." Issa said, before descending into another flurry of coughs, hacking into a bundle of tissues. "Blegh, lemme shut up and take this cough syrup..."

"Yeah, baby, it all came out ok. Lemme get the noodles on," Moe replied, giving Issa another forehead kiss before walking down the hallway, other groceries in hand, ramen on the mind.

I think we'll be ok.

## Essential Listening

Jackson Glassey

ARGO STAFF WRITER

This section highlights relatively recent releases in music that, in this writer's ever-so-humble opinion, one should hear...

**A+:** Stop reading this edition of the Argo and buy it. Go. Scoot.

**A:** No doubt one of the year's best. Will work its way into my regular musical digest.

**A-:** A great record and well-worth your time.

**B+:** Very enjoyable, but teeters just enough into unpalatable territory to prevent an across-the-board recommendation.

### Standing on the Corner: "Red Burns" (self-released)

This is one of those albums where I'm at a total loss trying to describe it, but I still love how it sounds. And it's hard to label this thing as being any one genre of music: part sample-based sound collage, part field recording, part spoken-word slam poetry, part conscious (colloquial: "woke") hip hop, part ambient soundscape, part Flying Lotus-esque instrumentals, part edgy musique concrète... what flavor you get really depends on which track you're listening to. But all these bizarre sonics somehow blend together to make one of the most impressive-- and impressioned-- LPs of the year. **A**

### Richard Dawson: "Peasant" (Weird World)

Like Standing on the Corner's "Red Burns," this stuff is comically difficult to describe, but still fascinating. Richard Dawson's brand of psy-

chedelic folk/American primitivism/experimental folk/pastoral folk/freak folk/New Weird America/Canterbury sound/progressive folk/whatever-f\*cking-micro-genre-some-journalist-coined-just-to-coin-something-before-his-or-her-career-ended has shades of the Microphones and Robert Wyatt's early work, but can't be done justice through words alone. Imagine staying overnight in a Montana cabin during the dead of winter and recording your dreams there via song. That's all I've got. **B+**

### Ibeyi: "Ash" (XL)

Beautifully alternative R&B... just, damn gorgeous. I love this French-Cuban duo's (Lisa-Kainé Diaz and Naomi Diaz) aesthetic, the atmosphere they create through their astral vocals and downtempo, slickly tribal production. Not to mention that they sing in English, French, Spanish and a Nigerian language called Yoruba... FYI: "Ibeyi" translates as "twins." Well worth a look if you're into Solange or other leftfield soul artists. **A-**

### Open Mike Eagle: "Brick Body Kids Still Daydream" (Mello Music Group)

"Mike on a mic!" My apologies, I'm contractually obligated to fit Beastie Boys references in here at least once an issue. But yeah, a native of Chicago, a resident of LA, and an affiliate of Aesop Rock, Hannibal Buress, Busdriver, and Milo, Open Mike Eagle, for lack of a better term, gets around. His latest, "Brick Body Kids Still Daydream," takes the stoically bleak themes and surreal bars of 2014's "Dark Comedy" to even greater cinematic heights. It's arguably more rewarding than Mike's previous records, but all of his output is worth your attention. **A-**



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## The Science of Being Scared

**Monica Headley**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again—the time for haunted houses, horror movies, and scary costumes. In the month of October, millions of Americans will be participating in the annual Halloween traditions of paying money to be scared. But what is the attraction behind these rituals?

The science behind this is simple—it all comes down to the fight-or-flight response. As part of the sympathetic nervous system, every person has an innate fight-or-flight response when faced with danger. This instinct gives the person the option to either fight the threat or flee from danger, hence the name. When a person is afraid, he or she undergoes a rush of hormones—more specifically, dopamine and epinephrine—that increase strength and speed. The person experiences “superhuman” abilities that allow him or her to carry significantly heavy objects, or run faster than he or she typically can. This response grants the person the ability to return to safety. The person experiences an increase in breathing and heart rates, which elevate oxygen levels in the body. This additional oxygen goes to the muscles, which can make a person feel tense, or on-edge.

During a horror movie, many factors contribute to the building up of the fight-or-flight response. Suspenseful music, gory props, and a treacherous storyline lead to an increase in heart rate, which triggers the fight-or-flight response, as the body senses real danger. In the case of a horror movie, the viewer is physically safe, but the body still experiences the same physiological response as an actual threat. Adrenaline, dopamine, and endorphins overtake the body and allow the person to experience a full fight-or-flight response, sans the danger. “I think people like to do these

things because they like the feeling they get when they are scared without being in danger,” commented Danielle Tiska, a biology major.

“It's fun getting scared with someone else because there's something to laugh about afterwards,” added Sarah Moritz, a chemistry major.

However, not everyone enjoys being scared. Like I have said, when a person is afraid, he or she experiences a rush of adrenaline and dopamine.

Otherwise known as the reward hormone, dopamine plays a crucial role in conditioning responses to stimuli. Autoreceptors, molecules that are located on nerve cells, alert the body when there is a surplus of any chemical or hormone within the body, slowing down production. Those who are averse to being scared may have lowered amounts of autoreceptors, resulting in higher amounts of hormones in the body, as there is not a strong enough signal to slow down production. Since conditioned responses are due to dopamine, fears that were cemented as a child could be resurfaced when a person is scared. For example, if a child was afraid of monsters in his or her closet as a child, dopamine was involved in creating the fear. When the person is scared later in life, he or she will experience a rush of dopamine, bringing back similar feelings to the monster fear when he or she was younger. Since those who have fewer autoreceptors experience a greater hormone exposure, the response would be stronger than a person who has an average, or greater, amount of autoreceptors.

Haunted hayrides and scary stories aren't for everyone. It all comes down to the chemical makeup of the person and what he or she prefers. Studying biology this time of year can be daunting and grueling, but it is the simple explanation for why people enjoy being scared.

## Interview With the Director of Community Wellness and Health Education

**Mary McQuarrie**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

I would like to start off this article with the note that I'm learning and growing from my own experience writing and talking so openly about sex and sexuality, and at the same time, writing for a public audience. These combining factors lead to missteps in sensitivity and exposing my own limited perspective. There is a reason my articles appear in the opinion section. I hope my articles start conversations even if the conversation is disagreeing with me, or elaborating on what I had omitted that could be vital to a subject. I am in no way immune to the stigma surrounding this topic or the inherent biases of my own upbringing, identity, and understanding. I have spent a lot of time reflecting. I would like to restate that I'm one person with one perspective and I'm learning how to convey my opinions and experience while encountering some things for the first time myself.

I was able to sit down with Dr. Jonathan Johnson, Director of Community Wellness and Health Education here at Stockton on Friday, Oct. 13. Getting in touch with him was easy; he was incredibly responsive to my interest in sitting down to discuss contraception access on campus. I felt welcomed and comfortable addressing an awkward issue with him.

More inclusive options for students have been recently introduced, such as the dental dam and the female condom. By diversifying these options, the Wellness Center took strides in becoming inclusive so that stu-

dents of all sexualities have the opportunity to practice safe sex at no cost to themselves. I couldn't be more excited about this development and Dr. Johnson seemed to share my enthusiasm about these additions.

Dr. Johnson corrected my use of the words quiz or test regarding the questions before the condom access. He spoke about the questions before receiving condoms not being a quiz or test because that implies it's something people need to know before coming in. Rather the question set was in place simply as a way to gauge what an individual already knows about the use of materials that Stockton University is giving away.

The question set is merely an educational tool for the Health Education Advocate to begin a conversation about proper use of contraception with the student. There is no way to “fail,” Dr. Johnson clarifies, regardless of the answers originally given. After a conversation, the student will come away with both the contraception they came looking for and the knowledge of how to use it in an effective way.

There is a list of students who have completed the question set, which is different from what I was originally told in my first consultation to receive condoms. With this system in place, a student is only required to answer the questions and have the conversation a single time before they can bypass the initial introduction process. Dr. Johnson reflected with me about the question set and has plans to review and update it, possibly to include questions about female condoms and dental dams along with the standard questions about condoms.

## Was Dr. Seuss Racist?

**Maddie Martorano**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

I was stumped on what to write about this week so simply began scrolling through news articles on Google. I scrolled through a few stories and came across an article about Dr. Seuss. This was intriguing to me since I loved Dr. Seuss as a child and now have a greater appreciation for him after doing a project on him in my Jewish Stories and Storytelling class last fall. “Oh, the Places You'll Go” was my favorite book while growing up. I adored the colorful pictures and simple rhyme schemes. As I got older, this book remained one of my favorites as I began to relate to the message. I began to see the complexities of the text and have since grown to appreci-

ate the book even more. I clicked on the article and was taken by surprise with what I saw. The article I found online examined the idea that many of the children's books that Dr. Seuss wrote have racist undertones to them or insinuate more than just rhymes and funny illustrations. Scholars went back to Seuss's earlier work from the World War II era and were able to uncover work that, in 2017, wouldn't be considered “politically correct.” Seuss used phrases such as, “china man who eats with sticks,” and wrote a story about an African American character who talked in slang and a harsh dialect about watermelon. Phillip Nel, a professor at Kansas State University, examines this early work closely and suggests that those claiming Seuss was racist need to consider the time period in which he grew up in. Nel says that Dr. Seuss's early

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work played on a lot of racial stereotypes.

I am undecided how I feel about this claim. I think I need to find more information about this before I truly make a decision on my thoughts towards this situation; however, this is a very interesting concept. I think this topic can be looked at even more closely. Based on my knowledge of Dr. Seuss from my research project last year, I don't think Dr. Seuss would single out a minority group in his writing. Dr. Seuss was Jewish and often dealt with hardships having to do with his religion, therefore, I don't think he would intentionally talk poorly about a specific group of people.

Building off of what Phillip Nel said, Dr. Seuss was writing his

earlier work that is being examined during a time where society was a lot less accepting than they are today. Not that this is right by any means, but Seuss was most likely writing according to the status quo. I am also left wondering if Dr. Seuss was intentionally writing with racist undertones? Was he trying to convey his personal beliefs and thoughts subtly through his art? I don't think anybody will fully know if Dr. Seuss's writing was racist or not. This idea is interesting to consider and has many layers to it. I hope to find more on this subject with more research behind it, I'm extremely curious.

## Ask Argo: Stockton's Advice Column

**Alexandra Mussman**  
FOR THE ARGO

Dear Argo,

This guy I met here at Stockton and I have been causally hanging out since the start of the semester. We became physical from the start and agreed that we only wanted to keep things casual. It has been amazing these past two months, but I find myself wanting more out of our arrangement than he does, and can feel myself getting attached. Should I say something? I don't want to risk losing him and our arrangement.

Sincerely,  
Torn Tri Delta

Dear Torn Tri Delta,

I'm so happy that you have found someone who you have enjoyed spending time with these past two months and I understand your dilemma. Communicating your feelings is scary, especially when it might not be reciprocated, and the risk may be greater than the reward. But arrange-

ments such as the one you find yourself in are always better in your head until they come to actually following through. It was great, but now your feelings have changed, and you need to listen to yourself and honor that. Repressing your feelings and ignoring them is not only unhealthy, but it will not make you feel more fulfilled. It is best to come to terms with how you are feeling with yourself, and try to articulate that to your friend. Understand that it may work out for you, but it also may not. If he rejects your new feelings- do you really want someone like that in your life anyway? I understand that you have built this bond with someone that is special to you—so special that you have developed real feelings. The longer this continues without addressing it will only make things worse. I know this may not be what you want to hear, but sometimes what we need to hear is not necessarily what we want to hear. Stand up for yourself and acknowledge your feelings. Let go if necessary. It may be tough, but it's time to make that decision.

Hope this helps!

Sincerely,  
Argo

## Ask a Professor: I believe that I am ugly!

**Richard Miller, Professor of Jewish Studies and Holistic Health**  
FOR THE ARGO

Dear Professor,

I believe that I am ugly! What should I do about those thoughts and feelings?

Signed, "Feeling bad about myself"

Dear "Feeling Bad about myself,"

It sounds as though you are suffering from feelings of low self-esteem! Dr. Abraham Twerski, a noted Psychiatrist, stated a surprising paradox: "The people who are the most gifted may have profound feelings of inferiority" (Twerski, 2007). How sad that someone like you feels so bad about yourself. Those feelings are prevalent among many people today. Leo Buscaglia, a prominent educator and speaker, has discussed this problem in his lectures and books. I find that I have students in my classes who share their feelings of inferiority in their journal writing. Their ability, talent and intelligence do not seem to have an impact on those feelings and beliefs!

Their inner feelings of low self-esteem seem to come from their past which was riddled with people who put them down, discouraged them

or attacked them when they were young, making them feel incompetent, untalented, and insecure about their ability to feel good about themselves and their accomplishments. No matter how much recognition these individuals receive, it is not enough. They are similar to a bottomless pit – always needing to be filled. When I was a principal, I once had a teacher who met these criteria. She never seemed to receive enough praise, recognition, or honors to make her feel good about herself, her teaching or her life!

It is difficult to combat these bad thoughts and feelings! As many years as you may have experienced ridicule and negative comments, you may need an equal amount of time and help to reframe your beliefs and move on! I have met people who have had feelings of inferiority and never addressed them with professional help. They continue to put others down, gossip about other people, go on buying splurges to suppress their low feelings and exhibit other behaviors related to their personal beliefs. One must be willing to change and may need professional guidance to change one's beliefs and be a happier person.

In my work with a nursing home and Hospice, I have met people who did not work on their own feelings of inferiority. They continued to exhibit actions and behaviors related to their inner beliefs because they never dealt with them so that they could move on with life!

I hope that you can find the fortitude to work on yourself and seek help to accomplish your goals and dreams!

-Dr. Richard Miller

## Series 4 of Writing Prompts for the Writer's Block

**Shefali Patel**  
ARGO STAFF WRITER

\*Note to readers: If anyone responds to any of the writing prompts throughout the series, feel free to submit your creative work to the Argo! Please mention which series the prompt was from and the prompt title!

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You can make your own titles for this series! This time, I am going to

be giving you the 5 basic stages of a hero's life. Try to answer as many questions as you can. This should help you make a basic outline for your creative work!

•Birth/Childhood - In what circumstances were they born? What is their background? Where are they coming from?

•Preparation - Are they receiving help from anyone in preparation for their quest? If so, what is their relation to them? Who is the mentor? Is this mentor helping them throughout their journey?

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## What Would it Mean to Honestly “Unite Against Hate?”

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FOR THE ARGO

On Oct. 17, when independent scholar Steven Salaita spoke at the invitation of Stockton’s Muslim Students Association on “Academic Freedom and Palestinian Human Rights,” he put to the test Stockton’s claim that it is “United against Hate.”

Almost a month earlier, on Sept. 21, student leaders had responded to flyers posted around campus promoting a white supremacist group, Identity Europa, by organizing a “Unite Against Hate” rally that brought out hundreds of students, faculty, and staff. That same day, Provost Kesselman issued a statement asserting that “Stockton strongly denounces the actions and beliefs of those behind...hate propaganda... and other hate groups. Let me be clear,” he attested, “for those who choose to disseminate messages of hatred, bigotry, and racism at Stockton, I say these words... Not on this campus; not at our University.”

Provost Kesselman went on to call for engagement in civil discourse even about “uncomfortable topics” while “personally reaffirm[ing] an environment where all students, faculty, staff, alumni and the public feel welcomed and supported.”

On a university campus concerned about its climate, particularly for women and minorities, the Provost’s statement raised serious questions about the appropriate balance between the open exchange of ideas, on the one hand, and feelings of discomfort, on the other. While hate and bias crimes are legal violations in the State of New Jersey, how should Stockton treat controversial speech that hovers on the edge of such violations?

Unlike the unified response to flyers advertising a white supremacist logo, Salaita’s visit to campus elicited no organized reaction. Indeed, on his second visit to Stockton in the past three years, the Honors program designated the event a “dialogue,” which students could attend to meet their service requirements and promoted it among its students. Yet, Salaita himself has been enormously controversial.

Salaita’s rise to prominence paralleled his fall from academia. In September 2014, the Trustees of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) blocked the professor’s appointment to a tenured position in American Indian Studies after he had already given up a tenured position at Virginia Tech. There is a debate as to whether Salaita was fired without due process, with his academic freedom violated, or whether his conditional appointment was simply never finalized by the body that made the ultimate decision. Still, many agree that his remarks on social media in the midst of the 2014 Gazan war, the summer before his appointment was denied, were highly contentious, to say the least. “You may be too refined to say it, but I’m not: I wish all the f\*\*\*ing West Bank settlers would go missing,” he tweeted. (At the time, Jewish West Bank teenagers had disappeared; they were later found murdered.) On another occasion Salaita tweeted: “Zionists: transforming ‘antisemitism’ from something horrible into something honorable since 1948. #Gaza #FreePalestine”

A little over two hours later that same day, he used blood libel rhetoric that harkens to the old anti-Semitic charges that Jews murdered Christian children to “At this point, if Netanyahu appeared on TV with a necklace made from the teeth of Palestinian children, would anybody be surprised? #Gaza,” he tweeted.

After his appointment was denied, Salaita sued UIUC and donors to the school who had threatened to withdraw their financial support if he was hired. Eventually he settled for \$875,000 from the university. He then held a one year appointment, from 2015-2016, at American University of Beirut, where a search committee unanimously recommended him to direct the Center for American Studies and Research. But that university’s president, Fadlo Khuri, reported to Inside Higher Ed that he canceled the search in response to faculty complaints of conflicts of interest and misconduct in the search process. This past July, Salaita announced that he was leaving academia to lecture and write as an independent scholar. And so, he arrived at Stockton.

Salaita’s congenial manner and simple narrative about a complex region and its shortcomings were deceptively attractive. He argued that the region’s troubles were due to the imposition of “settler colonialism” in the form of European Jews in the middle of the 19th century, their accumulation of power, and development of an ethno-nationalist state in the twentieth century in which inequality between Jews and Palestinians is national policy. Instead, he advocated for the establishment of a bi-national democratic and constitutional state with a full right of return for Palestinian ref-

ugees—that is, citizenship for all the descendants of Palestinians who fled or were exiled in Israel’s 1948 war—and “no tiers of citizenship based on race or nationality.” “How are democracy and equal rights controversial?” he asked the audience. But even he admitted that some accuse him of having a “pie in the sky mentality.” Still, he optimistically explained, we have to start somewhere and, if it doesn’t work out, we’ll “figure it out.”

At least four things were profoundly wrong with Salaita’s tale: First, he denied Palestinian agency. Even as he argued that the colonized always resist, at no point did he describe Palestinians fighting back against this so-called encroaching settler colonialism. The only aggressors in this narrative were European Jews set on establishing and maintaining a Jewish state by force. He neither mentioned Arab attacks on Israel nor the conditions surrounding European Jewish immigration to Palestine – namely the Holocaust. Unlike the settlers of other colonies, European Jews were the victims of power in the Hapsburg, German, and Russian empires. They were fleeing the persecutions of state power rather than seeking to extend that power themselves— even if the unintended consequences of their actions were to put into place a hierarchical system. Like the United States, Israel is a flawed nation with flawed leadership, but Israelis are not the only flawed peoples in the Middle East.

Second, Salaita insisted that Jews were an imagined community but implied that Palestinians were the real indigenous people in the region. Instead, it could be argued that both Jews and Palestinians are part of nations with aspirations for national self determination and myths tying them to the land.

Third, Salaita falsely described the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement and its consequences. The BDS movement calls for boycotting Israelis culturally, academically, and economically in order to isolate them and, some argue, force change. The academic boycott is particularly troublesome because barriers to free exchange impinge on scholars’ ability to engage in open dialogue. Furthermore, by reinforcing boundaries, the boycott can diminish the possibility of achieving peace among those who are often most committed to it within Israeli society. BDS, furthermore, establishes the type of blacklist that Salaita argues has prevented him from working in academia.

Nevertheless, Salaita suggested that BDS represented a positive tool for political change and invited the audience to learn more about it. He promised that they would find nothing antisemitic in the movement’s literature and assured them that he “would oppose BDS if it oppressed people from certain nationalities.”

But he quickly back-pedaled on this stance when confronted with the many ways in which the Palestinian Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel’s (PACBI’s) 2014 guidelines discriminate against Israeli students and faculty, including Jews, Palestinians, and Druze. The guidelines recommend that those who boycott Israel not publish papers written by their country’s academics, not sit on committees that evaluate their theses, not accept their papers on scholarly panels, nor attend conferences they organize. In an article in *Dissent*, published shortly after the American Studies Association (ASA) endorsed the boycott—a move influenced by Salaita’s arguments and leadership—Israeli scholar Michael Zakim explained that “the ASA boycott’s first victim was a PhD student at Tel Aviv” whose advisor couldn’t recruit a qualified outside reader because he was Israeli. Ironically, he was an Arab citizen of Israel.

Caught in his own deception, Salaita quickly pivoted his argument. “Call it contradictory, I don’t care,” the speaker whose talk was intended to focus on academic freedom as well as Palestinian human rights explained. “Let’s be honest, I care about colonized people getting justice. I am not concerned about the inconveniences of Israelis.” In response, the room broke out in snaps of agreement.

But perhaps the most telling moment of the evening was when an identifiably orthodox Jewish man asked Salaita if he would condemn Hamas for using Gazan schools and hospitals as military bases for storing and firing weapons. Initially, Salaita replied that “he didn’t concern himself with Hamas since it was the democratically elected government of Gaza,” but then he said he refused to answer the question since it demanded that he “perform respectability politics.” He was unwilling, he explained, to testify that he’s “not violent and not a terrorist” for the “comfort of someone in the audience.”

It was hard to interpret Salaita’s evasion of the question as anything but an endorsement of post-colonial struggle by any means necessary. In this equation, Hamas represents re-

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sistance or freedom fighters for justice from settler colonialism. For all of his liberal humanist rhetoric about a one-state solution in which all people would be equal, there would be few promises of security for a Jewish minority denied national self-determination living in a country from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea that invited back the five million or so descendants of the roughly 700,000 Arabs who fled or were forced to leave a fledgling Israel in 1948. Some magical thinking leads to massive bloodshed rather than social justice.

Regardless, it is clear that the academic boycott Salaita promoted in his lecture discriminates based on national origin. For this reason, his talk could be said to constitute a “Bias Incident” under Stockton’s definition. Stockton’s Bias Free initiative defines such events as “an act – either verbal, written, physical, or psychological – that threatens or harms a person or group on the basis of actual or perceived...national origin... and that interferes with one’s educational opportunities or disrupts the living, learning, and/or working environment.” The Bias Free Initiative urges

“anyone who has witnessed or experienced a Bias incident to report it.” The first place that the administration recommends calling is the university police.

Salaita’s lecture was certainly disturbing – and brought at least one student to tears. But, needless to say, I didn’t even think of filing a complaint. A university committed to academic freedom should allow speech even that which upsets. Such speech should be met with interrogation and rebuttals—with more speech.

For us as a community to be truly “United Against Hate” we would have to learn to walk a tightrope: listening to our neighbors with empathy, condemning offensive speech, and pursuing justice and security for all. Open engagement with academics regardless of their country of national origin or political ideology sets the stage for such a balancing act.

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## Close your Eyes and Think of Yemen

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Close your eyes and try to imagine approximately seven million people struggling with poverty and starvation. Think about that spine chilling feeling you would get if you had to see people dying right in front of you, bodies dropping from malnutrition and lack of medical care. What do mothers feel when they hold their dead children in their hands? What do men feel when they cannot provide for their families? The air is dry and everyone you see tastes despair on their tongues.

This is reality for everyone living in Yemen, the Middle East’s poorest country. Saudi Arabia, which borders Yemen, has been leading a violent military intervention in Yemen’s civil war for almost three years. Living in the United States of America, never in our wildest dreams could we imagine aiding the Saudi Arabian government in such heinous crimes, but we must face the awful truth. The U.S. military has been assisting them in oppressing Yemen without the support of congress for years. This assistance is a representation of our country. We are killing Yemen.

Many Americans do not know that our military has been selling the monarchy in Saudi Arabia things like missiles and planes. The U.S. military also assists with midair refueling for jets that conduct indiscriminate airstrikes which right now are the leading cause of casualties in Yemen. In addition to military strikes, the Saudi Arabians have closed the border they share with Yemen, preventing any type of humanitarian aid from entering the country. Millions of Yemenis are dying of starvation, a ludicrous tactic of war.

Think about the last three years of your life. Each morning you’ve woken up, you put your favorite coffee mug under your coffee-pod brewer, and then spent twenty minutes scrolling your social media feed full of cat videos and memes from classic television shows. Did you ever see an article about Yemen? Did you even read a status pleading for the United States government to put an end to their partnership with Saudi Arabia? Sadly, we have not heard about this conflict as often as we should have.

We have lost a lot of time to help.

Yet, you have a chance to change that. A bipartisan congressional resolution to remove American armed forces from the unauthorized aggressions led by Saudi Arabia has been proposed. Those pushing for this resolution believe that once the American people are presented with the facts behind this conflict, will not want their tax dollars funding the starvation and murder of innocent people in Yemen just to advance the Saudi monarchy’s regional goals. This house resolution is among the first steps in expanding democracy, and holding the United States government accountable.

You can help. By calling your senators and representatives and letting them know the issue of American military involvement in the Saudi Arabia, Yemen conflict is outrageously unconstitutional, there may be a chance to pull our military from this conflict. You could save lives. Paint a picture for your representatives; would they want their people to starve at the hands of another power?

Reach for your brand new smartphone and call the Capitol switchboard at (202)-224-3121. Follow along with the prompt to connect with your area politicians. Remember to inform them that they should not be in support of militaries that purposely target civilians. Call, and call often. Do not let your senators and house representatives forget about our involvement in the millions of Yemenis suffering or dead.

And from this point on, when you close your eyes, think of Yemen. Think of the millions of people struggling to find food each day, and the endless bombs being dropped on their already poor infrastructure. It is not clear how much time is left for the Yemenis, so please, do not forget about them.

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•Quest - What is the goal for this journey? Why is the hero taking this journey?

•Ultimate Battle - Who is stopping the hero from ending his journey? Is there a villain? Do we see a scapegoat for any problems that arise?

•Triumphant Return or Death - Was this a triumph of good vs. evil? What was gained? What was lost? What happened to the characters in the text based on the hero’s actions?

include the words/phrases:

1. “Who’s there?”
2. “and”
3. “Friends”
4. “boyfriend”
5. “girlfriend”
6. “door”
7. “house”
8. “apartment”
9. “sorry”
10. “Haven’t seen you in a long time!”

**Knock Knock**

Must title your work the same as this prompt. Your creative work cannot