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Measures Against Alcohol Usage on College Campuses: How do we Measure Up?

Nicole L. Scimone
Staff Writer

“Studies show that about 43% of all students report drinking in a high-risk manner at some point in their college career. Twenty percent of students report drinking in a high-risk manner often,” according to the White House’s Web page about “Alcohol and Drug Abuse on College Campuses.” Clearly, something needs to change.

College and university presidents across the country are trying to open discussion and raise awareness about alcohol problems among college-age students by supporting a movement known as the Amethyst Initiative. The movement, which started in July of this year by John McCandless, President Emeritus of Middlebury College and Founder of Choose Responsibility, and a group of college presidents with “a common desire to reopen a public debate over the drinking age,” as stated by the Initiative’s Web site, The Amethyst Initiative gets its name from Greek mythology. According to tradition, the amethyst was associated with sobriety and moderation in drinking.

Many college presidents who have signed the Amethyst Initiative believe that the organization can open debate on key topics surrounding alcohol use and abuse in colleges. In addition, many agree that discussing whether reducing the legal drinking age from 21 to 18 can have an effect on alcohol use. They suggest that possibly the allure of alcohol as a foreign or forbidden substance gives it much of its power over college students leaving home for the first time.

As of this printing, the 130 signers included presidents of nearby Drew University and Montclair State University, Robert Weissbach and Susan Cole, respectively. In reaction to the growing support of the Amethyst Initiative, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and other anti-alcohol associations have issued statements against the proposal. The MADD press release on the topic quotes leading researchers and politicians, and cites statistics about fatalities and injuries related to alcohol usage among college students. MADD has instead supported the Support 21 Coalition, dedicated to maintaining the minimum drinking age of 21.

Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey has said that the issue is to repeal current minimum drinking age law “defies common sense.” This statement appears on a Web site authored by MADD.

There are many proponents of the ideals of the Amethyst Initiative, such as opening discussion and raising awareness, who do not believe that lowering the legal drinking age will have a positive effect. The current conflict between Amethyst Initiative and MADD often eclipses these more moderate voices.

Our college president, Sr. Patrice Werner, who has not signed the Amethyst Initiative, has explained that “At Caldwell, the Executive Administration has discussed the pros and cons, and we have agreed not to support it.” Caldwell’s dry-campus policy prohibits any alcohol possession or consumption on campus, despite age. The Caldwell College Student Handbook states, “Possession of all alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all resident halls.” It also details the consequences of consumption or possession of alcohol on campus, which include write-ups, fines, and, if the offending student is younger than 21 years old, a call home to parents.

Sr. Patrice followed the following explanation as support for Caldwell’s position on alcohol usage: “According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, each year more than 600,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking; 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking; and 300,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured while under the influence of alcohol. Sticking with our policy of an alcohol free campus is not about restrictions. It has to do with staying out of harm’s way — whether it is in the form of harm from a car accident; harm from an assault, abuse or injury; or harm to one’s academics, athletic career or even finances.”

Sr. Patrice also mentioned our campus’s efforts to raise awareness about alcohol-related problems. Caldwell’s chapter of Boost Awareness Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students, or Bacchus, is active in hosting events and programs throughout the year in support of “reducing bad decisions concerning ‘alcoholic beverage use or non-use.” Caldwell College’s Director of Substance Awareness Counseling Sandy Rock advises this organization. The idea that so many of our peers have fallen victim to the effects of alcohol, either as a result of their own alcohol usage or someone else’s, is shocking, both statistically and personally. Because this is an issue that means life or death to thousands of students each year, it warrants serious consideration. Whether changing the drinking age is the right kind of consideration remains to be debated. However, it is unchallenged that a campus that is proactive about raising awareness is contributing positively to this current social crisis.

“We want to help our students stay out of harm’s way and be able to achieve all of their goals,” said Sr. Patrice. “The future is too precious to waste.”

What’s on Your Space?

Nora Kdry
Staff Writer

When applying for a job, references, previous experience, appearance and resume should be enough to make or break one’s chance of getting a job. In this technology-driven world, the Internet has become primary source in not only applying for jobs, but also for employers to research potential employees. Myspace and Facebook have created a gateway to managers and human resource departments when examining potential candidates.

Commerce Bank Store Manager, for the Secaucus, N.J. branch, Carolina Oretga-Gonzalez explains that by using Myspace and Facebook as a source it enables employers to “see beyond what the interview allows us to see and make sure that the potential employee is not just another ‘cookie cutter’ depiction of what an employee should be.” Oretga-Gonzalez also explains that the way a person carries him or herself may be different from the person they are everyday outside of work.”

Social networking Web sites such as Myspace and Facebook should be monitored and maintained properly by the site owner. Inappropriate pictures or comments could give future employers a different outlook on the candidate and make them think twice about hiring that person. It also says the process of finding an individual that is right for the job is very difficult. “Working in a small branch such as this one, the process of hiring people that are not only right for the job but also right for the branch is something that I really look for. Bank offices [the human resource department] work really hard to weed out the potential candidates from those who may be better off in busier branches, high volume branches or even slower and quieter branches.”

Most college students take part in Myspace and Facebook, which makes it so much easier for employers to search for the applicants and seek more information about them. “As a subscriber to Myspace and Facebook myself, both my current and previous employees are my friends on both sites.” Facebook and Myspace allows employers to see a candidate in a different light. People are very different in an interview or on paper than they are in everyday life. “A person’s job is not just their job anymore. What your job is and how you do your job reflects the person you are,” Oretga-Gonzalez believes.

Being cautious of what you post online whether it is humorous or a provocative picture can make or break someone’s chances of getting their dream job or just a job to get them through school. Myspace and Facebook are no longer just for networking within a group of friends. They are accessible to a wider audience.

Letter from the Editor:

“I don’t think anything will change until Americans revolt and get it into their heads that they need to be informed voters instead of just listening to the paid political ads.” — Deborah Pryce, United States representative from Ohio

Dear Readers,

This issue of The Kettle has come out at a rapid pace and it was all for you, the readers. I hope you use the information presented in this issue to make an informed decision about whom you will cast your vote for in the presidential elections on Tuesday, Nov. 4. It was my goal and the goal of the staff, to have useful information, so that the students of Caldwell College could become educated about the issues and the candidates. In this issue, you will find clear-cut facts as well as debates on the candidates. As Francis Bacon said, “Knowledge is power.” So, use this to get all the knowledge you can and please vote smart!

Sincerely,
Meghan Dunn, Editor in Chief

NATIONAL NEWS
Last year it was known as the Experiential Learning Center and it is now called the Career Planning and Development Office. Big changes can be found in the new and improved center and the administrators are ready, willing and able to help out as many Caldwell students as possible.

Directed by Geraldine Perret and assisted by Cassie Pfister, the improved Career Planning and Development Office has reorganized itself and is open to students weekdays. Last year, the Experiential Learning Office was only staffed by one part-time career counselor and The Career Development Office was staffed by one full-time administrator. The two departments were separated, even though they helped students in the same area.

The main focus of the Experiential Learning Office was to get students for-credit internships and co-op positions as well as organizing the yearly job fair and listing jobs for students. Today, The Career Planning and Development Center is staffed by two full-time employees who work together to get students jobs, internships and offer students career development. Appointments can be made to talk with the administrators Perret and Pfister about everything the office has to offer.

The office helps students find part-time jobs off campus, internships and full-time jobs. The jobs are posted on the Caldwell College Job Board found on the school Web site. The office is also working on replacing the job board with College Central, a searchable jobs and internships database. Perret and Pfister are eager to help Caldwell students explore majors by getting to know students on a personal level. They also assist students in learning about career paths compatible with a specific major and to the individual interests of the student. A completely stocked and practical Career Resource Library is located inside the office. It contains magazines and books with information on what major is required for certain career paths, as well as information on graduate schools. The office aids students in developing job interviewing skills and assists them in writing resumes and cover letters. Last year, all of these resources were not completely available to students and were definitely not presented in the manner Perret and Pfister presented them. "We have been in close contact with Caldwell alumni so that students have the advantage of receiving first-hand knowledge from them. We will be having many speakers from various fields of study at Caldwell on discussion panels during Career Week on campus," Perret said. Career Week was held October 27 through the 31, where activities such as Alumni panels and discussions and workshops on possible careers related to assorted Caldwell College majors took place.

The Career Planning and Development Office has also been promoting internships for credit available to students who meet the requirements. This allows students to work closely with faculty advisors while incorporating classroom knowledge in the workplace, all while earning credit and developing helpful contacts.

The biggest change for the Career Planning and Development Office has been working to increase visibility and accessibility of the services offered. "We really want to get the word out that we are here for all the students at Caldwell when it comes to finding jobs, internships or looking into majors the school offers," Perret added. All students can benefit from the resources and knowledge available in the Career Planning and Development Office, located on the second floor of the Newman Center.

The Other Side of the Story Why Can’t People Use Sidewalks?

Meghan Dunn  
Editor in Chief

In a previous edition of The Kettle, Caldwell College student Sarah Kotter wrote an opinion piece called, Why in Such a Hurry? Speeding on campus becoming a concern. While I do agree that most drivers on campus do not do the 10 mph that is posted, I feel that there is another side of this story that isn’t being told. What about the students, faculty and staff who walk in front of my car without even a second glance; are they not at fault?

Or, students who walk down the middle of the road, forcing me to drive 2 mph until they get off their cell phone or take their headphones off and realize that they are walking in the middle of the road with a caravan of cars behind them.

I understand we are on a college campus and there are going to be people walking around, but some people have lost all sense of safety. Remember in grade school when “look both ways before you cross the street” was drilled in our heads? Apparently you don’t.

All I am asking is that everyone on campus be careful. I promise to drive safely on campus if you promise to look both ways before crossing the street.

HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR CANDIDATE LOSING THE ELECTION

Patrick Smith  
Staff Writer

After this election some of you will believe that your elected Commander-in-Chief will lead us into a golden age of prosperity like the white knight that he is. For the rest of you, you will be bleak jawed at how utterly stupid the American people are for electing this pompous, brain dead, windbag into office and ultimately getting us one step closer to our country’s impending implosion. If you’re the latter, here are some tips for making the end of the election a little easier.

1. Unhook and/or turn off your phone. Everybody who you disagreed with for the last two years and told that your candidate was going to win will call you up to rub your face in it. Example:

Caller: Hey Pat, looks like Obama lost. Looks like it isn’t time for a change! Hope you aren’t too upset! I really Hope that.

Me: Thanks for the call dad.

2. Deny, deny, deny. The Mind is a powerful thing. It can create a whole new reality to ensure the protection of the human body, specifically a reality where your candidate has won and everything’s fine. Sure it’s not reality…but it’s sure more interesting. I personally live in a world where Doritos are a diet food, Led Zeppelins reunited and still touring and Heath Ledger is still alive with an Oscar that looks like the Joker… it’s a good world.

3. Demand a recount. Hey if it worked for Al Gore than it should work…for…oh…hmm.

4. Don’t pay attention to politics until the next election. You are probably saying “Pat, How are we supposed to not pay attention to the White House for four years?” There are plenty of ways, like going into a coma. Or you could still live in a cave. Hey, if bear can do it, certainly you could. What are you inferior to a bear? Get in that cave and show those bears who’s boss!

5. If all the above fails then think about this: No matter who

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Economic Corner

The Commuter Chronicles

Lucianne Reyes  Staff Writer

Freshman Jasmin Vasquez is a commuter from Newark, N.J., who is experiencing first hand the disadvantages of the economy’s demise. With gas prices rising higher than ever, there seems to be no end to this catastrophe sweeping the nation. For those students who have to commute to school, either by public transportation or personal cars, the idea of living in the residence halls has never seemed so appealing.

Some commuters struggle with financial hardships, unavailability of transportation, and classes that can’t make it work. Many commuters snooze in their cars during breaks to catch up on their deprived sleep since many can live 20 minutes to an hour away. They also try to schedule classes to fit in four days or less so they do not have to travel to school as often. Joining a club, participating in a sport, or getting the help of a tutor proves to be a hassle in these student’s lives. It requires them to stay longer in school, waste more gas if they have to come back later, or give up something they love to do. Kimberly Del Valle said, “I recently became a resident, since commuting for me was a complete mess. I don’t have a flexible schedule from work or school, so it made it almost impossible to even make it here sometimes. The gas was consuming my whole paycheck so I had to make a decision which is helping me save my money.”

The majority of college students are facing the same problems as Del Valle and Vasquez. Many students now choose colleges or universities close to home to avoid these obstacles. It’s not about what college looks better when seeking the ideal job, but which school one can afford. For future reference, use your car only when necessary, resort to dorming, acquire a flexible job that won’t add to your stress, master the art of time management and try to organize your class schedule in a successive order.

How Safe is Your Financial Aid?

Karlsun Allen  Staff Writer

May. This was the government’s answer to the growing danger to student loan safety. As a result of the growing credit crisis, a number of federally guaranteed lenders began having difficulty finding the needed capital to back their loans, and thus started scaling down their lending activity. For this reason, Congress passed H.R. 5715, which increased the total amount of money students are allowed to borrow in subsidized and unsubsidized loans from $23,000 to $31,000 for dependent students, and from $45,000 to $57,500 for independent students over the course of their undergraduate careers (graduate students can borrow even more). H.R. 5715 had the added consequence as well, since the federally guaranteed banks now have more capital. “Students are able to take out Stafford Loans which, in some cases, reduces their need to take out private loans or Plus Loans, which are given based on a borrower’s credit history,” O’Neill said.

Even though the amounts that can be borrowed have increased, the interest rates on federal student loans have not. The government actually lowered the fixed interest rate on Stafford Loans from 6.80% last year to 6.00% this year. Granted, this is still nearly twice the interest rate that was allotted between 1998 and 2006 (3.61%). Even so, federal student loans still have the lowest interest rates of any student loans because they are guaranteed by the government.

On the other hand, private student loans, which are not guaranteed by the government, are being affected the same as car loans and home mortgages. Since banks are having some difficulty getting the credit they need, they have to be more selective on how and to whom they lend money. The people who are having the most trouble getting private loans are those with poor or no credit who therefore create the most risk for the lender. However, the recent $700 million bailout, which passed Congress in early October, is theoretically going to provide more credit availability and therefore make it easier to obtain private loans. As O’Neill put it, “In my opinion, the bailout will help by shoring up the banking industry and other financial lending institutions. If those banks are secure and stable they will have the capital to lend for home equity loans, private loans, car loans and student loans.”

Grants and scholarships obviously follow a different financial track than loans, but their safety must still be considered. O’Neill said, “President Bush did just sign another bill promising funding for the federal Pell Grant though the 2009/2010 school year.” In addition, New Jersey, along with other states, has already approved and is working on getting the funding for its state Tuition Aid Grants. This indicates that, at least for now, government grants are safe and, as O’Neill reminds us, Caldwell College grants and scholarships are even safer because they “come from institutional money that Caldwell College has budgeted for financial aid, which is not tied to the federal government.” O’Neill summed it up well when referring to Caldwell College’s student financial aid by saying, “Our students are good and it is my hope that student financial aid across the nation will remain good.”

Five Helpful Tips:

1. By drinking water with lunch and dinner, you can cut off about $5 from your daily spending.
2. To avoid “sitting down” breakfasts and lunches, Caldwell students have the added cost of a tip... instead, order at a counter, and find your own plate! This will save you a lot in the long run.
3. Don’t blow your budget on the earlier meals, if you spend smartly, you’ll be left with enough to have a great meal in a restaurant for dinner.
4. Often, it is a good idea to eat at a larger chain for one meal, pick-me-ups, make sure to bring a snack with you to work or school...those little extra expenses can add up!
What to do on the WEEKENDS?
Samantha Payerl, Staff Writer

Listen up, Weekend Warriors! Rather than sit around in your dorm rooms contemplating whether you or your mother would make a better candidate for doing this week’s festering pile of laundry, or if you are a commuter and have already condemned your mother to several more years of washing your socks, think outside the box! Not every waking moment needs to be spent on campus. Therefore, I’ve compiled a list of various places one can explore on the weekends. So go out and explore new horizons, for the world is your oyster (unless you are allergic to shellfish, then that’s an entirely different story).

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Mondays, Tuesdays and major holidays: Closed
Adults: $12 Children under 12: Free
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Admission is free for everyone on the first Friday of every month.

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Arts Bytes
UPCOMING EVENTS

Opera
Garden State Opera will be performing Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. in the Student Center. There will be a free performance of excerpts from the opera for schools on Friday, Nov. 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center. In this opera, true love wins out when the old skintight Pasquale tries to force his nephew to marry for money. The production will be set in contemporary Los Angeles and performed with an orchestra. For more information, visit www.gardenstateopera.org.

ART
The Visceglia Gallery at Caldwell College presents Melissa Johnson’s photographic exhibit entitled Unconscious Motives: The Continuity of Direction. The free exhibition is open until Nov. 14 and is open to the public. In Unconscious Motives, Johnson, an Art Therapy student, investigates the fundamental themes of order, change and transformation in an attempt to illuminate a world in dynamic change and the binary opposition between nature and industry.

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How many years have you been involved with church ministry or other activities?

I have been involved in ministry through church and school since junior high. As a student in a Catholic high school, I was a member of a thriving parish, and I was introduced to through more direct ministry in high school, being a leader for my church youth group as a young adult. In high school, I participated in a service trip in Camden, where I learned about the needs of others and was able to do something about it.

In high school, I participated in an activity to collect 20,000 winter coats. The proceeds from the sale of these coats will be used to help feed the homeless in Camden.

What is your major at Caldwell College and what are your plans for after graduation?

I am majoring in Sociology and currently applying for the five-year combined accelerated Masters of Social Work degree program at Caldwell College. My goal is to become a social worker and to use my skills to make a difference in the lives of those in need. I’d like to graduate and do something good work as a missionary or volunteer for a year or so. The Peace Corps, Catholic Relief Services, Dominican Volunteers for Life, as well as other community service programs are all possible routes I am currently looking into.

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How many years have you been involved with church ministry or other activities?

I have been involved in ministry through church and school since junior high. As a student in a Catholic high school, I was a member of a thriving parish, and I was introduced to through more direct ministry in high school, being a leader for my church youth group as a young adult. In high school, I participated in a service trip in Camden, where I learned about the needs of others and was able to do something about it.

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Caldwell Basketball Returns with Blend of New Talent and Seasoned Veterans

Nicole Burrell
Sports Editor

This season, Caldwell will take the court with a core of strong upperclassmen, mixed with the excitement that comes from a large group of new players. Manny Perez returns this year in what everyone is hoping will be his first healthy season in several years. Perez suffered an ACL injury two years ago which prevented him from playing at all in that 2006-07 season. Injury continued to keep him out of games until December of the 2007-08 season. Now as a senior, Perez will need to remain healthy and lead the team both on offense and defense if they are going to be successful this year.

The team will also be looking to seniors Carl Augustin and Michael Lazzi to take major leadership roles on the team.

Junior Sam Ciccill will look to be healthy this year after suffering from a back injury last season which limited his play. If he is able to play up to his potential, he will be one of the key contributors on the team.

Meanwhile, about half of the team is made up of new players. Nik Orovic, a freshman from Serbia, is a point guard and, according to Head Coach Mark Corino, shows a good understanding of the game.

Peter Difilley and Matt DeSouza add size to the team while Malcolm Austin comes to Caldwell out of a strong program at Christian Brothers Academy. Matthew Candermores, another point guard, and Jason Wilson, a transfer out of Quinnipiac also join the 2008-09 team.

This year’s schedule will begin with an exhibition against Division 1 Rutgers University. The team will also be traveling to Colorado for a tournament in mid-November and they will face Gannon University on December 29th, a top Division 2 school.

With a pile of tough opponents in the first half of the season, you might think the Caldwell team is at a disadvantage. But, the truth is, they’re right where they want to be.

“We play the beginning of the season against good competition,” Corino said. “That’s the concept; it’s only going to help us understand the road when we get to conference play.”

The second half of the season will pit the Cougars against their CACC opponents. That is where the team will really have to shine if they plan to move through the season and into the CACC Tournament. And any team that can emerge victorious in this conference will really have to earn it.

“THe reality is that the conference has consistently gotten better,” Corino said. “Every team has the ability to beat anyone else on a given night.”

For Caldwell, all of the ingredients are there. They have a balance between youth and experience. They have depth and size. This early, it’s hard to predict how things will play out for the team, but everything is in place for the Cougars to have a very successful season. So get out and support the team. games you don’t want to miss include contests against Philadelphia University (January 10th), Bloomfield College (January 8th) and Holy Family (February 14th).

Earlier games to catch are certainly the season opener on November 15th against Molloy College and a December 2nd contest against Felician College.

There’s No Place Like Home

Nicole M. Burrell
Sports Editor

The right field bleachers... if you want to watch a game at Yankee Stadium, that’s the only place to do it. Everything is different out in right field... it’s like a secret club. You have your own entrance, and that family from Illinois who came to see a game before moving on to the Sightseeing Bus in Times Square will never be able to touch your section. You didn’t just happen to buy these seats, you made an investment in Yankee Baseball. You didn’t come out for the pointy foam fingers or to do the wave. You’d rather shoot yourself in the foot than stoop that low. No, you’re a baseball fan.

In right field, the grass is greener, the smell stronger, the noise more electric. Here, you have the whole field in front of you. You’re in the orchestra pit of the greatest stage in baseball... the Bleacher Creatures and their roll call are the overtures... without your music, the game just wouldn’t be the same.

It is here that everything matters... every play, every decision, every call. It doesn’t matter that it’s “just baseball.” For three hours, it’s life.

And that is why I have always chosen to sit in right field when I go to Yankee Stadium. My dad and I were given free tickets last season to a game, and we suddenly found ourselves sitting in the loge seats, otherwise known as “box seats.” Now, if you’ve ever sat out in the bleachers, you know that box seats... well... they’re not very good. So we spent the better part of the game slouching down, more than a little ashamed of our location. It was weird... people were leaving for cotton candy when there were 2-2 counts and 2 outs... they were talking about work, school, all stuff that didn’t belong in our stadium.

So let’s just say that when we walked into Yankee Stadium for the last time this September, we walked into the bleacher entrance.

I’ll never forget what I saw that night. Yogi Berra standing at homeplate in his uniform, the crowd chanting Bobby Murcer’s name for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever, the moment of joy when Bernie Williams showed us that smile we waited for what seemed like forever.

It was great to win that game... it wasn’t a World Series, but it sure felt huge. Yankee Stadium went out like it was supposed to, a winner. And as Derek Jeter thanked the fans, and the team ran around the field and waved to each section, I was so proud to be a Yankee fan.

It was hard to leave that night, and most of the fans stood around, not really wanting to end their last time breathing the rarified air of that stadium. We all eventually spilled out onto the streets, and walked as one below the subway tracks and toward our cars.

It was funny, because we were all going home, but for a moment, I felt like we were leaving home instead. That stadium held so many memories, so many milestones... and not just for the Yankee players, but for us too.

I will never forget that last Yankee game, the bittersweet ceremonies and the final victory. I’ll never forget that the last person to ever bat at Yankee Stadium was our Captain Derek Jeter, that the last Yankee ever to pitch there was the great Mariano Rivera.

And I’ll never forget that last glimpse of green as we walked out of the stadium and I looked over my shoulder one last time. Nothing will ever be as green as that grass... and nothing will ever be as magical as Yankee Stadium. Thanks for the memories.

THE WOMEN’S TEAM, THE MEN’S TEAM, THE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM has a lot of new additions to the squad which will be tested in the coming months. But they are balanced by experienced athletes already on the team.

Among the returning players is all-CACC forward Mackenzie Lynch. The senior is among those who will be asked to lead this team if they are going to have a winning season.

“We’re very young,” Lynch said. “We have a lot of new freshman, but I still think we can be very successful.”

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Sure, I could use this opinion article to bash Sen. McCain and Gov. Palin, but I don’t think that would be a good use of my time. I could tell you all the things that have already heard. McCain is too old and Palin is, well…Palin. I think a better use of my time would be to inform you of the reasons I am voting for Sen. Barack Obama.

As a first-time voter who isn’t swayed by either party, I have taken who I will vote for very seriously. Up until a month ago, I wasn’t sure who I was going to vote for or what qualities I wanted in a president. It wasn’t until a trip overseas, where I spent the summer studying in Dublin, Ireland, that I realized who I would vote for and why. Throughout my time living in Dublin, I was asked numerous times by Dubliners and Europeans, “Who are you voting for?” When I told them I wasn’t sure yet they proceeded to go on and on about why I should vote for Barack Obama.

Every time this happened, I was shocked at how much the international community knows about Obama and how much they care about our upcoming election. They are very concerned about who wins this election. They are very concerned about how much they care about our upcoming President. It is their country’s current status, a little change would be welcomed.

It is his clear-cut plans and decisiveness that won me over. While many say he is too young to be president and make tough decisions, I say you are born with the ability to make tough decisions under pressure and you are born to be a leader. Barack Obama was born to do both.

A president we can be proud of, a president we can stand behind and president who can be respected. That is what Barack Obama would be for Americans if he was elected president.

While writing this piece, I find myself becoming more excited that I am able to vote for Barack Obama on Nov. 4. Yes, he isn’t perfect, but no candidate is perfect. Let’s not pretend that we don’t see flaws in both candidates. What is important is that the good things are enough to compensate for the bad. For me, Obama’s take-charge attitude and his ideas for the future of American make up for his lack of experience.

In a year where Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin has been accused of lacking the experience to serve in Washington, I find myself wondering how people could be pointing a finger at Palin while casting their vote for the junior Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama.

The fact that Obama is even being considered for the presidency is a testament to the celebrity-driven society in which we live. I figure since today is election day, I may as well jump on the bandwagon and discuss my presidential picks for the 2008 election.

Rewind for a moment to the day that Obama was sworn into office as senator: January 4, 2005. People! I just said “2005!” Only in America could someone enter the Senate in 2005, manage to do a lot of nothing for a couple of years, and be sworn into office for the presidency almost exactly four years later.

Now let’s contrast that with Sen. John McCain. Among his many contributions to the United States, McCain served as a naval officer during the Vietnam War. It was almost exactly 40 years ago that Lieutenant Commander John McCain was shot down by the North Vietnamese and taken prisoner. He would remain under their captivity for five horrific years. Below is an excerpt from McCain’s firsthand account of one of many torturous moments during his time in their prison:

“He [a North Vietnamese officer in the camp] asked, ‘Why are you so disrespectful of guards?’ I answered, ‘Because the guards treat me like an animal!’

I understand there are reasonable cases for not voting. Students cannot get to their home state or town and absentee ballots are not promoted to students well enough, nor are they well informed enough about how to send in these ballots. But please, anyone who can vote needs to. These two men have been campaigning on the word “Change.” The idea of returning America to its greatness has been on the table. Well, frankly, we aren’t going to be great again in the next eight years. This financial crisis has been an eye opener. We are all involved in two wars that don’t seem to have a finish line, and worst of all, we are as split a nation as we’ve ever been in our history. No one is asking you to change the beaten every two to three hours by different guards. My left arm was broken again and my ribs were cracked.”

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There is a noticeable cloud of cynicism guarding all the hype and nonsense pertaining to November’s General Election where we will elect our next President. It is this prevailing wisdom that, regardless of who you vote for, there is going to be someone there to try and make sure that your vote doesn’t count. The Republicans will tamper with it, the Democrats will cry foul and this race will run past the finish line.

Yes, there’s a chance something like this will happen. That doesn’t mean it’s not as important as ever to vote.

Simply put, if you don’t vote, society is not going to end. No one is going to put you in prison. But, maybe the worst thing of all will happen: You’ll just be ignored. The election is happening, whether you like it or not. One of the candidates from this wide open field of two (and the increasingly eccentric fringe candidates that everyone knows won’t win) will be taking office in January, regardless of how long this campaign gets drawn out. By the new year, there will be a new President and in celebration of that, we should all be voting.

Don’t we all see how important voting is after what a mockery our electoral process has become the past two elections?

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