

Greatest Battle Of Wit

GAMES students gathered for a chess tournament on September 18. This 162-year old game still reigns as the most popular pastime in the world. For this contest the participants were as follows: William Anderson, David Busman, Christopher Cabrera, Kazeem Olorunlambe, Faith Simmons, A.J. Stewart, Corey Stewart, Austin Thomason, Vunty Wan, Noah Williams, and Ian Woolsey. The survivors of the first round were Chris, Kazeem, Corey, Vunty, and Ian. GAMES spectators sat on the edge of their seats in anticipation, and the competitors felt the pressure increase as round two began. It was Vunty vs. Kazeem, Chris vs. Ian, and Chris vs. Corey. After intense games, Kazeem triumphed over Vunty, and Chris bulldozed his way through the defenses of both Ian and Corey.

The final round was down to Kazeem and Chris. With assumption as a tool and prediction as a weapon, the competition commenced. They set off at a breakneck pace, exploiting every defense possible and strategically planning every offensive maneuver possible. Not only was the game intense to the rivals, but it was intense to the audience as well, who followed each move with dedication. Chris described the game as “intense—a lot of thought was put behind every move.” This first game was “pretty evenly matched, considering there was a draw.” But Kazeem and Chris were not satisfied with a draw. No war can end as simple as that, so they agreed to a rematch, scheduled for the following day. This match, however, was far more intense than the first. After what seemed like an eternity of battle Chris made the final move, with the last ringing word of “checkmate,” we all realized that the game was over. The war was won. When asked what the secret of his achievement was, Chris revealed that he first learned to play at the age of four, but didn’t really start playing until his freshman year of high school. Practice makes perfect, especially since chess is very dependent on experience. Will there be another chess tournament? Will Kazeem want and exact his revenge? Will Chris prevail? Only time will tell.

Freshman Fifteen

The freshman fifteen: fact or myth? If you say myth, you haven’t been to the Wellness Center since you’ve been here at school. If you say fact, like me, then you’ve noticed that your pants fit a little too snugly nowadays. The freshman fifteen is a common term for the amount of weight a freshman gains their first year in college. Fifteen pounds may seem like an arbitrary amount, but it is actually pretty easy to reach. How? Let’s see: first, you have the dining hall—an all-you-can-stand-to-eat buffet. You can get all the fries, slices of pizza, and desserts that you can eat. Next is Sanford Café, where you can buy different drinks and snacks ranging from Vitamin Water and smoothies to sweets and sandwiches. You’re only limited by the Dining Dollars on your ID card. Then, you have the Food Court, home to SubConnections and A&W. At SubConnections, you can customize your own six- or twelve-inch sub. At A&W, you have burgers, fries, chicken fingers, hot dogs, cheese curds, root beer floats, and more. Don’t like these options for food? Enter the city of Cochran. Cochran may be small, but you can definitely find somewhere to eat, like McDonald’s, Wendy’s, Dairy Queen, and Tony’s Tacos. Whether you eat on campus or around town, you’ll find yourself gaining weight before you know it. So the million dollar question is this: how do you avoid this weight gain? The answer is simple. Exercise. You may cringe at the very word, but it will do you good. Hit the Wellness Center, walk, or jog around campus. You could even skip, and before you know it, you’ll see that a little bit of exercise will go a long way.

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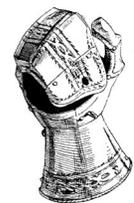


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- GYSP 10/7
- SOCO 10/8
- Singles Ping Pong Tournament 10/9
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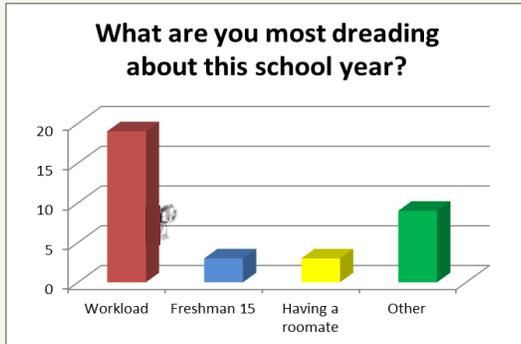
Audience Opinion

This Issue's Question:

What is your major?

Submit your answers to the poll box on
the Welch Center Desk!

Last Issue's Poll Results:



Other includes topics such as fear of SAT/ACT; no sleep; loss of mental stability; having to be social; etc.

Opinions

Opinions are weird. Everyone has a different view about the same situation. There can be as many opinions as there are people, but most of the time, people end up agreeing about their opinions. That definitely says something about human nature. However, it is very unlikely that people will have the same opinion one hundred percent of the time. Think about it. How many times have you agreed with a person just to avoid conflict? Is it safe to assume you've done it at least once? If not, then you need to put more effort in remembering, because that's not normal. Anyway, just think about opinions. Why do we have them? Why do they even exist? Every person's mind is a little different from everyone else's. If you think about it, we don't even make our opinions. The idea is already in our mind, and it just pops into our consciousness because of stimuli around us. Individual perception of our environment subconsciously makes our opinions for us.

-The Pendulum

Do you have any questions, comments, or topics you want to me to talk about? Email me at thependulumscross@gmail.com!

New Baseball Coach at MGSC

Paul Knight has been hired as the new head baseball coach at Middle Georgia State College as the institution enters the first full year in Knights baseball.

Knight comes to MGSC with eleven years of experience as a head baseball coach at Lenoir-Rhyne University and Florida Tech, both in NCAA Division II. He has recruited and coached multiple All-Conference, All-American, and major league players during his career. His teams have set multiple school and conference records, including records for individual and career homeruns, team earned run average (ERA), batting average, and on-base percentage, among others.

Before becoming a head coach, he spent six years as an associate head coach at Wingate University and two years as graduate assistant with the University of Richmond, reaching the NCAA Regionals once with each program.

Coach Knight graduated from Methodist College in 1994 with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science before earning his Master's in Sports Management from Richmond in 1996. As a player for Methodist, Knight was part of two NCAA Division III World Series Teams.

Coach Knight is excited to join the historical program at MGSC in its inaugural year as a consolidated institution. "I would like to thank Athletic Director Charles Mullis and Middle Georgia State College for this wonderful opportunity. Middle Georgia baseball has an incredible history of success, and I am very proud to be a part of it. I am



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looking forward to meeting the team and all the supporters of the baseball program," Knight said.

Coach Knight is impressed by how accepting and willing the team is to listen and take in his advice and strategies. Almost every day, the team practices at six o'clock in the evening in preparation for upcoming games.

As for the team, MGSC Knights baseball team played exceptionally well in their first game with Coach Knight, winning an important game against Darton State College. Middle Georgia State picked up the win 3-0 powered by great pitching, exciting defensive plays, and the bat of Adam Eggnatz.

During the first four innings The Knights had nothing going for them but four scattered hits, before Eggnatz hit a homerun with two outs in the fifth inning to take a 1-0 lead. In the top of the 6th, Eggnatz followed up the homerun with an outfield assist to home that threw out Darton's Davis Knapp by about ten feet on a tag by Cole Thompson to keep the score at 1-0 until the bottom of the 7th when Wil Jones and Eggnatz hit back-to-back triples, and then Eggnatz scored on a single by Blake Shouse.

Brock Turner picked up the win throwing six innings and allowing four hits while striking out two. He was relieved by Justin Flores, who struck out six batters in two innings to get the hold, while Shouse pitched a scoreless 9th, striking out one to pick up his tenth save of the season when left fielder Cody Lanford made a sliding catch on a sinking line drive.

Japan's Biggest Problem

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On March 11, 2011, in a disaster known as the 3.11 Earthquake devastated much of central Honshu, Japan's main island, with a powerful earthquake and tsunami. It is estimated that more than 15,000 people lost their lives and around 300,000 were displaced. Adding to the hardships of the disaster's aftermath were the nuclear meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, located in Okuma, Japan. For more than two years, this facility has been leaking nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean. Now, as questions about the safety of Japan's energy and infrastructure are raised after the country's successful bid for the 2020 Olympics, the Japanese Government, the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), and the Kajima Construction Corporation believe they have a temporary solution to one of their country's biggest problems. By March of 2015, they plan to build a two-mile subterranean ice wall around the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

Despite attempts to store the waste in large storage containers, the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant has been leaking radioactive water used as a coolant for the nuclear reactors since the earthquake and tsunami disabled the plant's cooling systems. TEPCO is widely blamed for allowing lax government oversight to affect the way workers maintained the facility. Despite Japanese politicians taking an increasingly anti-nuclear power stance, the Japanese government has agreed to fund the creation of a \$470 million subterranean ice wall that will stop the leakage of nuclear waste from storage containers that have leaked the waste into the Pacific Ocean. This is after allowing more than 300 tons of nuclear waste to leak into the Pacific Ocean every day for two years.

Ice wall engineering is a specialty of Civil Engineering, usually utilized in the building of mines and subways close to bodies of water. Though this process is by no means new, implementing it in a project of this size and under radioactive conditions will be an incredible undertaking. After excessive drilling, engineers use special coolants to freeze the surrounding soil in an area. After the ground is frozen, they will divert the waste away from other bodies of water. The plan was first pitched to the Japanese government in May of this year, the Kajima Construction Corporation has been hired to test the feasibility of such a risky construction project. Not only will the radioactive waste add to the ice wall during its creation, but the removal of the nuclear reactor cores and the cleanup of the facility will make the total project cost nearly \$112 billion by the time the project is finished in 2015.

Sadly, this two-year endeavor does not seem to be the final solution to the nuclear power plant's continuing leak. The freezing caused by ice wall coolant technology has proven to be effective for less than a decade in other cases of nuclear containment. The ice wall method is usually utilized in construction projects for short periods of time until a permanent wall can be constructed. For almost \$500 million, many people want more than just a temporary fix for such an alarming problem. Though Japan was successful in its bid to host the 2020 Olympics, it is apparent that the success of the subterranean ice wall at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant will play a huge role in convincing the international community whether or not Japan can effectively deal with its problems.

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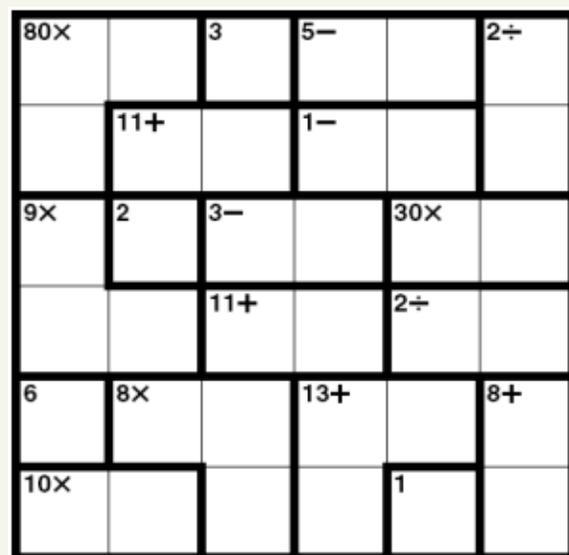
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