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Yes, We Did!

Katrina Coakley



Barack Obama's campaign began over a year ago with little achievability but a lot of hope. He announced his bid for presidency early in 2007 and was up against Senator Hilary Clinton, Senator Joe Biden (now Vice President elect Biden), Congressman Dennis Kucinich, and Governor Bill Richardson. All four of his opponents were intelligent, articulate, and capable people. However, Obama may have possessed the best measure of the right ingredients for success. His ability to reach out and pull different people into his circle may have lead to his success. He didn't talk down to Americans and he didn't

exclude them. He gave all of us a voice. When he was held accountable for the words of his former pastor, a pastor who was in his twenties during the Civil Rights movement, Obama provided his own "straight talk". He had an articulate and candid talk with America about race relations, setbacks and achievements. At some point, Obama, the son of a single mother, was branded as an elitist. Still, he did not falter. He trucked along barely even acknowledging any mud slung by others. When we felt the punch of the economic crisis Obama was a calm and unwavering voice for Americans. His plan was logical, straight forward, and was believed to be the most beneficial. He continued to receive the support and endorsements of influential people like Oprah Winfrey, Caroline Kennedy, Ted Kennedy... continues on pg 6

Hostage Drill Takes Place at UB

Angelica Castillo

Security and safety has always been a subject of importance to the masses. To take place for the first time in the state of Connecticut, Homeland Security and Emergency Response used the University of Bridgeport campus as its target location for their hostage drill.

On November 2nd, UB students volunteered to play hostage victims in an emergency exercise. Scheduled to being their day at about 5:45 A.M., students were picked up by bus and sent to a parking lot by Seaside Park where all emergency services of Fairfield County met. About fourteen communities including Bridgeport, Trumbull, and Fairfield participated in Saturday's drill.

After being "sterilized" and signed in, the students were shown the mock weapons that were to be used in the drill and were spoken to by security officials of what was going to take place. The scenario that was to be acted out was a convention being held at the Arnold Bernhard Center and about 25-50 spectators were taken hostage by a peaceful militant group trying to get their message out.

At about 9 A.M. the drill officially started after students were dressed in fake wounds and injuries.

UB student Brittany Kartchner who participated and volunteered as a hostage victim, described that through out the drill, students were exchanged for food and water. While they sat unharmed in Merten's Theater, it was when they arrived outside when they realized how

serious the drill was being handled. SWAT teams and "bad guys" shot pellets at each other in the emergency situation yet being aware to protect and prevent any real injuries from students.

Once being rescued, the volunteer hostages were driven in ambulances, taken to the hospital for treatment, and debriefed by police as this was a drill for those departments... continues on pg 6



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A Letter from the Editor

Angelica Castillo

Dear Readers,

It has been quite an exciting time here at UB with the historic election outcomes and the school year coming to a close. Congratulations to Obama and his supporters. I'm sure there will be a lot to look forward to in the future as his campaign begins.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I'd like to thank you the readers, for picking up issues of *The Scribe* every time it is put out and taking them time to read what we have in store. I'd also like to thank my writers, editors, and submitters for constantly staying dedicated to this paper through out the semester.

Wishing you all a great Thanksgiving!
Angelica

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In Response To You "Simply Stupid"

The Four Elements

Let us first introduce ourselves. We are four people that are fed up with articles such as "To Vote Or Not To Vote," "Election 2008 - Breaking it Down," "Keep It Simple, Stupid," and all other articles written by Katrina Coakley that were indeed partially plagiarized and unprofessional. Yes, there are indeed four of us and all four of us are experienced writers outside of the Scribe. In response to the assumption that we aren't experienced writers, one of us is a published novelist, one is a published poet, one is a popular opinion blogger that many have read, and one is a published short story writer. Since you called out one of our members, we have decided to break our silence and give you a piece of our combined minds. We encourage you to read, respond, and carry forth this argument, but ultimately digest that which is stated at you.

Earth

Obviously, at least according to your own words, you are an emotional person. In life, perhaps this is something that is important, but your own emotions are

not even worthy of adorning a page in any published work. Your "choice responses" are useless in a public forum because this is a battle of words and it seems that you are incapable of handling it as an adult. You need to learn to state the mere facts. Your editorial style of writing is not only aimed to sway the masses in your direction, but is itself barely articulate and lacks any direction that we cannot get off any broadcasting company. It seems that you are only able to regurgitate whatever you hear and have no opinion of your own.

In "Election 2008 - Breaking it Down" you claim, "for the sake of unbiased journalism I will give you a brief look at the two presidential nominees." However, nothing can be further from biased; "McCain has been in politics long enough to change his mind on a few issues. Who hasn't? I thought I was wearing flip flops today, but in the end the ballet flats won that battle." To the educated person it is obvious that you are saying that McCain changes his mind and is thus deemed unreliable. It is more than obvious that you support Obama

and that you have a particular dislike for any Republican line of thought. Perhaps that would belong in an editorial, but you claimed non bias and couldn't stop your liberal fingers from jibing at the "Republican" who, by the way, is a registered Democrat as per common knowledge.

This line of thought is common in rebelling teens whose parents are Republican. I would guess that you rebelled too far and became a left wing, Limousine Liberal who seeks to control the minds of people and argue with people who have a true understanding of public forum and know the difference between blogging and a true sense of journalism. Your writing skills lack anything above the elementary level of thinking that everything you hear is fact. On this issue I state thus; turn off the TV, put down your communist journal and everything in your Karl Marx alter and pick up a real non bias article and glean whatever facts your brain is actually capable of assimilating. Perhaps, then, you can write like a true journalist and you and I will have no issue aside

from our political persuasion.

I'm not stupid... that ain't sugar!!!

Fire

You have violated your duty as a writer. You have been called out to explain your statements that seem to be either that of a psychic or a plagiarist. Please explain how you seem to know the lives of McCain and Obama so well that you can detail their biographies in "Election 2008 - Breaking it Down" as if you grew up with them as childhood friends. Please explain how you know everything detailed in your bulleted section of "To Vote Or Not To Vote," which numerous students have already heard on CNN. Please explain how you knew that "More than 4,000 soldiers have died, compared to the UK's 176 soldiers... [the cost of the war] is estimated to go up to 2.4 trillion dollars... John McCain has 13 cars," (Coakley, To Vote Or Not To Vote) etc. By the way, watching a television show, reading something off a website, hearing something on the radio, and then using your "learned information" in your own... *Continues on pg 6*

He Said She Said

Christopher Grandpre and Cassie James Whidbee

How to deal with boy/girlfriend's annoying friends

He Said

When you are in a relationship with someone you usually end up hanging out with their friends. It's not always the first thing you think of when you begin a relationship but some times you wish you thought twice.

Sometimes you and your significant other's friends get along-that's great. Other times you would do anything to not have the obligation of associating with them. When two people get married they marry each others family's and when you are going out with someone you do so with their friends. Sometimes people just want to spend time with their boyfriend or girlfriend un-interrupted but they wind up having to be with the other person's friends as well. With some people it's a packaged deal and it can put a strain on the relationship if you don't get along with their friends.

If anyone reading this article finds

themselves in this unappealing situation there are two solutions:

1. Either you can refuse to interact with their friends (not recommended) or
2. You could do the more mature thing and try to find some common ground with them. Through this method you may find out that they aren't so bad after all.

She Said

It is the worst trying to deal with your boy/girlfriend's annoying friends. First it's a big problem because you're new to their group of friends and you might be the only person that is experiencing this annoyance. You don't want to be rude because it might lead to you being on bad terms with your boy/girlfriend.

The problem you have with the friend has to be analyzed and thought through before you tackle it. Once you have established that it's a real problem, try to see if others in the group notices it too; without saying anything directly. If it is a real problem, you cannot be the only person that notices. Hopefully someone



else in the circle gets a jist of the annoyingness of that person and can relate. All you really need is to have someone second your opinion. There isn't much that can be done by yourself. It is in the hands of the group and sooner or later an intervention should be called to let that person know that there is something bothering you and this should be problem solved. Or instead the friend that gets under your skin, you can try to let their personality grow on you. Now if

its more than one person that is annoying, like two or four, this is just probably not your scene. In that case you and your boy/girlfriend are examples of opposites attracting and he/she probably doesn't like your friends either. That's when for the sake of the relationship, let them grow on you or just hang out with your own friends and try to resist hanging out with your boyfriend or girlfriend's group of friends.

Topic Ten

Fun Restaurants to Eat at with Friends

Nicole Staebler

It is always a nice time when you go out with your friends and spend some good quality laughter with them. I think the best way to do that is with food of course! The following are restaurants that I have been to with friends or have looked up that sound like an overall good time. Locations may vary.

1. The Melting Pot - this can be a little pricy, but what is more fun then fondue with your friends. The food is amazing! You do get a lot for your money as well. It is recommended to get the Big Night Out which consists of, cheese fondue, salad, main entrée fondue style, and the best part dessert! They have over 100 locations so check out their website for one near you. <http://www.meltingpot.com>.

2. Kobis Japanese Steakhouse- Located right in Fairfield on Kings highway, this restaurant has charm. There are tons of Japanese restaurants and steakhouses, but this one has the unique design elements to look at that the others don't. They offer hibachi which of course is always fun seeing your friends try and catch a shrimp in their mouth instead of

their shirt as well as regular dining tables. The main entrance is an actual fish tank! Sets a friendly mood right off the bat. They have several cocktails to drink and the food is pretty delicious. The lobster tail is recommended.

3. Dave and Busters- Eat, Drink, and Play. This restaurant definitely was going for a fun time with friends! What is better then playing arcade games and eating food and laughing about it the whole time with people? Most locations are in cities but that just adds to the fun night! <http://www.daveandbusters.com>

4. Splash restaurant and bar- calling all seafood lovers! This restaurant was featured on food network who says it becomes the most animated and exciting grownup playground in Connecticut. Located on the waters edge in Westport, this restaurant provides awesome views of the long island sound and the décor has a fun feeling. They have a raw bar for seafood of course and regular bar as well as a deck that is open may-october. <http://www.decarorestaurantgroup.com>

5. Bobby Q's barbeque and grille- Cookin' low and slow is their name of

the game but it seems to work. Another restaurant in Westport and another featured by the Food Network, this place sure gives you the good time vibe. A little barbeque, okay a lot of barbeque, friends and music makes for a memorable time. <http://www.bobbyqsrestaurant.com>

6. Match- in south Norwalk, this restaurant is packed with color and flavor! The décor is exciting and refreshing as the food is scrumptious and presented in such an artistic fashion! Check it out for yourself. <http://www.matchsono.com>

7. Dragonfly restaurant and lounge- in Stamford, this place is almost a must see. The architecture is phenomenal. Dragonfly serves contemporary American cuisine. They have live jazz Thursday through Saturday and have a seasonal outside dining area. They consider themselves for the upscale, according to the menu it is decent and why not splurge when out with friends? <http://www.dragonflylounge.com>

8. Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar- The place to be is here! Plenty of delicious sauces to choose for wings, wings, and more wings. With Wings Tuesdays

and boneless Thursdays, you are sure to keep your money in pocket if you go here! <http://www.buffalowildwings.com>

9. Fire + Ice- they only have a few locations, three on the east coast, but the experience is great! You pick all the food from certain stations and put it in your bowl then you bring it to the chefs located in the center of the room. It is great stir fry! Eat all you want! <http://www.fire-ice.com>

10. Diner- pick a diner any diner. Here in Connecticut there are some, but of course we know the real diners are in Jersey, but you learn to adapt. The best are the 24 hour diners. It is always a good time when starving at the wee hours of the morning when nothing is open. No not really but handle this starvation and take a trip to a diner with friends! I assure you there will be some laughs.

Savor food and fun times with your closest friends!

If you have any suggestions for Topic Ten please email Nicole at nstoeber@bridgeport.edu

Rock Band Live

Stephanie Hernandez

On Tuesday October 28, I had the great fortune of attending Rock Band Live an MTV Event by AEG Live at the Arena at Harbor Yard. Rock Band Live featured four bands, The Cab, Plain White T's, Dashboard Confessional and Panic at the Disco.

The Cab started the show promptly at 7 pm. The Cab is a relatively new band from Las Vegas, Nevada. The Cab is signed to Fueled by Ramen subsidiary label Decaydance Records. They Cab released their debut album *Whisper Wars* in April of this year. The Cab performed several songs from their album. During their set The Cab's lead singer, Alex DeLeon commented on the cold weather in Connecticut. "We're from Vegas we're used to 100 degrees everyday when I stopped outside today I froze my a** off." Said DeLeon.

After The Cab's set the host of the night who called himself Ridiculous told the crowd that not only did they go to a concert but they had the chance to be a part of the show by playing the popular video game Rock Band. All members of

the crowd had to do was go to the grand concourse of the arena and battle it out with other "bands" at the concert. The winning "bands" would play between the sets of Plain White T's and Dashboard Confessional and between Dashboard Confessional and headlining band Panic at the Disco. Ridiculous also informed the crowd that it was the birthday of the guitarist for Plain White T's.

Shorly after Ridiculous excited the stage Plain White T's came on. Plain White T's are from Illinois. Plain White T's are signed under Hollywood/Fearless. Plain White T's performed songs from their newly released album *Big Band World*. They also performed smash hit singles "Hey There Delilah" and "Hate (I Really Don't like You)". At the end of their set host, Ridiculous took the stage and instructed the crowd to scream happy birthday to the guitarist. After Plain White T's set like Ridiculous promised, two "bands" came to the stage to play Rock Band. The first band performed "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. The second band performed "My Own

Worst Enemy" by Lit.

After the "bands" played Rock Band, it was time for Dashboard Confessional to take the stage. Dashboard Confessional is from Florida. They are signed to Vagrant Records. Dashboard Confessional performed hit songs "Vindicated" which was featured on the *Spider-Man 2* soundtrack and "Stolen". During their performance lead singer, Chris Carrabba asked the crowd if they enjoyed the two bands before them. A thunderous roar answered the question and Carrabba then asked the crowd if they wanted to see more of The Cab and Plain White T's. The crowd answered with the same thunderous roar. Then Carrabba asked the crowd if they ever had trouble getting a song out of their head and the only way to get it out was to sing it. Carrabba then said that he would like to bring out members of Plain White T's and The Cab to help him out. The song they performed was Pink's number one hit "So What". The crowd screamed, applauded, and sang along. I can definitely say that "So What" has been in my

head ever since.

After Dashboard Confessional wrapped up their set Ridiculous came out and introduced two more "bands" that rocked Rock Band.

Finally, it was time for the headlining band Panic at the Disco to perform. Like The Cab Panic at the Disco is from Las Vegas, Nevada and signed under Decaydance Records. Panic at the Disco performed songs from their two albums *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out* and *Pretty Odd*. They performed songs "I Write Sins Not Tragedies", "Lying Is the Most Fun a Girl Can Have without Taking Her Clothes Off", and "Nine in the Afternoon". Perhaps the highlight of the night was seeing Panic at the Disco end their set with "Shout". Lead singer Brendon Urie really displayed the diversity of this vocal ability while performing this song.

The Rock Band Live tour will be ending in Houston, Texas on November 14.

Birds & the Bees

Rosemary Landano

"Mom, can you tell me about sex?"

"Well ya know the garden outside, think of the Red Anthurium and the Singapore Orchid we planted in early March. Slowly the two flowers burst out of the ground and over time they develop their own characteristics. The Red Anthurium is glossy and stiff while the Singapore Orchid is soft weightless and delicate. Early in their developments the two are not necessarily friendly with one another but as they grown taller and the sun shines, notice both move with its course. You see, the Red Anthurium and the Singapore Orchid start to follow

same paths. When the sun goes down and the flowers lean to sleep they "accidentally bump into each other" his stem goes into her hole and nine months later a new species of a deformed nuisance comes out crying, and whining, wasting away the flowers' money and food, tearing up the soil and never saying thank you!!!"

"MOM!"

"Oh sorry honey, what was your question again?"

"You know about sex?"

"Oh... Go ask your father



Willow

Anonymous

As day dawns

The willow weeps new sorrow.

Her hair hangs long

Obscuring her true form.

No one dares to look too deep.

They avoid her haunting gaze.

Her wailing song fills the air

Yet they do not stop care.

No one sees inside her soul.

They do not offer her comfort.

In the darkness she silently weeps

Her wails finally dying as she succumbs to sleep.

Walking Lights - Songs for Jo

CD Review

Angylica Castillo

I'll admit that a die hard rock fan like myself can get tired out from loud thrashing music. Now don't get me wrong, I appreciate a good guitar riff from time to time but give a rocker chick a break. There is a softer side to us as well. A band that makes me grateful that my eardrums still properly work are the group Waking Lights.

Waking Lights is a six piece folk rock band that hails from North Jersey. On lead vocals is Matthew Maroulakos and guitar along with Kyle McCammon on bass, Nicole Scorsone on violin, Jodi Mozeika on cello, Tommy Maroulakos on piano/rhodes/Wurlitzer, and Dana LaMarca on drums/glockenspiel. Already a well-known name in the North Jersey area, Waking Lights has also performed highly acclaimed venues such as The Knitting Factory in New York City and The Stone Pony in Asbury Park, NJ.

Before you get a little nervous about the term "folk", let me assure you that there is nothing to fear. This isn't the sleepy stuff your mom and dad used to listen to. When one moves past the

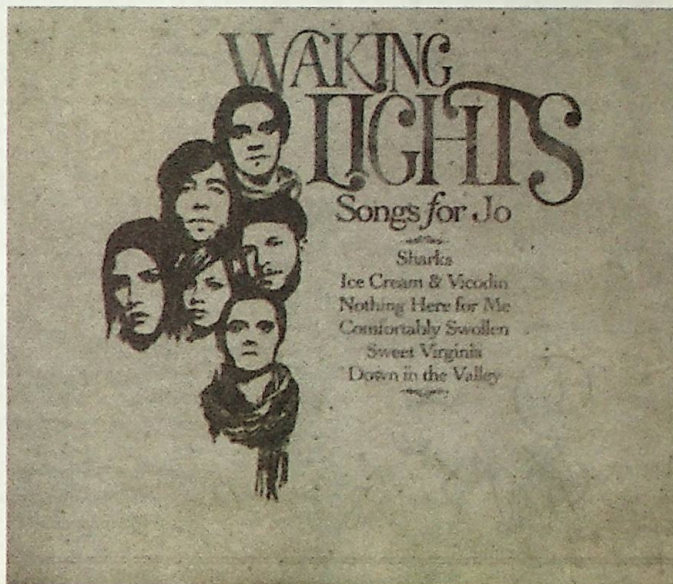
misconceptions about the folk genre itself, any listener will appreciate the six tracks from their EP album, *Songs for Jo*. The combination of classical instruments with a mix of a soft pop rock is sure to satisfy any diverse music lover.

I cannot help but highly praise *Songs for Jo* and compare it to fine art. I find that the instrumentals are beautiful and delicate but able to make their presence strong all by itself. It's rare to see a band pull off something so impeccable just by sticking to the basics and keeping it simple.

My favorite tracks include "Sharks", "Down in the Valley", and "Sweet Virginia". "Sharks" and "Down in the Valley" could easily be mistaken as Coldplay. Hell, the tracks alone could give Chris Martin a run for his money. "Sweet Virginia" is an upbeat song that really executes their rock and roll sound.

For the young talents that make up this band, Waking Lights succeeds in putting out an album that displays skills of mature and accomplished musicians. *Songs for Jo* is truly an album of sophistication.

To purchase *Songs for Jo* or see Waking Lights live, please go to www.myspace.com/wakinglights



Metaphysical Section

Tarot Card of the Month

Rev. Brian Burgess

Judgment

A fitting card for this month's occasions. Judgment is the card of new direction and following a new path. In some tarot card decks it is referred to as Rebirth or the Last and Final Judgment. All these names indicate a time to change or a time period to review what has been placed before you and evaluate the evidence before casting a decision. While after debating with yourself you have less chance of being wrong, you must take heed in not allowing hasty actions dictate decisions. Also, through this you will find that it is time to find yourself again. While Judgment is indicative of casting decisions on others and problems that are not your own, it is also time for you to judge yourself and evaluate your own problems. Rebirth, the Druid name for Judgment, is to be taken quite literally. It is now time for you to become someone you want to become and it is time for you to do what you want and need to do. Change is in your life. It is time to seize the change and allow it to wash over your conscious into your very essence of being.

Horoscope - Scorpio

Your key planet Mars, now in your intense sign, can confuse you today as it squares dreamy Neptune. It is likely for you to believe lies with your heart of hearts. It may be harder for you to discern the facts from a developing story. This places more stress on your patience and can cause you to make quick decisions. Although your patience has reached its limit, it still might not be a smart idea to make a long-term decision until you contemplate your choices in a more objective light. Seek the truth, omit the lies, and set aside your frustration until a more auspicious time comes your way.

Esoteric Message

Seeking unprepared answers, running away, and taking comfort in falsehoods are unbecoming of one who is yet to grow the seeds of full knowledge. When one casts the lies with truth, seeks forward direction, and waiting behoove one in a fragile position.

Hudson Faces Family Tragedy

Chelsea Johnson

Singer and Academy award winning actress Jennifer Hudson, has dealt with the tragic loss of her mother Darnell Donerson and brother Jason Hudson. They were found murdered in their Chicago home on October, 24th, shot to death. Three days later her nephew Julian King, only seven years old, was found shot to death in a white SUV in the West side of Chicago as well. The killer of these victims is unknown. However Hudson's brother-in-law William Balfour is a suspect. The murders have been categorized as a domestic homicide.

The funeral was held on Monday November 3rd. There were approximately 2,500 mourners present. The service was held at Apostolic Church of God on the South Side of Chicago. Hudson spent time bidding farewell to her mother in her pink casket, her brother in baby blue and lastly her little nephew in his all white casket that was carried away in horse and carriage. The funeral was private with invite only. Many celebrities attended showing support such as; Oprah, Beyonce, Missy Elliot and Fanatsia Barrino who sang a

gospel song, "Your grace and mercy", for Hudson at the service.

It is also reported that Hudson has been blaming herself for the tragedy. She was raised in the Southside of Chicago that is known for heavy crime. Although she was able to finally move out to a safer neighborhood, her family chose to stay in Chicago. Hudson has expressed that she wished she would have been more persuasive on getting them to move with her. At this time the Chicago community is showing full support. Hudson is staying strong with the help of her fiancé reality-TV star David "Punk" Otunga.



In Response To You "Simply Stupid"

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The Four Elements

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However, your response to this accusation of plagiarism is one that is frowned upon by the writing community. Rather than quietly apologizing for your neglected duties, keeping this word war to a minimum, you have blown this issue up for the entire world to read. You have published in the fourth edition of the Scribe an article that violates the purpose of journalism. Journalism does entail "free speech," but opinions belong to an editorial, and your rants defending what little you have of your ego do not even qualify for an editorial. The articles that you have written were not made to advance the intellect of your readers, but rather selfishly written in an effort to persuade, and most recently, persuade the masses to question your credibility. To use the information delivering mechanism that is the Scribe to perpetuate your own confrontational ego should be enough to convince you to put your pen down, until a time when you realize the real reason for writing.

Water

Your flow of words is a disgrace to the definition of flow to the point where I kind of feel sorry for anyone who listens to your conversations throughout your day. I strongly believe that a writer's voice is well expressed through voice and on paper. To bring up the first topic within my agenda on my viewpoints of your presentation, you did not do a wonderful job following up with your intentions as a journalist. In your article "Keep it Simple, Stupid," your intentions were well stated in your introduction but I was quite upset with your emphasis on those points such as to assume a person's actions rather than to analyze a person's simple viewpoint psychologically and/or socially. It is okay to express any viewpoints in general, but a strong viewpoint includes logic, not emotional reactions towards anything. If I were to look up what word could define such an action that you are doing lately in the Scribe, it is called a pure vent or rant. You are very well an excellent blogger, but it is time to proofread your writing before it

is published in the field of journalism. Save yourself before calling out by published writers (such as our group), and if you are a great proofreader, then you improve that much more, but you are setting up that wall in front of you for this journey into journalism and create these obstacles. I understand that we all have different dishes and foods on our plates of our lives, but there is no logical reason to talk about your little stresses that you have all control over and fix on your own, but yes, it is true that it is easier to clean up someone else's room than your own. However, stand up for yourself in this journalist world that you are slowly entering. Rather than messing up intentionally with your intentions to express yourself through the Scribe, apply that same concept that you can totally do with evidence of the "A" that you earned in your Spanish mid term to the journalism world and represent yourself a little better...and one more thing: Stay focused.

Wind

"Still, the idea that the article was plagiarized, of course, can be looked at three ways. It is either an insult, a compliment, something in between, or nothing of the sort." The chief error is that you lack the mathematical training that we all are thought to receive in kindergarten. Let me spell this out for you; this is looked at four ways. It is more than evident that you have no grasp on that which is the real world. A true writer of any sort will cite sources when the ideas of that writer are not unique. You have assumed that one of us think that you are "stupid, lazy, and don't pay attention to politics," when, at first none of us said this to begin with, but I can clarify this now as a simple YES.

For you have no original idea to speak of; YES you are lazy since you managed to take others ideas without even giving credit to the main source, and YES you are ignorant of politics as per the fact that you are focused on the individual lives of the politicians rather than the political platforms the... *continues on pg 7*

Yes, We Did!

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Katrina Cookley

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In one of the most fascinating elections of all time, Obama's motto "Yes, we can" became "Yes, we did" on the night of November 4th, 2008 when Obama became the first African American to be elected as President of the United States of America. Through the tears and the laughter I felt pride. Pride in Obama and pride in this nation. This is obviously a pivotal moment in American history for African Americans, but like many of the journeys we have taken, this journey would have ended abruptly had it not been for the faith, hope and unity that binds all of us together as a nation. We have crossed bridges together before, singing hand in hand, and this election is proof that we will continue to cross many more in unity. Let this be a sign to the rest of the world that we are not a lost nation. We may be entering a new era, in which people will be judged on their merits, rather than the color of



their skin. Barack Obama is Martin Luther King's dream manifested. This is a pivotal moment for us all.

According to MSNBC the Obama/Biden ticket won 52% of the nation's popular vote and 349 of the 538 electoral votes. This would have been a tough race for any Republican to win when you consider the current state of the White House and John McCain certainly pulled his weight these last two years. While McCain is and will always be an American hero, the American people have spoken. With a man like Joe Biden by Barack Obama's side the outcome of

this race hardly comes as a shock. Together they crossed class, color, gender, ethnic, religious, and cultural lines and still managed to turn red states into blue states. Obama ran a campaign that tore down the edges of the cardboard box to reveal people, all wanting the same thing for our future, our families, and ourselves. While we may have different ideas of how

we can get there, one thing is evident: we will get there. Obama used a popular quote of Abraham Lincoln's in his speech saying, "We are not enemies, but friends...though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection." He went on to say, "To those Americans whose support I have yet to earn—I may not have won your vote, but I hear your voices, I need your help, and I will be your President too." Maybe this will be the year that we get it right and we will finally be "One nation...indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Hostage Drill Takes Place at UB

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Angelica Castillo

continued from pg 1 cleared, they met with Red Cross to fill out forms and be sent into programs to help locate lost loved ones. At the end of the day the SWAT team arrested the militant group and the drill was perceived as a success.

"It was great to volunteer and fun to be in that atmosphere and be in the hostage perspective," says Karichner. "It good to see all of the other volunteers and I think it went well."



Photo courtesy of Connecticut Post / B.K. Angeleto.



Snow Ball
A Black and White Affair

Friday, December 5th
10:00pm-2:00am (doors close at 12)
Advance tickets \$6 UBB students \$8
Non-UBB with college ID \$12

Drinks and appetizers will be served
Formal wear is a must (no hats, no jeans, no sneakers)
Black and/or white attire is a must

and for EATING

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continued from pg 6 ...politicians present. Our intentions were not to insult at first, but to warn you to give credit to the sources that you obviously pull from.

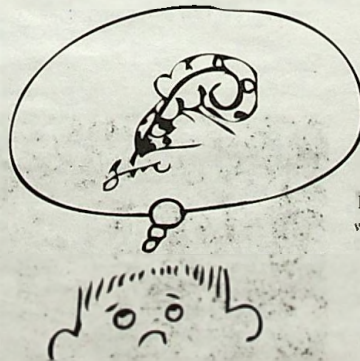
To question your take on the subject of arrogance, not all writers are arrogant. It is apparent to me that you are indeed an arrogant person who just happened to take up writing. Your arrogance is to such an extent that no apology is forthcoming when it is more than obvious that you plagiarized in not just one instance, but throughout your duration with the Scribe. The heart of the issue is that you brood over this because you know that you are guilty of this even if you have false validation from professionals. If this was an unsubstantiated allegation you would have laughed it off and thought no further on the subject, but since you further perpetuated this to the degree that it became a compulsion to respond and defend yourself in the Scribe you leave yourself vulnerable to even further criticism. Your writing is in desperate need of work, your contradictions

need to be evaluated, and your intellect needs to be weighed against the fact that you are arrogant with no just cause. I implore you to defend the little you have left, Katrina Coakley; defend your honor as a writer, defend your ego as a person, and defend your emotion as a human. I dare you to even try to find just cause in your bias ways.



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The Purple Knights' Goodwill Continues

The Men's & Women's Basketball Teams Hold Clinic to Help Foodbank

Henry Christobol

Waking up early on a Saturday is most likely the last way a college student would want to start their weekend. In spite of that, the University of Bridgeport's men's and women's basketball teams are waiving their right to extra time in bed in order to help the Sterling House Food Bank.

On November 8th from 9am to 12pm, the men's and women's basketball teams will be conducting a clinic for local children ages 9-16. It will take place in the Harvey Hubbell Gymnasium and the participants attending the clinic must bring a donation of money or a non perishable food item.

"Both teams will be there, it will be fun," Compliance Director Josh Bland said.

He decided to have this clinic after reading about the plight of food banks in the midst of the financial crisis. Bland made a few phone calls to other food banks in the area and the Sterling House Food Bank in Stratford was one of them.

They gladly returned his call, thus transforming his concern over struggling food banks into an act of goodwill.

"We're trying to get people involved, donate some food items or cash, and in addition it creates awareness," he said.

In an effort to receive more donations, the athletic department has made the registration process informal. There is no deadline, all the children have to do is ask their parents to call Josh Bland.

"We want to leave the door open," Bland said.

At this point he is expecting at least 100 children. They will be taught the basics of basketball and have a chance to see some of the players show off their skills.

"The kids want to sit next to Manute Bol's nephew," women's Head Coach Mark McCaleb said jokingly.

Bol's nephew is 7'2 Riiny Ngot and he will be at the clinic, which is the men's basketball team's second this off-season. Their first was in North Haven on

September 10. For the women it is their first, and for McCaleb it is the first time his team has done a clinic with the men. His assistants have been planning the clinic thus far, meanwhile he is focusing his attention on the players.

"As much as we plan, it is our players interacting with the kids," McCaleb said, he continued, "That is what the kids want."

Small forward Tearez Stennis, who led the men's team in points per game last season with 14, will also be present at the clinic and he is optimistic about the post-clinic reaction.

"It will help, some people think we're all bad guys but, we're not," he said.

The athletic department has made

an effort to promote their athletes as stand-up citizens who do not only play sports but also have an active role in the community.

"The school has always done stuff like that but, they don't publicize it because that's their (the players) job as student-athletes," McCaleb said.



Two Minute Drill

Candidates Make Last Minute Effort on MNF to Rush Into End Zone.

Ryan Kukietz

After a campaigning for over a year, both Presidential Candidates, John McCain and Barack Obama, wrapped up their campaigns when they spoke to ESPN's Chris Berman during halftime, on Monday Night Football, the night before election day.

Both Candidates didn't just talk about the economy and foreign policy. The Candidates took time off to talk about their own sports experiences and each had an opportunity to talk about an issue that is affecting the sports world.

Republican candidate, John McCain talked about the problem of Performance enhancing substances and the need to prevent athletes from using them.

"I think it's a game we're going to be in for a long time. What I mean by that is there is somebody in a laboratory right now trying to develop some type of substance that can't be detected and we've got to stay ahead of it. It's not good for the athletes. It's not good for the sports. It's very bad for those who don't do it

and I think it can attack the very integrity of all sports going all the way down to high school." McCain told Berman Obama talked about the problem with finding a true college football champion. His solution is to have college football playoffs. "I think it is about time that we had playoffs in college football. I'm fed up with these computer rankings and this and that and the other. Get eight teams -- the top eight teams right at the end. You got a playoff. Decide on a National Champion." Obama said.

If nothing else, it was refreshing to see the two candidates talk openly about their athletic pasts and the issues in sports that need to be tackled.



Moraes Helps Volleyball Team Dominate

Frank Teah

Juliana Moraes' has helped lead the volleyball team to a 23-11 record. Could it be the way she prepares for the game mentally and physically?

Could it be her influences and her goals on the volleyball court that leads her to great accomplishments. Well as Moraes told me in interview recently it's a combination of all of these things that fuels her competitive spirit. Moraes is a 5 foot 11 inches junior who plays right front and outside hitter at the University of Bridgeport. Physically, Moraes credits half of her on court success to the trainers and chiropractors as well as attending practice on a regular basis. She feels that the other half of your performance is based on how you prepare mentally. Before games Juliana tries to control her emotions, stay calm, and pray in hopes that she performs well enough to help her team win. This past off-season Juliana prepared for the season by working out daily in her native country of Brazil.

Despite the relative ease that Juliana seems to approach the game with, it was a time when she no longer wanted to play



volleyball. Moraes lack of desire to play the game she loved came for being worn out physiologically. It also didn't help that she had undergone two surgeries to her knee and shoulder. She decided to return to the team when Coach Valerie Steen told her that she would love to have her back for this season. Another big factor in Juliana's return was her parents who she sites as her biggest influences for the love and support they have shown her and her interest in volleyball. Her parents also liked the fact that volleyball has made Juliana more humble and patient. Moraes goals for the season is that she stay healthy and that her body allows her to play every game.