**Why I Don’t Celebrate Halloween**

By Ricque Antolin

Halloween is another day for people to get together, dress up, and celebrate. I am held accountable for doing so. However, over time my mind-set changed about Halloween.

**Getting to know the new president**

By Miles Gibson

With a month down in the new school year, the students are starting to get the rhythm of the new semester. Settling into the new schedules, wound down from the summer and preparing for the fall are all normal parts of the new year. For incoming Student Government President Kristovich, this includes facing all the issues of a normal student, as well as getting the administration off the ground. I was lucky enough to meet with and talk about her new administration’s goals, why Student Government is important to her, and the difficulties of facing all students.

We met at the Student Government office on Friday September 20th, on a quiet rainy afternoon, and got some of the easy get-to-know-you questions out of the way. The typical small talk, Where are you from? What are you studying? What’s your favorite color? President Kristovich is from Anchorage, originally, but moved out to the Big Lake area to help with her family’s farm about three years ago. She is going to school for business administration, and really seemed to enjoy the Mat-Su campus.

I asked, why did you want to be the student body president? “I wanted to become president, because I wanted to make the students more community oriented amongst each other, just bring See NEW PRESIDENT page 3

**Welcome stoods!**

By Angeli Kristovich

Dragons,

On behalf of the Student Government council here at Mat-Su, welcome! I hope you all had an exciting summer and are happy to be back! My name is Angeli Kristovich and I am currently your Student Government President. I wanted to welcome all the new and returning students and let you guys know a few things you can get involved with while you are attending college. As we get back into the swing of things, we all know that at times our homework feels like it’s just too much -- but fear not! There are many outlets and resources on campus to help you find your sanity.

Whether hiking is your thing, or maybe you want to join a club, we’ve got you covered! As mentioned, if it is a walk in some fresh air you crave, you can go on a hike on the trails behind the Glenn Massay Theater. There is a trail map at the entrance of the path for you to get familiarized with before you get lost in the beauty of the many acres owned by the college! If its comradery you seek, join a club, create a club, go to a Journey Event, or run for an elected position as a Senator in Student Government meetings every Wednesday from 12:00 - 12:50 in OLB 214 (upstairs in the library).

See WELCOME page 3

**Run**

By E. Farris

It was a dark night in the forest. Moonlight forced its way through the canopy. The leaves on the forest floor crunched. Simon ran as fast as he could. The beast was on him. He sensed it. He felt its breath on his neck. Heard the pounding of its claws. He smelt its saliva dripping from its mouth. Its fangs screamed for his blood. It would devour him.

Simon took a look around the house. The house was one room, the walls were painted white, candles lit the room and a couch faced the wall. The doors of the house were symmetrical. In the forest. Moonlight forced its way through the door. He slammed his back against it. The beasts vanished.

See RUN page 10

**Join the Mat-Su Monitor!**

By ItzMeBrookieCookie & Louanne Corpus

To all Mat-Su college students! The Mat-Su Monitor is currently seeking young, hip students due to the overabundance of old, non-hip faculty members who still think MySpace isn’t dead and Facebook isn’t bedridden. Do you have too much time on your hands? Is your mother begging you to leave home? Do you want to volunteer your time to the Mat-Su campus? If your answer is yes! The Mat-Su Monitor is looking for new and returning students! The Mat-Su Monitor is currently seeking non-hip faculty members who would be interested in seeing more young, hip students due to the overabundance of old, non-hip faculty members who still think MySpace isn’t dead and Facebook isn’t bedridden.

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**Upcoming Events**

**October 8:** Journey Event: Clothesline Project, 10 AM - 3 PM, FSM 206.

**October 10:** Journey Event: Public Health Nurse, 11 AM, Atrium.

**October 14:** Indigenous Peoples Day, 5-7 PM in the cafeteria.

**October 14:** Title IX Training for Students, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM, SNOD 103.

**October 22:** Journey Event: Bringing in the Bystander, 12 PM, FSM 204.

**October 28:** Spring 2019 schedule available to view on UAnline.

**November 1:** Withdrawal deadline.

**November 6:** Heyi nulu Event by the Alaska Native Cultures Club. Glenn Massay Theater.

**Student Government Council:** Wednesdays, 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM in OLB 214.

**Alaska Native Cultures Club:** First and third Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 PM in FSM 201.

**Dance Club:** TBD.

**Game Club:** TBD.

**Math Club:** Monday, 2:30-3:30 PM; Friday, 12:00-1:00 PM, SNOD 124.

**Mat-Su Monitor:** Tuesday, 12:20-50 PM in OLB 214; Wednesday, 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM in OLB 214.

**Spanish Club:** 12:00-12:45 PM in FSM 105 on October 17 and November 17.

**Stephen King Club:** TBD.

Check https://matsu.alaska.edu/calendar/ for updates.
How to Apply to the Peace Corps

By Michelle Sharpe

Earlier this year, I decided to take a step toward realizing my dream of serving abroad in the Peace Corps. I sent in an application. To my surprise, I got an interview. The next thing I knew I got an invitation to serve in Albania for two years, which I accepted.

Since then, I have gotten a lot of questions about the Peace Corps. I decided that I would help you all out and give you some tips on how to apply for a Peace Corps position.

Step One: The first step in any application process should be research. Research, research, and more research. I have been looking into the Peace Corps since high school. I saw that they prefer someone with a Bachelor’s degree. I went to college and am graduating in the fall of 2019. I then researched living conditions, pay, crime, problems within the Peace Corps, hardships of volunteers, what the Peace Corps had to offer after service, as well as how the organization responded to crises abroad. I did not one day just decide to apply to the Peace Corps. This decision required a lot of background research and soul searching on my part. Do I want to be in a different country for two years without family? I decided yes. I wanted to go out, learn a new language and step outside of my comfort zone. So I decided to apply.

Step Two: You’ve decided to apply. Now the question is how to apply. You need to visit www.peacecorps.gov and read up on their application process. The website will tell you to speak to a recruiter before applying. I did, but I did not find it particularly helpful. I did most of my research online via youtube, Reddit, and numerous blogs, and see PEACE CORPS page 10.

Meet Michelle Sharpe

My name is Michelle Sharpe. I am an on again-off again member of the MatSu Monitor since 2012. I write primarily about film and television as well as literature. I am majoring in English and hope to one day get a job where I can combine my love of writing and pop culture. Some of my favorite things include: Star Wars, Barry, The IT Crowd, and the book Flowers for Algernon. My favorite musical is a toss-up between the off-Broadway production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Little Shop of Horrors.

When I am not watching television or reading, I am working, writing, or swimming. I am also the proud mother of a 5 year-old Shih Tzu named Loki.

I may be an English major, and I may watch indie films and foreign films, but I assure you, I am not pretentious. Want proof? Earth Girls are Easy, White Chicks, and Showgirls are all films I love unapologetically.
What’s up with Student Government

By Miles Gibson

A new school year, and a new Student Government administration. There is a lot going down this year and I am here to tell you about it.

The first meeting I attended was on September 4th, and there seemed to be a lot going on. There was a new president, vice president, and treasurer. There was nothing new to report from Secretary McCrossin and Vice President O’Quinn. At this time there were no student senators, but that did not stop the administration from voting to allow the formation of the Spanish Club and that of Secretary McCrossin’s appointment to be a representative for the Coalition of Student Representatives, as well as to appoint him as treasurer. The Vice President Shane O’Quinn was also appointed by incoming President Kristovich. Audrey Badger reported for the Student Media Board and let everyone know that the Mat-Su Monitor was on track this year to publish the same as last year.

The September 11th meeting was called to order by Vice President O’Quinn and seconded by President Kristovich. There were still some learning curves for the new administration over parliamentary procedures and who could bring motions and who could second them, luckily Faculty Advisor Ballain was on hand as always to answer any question that came up. There still were no senators at this time, but that did not stop the administration from voting for $5,000 to fund the Mat-Su Monitor for the school year, and to grant $1,000 to Dr. Luke Grabarack, a member of the faculty, for the math department’s Cram Jam events that give students a chance to work on their math skills twice a semester. Both passed with all votes in favor. Jaime Carle was working on becoming a student senator and trying to get a deal at the Alaska Club for a discount for students. The treasury report noted that there had been a decrease of $240 for an unknown reason, but it was brought up that this was likely just an adjustment for change in enrollment numbers.

The meeting of the 18th had some new developments. Jaime Carle had the signatures and had attended the required number of meeting to become a senator and was voted in by the Student Government without opposition. Although her proposal for a discount from the Alaska Club was abandoned, it turned out that through further research that the MTA Sports Center already offered a discount to students. Additionally, we also get access to the Anchorage university campus gym with our WolfCards. There was a proposal for the creation of the Stephen King Club, but that was decided to be shelved until a representative from the club could explain more. There was discussion of a Halloween themed dance, and how to better streamline the club creation process. The Spanish club had nothing new to report, but Alaskan Native Cultures Club said that there was an Indigenous Peoples’ celebration event had planned for October 14th.

Well, that’s all that’s gone down during the first two months of school, I look forward to keeping you apprised of business as the school year moves forward. And if you’re interested in attending Student Government meetings, know that they are held weekly upstairs in the library on Wednesdays 12-1pm.

The impression I got from the new president is refreshing in politics, a person that genuinely wants to bring people together and give back to a place she loves. When most rhetoric these days focuses on division and exclusion, it was nice to hear a conversation about inclusion and community. The president said, “If you have questions or concerns, want to start a club, maybe want to be a senator, or just talk, come on down.” I would encourage any and all students to come down to JKB 114 and get to know your Student Government.

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• Keys?
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• Jacket?
• Other item?
Just ask at the library desk -- your item might have been found!

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Play an important role on the Mat-Su College Campus. Being on a committee can help to enhance your career, give you a chance to give back to your community, and give you the opportunity to challenge yourself by helping to shape your society.

Join a Mat-Su College Student Government Council Committee

Or join one of the student clubs.

Clubs are a great place to meet like minded people, have fun, learn new things and relax.

Alaska Native Culture Club  Game Club
Stephen King Book Club  Arroba Club
Math Club  Mat-Su Monitor

Joining a committee or club looks good on resumes as well as gives you a chance to connect with fellow students, staff and faculty. You owe it to yourself to try them out. If you don’t see a club that interests you, can start one of your own. Student Government will fund you up to $300 to cover expenses. You can pick up a form at the Student Government office in JKB 114, near the café.

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Government. There are also work-study positions available online. You can apply for work study jobs at www.careers.alaska.edu.

For those of you who are unsure of how to get involved and make connections, here is some advice that worked for me when I was a new student. What I found to be the easiest way to make this campus feel more like home is 1 I did not allow myself to be too shy to talk with staff, faculty, and my peers. The more people you know, the more comfortable you will be. So, put yourself out there and make some new friends! This year my goal is to work towards a stronger student community and a stronger student government. It is our duty to speak up for and empower our campus to make our university a better place for us all, and that will take all of us to work together to make sure we are all doing our part to include the uninvolved and take the extra minute to talk with someone new. Let this year be the best one yet!

Sincerely,
Student Body President, Angeli Kristovich

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Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities are provided services to help them participate in campus life, including academic programs and activities. If you have a disability and need accommodations, contact the Student Services Office at 907-632-7689.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to register for services with the Office of Student Services. To register for services, please complete the registration form available online at www.matsu.edu/disability.

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SOLDIER
By E. Farris

"Charge!" screamed the commander over the volley of attack magic. Sword pointed toward the enemy, he ran ahead. But the regiment wavered. They watched his sword arm fly from his body, his internal organs dropped from the hole where his right side of his abdomen, chest, and shoulder used to be as his lifeless body fell forward. The volley of magical explosions was deafening. The soldier jolted awake. The caravan had reached its destination. He released the grasp of his spear and stretched his back.

"Sir, this is as far as we go. Good luck to you and thank you for your gold and your company."

"My pleasure traveling with you. Can I ask one favor?"

"Please do."

"When you return to the capital, can you give this to my granddaughter?"

The elderly man held out a small wrapped parcel to the caravan member. Taking the parcel from the old man’s hands the young man replied,

"Of course. I wish you all the luck."

The young man rushed away back to his duties. The soldier leaned on his spear as he rose. His bones ached and crawled.

"One last trip," he mumbled under his breath. The town where the caravan had stopped was small even for an outskirts town. Houses were rundown and the main street was filled with rats and piddles. By contrast, the people were healthy and strong. One man carried a large boar over his shoulder, another carried barrels of water with ease, and a young boy walked with a large sword on his back. The soldier left the town with respectful jealousy.

He walked without rest for three days until he came to the border. The elderly man rested his head on his spear and stared at the Great Plain. He looked down to assess himself. Upon returning his gaze to the Great Plain, his commanding officer stood in front of him. A large hole cut out his right upper chest and abdomen. His mouth overflowed blood and his eyes froze in a great terror.

"This is your fault," he gargled. The soldier whipped his head from his spear and pulled it at the ready. He blinked as he held his spear pointing at thin air. The soldier laughed at his hallucination, his body rigid and ready to strike. He eased the spear to rest and pressed onwards.

"No more rests," he told himself. Pushing through the edge of the Great Plain the soldier came to a blue which transitioned to green grass as far as the eye could see. A gust of wind shifted the grass and the soldier dropped to his knees and covered his ears. When the wind subsided he pressed forward. He came to a small river with purple grass growing on the banks. The soldier leaned down and started drinking. A gust of wind blew along the river and brushed his ears.

"It’s you. The failure," accused a high pitched echoing voice. The soldier covered his ears. "What is a failure at doing here? Shut up," cursed the man.

"No. A failure gets no such privilege. Not only a failure but also a thief, stealing water."

"Why don’t you have a rest. I’ll watch you while you sleep," the voices came relentlessly for three days to the weary soldier. He continued till the plains became barren and the earth cracked in desperate need of water. He could still smell smoke mixed with death from the war long past. Continuing he found what he came for, the undead that were his comrades, his brothers-in-arms, now rotten and falling apart shambling toward him. He cracked the skull of the first and severed the head of the second. Twenty more remained, some barely wielding their weapons, shambling towards him. He killed them one after another, their faces, when they were alive, flashed before him. The voices berated him louder, "Traitor! Coward! Deserter! You should let them kill you. Die for your sins. Let them grasp you and you alive. You killed them in life and now you kill them in death. Give yourself to them for atonement. Submit to death." With tears he could no longer hold back and regret consuming him, he spit the last one in half and collapsed to the ground with relief. Either sadness or old age took him, but he died nonetheless with his baton.
September was National Recovery Month, a time to increase awareness of substance abuse and celebrate those who recover. A Journey event hosted a viewing of the original (1937) "A Star is Born," Academy Award-winning love story of Esther and Norman. Afterwards students discussed relationships, dreams, and alcohol. Hosted by Judy Gette and Kim Stephens.
Microsoft Office, for Free
By Art Corvelay

As a student affiliated with a UAA campus, you have free access to Microsoft’s Office 365 website.

Office 365 offers browser-based versions of some of the popular Office programs: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These lack a few features found in their desktop counterparts, but make up for that by saving your files to “the cloud” and by allowing multiple users to simultaneously edit the same document.

Better still, Office 365 users have the option to install the full 2016 versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Simply sign into Office 365 and click the “Install Now” button.

You can access Office 365 by visiting https://portal.office.com and signing in with your UA username followed by @alaska.edu.

Students who want a free, no-strings-attached office suite that will be available long past their graduation should look at LibreOffice (https://www.libreoffice.org/).

Additional Help available in the Learning Center:

- Computer stations
- Textbooks, videos and other resources

HAVE SOME QUESTIONS? TRY ONE OF MAT-SU COLLEGE’S LEARNING SERVICES.

Elizabeth J Fallon Learning Center

OLB 121 — 745-9772
https://matsu.alaska.edu/offices/learning-resource-center/index.cshtm

WRITING TUTORS
Mon.-Wed.: 9:00 - 5:00
Thursday: 9:00 - 2:00

MATH TUTORS
Monday: 8:30 - 5:00
Tuesday: 8:30 - 5:00
Wednesday: 8:30 - 4:00
Thursday: 8:30 - 6:00
Friday: 10:00 - 2:00

ASL TUTORS
Wednesdays: 4:00 - 6:00

JAPANESE TUTORS
Monday - Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 by appointment

Tutors available in JKB 107. Tutoring is reserved for students enrolled in Mat-Su College courses.

Online tutoring options

- tutor.com/Live Home Work Help: the Alaska State Library provides the Live Homework Help service to all Alaska residents. Free, online tutors are available from 12 PM to 2 AM to help in a multitude of subjects. Visit http://lam.alaska.gov/sled/homework to get started.
- Khan Academy: Khan Academy has free explanatory videos on math, science, economics, history, and more. http://www.khanacademy.org/
- Purdue OWL: Purdue’s Online Writing lab has sample papers and handy guides to APA and MLA citation styles. https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/

When you need a hand...

As the nights get longer and colder you should know that there are people on campus whose job is your safety.

The college’s own Physical Plant (i.e., maintenance) staff can help you in many cases. They are able to open locked car doors, jumpstart dead batteries or escort you to your vehicle if you have safety concerns. You can get a hold of Physical Plant by calling them at 907-745-9789. There is a also a direct phone line located in the main FSM lobby.

And remember -- you have a part to play, too! Keep in mind the phrase “if you see something, say something.” Report to Physical Plant any safety hazards, even if they’re as seemingly harmless as icy spots.
5 Reasons to Visit your Career Development Office
Adelina Rodríguez, Career Development Advisor

Mat-Su College Career Development services are available for all current and prospective students, and alumni, regardless of where they find themselves in their education. Based on one’s needs, we have services to help with your transition from college student to working professional. From identifying career goals, preparing job application documents, acquiring skills through an internship, learning how to network and develop your interviewing skills, we are here for you! Learn about the five reasons to schedule an appointment with your Career Development Advisor to make the most out of your education at Mat-Su College.

Deciding on a Career may come easy for some and for others it is an overwhelming decision to make. To help offer career direction and identify relevant occupations based on your strengths and interests, students can complete the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and Strong Interest Indicator (SII). With this information, you will feel confident about the decision you make.

Resume and Cover Letter are key documents for the hiring process and can determine whether to invite you for an interview. For a single position, employers will receive countless applications and will spend an average of 6 seconds reviewing your resume. Mat-Su College serves as the site for the Employment Expo, hosted by Mat-Su Job Center, every March. This job fair attracts over 100 employers in various fields, in the Mat-Su Valley and around the State. The Career Development office can help you prepare for this event and other networking events on campus.

Interviewing with an employer is an opportunity to share that you are the best candidate for the position by highlighting your skills and qualifications. You can schedule a mock interview with the Career Development office to help you prepare and reduce the anxiety that comes with it. You will gain insight on how to answer questions and feel self-assured when you walk into your interview.

To schedule your Career Development appointment contact Students Services at 907.745.9746. Learn more about all our services by visiting our website at matsu.alaska.edu.

How to hide old classes in Blackboard

When you log in to Blackboard, you are greeted with a list of all the courses you ever took. This makes it hard – after a few semesters, anyway – to find the one course you’re looking for.

Happily, you can easily modify your list of courses to hide old ones.

1. Log in to Blackboard.
2. Mouse over your “My Courses” area until a gear icon appears.
3. In the personalization options, scroll down to the “Edit course list.” Un-check the box in the “Course name” column for any course you want to temporarily hide.
4. Click submit at the bottom of the page.

Now you should have a much tidier list of courses.
Spanish Club

Katrina Clayton

Spanish Club is kicking off at the Mat-Su College with Mrs. Claudia Jones, Spanish professor. She has never led a Spanish club before, but she is very excited to teach students the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries. She is right in thinking that Alaskans do not get as much interaction with people who speak Spanish, compared to people who live in the lower 48. She is hoping to change that, and give more people the chance to learn Spanish. This is why she has opened Spanish Club to anyone interested. You do not have to be enrolled in a Spanish class to come to Spanish Club. However, you do need to have taken a Spanish class previously.

She wants people to know that Spanish Club is fun. The students that come to Spanish Club interact with each other while speaking Spanish, as well as learn new vocabulary and sentence structure. Everyone from every skill level is welcome to join, but must be enrolled in Spanish 101 or have taken it previously. The club meets in FSM 105 on 10/3, 10/17, and 11/17. The meeting time is from 12:15-12:45pm. If you can make it you should. The club is a small group now, but Mrs. Jones is hoping more people will join. If you come once, you are not obligated to come again, but we would appreciate seeing you again.

There have been two meetings already and each time, Mrs. Jones has had the class watch a video in Spanish of herself reading a story. The class follows along with a paper copy and then take turns reading it themselves. This encourages students to learn pronunciation and new vocabulary. Afterwards, students pair off and do some exercises that came along with the reading. This could include translating a list of words, answering basic questions about the story or conversing with your partner about something relevant to the story. If students need help with a particular word, they can ask for help, or they can use Google Translate, although working with your partner is ideal. So if you are interested in learning Spanish and you have the time, then there is no reason why you shouldn’t come to Spanish Club!

The main goal of this club is to provide a fun opportunity for students to practice the Spanish language, as well as the cultures of Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

We meet every Wednesday 2:30 - 3:30 in FSM 201. Visit the STUDENT CLUB CALENDER on the Mat-Su website: https://matsu.alaska.edu or e-mail us at MatSuANCe@gmail.com

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• Artists

Now taking submissions: Next deadline for entries: October 21

Any jobs are accepted as long as they are these jobs:
• Article writers: Be creative. Write fiction or nonfiction. You can write holiday stories or write articles on clubs, journey events, mat-su news and more.
• Comic artists: Any artists out there? Feel free to submit drawings or write comics and have them published to the newspaper and or instagram!
• Instagram influencers: Did you attend a journey event? Tag @matsu_monitor in your photo or dm us
• Any jobs are accepted as long as they are these jobs:

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the house and to do something with your life? Join us today where some of us have specific reasons for being here, while others are just bored and have nothing else to do with their lives. Join us now because we have too many open spots and not enough students to fill our empty void!

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Photos to post.
• Photographers: Take pictures and edit them the way you’d like.

Attend meetings!
Meeting dates are on Tuesdays 12-12:50 pm and Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm inside the library, upstairs, in room 214.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Micah @ mwmaer@alaska.edu or dm me, BrookieCookie on instagram @matsu_monitor.

Sincerely,
ItzMeBrookieCookie
& Louanne Corpus

Follow: matsu_monitor on Instagram if you’re hip, and for the unhip (and for those who simply wanna laugh at the unhip), join us at Mat-Su Monitor on Facebook!
Five Reasons You Should Be Watching HBO's Barry

Michelle Sharpe

1. The plot is ridiculous: The series follows a depressed hitman named Barry who decides to leave his life of crime behind and pursue an acting career. Unfortunately, he becomes estranged from his mob family and has to dodge the Chechen mob and has to dodge the hitman business. He is easily recognizable in the hitman business and it managed to out- 

2. It transcends genres: Barry transcends genres. Horror films so special in the sense of meaning and characters, is flawed and relatable and vulnerable. As I walked the cold forest path to 

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Escapade

By E. Farris

"I'm home, I brought you a gift. How was your day?" she called from the living room. "I'm home, I brought you a gift. How was your day?" she called from the living room. "I'm home, I brought you a gift. How was your day?" she called from the living room.

"Okay." I grabbed the coffee pot, my hand shaking, and started to pour. Suddenly I was holding my arm with coffee. I released the coffee pot and it shattered on the floor. She stormed into the kitchen.

"WHAT WAS THAT?"

"I dropped the pot."

"I was holding my face from the glass littering the floor, shards of heat-

ed sand digging into my hands. My 

chek smarked from the slap of her back hand.

"I'm sorry,"

was all I could muster while holding back the tears.

"Do you wanna cry?" she taunted, "I'm sorry," was all I could muster while holding back the tears.

She waved a small wrapped box in front of my face before throwing it into the 

"Clean this up, then take out the trash."

As I walked the cold forest path to the dumpster, I could hear the wind 

laughing at me. The trees snarled and the ground sunk me further down the 

the chains weakened. Blood dripped to the 

chains. I wouldn't stop, I felt the 

pushed to the front entrance into the 

lights, leaving me in darkness. The door 

She walked upstairs and turned off the

and sitting at the edge 

and waiting for the next 

episode to see how 

Barry gets out of a situation.

3. The acting: Barry is created, directed by, and stars Bill Hader (more on him in a moment). As showrunner, he is responsible for casting the show and honestly, the cast is phenomenally good. Not only are the characters themselves well-developed, but the chemistry between them is strong. In fact, the chemistry between Hader and his co-stars is so strong that it's hard not to root for them. The actors have received Emmy nominations for their performances, and it's not hard to see why.

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You realize that despite all the 

chaos and danger, Barry is still trying to 

be a good person. He's humorous and edu-

cational, go check him out.

1. Overly Sarcastic Productions

Overly Sarcastic Productions is a fantastic channel! They are funny and educational. They are for anyone who love 

history or classic literature and mythology. The hosts of Overly Sarcastic Productions are Red and Blue.

Red handles the litera-

ture side of this channel. She summarizes various classic books such as the works of Shakespeare, Homer, and Shakespeare, just to name a few. She summarizes these works through animated series and books. She also goes over smaller myths such as the story of Icarus, Pan-

and more. As well as talking about winter 

times you commonly find in literature. She is very funny and entertaining to watch and you'll certainly come out smarter than you were before.

Blue handles the history side of the channel. He summarizes historical events and civilizations of the world like ancient Egypt, the Roman Empire, all that good stuff. He often has his character sitting in a study while he talks about historical events over maps and political diagrams. He always gives us what he is thinking. I'm sure all you history majors will enjoy Blue. Go check them out.

by Michelle Sharpe

When you hear the word "horror" the images that pop into your head are probably famous faces associated with 80's slashers films: Freddy, Krueger, Jason, Michael Myers, and Chucky the doll. There has been de-

views (Hader won for the 

second year in a row).

This year alone 

the show and honestly, 

created, directed by, and 

stuck having to wait for 

of your seat the next 

and sitting at the edge 

fairly dark and dramatic 

transforming him into a 

man who is responsible 

for getting Barry into the 

human business and is 

the devil on Barry's 

shoulder that Barry just 

can't seem to get rid 

of. Winkler plays Gene, 

a talented individual 

and Blue. Go check them 

out.
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**The Rest of the Story**

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If you **DO** not skip over the application process tips. You will need a firm understanding of what the Peace Corps is looking for in an applicant. I found that the number one thing that gets reviewed is whether you are flexible and adaptable. They also want someone with leadership abilities.

Now there are two options of applying. You can "Send Me Anywhere", which is a basic application where you have no particular preferences, and you are being sent where they need you. If you are select- ed, you will be sent where they need you most or where the Peace Corps thinks you will fit the best. The second option is to scour the Peace Corps website and apply to only one of them (you can only have one open application at a time). You can narrow your search based on location or job field. I nar-rowed mine down to where they needed it, which was with the youth or teaching English. I then selected Albania as the country that I wanted to apply for. I was nervous doing this as there are some countries that are harder to get into because there are less volunteers there at any given time, so it tends to be more competitive. The end result was that I had to go to countries that are harder to get into European countries are one of the harder countries to get into because there are less volunteers there at any given time, so it tends to be more competitive in countries like the United States, Spanish-speaking countries, tropical islands, and European countries are all highly competitive countries.

But don’t let that discourage you from applying because there is an option in the application process that lets this be the case. For example, your country of birth is the country that has the most Peace Corps volunteers.

But what does that mean? I chose the Peace Corps because they are one of the hardest countries to get into. I then selected Albania as the country that I wanted to apply for. I was nervous doing this as there are some countries that are harder to get into.

Step Four: There is a medical portion of the application process. This is the longest part of the entire application process. Be honest on this section but keep in mind that every condition you have will require hours of paper work after you fill it out. Are you overweight? Do you have a pre-existing condition? You will need clearance for all of that! It can get expensive and trying. But this part of the process is designed to ensure that the applicant is serious about serving, follow directions, and can meet a deadline. If you are given an invitation to serve DO NOT PROCRASTINATE PHYSICALS AND VACCINATIONS. Schedule this three weeks done and turned in ASAP.

Step Five: You will need three recommendations from professors, managers, or people you’ve worked with. If you are selected for an interview, you will need to have these done and turned in ASAP.

Step Six: It could take a few months, but if you are selected for an interview, you will need to schedule one on Skype. Keep in mind the time difference. I had mine at 4:30 in the morning. This interview is everything. They will be looking at your appearance and they will be wanting responses to show that you have leadership experience, have interacted with people from different cultures before, and can handle being away from home for two years. They email you some questions beforehand and there are a lot of online sources for interview preparation. You need to be ready and be early. Make sure that the internet is working. All that jazz.

I was told that I would hear back no later than September if I got the job but it might take a few months. I got an invitation for an interview three weeks after the interview. Honestly, I don’t remember my interview well. I did not sleep for 24 hours before taking it, but I must have been good. I would advise everyone to get a good night’s rest beforehand. Unless you are like me and stress a lot and tend to be less talkative when tired, then maybe it’s for the best that you don’t sleep. I was too tired to be nervous, so I used that to my advantage and I slowed down my speech because I was so tired. Again, do not follow my example. If you do, avoid coffee and energy drinks and have a Nutri- canal or something to drink about two hours before the interview. Do not want to be jittery. You want to be calm, collected, and well prepared.

Step Seven: If you receive an invitation you are given instructions and a time frame for completing legal, travel, and medical clearance. You do not procrastinate any of them. If all goes well, you will be cleared to go in no time at all and you will be counting the days before you have to say goodbye to your family and hello to the big world out there.

I hope this article was somewhat helpful. I am not an overachiever and I did not think that I would be accepted into the Peace Corps. I’ve had one teaching assistant job at my university and a student ambassador job at the college. The rest of my jobs were retail or food industry. If I can get accepted into the Peace Corps, I am no reason why you can’t either. Just believe in yourself and show the recruiters that they’d be lucky to have you.

If you are not interested in the Peace Corps, but you have a dream, I hope that my experience encourages you to take that step. The first step to success is getting the courage in taking that step. Ignore the doubts and go for it.

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If I said it was easy pulling away from Halloween. I have gone with friends to festivals, haunted houses, and trick-or-treating and I had fun. I had to put away my own pride and focus on other things that mattered. My spiritual life was being threatened and continued to be a concern and I decided to break the rolls around. I’m tempted to have fun with friends but there are so many other alternatives. I don’t have to use Halloween as an excuse to be with them. If you are like me, every time I celebrate Halloween think of this as a message of encouragement. You are not alone and it’s not unnatural if you don’t celebrate it. I end this message with a prayer of safety for those going out and hope for everyone to have an Outstanding October!
My Summer Vacation

Story and photos by Miles Gibson

With such a short season many of us try to fit in as much as possible. I am no different. Usually by the last week of school the wanderlust has already taken me and I find myself daydreaming of camping destinations and upcoming concerts and festivals, while I should be buckling down for finals. With a state roughly the 1/3 of the continental United States there is no shortage of space to roam. Alaska has four interstate highways and I planned to hit them all.

My first trip of the season started almost immediately, with an offer to my band to headline a Saturday night at a first-time music festival. The First Annual Twin Bears Music and Arts festival was held 20 miles north of Fairbanks, at Twin Bears Camp. It offered two stages: one dedicated to EDM music (the Bass Room) and the Main Stage which offered acts ranging from folk to heavy metal to fire dancing and spoken word. There was no shortage of local Alaskan talent. Usually the Twin Bears Camp is a summer camp for children, so for a little extra you could stay in a classic bunkhouse on the lake. It reminded me of the setting of a classic 80s slasher flick. Having the 3-day festival at Twin Bear made it feel like summer camp with no supervision.

Summer Solstice is a celebration for most Alaskans as we get to experience the midnight sun we are famous for. The town of Fairbanks has one of the largest Solstice celebrations in the state. As my girlfriend of Fairbanks has one of the largest Solstice celebrations in the state. As my girlfriend has been up north, we decided to go. We went up for the weekend and decided to find an out-of-the-way place to camp. We found a campground about 17 miles north of Fairbanks called Olnes Pond. It was quite a way off the beaten path, but surprisingly well maintained. The lake was stocked, and shallow enough to be lukewarm and perfect for swimming. But it was 90+ degrees that day and we would have swam in nearly anything to cool off. Also we walked trails, a gazebo with grills, out-houses and access to the Chatainika river.

The Fourth of July has no lack of activities in Alaska, whether it be the car launch in Sutton, or the Mount Marathon race in Seward. This is one of the most packed celebrations in the state. As my girlfriend of Fairbanks has one of the largest Solstice celebrations in the state. As my girlfriend has been up north, we decided to go. We went up for the weekend and decided to find an out-of-the-way place to camp. We found a campground about 17 miles

weekends of the summer. I decided to head south to Girdwood for the 44th Forest Fair. This is part festival, part street fair, and part art show. It takes place at the base of the mountains in the city of Girdwood. The oldest festival in Alaska has music going on at all of the wonderful restaurants, as well as in the fairground’s beer garden. There is camping near the fairground for a fee, but no actual cover for the fair. Rather, the organizers ask that you buy a t-shirt, which they call “the cover that covers your back.” There are plenty of amenities, including showers, ice, and hotels for those not wishing to camp. Some of the highlights were the Avery Wolves, a classic 3-piece rockabilly band that really captured the excitement of the festival.

Unless you stayed inside with an air-filter on full blast all summer you probably noticed some of the smoke from the record amount of fire.

north of Fairbanks is over a hundred years old, and reportedly home to a ghostly presence. The front desk help assured us that the place wasn’t haunted, but I’ve been checking into paranormal activities and places. They had rented the haunted room (211 if you’re wondering) and had both cameras and EMF readers. So, they at least were taking it seriously. I cannot say one way or another if it is haunted, but I did feel uneasy and got a couple hits on a ghost radar app I downloaded for my stay. What can I say – I want to believe.

The Avery Wolves don’t go well.

The Forest Fair has no shortage of artistic expression.

The story and photos by Miles Gibson.
9 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TITLE IX

- Protects all people of sexual discrimination regardless of sex
- All schools must have a Title IX coordinator
- Schools must take immediate action for victims
- Schools must have approved procedures to handle sexual misconduct
- Schools may not retaliate against a victim filing a complaint
- Pregnant and parenting students are protected from discrimination
- Schools cannot discourage sexual assault victims from pursuing education
- Schools must ensure campus is free of sexual harassment & discrimination
- All sexual interactions must occur between two consenting adults

If you SEE Something, SAY Something, DO Something