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# WELDING CLASS VISITS DIVING INSTITUTE

## Students get in depth look at underwater welding

By David Spears



OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN Welding Society (AWS) and the International Diving Institute (IDI) hosted TTC welding students at a meeting

and underwater welding demonstration on Sept. 17. Students enjoyed a cookout prior to the display, held at IDI's facilities on the Old Navy Base in



N. Charleston. As an added bonus, AWS member Hugh Dennison authorized the payment of student membership dues on behalf of the Parker Hannifin, Corp. Hannifin recently hired two of TTC's welding graduates and in return gave the AWS \$1,000 to go to students. Mr. Dennison thought the student membership dues would benefit more individuals by

exposing them to a professional organization that supports welding education and research.



# LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL

## Festival Hispano is still a hit by another name

By Julian Kyle Johnson

THE LATIN AMERICAN Festival, previously named The Festival Hispano is still going strong after 18 years. This annual event takes place the first Sunday in October at the North Charleston Wannamaker County Park. I attended this

event in October and found out that there was much to do



and much to see. Among the features were 20 booths for food and handmade items, live music, 10 dance performances, a dance contest, and a booth that represented the different nations of Latin America.

Emily, a volunteer who was part of the College of Charleston Spanish house, a type of sorority at C of C, stated that this festival is an opportunity for the Latin American Community to come out and

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Trident Times encourages students, staff, and faculty of TTC to submit items for review and possible inclusion in the paper. Submissions from student organizations about upcoming events and notices of awards and achievements are also sought. Due to deadlines, some time sensitive material may not be published. We also welcome submissions such as illustrations, photos and original art.

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## STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS RACE FOR THE CURE

### Participants walk for second year at Daniel Island Event

By Krishna Woods  
Community Health Director  
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Nurses spend so much of their time taking care of others, they often forget to take care of themselves. As student nurses, we find ourselves in the same predicament with the added pressures of studying, tests, and lack of sleep.

Participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is a fantastic way to not only take care of ourselves but also help millions of people, who have

fought, or are currently fighting breast cancer.

The nursing program at Trident Technical College is a tightly knit family. We decided to do the Race For the Cure last year after finding out one of our nursing faculty is a breast cancer survivor. She has guided us and supported us through the nursing program. Members of the SNA knew walking this race was the least we could do for her. This year's race has even more meaning to us. We now have two breast cancer survivors among our nursing faculty. Both women

are brave, caring, determined individuals who have shown us that cancer is not a death sentence. In the eye of adversity, the love and support you have around you can pull you through.

We as future nurses want to offer that love and support to our own breast cancer survivors, and to the millions of other families who Race For the Cure.



## FULL METAL ALCHEMIST by Hiromu Arakawa

Anime review by  
Julian Kyle Johnson

Meet Edward and Alphonse Elric, two very unique brothers who lost their mother long ago and, in an attempt to resurrect her by using alchemy, their plans blow up in their faces. In this accident, Alphonse lost his body and his soul now resides in a huge suit of armor. Edward lost part of his leg and his right arm; he wears metal replacements now. After this accident, Edward works for the government as a state alchemist. A state alchemist is an alchemist who is an agent of the government and uses his powers to carry out the govern-

ment's wish. They are very high up on the ladder of governmental power; state alchemists work directly for the president.

In this particular volume, we see our two intrepid protagonists going from town to town, as they search for the philosopher's stone, a stone of incredible power that grants the owner immortality. They are also somewhat of anti-heroes, as when they do perform good deeds (uncover a phony, free a town of a greedy despot, and rescue a train with hostages on it) it is because they benefitted from their actions and not that they did it because of kindness or a desire to make

the world a better place. Someone usually had to persuade them into doing good, or some form of inadvertent persuasion would come along and change their minds and they would get involved. You could call them "accidental heroes". At the end of the first volume, we learn of a great surprise.

I highly recommend this book to both the casual and hardcore fan of anime. It is addictive when you finish it as they leave you clamoring for more. This series contains over 35 separate adventures; 35 opportunities to forget yourself and enter the world of Elric brothers.

*Festival continued*  
enjoy themselves She also stated that for non Latin Americans, it is a unique opportunity for them to experience and enjoy treats from all the countries that are part of Latin America. I feasted on authentic Latin American dishes as well as the classics, like powdered funnel cakes and Bahama Mama flavored shaved ice. I purchased some interesting handmade items from Mexico and Brazil

and had fun using my bartering skills to get a good price. Sitting on a picnic table with a cool breeze blowing past on this most charming October afternoon I savored my meal, tapping my feet to the rhythm of the music and gave a mental "two thumbs up" to the organizers and participants of this gathering.

This festival has grown since I last attended 3 years ago. There was more space in use

and consequently more booths and events were there. Both of the times that I have been, I saw many people, Hispanic, and non-Hispanic, enjoying themselves thoroughly. It was a hit 3 years ago and was an even bigger hit now, 3 years later. It is something that takes place at the same time every year so, if you missed it this year, I recommend that you come out next year and enjoy yourself at this wonderful celebration of Latino culture.

## NOT YET SOCRATES... On overcoming faith.

By James Ilardi II

Truly one of the toughest experiences of my life is to live day in and day out in pain. Normally I have to wake up extra early and have a cup of hot chocolate, maybe some ibuprofen or some other OTC pain relief, but after awhile I can function at a normal enough level to “pass for normal” in the real world. Sometimes unfortunately, the meditation, or the medication, just doesn’t do it. The pain is so surreal that I have to resort to the only healing power I know strong enough to handle it, my faith.

So, as I step into the world of the religious and I see claims of helping the community and overcoming the world, I also see the imitators and the ones just out there to prey on an easy dollar. For example, one church claiming to be overcoming the world with their works boasted and stood on high so that all could hear the mighty words of how they raised twenty thousand dollars to pay off the car loan of a church member. This was wonderful news; in fact shortly thereafter they boasted and claimed on high about how this churchgoer had a note of seventeen thousand dollars that was to be paid off. Well praise the divine, this is a glorious moment...until you see the thousands of dollars the church did not tell you what happened to after the final accounting. Some would say, well three thousand dollars isn’t that much, but when was the last time you had to pay off your car note? I had to pay one off in 2002 after they repossessed my car. The note was twelve thousand, but since I was paying it back before the interest had incurred on the loan, it was only eight thousand. So to my estimation there are several thousand dollars still left floating

in the man’s pocket claiming he gave it all to the church? So, I went to do some more investigating on my own and low and behold the ushers acted nearly as if they were secret police protecting the president, but I heard his wife had a lovely birthday.

No amount of money is wealth when it comes to faith. My faith is unique to me, but others are rumored to follow it. I do not boast of claims of things that my faith has done, only know that I try to do good deeds. I do not boast of claims of immortality or of the assurance of one’s soul, only know that my faith tells me where my soul is going when I pass on. Finally, I do not boast of claims that you as an individual have to give up your hard-earned money so that the gates of a better afterlife will be

earned by this act... no I tell you the truth. Your faith in your heart, no matter what religion, will determine that all on its own. Do not give into the false preachings of those who promise to help you overcome this world, when it is far better spiritually to do it

all on your own. When a man ask’s me what religion I am, I try to always reply with, “Isn’t it enough to have faith?” as Voltaire said.

## THE CALUSED HAND

By Edward Wind

Life experiences can lead you to develop the callused hand. Good for handling the white-hot pans that get passed around, though you might not know... if the delicate dishes are quite within your grasp.



## LAST CALL FOR BLACKFORD OAKES

*William F Buckley Jr.  
Book review by Julian Kyle  
Johnson*

Thirty-five years ago, we saw the suave, practical, and lethal spy Blackford Oakes save the Queen in England. Times have changed since then. President Reagan has sent the now retired Oakes back into action in Russia as part of a cultural exchange program. An assistant, with whom Oakes has worked on a variety of occasions before this, accompanies him. Oakes is to go undercover pretending to be a representative of the literature part of the exchange. He is really over there to try to help stop a suspected revolution while Reagan negotiates with Gorbachev.

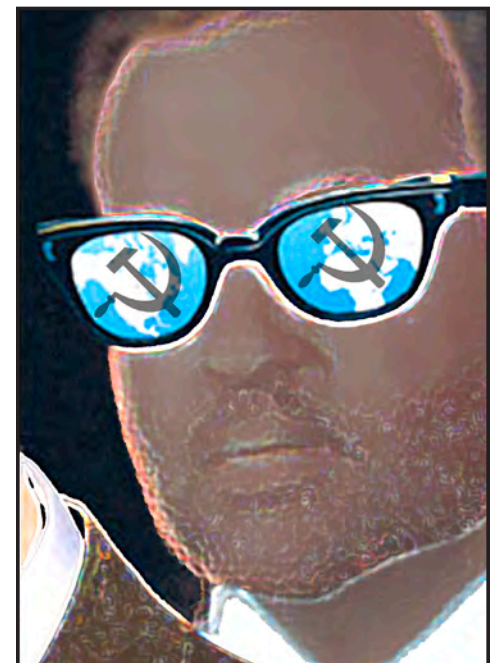
All goes well over in Russia at the Cultural Exchange until the following events happen. Oakes falls in love with a Russian woman named Ursina, and sees his old nemesis, Kim Philby, at a wedding that is being held for Ursina’s friend. The irony of the situation is that the groom at this

marriage is Philby himself. For the past three decades, Philby has been the top spy for the Soviet Union and has to be monitored by the Russians because he has a history of changing loyalties like crazy. He also eventually finds out that Oakes, who is known under the alias Harry Doubleday, is back in the USSR and plans to finally kill him.

Blackford Oakes is back in the United States, getting back in touch with his extended family at his Virginia home and resting up when he hears that tragedy has struck. He must go back to Russia to face Kim Philby in an epic climax like one only W.F. Buckley Jr. can tell.

This particular book was written last but actually falls 9<sup>th</sup> out of 11 in the Blackford

Oakes series. I highly recommend this book to fans of espionage and spy novels as well as those who are looking for a novel with action first and a little romance. This novel is full of action and little subplots that are all successfully interwoven together with no loose ends.



# GAME REVIEW: MMORPGS

*Review by James Ilardi II*

Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games have become quite the trend in the world today. I even made some friends overseas. Millions of people play these games, but a few actually act out the character. They consider the role-play part where they get to choose what class to be. So, here is some information on a few...

## World of Warcraft,

commonly known as WoW: The video graphics are awesome if you set it to maximum, but I don't recommend doing it long as you may fry your video card. The game play is simple and easy enough for smaller children, with parent's approval, to play. The quests are decently rewarded, but it is just as time consuming to go and slaughter entire zones to level. Once you have maxed out your level don't worry, the game has plenty of things for you to do, and as time has proven with this game, they will have another \$40-\$60 game expansion for you to purchase. This game rates a 7 of 10. This game requires a monthly subscription.

## Star Wars Galaxies,

commonly known as SWG: Sony did a good job with this game in the beginning. Each character had a tremendous custom ability to choose what skills to have and what skills not to have. They changed that of course. The graphics of this game are again, very well done, carefully testing out maximum settings. The quests are insanely long, and sometimes well worth it; sometimes you want to shoot the computer. This game also requires the \$20-\$50 expansions for you to purchase, but all

and all this game still rates a 7/10. This game also requires a monthly subscription.

## Runes of Magic,

commonly known as RoM: Someone was fired at Blizzard. I am telling you, that is what happened! I really don't know the story behind this game's creation, but these guys wanted to stick it to Blizzard in my opinion, and they did a great job too. This game is very much like WoW, but has many differences – also the reason they don't get sued. It offers a dual class method for your character, and gives you tech points to spend in the skills you want, allowing you to customize your character's skills. The catch to this FREE game is simple... these guys have to make money too. You can do everything in this game for free, it just will take billions of in game gold to do it. However, if you donate to the chaps for making such a great game, you can get things like a mount, a custom set of clothes, or perhaps furniture for your house. In my opinion, this game combined many efforts of games that have been on the market for years. The quest rewards are decent, but the experience award for quest is well worth it. The "catch" to this game is inventory management. You have to rent extra space, and they are quite costly in their donations. This game rates an 8 of 10. This game requires no monthly subscription.

## City of Heroes/ City of Villains,

a.k.a. CoH or CoV: This game is awesome if you like a comic book setting. First of all, the character creator is awesome; you can purchase a \$10 expansion for more customization. Playing the hero



Illustration by Philip McKnight

side, you will find this game has a lot to offer. Playing the villain side's story was not as enjoyable. The graphics are well done, and the quests are decently rewarded with experience and in game currency. You can customize your powers to new degrees now, you can customize a super group base, and you can even make custom missions for your friends to play and rate. This game is unique to the other games in its genre, and the ability to play with your friends no matter what level they are in comparison to you

gives it a perk too. This game requires a monthly subscription, the expansions are free, and they offer "booster packs" that allow you to do more in the game, but nothing so much that the normal subscribers are complaining. This game too rates an 8 of 10.

If you have games you would like reviews on, please let us know.

# TTC ANNOUNCES TTC GREEN INITIATIVES — VA TECH PARTNERSHIP

## Dr. Thornley signs Presidents Climate Commitment



Dr. Russell Darnall, Dr. Mary Thornley, Laurel Colless, Bryan Cordell, Dr. Yvan Beliveau

By David Hansen,  
Marketing Services

Trident Technical College (TTC) announced today a multifaceted initiative — TTC Green — that expands the college’s energy efficiency and sustainability efforts at all three campuses plus every training site.

“The goal of TTC Green is to help create a sustainable future that will positively impact the college, our community and beyond,” said Dr. Mary Thornley, TTC president. “Our efforts feed into a larger global challenge and the emerging green economy.”

Thornley and Laurel Colless, founder and director, Energy Efficiency Partnership (EEP) and head of Research Development for Sustainable Technologies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, also announced plans to jointly develop curricula that will enhance TTC’s program offerings, including green building construction, engineering technology and

management curricula and certifications leading to green careers. Virginia Tech experts will also consult with TTC officials as the college develops a comprehensive energy efficiency retrofit program.

“More attention is now being paid to growing the U.S. economy through new green jobs,” said Colless. “This is a very real goal and one to which colleges and universities like Trident Tech and Virginia Tech, with our scientific and technical expertise, can aspire: helping to educate a work force suitably prepared to meet the challenges of energy efficiency in the built environment.

“TTC and EEP hope to launch a training program with Veterans Green Jobs (VGJ) in the near future,” Colless added. “By providing veterans with green jobs education and career development in a supportive environment, we can help them make a smooth transition into civilian careers. This is just one example of the type of program we plan to offer as we develop

curriculum for a green workforce.”

Dr. Yvan Beliveau, director of Myers-Lawson School of Construction and professor in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech said: “We will be working with TTC to develop green curricula for credit and continuing education programs including programs with articulation potential into four-year institutions. The educational emphasis will go well beyond energy efficiency assessments into implementations.”

Thornley also recently signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, symbolizing TTC’s intent to help minimize climate change. TTC is committed to improving energy efficiency to cut costs and to integrate sustainability throughout the curricula to provide students with the knowledge and skills to address the world’s critical energy and environmental challenges.

“We are proud to announce that TTC is the first technical college in South Carolina to sign the Presidents Climate Commitment,” said Thornley. “This is our pledge to continue and multiply efforts of reducing and ultimately neutralizing greenhouse gas emissions.” To date, 643 college and university presidents have signed the commitment, including seven institutions in South Carolina. In addition, TTC has been designated one of six Energy Efficiency Training Centers in South Carolina to deliver short-term energy audit, energy efficiency and weatherization training programs, funded by federal stimulus dollars. TTC will retrofit a small building on its Main Campus to meet the requirements as a “test house” for training related to weatherization. Under the direction of Dr. Russell Darnall, TTC Green serves as an umbrella that focuses on the college’s sustainability objectives including green curricula and short-term work force training, student engagement, facilities and conservation, and public awareness. Darnall, who also serves as director of Manufacturing, Industrial and Construction Trades, will manage TTC’s energy efficiency training programs. “TTC Green recognizes that Trident Tech has the responsibility to perpetuate green lifestyles through daily operations and knowledgeable graduates who possess the skills to support sustainability efforts. We are part of a community that thinks in terms of green initiatives, and we plan to continue to expand TTC’s role as a good community citizen,” said Darnall. Bryan Cordell, executive director of The Sustainability Institute, plans to work closely with

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TTC in its efforts to create a sustainable South Carolina. "We are excited by Dr. Thornley's bold vision which will establish Trident Technical College as a leader in sustainability both through the college's commitments to achieve efficiency goals and through the green work force training TTC will supply to our communities," said Cordell. "This training is an important and necessary component of the effort to create the diverse infrastructure of skilled workers needed to grow our local green economy." TTC Green also represents a grass roots approach by involving students, faculty and staff in efforts to contribute to viable solutions that help create a sustainable future. William Landry, TTC's dean of Science and Mathematics, chairs the TTC Green steering committee that will develop the college's plan to comply with the Presidents Climate Commitment and coordinate other TTC Green projects.

"TTC is producing graduates who are prepared for employment in an emerging economy that depends on green technology," Darnall said. "Together, we will provide the knowledge and the training necessary in a sustainable future."

## CLEMENTE PLAYERS HOLDING AUDITIONS FOR MUSICAL

Ode to Humpty is original work by TTC Playwright Sharon V. Willis

"A play set before the time of man, in the lands of Rhymevine where nursery rhyme characters celebrate daily & Fairywitch, land of the infamous wolf, witch, and other familiar characters."

Auditions for actors, dancers, singers and stage crew take place on January 20, 21, 22 and 23.

They will be held on Main

campus and at Palmer campus. All proceeds benefit the Clemente Course, a free humanities course to the extremely impoverished.

For more information, email Dr. Willis at [sharon.willis@tridenttech.edu](mailto:sharon.willis@tridenttech.edu)



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