

Time Flies

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I usually don't start writing my column till the morning it's due. It's really not a good habit, but sometimes by the time I get home and eat, about all I can do is close my eyes.

It is 10:00 a.m. I'm gonna get this done in an hour.

So the class of 2013' at Mount Olive College is just about completely in. Our official count as of yesterday stands at 801 traditional registered students in classes on the Mount Olive campus...unbelievable!

Just got interrupted, Jamie, assistant director of Admissions, stopped in to see if I wanted to read the freshmen Honors book *Life of Pi*. I think I will pass, as I am reading a few other books at the moment. Next we started discussing space probes travelling to Jupiter...also unbelievable.

I visited the new student housing complex the other night. It is sweet!

It is 10:29 a.m., I only have half an hour left to complete my goal of writing this article in an hour. I just had a thought. Given our huge surge of students, I would think it would be a great opportunity for small businesses in Mount Olive to serve up some good college promotions. I am trying to put my business management degree to use you know?

I just walked out into the hallway, and they are painting the fountain outside the Poole Administration building. Nice. Also, El Matzalan's new spot just opened up. They have the same good food and prices, with the added bonus of a better eating environment...also nice.

It is 10:40 a.m. twenty minutes left. Last week we had a group of school-aged students from TESS come to campus. They were a group of kids that are strong academically, but may not be in the right socio-economic environment to get to college. I tagged along with Heather, another one of our admissions representatives, and got a chance to talk to the students about what it takes to be successful in college. It was right up my alley and reminded me of one of the reasons why I want to be in education. I told them it takes hard-work, the ability to navigate through peer pressure and having long term goals.

It is 12:30 now. I guess I can wrap up this update of Mount Olive College, so much for finishing in an hour.