

Eye on Campus

Brandywine Professors Get Published

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English instructors and Writing Center tutors, Ms. Pamela Main and Mrs. O'Brien, have recently been published in the local periodical *Philadelphia Stories*. The publication, according to Mrs. O'Brien, showcases "fiction, poetry, essays and art of the Delaware Valley." This publication offers an easy way to submit your work. Mrs. O'Brien simply submitted several poems through the publication's website. After waiting some time for acceptance or rejection, her poem "Devon Drive" was chosen to be published. Ms. Main's short story "They Don't Mean To" will also be published in *Philadelphia Stories*, and she will have another story published in Southern Georgia University's *Clapboard House*.

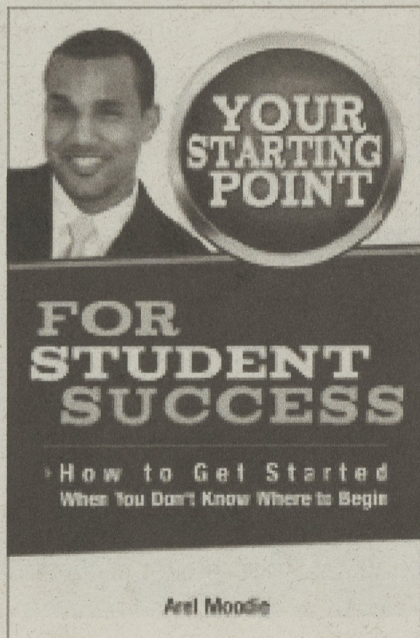
Ms. Main described the process of being published, in this particular instance, as easy. She remarked, "As far as getting published, this time it was fairly easy in that I sent the first story online on a Thursday and the story was accepted on a Friday morning. That is unusual and just a matter of luck--right person, right time." Both instructors are extremely happy to have been afforded this opportunity. Mrs. O'Brien commented, "When others are given the opportunity of reading my work it's rewarding and humbling."

Ms. Main goes on to offer some helpful advice to student writers. She points out the difficulties in getting published and to not be discouraged when the first initial attempts fall through. She states, "While you probably do need a good dose of ego to dare to write, you have to let it go to hear the voices of your characters and to not hate yourself when you get rejected. Because rejection will happen." Mrs. O'Brien feels similar and adds, "I have published many times, but I have been rejected many more times. If I never publish again, I would still write because it's a great joy."

Ms. Main, who serves as the Director of the Writing Center, also teaches creative writing, freshman composition, and other writing courses. Ms. O'Brien teaches many of the same types of courses and also contributes her skills as a tutor.

Hate Your Job?

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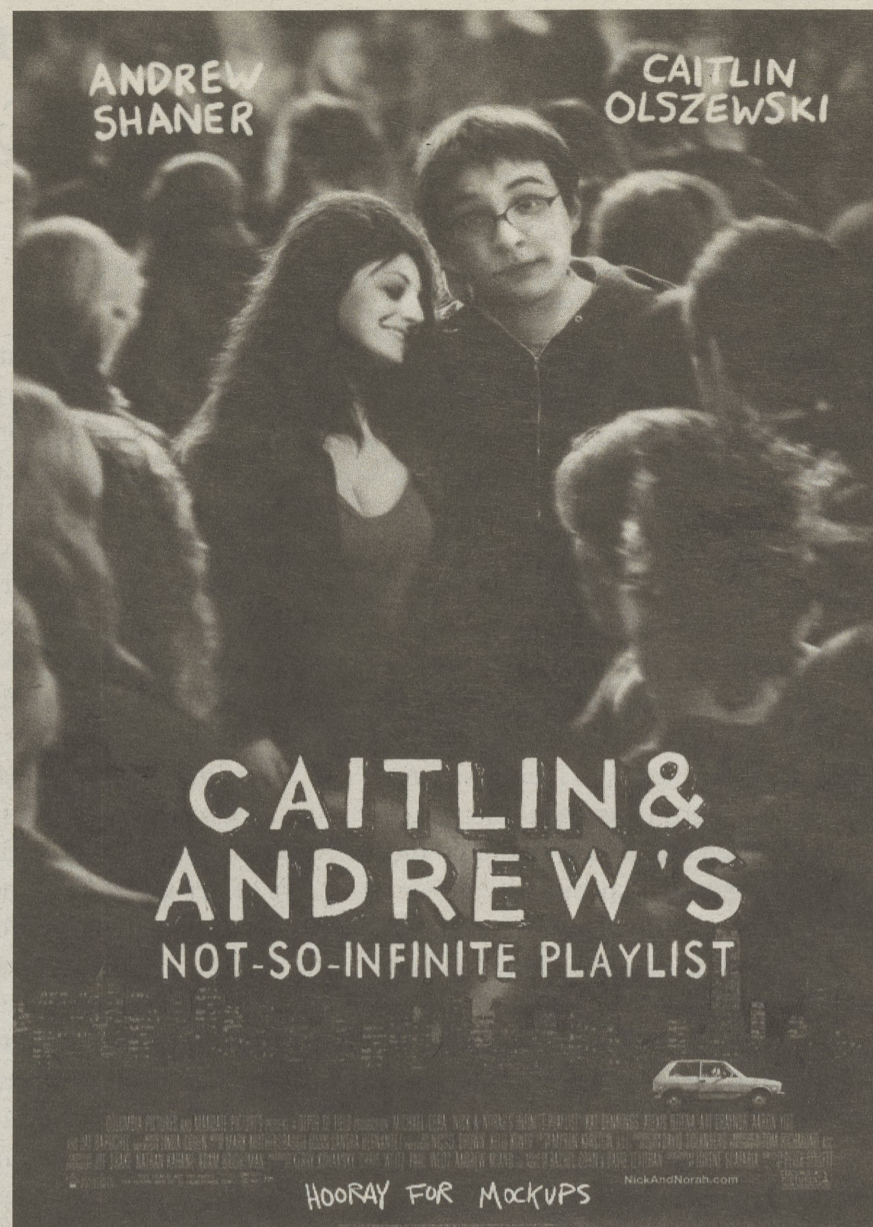


Arel Moodie's Book, "For Student Success"
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"You're awesome!" says Arel Moodie, top young speaker in America. On Thursday, September 3rd, Moodie talked to students in the Lion's Den about how to find a job that they will truly love. He shared tips on how to lead a successful life. Arel gave an easy step-by-step path to follow in figuring out what you should do with your life.

Step one: find a way to get to what you want, and don't be discouraged; it will open your eyes to new avenues to explore. The next step is to understand yourself: figure out what you like, what you hate, and take a personality test. You can search online for a Myer Briggs personality test, or go to

your school counselor for this test (hint: check the Career Center). By knowing more about yourself you can better decide what kind of things you would be good at or enjoy. The third step is to make a list of all your skills a separate list of all your interests. No matter what your interests or skills may be, write them down. Next, you want to ask yourself the right kinds of questions, for instance: what kind of things you enjoy doing on a daily basis, what can you do with the skills you have, what interests that you have can be of value to other people. The last step is to do something, use what you have access to as a student in college to find out information



Andrew & Caitlin's Not-So-Infinite Playlist

By Caitlin Olszewski and Andrew Shaner

1. "Let's Go Surfing"- The Drums
2. "Wu-Tang: 7th Chamber, Part II"- Wu-Tang Clan
3. "Crying Lightning"- Arctic Monkeys
4. "Vice Rag"- A.A. Bondy
5. "Ragged Wood" - Fleet Foxes
6. "Gemini (Birthday Song)"- Why?
7. "Blue Skies"- Noah and the Whale
8. "Sun Will Shine"- Akron Family
9. "Dry the Rain"- The Beta Band
10. "Hysteric"- Yeah Yeah Yeahs

on anything you have interest in. Find a mentor to look to for advice, and surround yourself with the kind of people that can help yourself achieve your overall goal. Moodie's book, *For Student Success*, is full of all the helpful information students need to get themselves on the path to success.

Aside from his book, Arel suggested a number of other books, such as Timothy Ferris' *The 4 Hour Workweek* and *Pathfinder* by Nicholas Lore. Arel Moodie is an amazing speaker and travels to different school across the country talking to students and teaching them the path to success. If you ever get the chance to see him and listen to him speak, I would highly recommend it. His tips are informative and life changing; he tells you everything you need to know to find a successful career in a job you'll love. Students who attended his lecture were also given a free book encapsulating all the points he had covered in his presentation, and even more worthwhile information.

For more information about Arel Moodie, where he'll be, and what he has to say go to www.arelmoodie.com.