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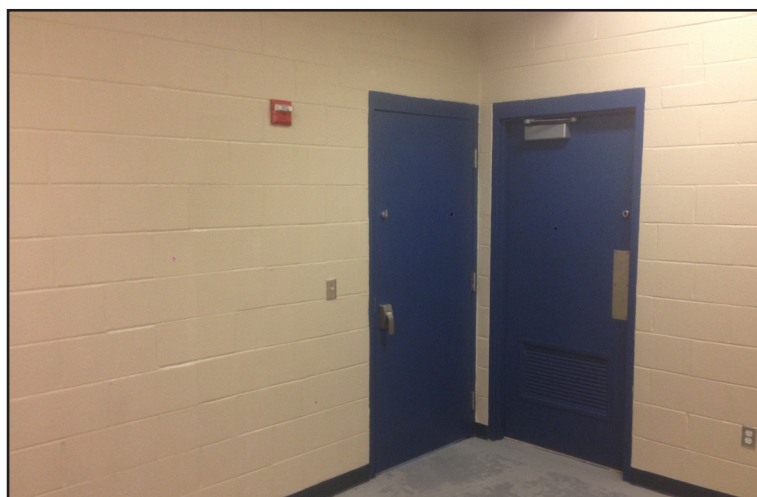
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'S'lounge' finally back on Malvern Prep's campus



EMPTY DOUGHERTY LOCKER ROOM AWAITS SENIOR TAKEOVER / D. MALLOY

According to school leaders, students will have to take ownership and responsibility to keep this tradition going.

Jerry Curran '17

CONTRIBUTOR

After a year of having no senior lounge at Malvern Prep, the spot has been restored for the Class of 2017 with a locker room in Dougherty Hall.

However, great responsibility comes with such a privilege, and Head of Upper School Mr. Ron Algeo looks for senior leadership to kick in.

"The positive effect of the lounge is the idea of senior leadership and ownership, and it will be very critical for this all to work," Algeo said.

Algeo said he really liked how two seniors in Student Council stepped up in the search process, and that he appreciated the time that they spent looking for the perfect spot. "Rich Heany and Justin Titchenell were very helpful in the search process," Algeo said.

The class of 2015 was the last class to have a senior lounge. When the science department turned that space into the science resource room, it left the class of 2016 with nowhere to go.

After a long search, Student Council President Rich Heany '17 is proud to say the "s'lounge" is back. "We hit some bumps in the road, but it feels great to finally have a place to hang out," Heany said.

With the senior lounge set to be finalized soon, Mr. Algeo said that he thinks there will be problems with the lounge, but he will look to the seniors to be leaders and hopefully pass down this leadership to next year's group.

"Taking ownership will be the biggest thing," Algeo said. "I had already spoken to Rich and his team about how obviously Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Poce, Mr. LeStrange, and myself all have concerns and anything from guys screwing around in there, or somebody getting hurt, or breaking something in there, from guys skipping class to guys just being unruly loud and messy."

Dean of Students Mr. Tim Dougherty said that he will be keeping a close eye on the lounge, but it is in a good spot. "The perfect senior lounge would need adult supervision

nearby; it would have to be in higher traffic areas and away from classrooms," Dougherty said.

Algeo has also come up with a protocol to keep the lounge under control by getting help from the students. "When I met with [Heany], I said, 'someone is going to mess up somehow.' And what I asked [Heany] is, what are you guys going to do about it?"

"[Student Council] came up with a protocol, so when something happens I'm going to go to them first and let them deal with it," Algeo said.

Heany confirmed this plan. "We plan on keeping the s'lounge under control by laying down some rules; for example, no cursing, no horseplay, and no vandalism," he said. "If you can't follow these rules,

we will have Titch throw you out." Algeo said that they have had much success with this protocol in recent years. "In the past when we have done this it has really been successful," Algeo said. "Guys have taken pride in it, and have taken ownership."

"If that works and they can pass that on to next year's seniors in terms of taking ownership, then that will be the key on keeping the senior lounge going at Malvern," Algeo said.

At a senior class meeting during Community Time on October 14, Algeo spoke with the seniors. According to Shane Muntz '17 who attended the meeting, Algeo discussed how the s'lounge is going to take a lot of responsibility and he is trusting that students will treat the lounge with great care.

"I'm really excited about the new lounge," Muntz said.

"After such a long process, the Student Council and I feel great about the space we have been able to obtain," Heany said. "The maintenance guys have done a great job in helping us and I would really like to thank them, Mr. Algeo, Mr. [Dougherty], and Mr. Lestrangle for their cooperation."◇

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Student Council preps for Homecoming, Spirit Week, and other events in October.

Kyle Leonard '19

FRIAR LIFE EDITOR

After a successful first month of the school year, the Student Council has some plans and ideas in place for October. Senior and Student Council President Rich Heany was happy about how things went in September, and is optimistic on how things are looking for this month.

The first event in September that Heany thought was a success was the D-schedule handball tournament

"I thought [the handball tournament] went really well. I thought we had a good reaction from that. The students seemed to like it," Heany said.

Also, the Student Council introduced the first annual Color Run in September, which took place during the C.A.R.E.S Walk.

"There wasn't that big of a crowd, which is expected for the first year," Heany said. "Of the kids who did it, they said they really liked it. I feel like this is something that can grow in the future."

In regards to October, the Student Council's main focus is on Spirit Week, the annual event

where each day during the week leading up to Homecoming is a different theme.

"We have some ideas in mind. We were thinking about a USA day Monday, jersey day Wednesday, college day Thursday, and Blue and Grey Day Friday," Heany said. "We just need to figure out Tuesday. Our initial idea wasn't allowed."

In an email sent to the student body on October 19, Student Council officially announced the dress down themes listed below.

During the Blue and Grey Games, the annual festivities on the Friday before Homecoming, Student Council is planning an Egg Toss.

"We always have the Fastest Kid and Closest Throw competitions, but we feel like the Egg Toss will be fun," Heany said "It will be really competitive too."

Student Council has also been actively working to arrange for a Senior Lounge. (See article, left.)

Altogether, Heany said he is looking forward to fall activities. "We're really excited about the things we have planned, especially for Spirit Week," he said. "We'll see how it goes."◇

SPIRIT WEEK 2016 DRESS-DOWN THEMES

Monday, Oct. 24
USA Theme

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Country Western

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Jersey Day

Thursday, Oct. 27
College Day

Friday, Oct. 28
Blue & Gray

Malvern changes active shooter protocol

ALiCE has been implemented as a new procedure to help keep teachers and students safe.

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On Wednesday, September 21, the Malvern Prep faculty and staff participated in a drill to simulate what might happen if an active shooter was on campus.

According to Dean of Students Mr. Tim Dougherty, the realistic exercises resulted in two unidentified participants jumping out of a Carney Hall window.

ALiCE has been implemented as the new active shooter procedure at Malvern Prep as "threats are ever present," according to Dougherty. According to their website, ALiCE (Alert, Lockdown, inform, Counter, Evacuate), is the "#1 Active Shooter Civilian Response Training for all Organizations."

After going to training for ALiCE last year, Dougherty, Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Rick Poce, and Director of Campus Safety Mr. Steve Lestrangle decided it was time to bring ALiCE to Malvern and its staff and faculty.

ALiCE isn't your typical intruder response protocol, but it's far from the only one of its kind. "There are lots of programs," Lestrangle said. "This one is perfect for us....We are a campus."

But why is ALiCE all that different? When an active shooter was on campus two years ago, students were herded into "safe" spaces, locked down, and told to remain quiet. With ALiCE this might not be the procedure. Instead, teachers have been trained to listen closely for new information, lockdown if necessary, and counter or evacuate if possible.

One of the most important aspects of ALiCE is the "i" for inform. "It is

Teacher of the Issue: Mr. Kevin Moore

Mr. Moore has been teaching at Malvern for three years now, and he has changed as a person because of it.



MOORE WORKING WITH STUDENTS IN CALCULUS CLASSROOM / T. WHITE

Tommy White '17
REPORTER

Mr. Moore grew up in Downingtown, Pennsylvania and attended Downingtown West High School. He had a passion for choir and theater in those days, then he was turned on to running in the spring of his Senior year.

"I made a deal with my best friend in High School," Moore said. "He would come and sing in choir and if he did that, I had to run."

So the deal panned out, Moore was obligated to run track and he immediately started to get into it. He loved the idea of being fit and went on to join Immaculata University's new team the next year.

"I was terrible my Freshman year," Moore said. "I continued to work really hard at it."

Eventually, Moore was the captain for two years and graduated from Immaculata in 2012. He taught at the Salesianum School in Delaware for two years. During that time he married his wife, Maggie Moore. He was the coach for cross country and track and field there as well.

"I had a coach that I really think fostered and taught me how to love the sport," Moore said. "[He taught me how to] love teaching the sport and how to coach the sport."

Moore is also particularly fond of math. His passion for math is found in none other than drag racing.

"The science and the math, physics really, behind racing I think is really what drove me to work with

numbers day in and day out," Moore said. "This makes my interest in the sport continue."

Moore would go to Maple Grove Raceway every weekend with his father in his childhood. He got his license when he was 18 and now finds the time to go once a month.

After his time at Salesianum, he found himself at Malvern, and he does not regret it.

"I have always been a driven individual," Moore said. "I always enjoy picking up something new. Malvern has really ignited a passion for continuing to learn, and not being stagnant."

According to Moore, Malvern has made him a patient individual, not only with other people but with himself as well.

"I wholeheartedly believe that through being here at Malvern, I have become a better listener and much more patient," Moore said.

What Moore hopes to do is to create opportunities for students to continue to grow, learn, and make memories. Moore would love to stay at Malvern for the rest of his career, and as of now, he does not see himself going anywhere.

Moore's love and dedication for the school has grown significantly since he has come here. Every day, Moore finds new value in the institution.

"In my last couple years of being here, I have learned and grown more as an individual and as a teacher than I have really in the last number of years," Moore said. ♦

Visitors Center back in former location

Staff say spaces reorganized for security, convenience and logistics.



MALVERN PREP VISITOR'S CENTER / K. LEONARD

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After a two year period in Austin Hall, the Visitor's Center has been moved back to its original location, providing an easily accessible building to the visitors of the Malvern Prep campus.

The Visitor's Center moved to Austin Hall during summer 2014. During that time, the current Visitor's Center building was used as Head Football Coach and Director of Experiential Learning Mr. Aaron Brady's office.

Originally, Head of School Mr. Christian Talbot and Brady planned for the Visitor's Center building to have similar features to the Learning Commons, like writeable walls. This would create an open idea environment that aids ingenuity and creativity.

Despite the fact that the special walls were not installed, the idea of the "Experiential Learning Hub" stayed alive. With whiteboards, computers, and televisions all accessible in the office, the concept of student entrepreneurship was supported.

"The space wasn't used as much for the [Social Entrepreneurship] class we had, but more for kids who had ideas or projects they wanted to do," Brady said.

The Visitor's Center building was also the ideal space for Brady's office. This office allowed him to work both with academics and athletics.

From a football perspective, it allowed his players to watch film, go over game plans, and meet with college coaches. This space also allowed Brady to conduct meetings with alumni and students.

If this space was so ideal for Brady, why was it changed?

According to Brady, the main reason for the relocation of his office was security. From a security standpoint, both Brady and Mr. Lestrangle agree that the Visitor's Center is the first building you see while driving around the ring road.

"The Visitor's Center controls the flow of visitors,"

Head of Campus Security Mr. Steve Lestrangle said.

Lestrangle mentioned how public schools typically have one building, with one controlled door for visitors to check in. At a place like Malvern Prep, the campus is very open. The location for visitor check in needs to be prominent. Mr. Lestrangle also said that paying attention to the little things keep this campus safe.

"[Lestrangle] has a really hard job. No one cares until something happens," Brady said. "I think he does an incredible job; for being understaffed, the way he keeps this place safe and really cares about the kids here and the faculty. The guy has a heart of gold."

According to Lestrangle, the location of the Visitor's Center building also provides an aspect of convenience. Visitors can simply park and check in.

Receptionist and Assistant to Student Life Mrs. Michelle O'Donnell is the first face you see when checking in at the Visitor's Center. "It's the first place visitors park and see on campus," O'Donnell said.

O'Donnell said the the Visitor's Center is very busy, and that it is a great space to get things done ranging from parents dropping off their child's bag to directing delivery trucks.

Assistant Director of Admissions and Head Lacrosse Coach Mr. John McEvoy said that the previous visitor check-in in Austin Hall became too busy on some days. According to McEvoy, it is challenging for Austin Hall to be used both as an administrative building and a visitors building.

As for the location of the "Experiential Learning Hub," a specific location has yet to be determined. Brady has a new office in St. Rita's, but he said it is not big enough to have it be the headquarters of experiential learning. ♦

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> **ACTIVE SHOOTER PROTOCOL, 3** information based," Lestrangle said.

Dougherty said that if there were an intruder or active shooter on campus that he would be giving accurate and timely information to make sure everyone is safe. This information system includes loudspeaker announcements and text alerts as quickly as there is new information.

"C" stands for counter. Not attack. Not flee. Counter. Don't attack but act appropriately when given the opportunity. If the shooter comes in the main doors of Carney and you're in 106, it may be advisable to escape or come up with a plan to otherwise counter the assailant.

The three members who had already undergone ALiCE training, Poce, Dougherty, and Lestrangle, led the teachers exercise and acted as active shooters. They split the building into three floors and each of them took a floor.

"It was high stress! There wasn't much time," English teacher Ms. Nicole Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson was in room 301 in Carney Hall with Director of College Counseling Mr. Paul Simpson, Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Pam Whitney, and Art Teacher Ms. Kate Plows.

"We immediately went to lock the doors but one of them was broken and wouldn't lock. We used the desks to barricade the door," Wilkinson said.

Mr. Dougherty commented on this room's efficiency and quick thinking. "The doors in

Carney open inwards," said Dougherty. "It was a really good idea."

Wilkinson occasionally takes her classes outside to the outdoor classroom. She said she learned that under ALiCE procedures, she might take outdoor classes to the retreat centre across the street in the event of a lockdown.

Wilkinson found the training to be helpful. "The ALiCE training made me more conscious about always being aware," she said.

Overall, Dougherty and Lestrangle were pleased with the September training. "Everyone took it seriously and we are very happy with how it went," Dougherty said.

ALiCE training has been brought to the faculty and staff, but not the students. Dougherty thinks they still need some time to prepare before they train students on the procedure.

"Do we do it with kids?" said Dougherty. "Probably a little ways away."

"A couple years," Lestrangle added.

"It's something we always talk about," Dougherty said. "Keeping you guys safe." ♦

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