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# the 411 Newsletter

“Connecting Students to what’s Happening on Campus.”

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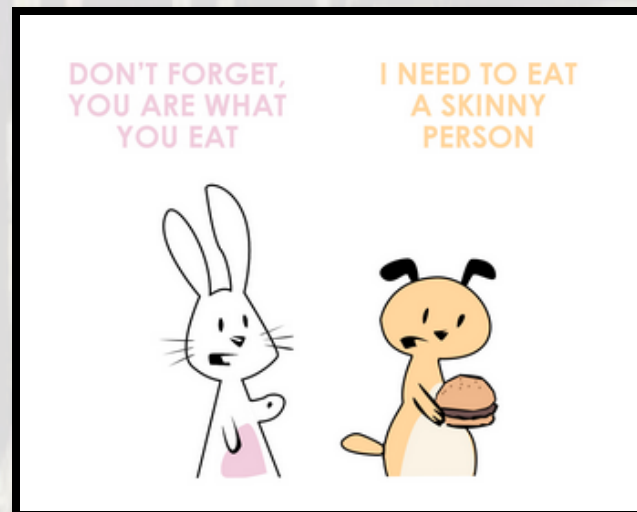
- 2/2 – 3/20 Withdrawal Period to Receive a “W”
- 2/9 – 3/6 Low Grade Reporting Period
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## Staying Fit

This February is dedicated to staying fit here at ASCC. Thanks Fa’afouina Fruean (Fresh Print Staff) for finding this picture and putting things into perspective.



## Making Announcements on 411

If you would like to make announcements via the 411 Campus Newsletter, please see Katrina Garcia at the S.L.A. Center, or you can email: [k.garcia@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamoa.edu) or [ascc411newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ascc411newsletter@gmail.com). Or you can call 699-9155 ext. 479.



Fresh Print is ASCC’s journalism club. They are in charge of putting together the 411 Newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to join the club, email Katrina, [k.garcia@amsamoa.edu](mailto:k.garcia@amsamoa.edu).

# Division of Student Services

“We here at Student Services are dedicated to providing each student with high quality services and assistance in all of our respective areas.”

**Counselor Contact – Feel free to stop by and get help from your Counselors**

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**Need some guidance?  
Go see a counselor!**

## Veterans Student Services Corner

Please see or contact Lydian Tinitali, 699-9155 ext. 368 or email [asccvastudentservices@amsamoa.edu](mailto:asccvastudentservices@amsamoa.edu) for information concerning students with VA benefits.



## Financial Aid Outreach Counselor

Want to set up an outreach session for a local high school, village, community, or church organization to discuss transitioning to college and Financial Aid? Stop by the Counselors Office by the cafeteria, and see Mana’o Satele-Vaovasa.

Phone: 699-9155 Ext. 377

Email: [m.vaovasa@amsamoa.edu](mailto:m.vaovasa@amsamoa.edu)



## Student Learning Assistance Center

If you need tutorial sessions, to get help stop by the S.L.A. Center for English or the Annex for Math and all other subjects.

Call us at 699-9155 ext. 368 (Math and other subjects) or 479 (English), to set an appointment or just walk in.

Email us at [slastaff@amsamoa.edu](mailto:slastaff@amsamoa.edu).

We have one-on-one and group tutoring.

If a teacher refers you to the Center, you must have a referral form.

For staff and peer tutor schedules, ask anyone at either sites.



## Upcoming SGA Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>2/17</b> Women's Volleyball Gym 12:30pm		<b>2/19</b> Women's Volleyball Finals 12:30pm	
	<b>2/24</b> Men's Rugby Tournament Malae 12:30pm		<b>2/26</b> Men's Rugby Finals Malae 12:30pm	

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Student recipients of the Asian & Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund (APIASF) please see Dr. Emilia Le'i for more information regarding the awarding ceremony at 12:00 PM in the Lecture Hall on Friday, March 3, 2015.

## Scholarship and Internship Opportunities

### ASCC In-House Scholarships

Applications are available on February 2, 2015. Deadline to submit (extended): March 13, 2015. See Sina Hudson in the Dean of Student Services office to pick up or to learn more about the scholarships.



**Application opens on**  
**January 5, 2015 at:**  
<https://massmutual.scholarsapply.org>

**Application Deadline:**  
**March 31, 2015**  
 4:30 p.m. Central Time

**MassMutual is focused on expanding access and opportunity of higher education and employment to students who reflect the rich cultural diversity of our nation. We seek to increase the number of students completing college nationally, assist in decreasing student debt, raise awareness of careers in financial services, and recruit and retain the top talent touched by our programs.**

## NATIONAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

### Scholarship Opportunity Available to all Former Students of American Samoa Community College

National American University is now offering a **scholarship to all former students of American Samoa Community College** interested in completing a **master's degree**. For more than 70 years, NAU has offered high-quality technical and professional career programs in a caring and supportive learning environment.

**Enroll today!**

#### Scholarship Information and Benefits

- **Masters: \$54.00 per credit hour scholarship** (\$416 per credit hour with scholarship)
- **Application fee waived**
- Personalized and individual assistance from an Academic Advisor
- Free transcript request service and evaluation of prior credits



**Tuition Savings  
for you!**

#### Steps to Receive the Scholarship

- Complete a [NAU application](#).
- Enroll in a NAU degree program (special or Graduate Probation Admission does not qualify).
- Complete the scholarship application.



*Contact us today to find out  
how you can get started.*

**Roueche Graduate Center**

**(877) 398-0118**

[graduateadmissions@national.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@national.edu)

[www.national.edu](http://www.national.edu)

## Student Support Services Announcements:

### FREE TUTORING FOR CAPP STUDENTS!

Must be:

- a US Citizen or National.
- on financial aid.

Monday to Friday  
 8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

*Help available for both Math and English!*

### Volunteer and Make a Difference!

SSS is looking for volunteer tutors for English and Math this spring.

Must have completed English  
 150/151 or 250/251 or Math  
 151/255 with a GPA of 3.0 or better.  
*Must be passionate about helping others.  
 CAPP alumni a bonus!*

Contact SSS Math and English Tutor: J. Nisha Tofilau

Call: 699-9155 ext. 423

Email: [j.tofilau@amsamoa.edu](mailto:j.tofilau@amsamoa.edu)

Or stop by the SSS office for more information.



# FRESH PRINT

# NEWS

## DID YOU KNOW?

By: Hertha-Lina Aumoeualogo

Working out by yourself can be a drag sometimes, why not join a group of people who have the same goals?

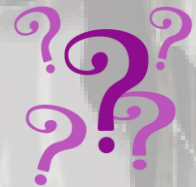
You can join the energetic, fast-paced Taebo sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the former Samoa Sports Center. The location is across Island Pizza or right next door to the Oasis Restaurant in Tafuna.

Not available during those hours or days?

No problem! You can dance your pounds away at Zumba on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same exact location from 4:30pm to 5:30 pm.

Make sure to bring your bottle of water, a small towel, and a whole lot of butt-kicking attitude!

All sessions are open to the public and it's a great way to make new friends and be motivated to keep reaching your fitness goals!



# Campus Talk: Do's and Don'ts for wearing Tights/Leggings

By Ellie Dallas

It seems that tights and leggings have crept into the American Samoa fashion scene. One thing is for certain, it may take a couple of tries for you to “get it right” to some people. Whether it looks good on you, or looks like your butt is ready to explode from the seams, here are some comments and/or advice from students on campus about how you may want to wear those skintight “pants.”

"Some look good; some just don't." – JM

"Rock that booty." – Anonymous

"Don't show camel toe." – Jude S.

"See through tights are not cool." – SU

"I'm fine with girls with tights, but guys? No." – MP

"I'd wear it if I had the booty." – JA

"They're too tight." – BL

"Wear the right underwear." – Desiree

"It's comfortable." – Deb

"It really depends if you have nice legs." – TM

"It depends on who's wearing the leggings." – Anonymous

"If you can pull it off, I'm okay with it" – LT

"It's too tight sometimes." – Anonymous

"It's uncomfortable for me." – JP

"If you're tall and fit, go ahead, but don't wear tights to compact everything in if it naturally flows out." – Roma aka Papa Romez.

"It's fashionable but uncomfortable." – Anonymous

“They’re comfortable, but it’s just not for the public eye...unless you wear a long shirt or something, then it’s good.” – LL

{ The Good }

{ The Bad }



thick fabric side detailing    Shirt is covering all parts that should be covered    leather is chic    not see-through



see through.    We don't want to see your lady parts    unless your in Ballet, tights should not be pants    Seriously? NO!

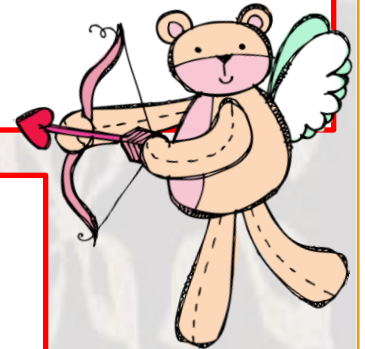
## Fresh Prints “*Dear Future Boyfriend / Girlfriend,*” Love Letter Competition Winners!

Fresh Print would like to extend a warm “thank you” to all those who participated in the “Dear Future Boyfriend/Girlfriend, Love Letter Competition. Check out the heartfelt, two winning letters that our team chose. Hope you enjoyed your \$15 Gift Card to the movies.

Dear Future Boyfriend,

I’m the girl who daydreams of romantic adventures but never lived them. The girl who gives love advice to her in-love friends but has no use for it herself. Countless nights I wish on every star hoping one day you would notice me. Hoping that I am the reason you smile because without a doubt you’ll be the cause of mine. I just need someone that could make me happy by just being next to me. I don’t need a Prince or a Hero from fictional romance novels that I read growing up. I don’t need expensive gifts to show that you love me, telling me that you do is enough. Wherever you may be just know that I am right here. We might not meet today, tomorrow, or the day after that but it’s okay. Just know that I’ll be right here, waiting.

Love Always,  
Sweetie



Dear Future Lover,

I would give up anything in the world just to be with you  
Including my heart and soul, if that's what I need to do  
If the sun could die every night to let the moon shine  
Then baby I would do just the same, if you were mine  
You'll never have to worry about what people say  
As long as we have each other, then everything's okay  
People will come and go, but I'll never leave  
For you're my life, and the very air I breathe  
I'll promise to love you until death do us part  
Because you're the endless beat of my fragile heart  
If you give me the chance, I will love you right  
I'll make you feel like you want it all night  
Until then my future lover, whoever you may be  
I will wait to fulfill the promises of you and me

Pen Name



*Again, thank you participants. Please students, keep an eye out for our future competitions. The next may just be as easy as this past Valentine’s Day one.*

## Street Art Throwdown

Review by: Zachary Faulkner  
Fresh Print Staff

Bua, aka BUA. In the first episode, ten artists compete in two challenges designed to highlight their art and technical skills, and to eliminate one from the competition. Judging their work is BUA and gallery expert Lauren Wagner. From scaling buildings to tag a billboard, to wandering dark urban tunnels to find spots to paint, every challenge allows the contestants to show off their talent while demonstrating how graffiti has evolved into an important part of the international art scene.

It's a standard reality competition, but the series successfully expresses how the style has evolved from being an urban nuisance into an internationally recognized body of work that combines traditional painting techniques with edgy modern aesthetics and popular imagery. Artists of all ages will be drawn to the series, which makes a point of highlighting the various methods used to design, execute, and master the art form. It also showcases some of the more common traditions and language of the street art community. But you don't have to be an artist to appreciate the insight it offers into the work, and the culture from which it is born.

If you are interested in watching this program, then be sure to check it out every Tuesday on Oxygen (Channel 56).



## Trivia Crack

Review by: Siuila Uele  
Fresh Print Staff

Trivia Crack is a game app that picks at your brain a little, like any trivia game would. Whether you're playing with a friend or a stranger, both of you are given a chance to get a "crack" at answering a trivia question from one of the six categories: Art, Geography, Entertainment, Sports, Science and History. After answering three consecutive questions correctly, you are given the classic option to win yourself a crown in which case you select a category character of your choice and are given a question according to your selection. You are also given the option of challenging your opponent to steal one of their characters with the risk of losing one of your own. This fun and addicting game has people at the edge of their seats with just a few seconds to answer each question. It definitely forces people to put on their thinking caps or guessing hats until they answer a question incorrectly and the game is then turned over to their opponent for a chance to win a crown and character or steal one of yours. Download this app for free on your smartphone or tablet and get crackin' with Trivia Crack!





**“Malice” in Wonderland**  
**Review by: Dolan Grey**  
**Fresh Print Staff**

The absurdity and flaws that are found in fairytales such as “Sleeping Beauty” and “Alice and Wonderland” will have you wondering and second-guessing what you have been watching your entire childhood.

While everyone sings along to their favorite Disney tunes, in awe of the romantic semantics of these classic fairytales, some may find themselves discovering the flaws in these absurd storylines with twisted morals.

By its very definition, a fairytale is a children’s story about magical and imaginary beings and lands. My definition: a fabricated story meant for deception. Some plots in fairytales have a lovely story in which they display various forms of empowerment such as love for a significant other or sibling/family. However, the empowerments are being focused on while flaws are being overlooked.

Who in their right mind would accept an apple from a stranger? Why are you not content with being a princess of the sea? How could that prince spend all night with a girl and forget her face? And how is it the only way to find her identity is by having a whole village try on a shoe? Why did that creepy prince just randomly stop in the middle of the forest and kiss that princess because she was asleep? Who is going to trade a cow for some beans, magic or not?

People are sometimes blinded by these flaws because they have happy endings. Happy endings are there because somewhere in the middle of the movie, the plot is twisted and ruined by someone who is jealous.

Next time you watch an old Disney film, try to observe and assess some of the behaviors of your favorite characters. You might find that chasing a rabbit down a hole might just be an absurd concept.



Ever wondered if the future depicted in movies we watch today would ever become reality? Well, if you watched the 1985 movie, “Back to the Future”, you might actually have a little fun watching to see what they predicted to be 2015. There are actually a few predictions that have come true from this nostalgic movie, like 3D movies, video conferencing and hand held/wireless devices.

Some are still a bit unreachable, like flying cars and hover boards, but nothing a few more years won’t solve. My favorite to date is when Nike announced that they are working on the famous “self-tying shoelaces,” one of the product placements in the film. I can’t wait for that invention, tying shoelaces is such a hassle. So if I have gotten your interest to see what a 1980’s movie prediction of this year is... Check out “Back to the Future.”

## Chief Staff/Faculty of the Week

By Hertha-Lina Aumoeualogo

Get to know the various staff and faculty on campus from our “Chief Staff/Faculty of the Week.” This issue we have Dr. Larry Purcell from the Teacher Education Department.



Name: Dr. Larry Purcell  
Teacher Education Department

If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?

Eclectic.

*(According to Merriam-Webster, n. one who uses a method or approach that is composed of elements drawn from various sources.)*

What is your goal when students enter your classroom?

I want to make sure that my students enjoy learning because that is what motivates them to come to class. I also want to make sure that I help them achieve their goals while they are here.

What was the biggest factor in your decision to teach at ASCC?

I've always loved teaching and I figured I can do a lot of good as a teacher. You're not just influencing people in the classroom. They, in turn, will influence others outside of the classroom and so forth. You're looking at a whole generation being influenced by you and that's what I want to do.

In one sentence, what is your philosophy of education?

My philosophy of education is to make sure that every student reaches their highest potential, as humanly possible.

If you could give ASCC students two tips about college, what would they be?

Well, first of all, “This too shall pass”. Sometimes students dread the process. They think “Ugh, it's going to be a drag”, or “this program is going to take too long”. But one day, it'll be finished. Just hang in there a little bit longer and in no time you will be done.

Secondly, pray. Depend on the Lord. It's the strength that comes from Him that will help you through everything.

*(Fresh Print crew would like to wish Dr. Purcell an early Happy Birthday! He will be celebrating his birthday this Thursday, February 19. We hope for many more years added to your life so you can share your eclectic personality with students here at ASCC.)*

# Express

## Student Artwork

### Her Eyes

A poem by Vaipunaole Alofa

ten thirty three pm we load up and head out.  
west bound, A-T-M I'm used to it now.  
same routine since 2013.  
only difference tonight is we're taking maureen.  
two hours later and shopping is done.  
super nachos, double quarter with mac sauce im gone.  
debit meter charged, truck thirst quenched.  
still cash frenzy tho a grips been spent.  
home bound now its shootin past twelve.  
hit the ville safely tho its pourin like hell.  
passin the intersection i see her from a distance.  
my heart starts racing my mind's asking questions.  
who is this elderly figure, and why is she alone.  
its twelve thirty six and she's still not home.  
is she waiting for her ride, and does she have a phone?  
if that was my grandmother could i leave her on her own?  
we looked at each other and silently agreed.  
an illegal u-turn just so we could see.  
pulled up to the bus stop, she was soaking wet.  
leaving her there to wait would be my biggest regret.  
she was waiting for her ride, her daughter was late.  
in the rain for two hours she sat there to wait.  
we agreed as we told her we'd give her a ride.  
an echo of thank you's as she hopped inside.  
the trip to the house was quiet and slow.  
we drove her to the back through the dark tinted road.  
she gave us a blessing as she hopped out of the truck.  
for her fare her blessing was sufficient enough.  
now i know this sounds weird, some might think it insane.  
there was a reason why things happened that way.  
to me it was more of a cultural test.  
to others it was defined through a super-natural sense.  
some even acknowledged the christian act.  
call it what you will, there remains but one fact.  
if this was a test or challenge, and we succeeded on our first try.  
it was all because we saw grandma, in that old lady's eyes

*More student artwork, next page.*

### Dear No One

By Ina Shekinah Tupufia

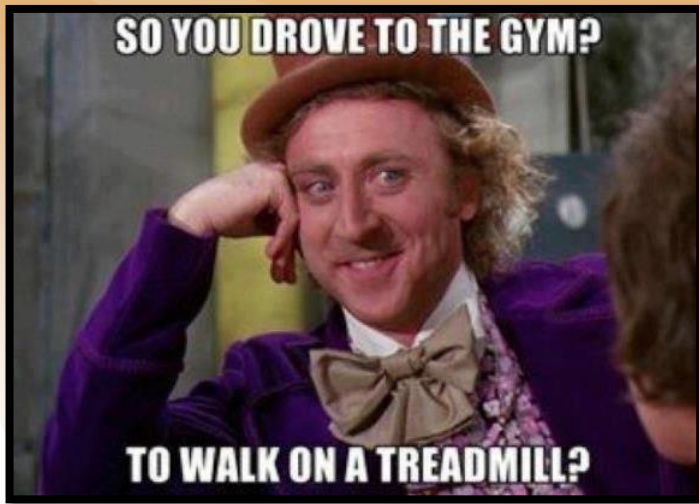
Dear No One,  
 I used to love someone, who took my breathe away,  
 Who used to make me smile, every single day,  
 I give him my heart and I gave him my world,  
 But rumor has it, that he's in love with another girl  
 I told myself that I didn't love him, but that was a total lie  
 Every time I think about him, makes me want to break down and cry  
 For three years my heart was filled with unforgettable pain  
 Filled with so much hurt and sorrow, that nearly drove me insane  
 I loved him hopelessly and unconditionally from the very start  
 But everything changed from the moment he broke my weary heart  
 I don't know why he doesn't love me, like the way I do  
 When all of the things I've said about loving him were true  
 Most nights I've shed teardrops from trying to forget his face  
 Hoping and praying for someone else to come and take his place  
 I prayed that the wound in my heart would somehow heal  
 So that I may guard it safely again for no one to steal  
 Now that I know better, and now I can finally see  
 The reason why he loved her, instead of me  
 Some say she's pretty, and others say she's smart  
 I guess that's how she managed to win his precious heart  
 But Dear No One, now that I'm happy and now that I'm forever free  
 To finally realize that he'll never find another girl like me

### Her Visits

By Usol

I often find myself on a beachside by the sea, the moon light guides my every step as I try my best to see.  
 For the last four days she's visited me, here by the sandy shores. Answers she has given none, but questions I  
 have more.  
 Who is this girl with a smile that glows that takes me by the hand? And guides me through the shallow waters I  
 do not understand.  
 She calls me by my name and begs for me to follow, as I reach her she embraces me as if there was no  
 tomorrow.  
 She whispers into my ear, "Will you love me for the rest of my life." I say "I may not love you for the rest of  
 yours, but I will love you for the rest of mine."  
 She then lets my hand go as she fades into the sea, as I wake up with love in my heart for what was but a  
 dream.  
 Now I don't know who she is, or, from where she came, but on my pillow she has left traces of her name.  
 I now know she was not a dream so my search begins today, for the girl in my dreams with a name that begins  
 with T-A-T-Y-A...

# Student Corner



## Word Search – Sports

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## Word of the day:

**Circumspect** *adj.* Wary and unwilling to take risks. “His circumspect approach to investing.”

*“It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.”*

- Babe Ruth