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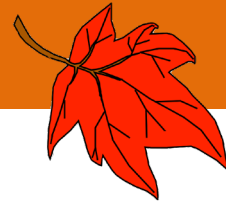
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Dancing Shadow

Written By: Alexandra Sartori



Dance comes in many forms, from bobbing your head up and down to music all the way to classical ballet. It's hard to imagine that, at this point, with so many forms of dance that already exist and have been perfected, that there could be new and exciting forms of dance still being explored.

Catapult Entertainment is a shadow dance company. Shadow dancing is a modern form of dance that uses lighting effects to showcase the silhouette of a person dancing. The Catapult dance troupe has been a popular pioneer in this field of dance.

This group is most recognized for the fame they garnered from performing on "America's Got Talent." The troupe performed on Season 8 of the show, back in 2013. They advanced all the way to the finals before being eliminated. Despite not winning on the show, Catapult has found their own niche fame in the dancing world.

The Catapult dance troupe came to NMT on November 7th for their most recent tour and performed in the Macey Center. They performed a handful of unique and fun dances that illustrated narratives through movement.

This dance troupe dances in front of a light source and behind a sheet, meaning that their shadows are cast onto the sheet in front of them. They use this lighting technique to cast unique displays of shadows that are then formed into intricate stories.

The troupe can use the full scope of the stage behind the sheet in order to create bigger and smaller versions of themselves. They even use dance techniques that allow them to form non-human shapes and characters through poses involving strength and coordination. The troupe has fine-tuned this skill and are able to transform themselves into the silhouette of iconography like helicopters, dragons, cars, and pandas. Anything that you can imagine, they can twist and contort their body into.

The show at the Macey Center opened with a piece inspired by Vivaldi's "Four Seasons." The dance depicted each of the different seasons and memorable moments and holidays from each. This opener was then followed by six other short dances, titled: "Milestones," "Berlin Wall," "Spy," "Bullies," "Go West," and "A Traveler's Tale." Each dance transported the audience into a whole new world with a whirlwind of exciting shadows and music.

The Macey Center is always hosting new and fun performances for the community and recently invited Catapult Entertainment to NMT. The dance troupe performed their unique style of dance, shadow dancing, to illustrate narratives that could not be expressed through more traditional modes of dance. Be sure to be on the lookout for fun new performances being hosted here at NMT.

SGA Meeting Rundown: 10/19/21

1. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Paydirt is currently looking for a journalist to hire! If you are interested in writing for us, email paydirt@npe.nmt.edu.
2. If you have complaints/concerns about a staff member, contact Student Affairs with information and a dialogue/investigation can be begun with sufficient evidence.
3. 80 people attended Tech's first bonfire, labeling the event as a success. Plans are in place to have additional fuel for the fire next event. In other event news, a hot chocolate day is in the works for 'rainy, gloomy' days.
4. The SGA is looking to take notes and write Standard Operating Procedures after events to improve them and ensure future administrations can run them. 49ers was a success; almost every giveaway item was distributed and over 350 people attended the M Mountain run.
5. November 6th is Exploration Day! There will be a club/resources fair, showing potential students and families the campus. Contact Michael Voegerl at michael.voegerl@nmt.edu to get your club involved.
6. Several events are planned for Halloween and beyond. The idea is to make events after 49ers that do not completely pale in comparison, such as in previous years.
7. The SGA Supreme Court is looking to return to Roberts Rules of Order rather than our house rules.
8. The next Board of Regents meeting is November 19th at 1pm, location TBA.
9. A new SATD is to be hired, with training provided by the SATD from 10 years ago to give them the best shot at coming into their position. See last issue for more information on the SAC.
10. The SGA has reestablished contact with the Socorro City Council. They wish to maintain communications with the student body and are happy to take student concerns into account, such as the construction on Bullock Boulevard and Campus Drive that inhibited transportation, especially for new students.





McCall's Duality

Written By: Alexandra Sartori



Picture From the Santa Fe New Mexican

It's the time of year where my Instagram starts getting flooded with group pictures of people at McCall's Pumpkin Patch. It simply is not Autumn in New Mexico without this social media onslaught.

Some of the most popular include the pumpkin cannon, bunnyville, hayrides, corn maze, and the petting zoo.

McCall's Pumpkin Patch is a 25+ year old farm owned by the McCall family. Located in Moriarty, the farm started out growing pumpkins and alfalfa. It then became a more public farm because the owner, Kevin McCall, saw a desperate need for kids to learn more about agriculture and where their food comes from. It can create environmental awareness and a greater appreciation for the food you eat.

The McCall family decided to open their farm up every Autumn to visitors to let them explore and pick pumpkins. Since the genesis of this farm, many new attractions have been added.

The main attraction to the farm is still the pumpkin patch. Guests are invited to come out and pick as many pumpkins as they'd like for Autumnal festivities. After a nice afternoon in the field, activities like the hayride, that gives you a beautiful tour of the area, and the pumpkin carriage gives guests a chance to sit back and relax.

Want to go but have no idea what you would do with a pumpkin? Try carving a jack-o'-lantern to get in the Halloween spirit. Pumpkins also provide a long and enticing list of foods that can be prepared: roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin puree for pumpkin pie, pickled pumpkin rinds, and pumpkin chili or curry. Maybe you can even take a swing at making your own



or requested ingredients were promptly provided by Chartwells. Normally, all ingredients and utensils are requested ahead of time, and Leartherman made it clear that next time, no exceptions would be made if the items were not requested beforehand. Team One and Team LACB were done early, both dishes taking far less than the allotted time. This made plating difficult as the dishes lost some of their freshness. Team Allium, both due to the complexity of their dish and their lateness, used all of their time up to the last few minutes.

The judges tasted the sandwich created by Team One first. It was agreed that the dish was very good, and would fit right in at Chartwells. However, the corned beef was prepared by Chartwells, and the dish seemed too safe and simple. The stir fry made by Team LACB was also very flavorful, but an overabundance of spice made the dish difficult to stomach in large amounts for every judge. Again, the rice was prepared by Chartwells, despite LACB originally claiming they would make their own before switching at the last moment due to time concerns. The final dish, the buttered broccoli, was the most divisive dish. It "tasted like an incomplete product, which is what it was," explained Leatherman. Other judges, including myself, really enjoyed the dish, despite it clearly missing a component. Even still, the judges universally agreed that the mashed potatoes Zoe planned to add would likely have been a negative addition.



In the end, however, the two teams to move on were Team LACB and Team Allium. It came down to 4 votes for the stirfry, 3 for the buttered broccoli, and 1 for the sandwich, with each judge voting two dishes. Despite Zoe's dish being incomplete, it had the most potential, and left more of an impact with the judges than the sandwich. Thus, Team One was eliminated, and the other two teams moved on to the finals.

Round two began shortly after a brief intermission. Zoe was unaware that two dishes were to be prepared for the competition, but as her first dish was originally incomplete, she settled on cooking it again, but to its completion. She added both mashed potatoes and curry powder. Team LACB prepared a 'Breakfast for Dinner' hash consisting of potatoes, peppers, and a fried egg. Both teams used the full extent of the hour they were given.

During tasting, the judges agreed both dishes were flavorful, with the elements of the hash being cooked perfectly and the potato addition

to the buttered broccoli being a surprising fit. Leatherman's opinion of the buttered broccoli taste went up 6 points to a 9/10, after he rated the first iteration a 3/10. The judges ended up in a tie, with two for each dish. After further discussion and talking to other students at the event, the victor again came down to whether or not Chartwells could properly create the winning dish, as both could be prepared and were very flavorful. Leatherman, having voted for the buttered broccoli dish, reluctantly admitted that the hash would be easier to recreate in a fashion faithful to Team LACB's original recipe.



Thus, the winner was newcomers Jaden Keener and Chris Roy, with their 'Breakfast for Dinner' hash! Having tasted the dish myself, make sure to look out for Chartwells sponsoring the dish in the coming weeks! I am looking to retrieve the recipe from the cooks themselves, and will keep you updated. Make sure to keep an eye on your email for notifications on the next cookoff!

Picture below are Jaden and Chris along with Daniel.





The Second Chartwells Cookoff

Written By: Skyler Matteson



About a month ago, Paydirt covered the first Chartwells Cookoff, a cooking competition created by the Student Government Association and sponsored by Chartwells. The SGA runs the event, and Chartwells provides the space, food, and tools. At the end, the winning dish is served at Chartwells for a short time.

When I arrived, it turned out that the normal SGA hosts were unable to attend, and I was informed that I would be tasting and judging the event. Although this marks the second time a member of Paydirt has been a judge, I assure you that there is no grand media conspiracy in the works.

Three teams competed in this event, with the fourth dropping out. The competition consisted of two rounds, with one team eliminated after the first. The categories the other judges used were Taste, Appearance, and Feasibility. Feasibility was considered to keep in mind that Chartwells has to recreate the dish; if the dish is far too intricate and complex, it is likely it won't be served in the same way to students. We had a total of 4 judges, including Chartwells Director Daniel Leatherman.

One team returned from the previous event, with the name 'Team One.' The team consisted of returning cook Sam and newcomer Chase. Sam was originally in a team with his South Hall roommate, with the team name '305s,' but when his roommate bailed, Chase filled in. The pair state that their influences came from whatever popped into their mind, with Sam adding: "sometimes my mom gives [me] ideas." In the first cookoff, Sam's first team barely lost 1st place after a tough decision by the judges coming down to whether or not Chartwells could properly create and maintain the dish to serve to students. Their game plan for the competition was to create two quick dishes to avoid this outcome. They plan to increase the number on their team name for each competition they attend.

One newcomer team was 'The Lost Art of Cooking a Biscuit,' or 'LACB,' titled after a Queens of the Stone Age song of a similar name. It consisted of Jaden Keener and Chris Roy, two juniors at NMT. They cited YouTubers Adam Ragusea and Ethan Chlebowski as some of their bigger inspirations for their dishes. Chris explained he had been cooking his whole life to make good food to eat, claiming: "It's nice not to have to eat frozen meals all the time." Jaden had picked up cooking out of necessity once he moved into his off-campus house, for he "could no longer rely on Chartwells." The pair described to me before the competition that they had practised their dishes multiple times, and were confident in their ability.

The other newcomer team was headed by one junior MechE, Zoe Farmer. Her team name was 'Allium,' named after the scientific title for families of onions. She explained she got into cooking as it was cheaper and tasted better than alternatives. Her influences were also from YouTube, including "Kenji's Cooking Show" and "Binging with Babish." She claimed that these online tutorials are great resources for people to learn how to cook, despite what one might think. Her dish was a twist on buttered chicken, utilizing broccoli instead.

For the first round, Team One created a toasted sandwich reminiscent of a reuben, utilizing corned beef, swiss cheese, and a sauce with sauerkraut. Team LACB made a stir fry with broccoli, rice, and a spicy sauce. Zoe/Team Allium prepared buttered broccoli, with a thick tomato sauce with chile peppers. Zoe was late to the party, however, forgetting materials that she said she would bring from home. This set her back 20 minutes in the 1 hour long first round, requiring her to leave out the mashed potatoes she desired to include with the meal.

During the first round, the power strip used to power the cooking burners shorted a few times, but besides these incidents, the teams did not encounter many issues during their time cooking. A few missing



Picture From the McCalls Official Website



pumpkin spice lattes and stop having to spend all your money at Fire & Ice on them.

The farm also sells great foods to choose from in-between all the games and things to do. Roasted turkey legs, kettlecorn, ice cream, fresh-squeezed lemonade, apple cider slushies, smoked barbeque, churros; it's an Autumn culinary dream.



This year even featured new activities such as bee-themed games and Gel Ball. Gel Ball is a slightly less painful version of paintball, that way all ages can enjoy shooting each other. The bee-themed games are part of a whole host of fun side games that kids and adults can play, like pitching games and obstacle courses.

Not interested in a nice afternoon in a pumpkin patch? Looking for a slightly more sinister experience? In the evening and

afternoon, the joyful and fun pumpkin patch takes a darker turn to the horror side. The haunted farm even has its own fake-lore to regale its guests with, including Mr. McCall as a serial killer. The haunted farm boasts two main attractions: a haunted barn and a haunted corn field.

The haunted corn maze is said to be filled with Mr. McCall's victims that want to "have their story heard," but in order to have their story heard, they often claim even more victims every year. Not spooked out? The haunted barn, which used to be a meat processing facility that was supposedly abandoned for years, has recently been making a rattle at night...but from what?

Whether you want to go to McCalls for the fright of your life or a dreamy Autumn afternoon, be sure to check out the website first for ticket purchase. Hope to see your group pictures on Instagram!

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The Roaring 20s in Swing

Written By: Alexandra Sartori



It would be near impossible to make it through the Fall Semester without 49ers. The NMT exclusive holiday weekend offers students a break right after midterms to relax and have fun.

This year's 49ers was exceptionally special, being the first 49ers since the pandemic started. For sophomores and freshmen alike, this is the first real 49ers they get to experience. Fortunately, this one did not disappoint.



49ers began Friday morning, the 15th, with the M Mountain Run. The M Mountain Run is a long standing tradition where students hike up M Mountain, some with 50 pound bags of limestone, to paint the infamous M. After the M Mountain painting, students are bussed back to campus where more festivities are starting up.

Live music, rugby, the beer garden, and food trucks... what more could you want after a brisk morning on a mountain? The women's rugby team played UNM, ending with a tie that was well fought for. The NMT women's team even featured an old rival from Las Cruces that previously played for the NMSU team, Katie Denman. "It was great to be back on the [NMT] pitch," Katie said after the game. Then, in the annual tradition, the men's rugby team played against old alumni of NMT. After a heated match, the men's team won the game against the alumni, 89-24.

Saturday brought on another host of events such as Casino Night and the drag show put on by Blackout. Casino Night, a 49ers classic, was hosted in the Macey Center. Students milled around the upstairs area and gambled their chips on games of chance. Games like



open face Blackjack, Craps, Texas Hold'em, Go-Fish, and Uno provided great chances to win big and lose even bigger. After Casino Night wrapped up, a silent auction was held for players that had enough chips to bid. The rewards included a PS5, Raycon Gaming Earbuds, a \$100 Amazon gift card, and a \$150 gift card to Yo Mama's.

To close out the night on Saturday, a drag show featuring Blackout was presented in the theater in Macey. Blackout features queens such as Tomahawk Martini, Jade Martini,

Avery Tarureaux, Nova Gina Martini, and Divyne Martini. The performance had the entire theater cheering and yelling for their favorite queens.

Although 49ers may have looked a little different this year with the pandemic, NMT students and faculty alike showed out for another great year of events. With activities like rugby, live music, drag shows, and Casino Night, this was another 49ers to remember.

